Optix Series
LCD Monitor

Optix MEG381CQR Plus (3EA4)

User Guide

Contents

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Getting Started

This chapter provides you with the information on hardware setup procedures. While connecting devices, be careful in holding the devices and use a grounded wrist strap to avoid static electricity.

Package Contents

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Monitor	Optix MEG381CQR Plus
Documentation	Quick Start Guide
	Registration Card
Accessories	Stand with Screw(s)
	Stand Base with Screw(s)
	Stand Cover
	Screw(s) for Wall Mount Bracket
	Power Cord
Cables	HDMI Cable (Optional)
	DisplayPort Cable (Optional)
	Microphone Cable (for Microphone-In Upstream Jack) (Optional)
	USB Upstream Cable (for USB Type-B Upstream Port) (Optional)

⚠️ *Important*

• *Contact your place of purchase or local distributor if any of the items is damaged or missing.*

• *Package contents may vary by country.*

• *The included power cord is exclusively for this monitor and should not be used with other products.*

Installing the Monitor Stand

1. Leave the monitor in its protective foam packaging. Align the stand bracket to the monitor groove. Tighten the stand bracket with screws.

2. Connect the base to the stand and tighten the base screw to secure the base.

3. Align and push the stand cover towards the monitor groove until it locks in place.

4. Make sure the stand assembly is properly installed before setting the monitor upright.

⚠️ *Important*

- *Remove the screws on the monitor groove if needed before installing the stand.*

- *Place the monitor on a soft, protected surface to avoid scratching the display panel.*

- *Do not use any sharp objects on the panel.*

- *The groove for installing the stand bracket can also be used for wall mount. Please contact your dealer for proper wall mount kit.*
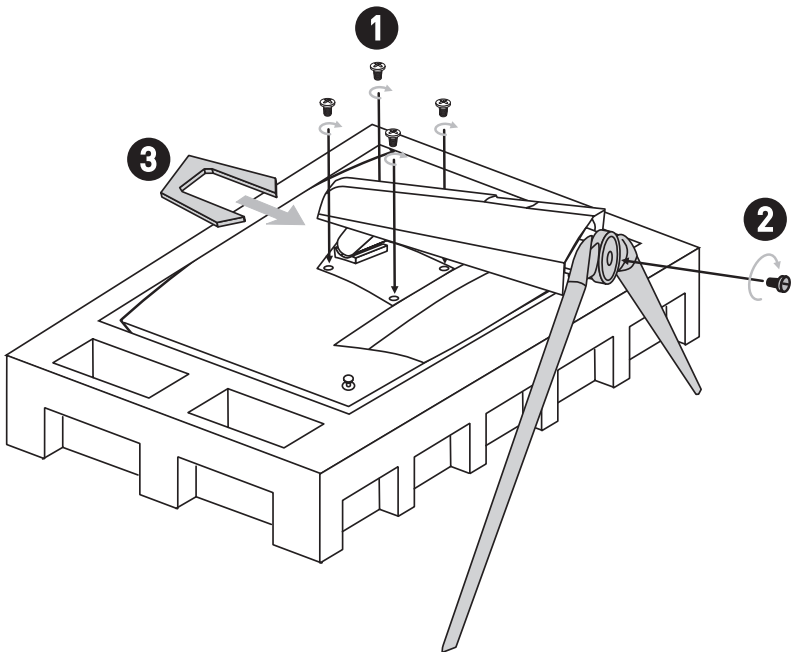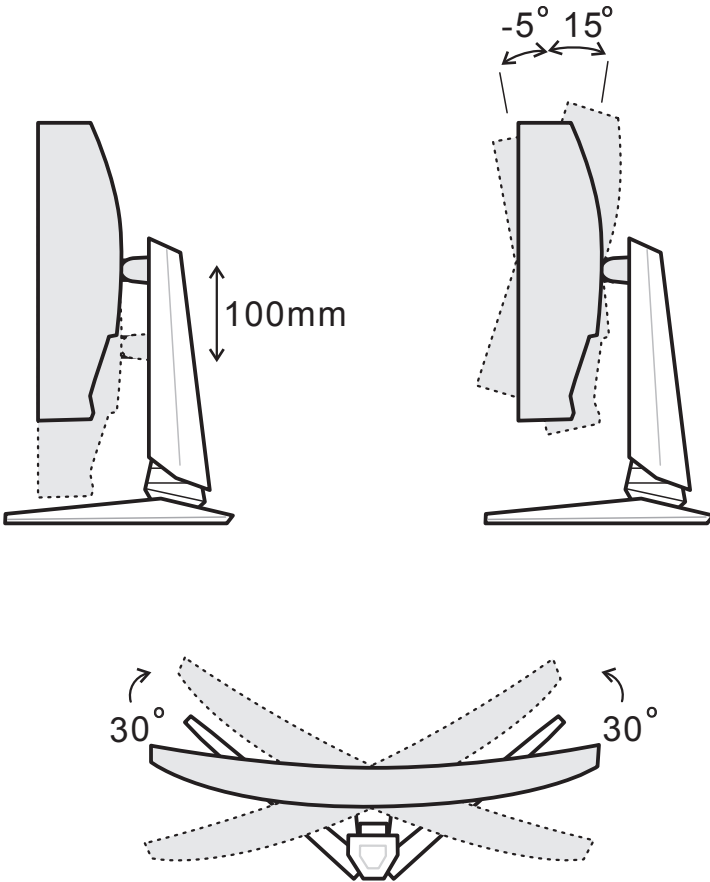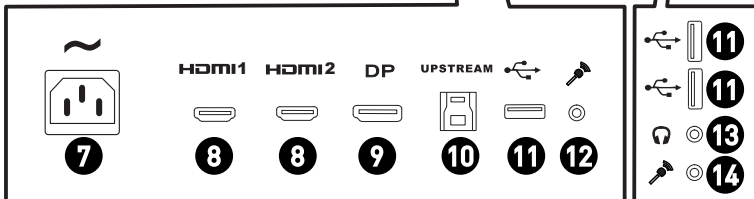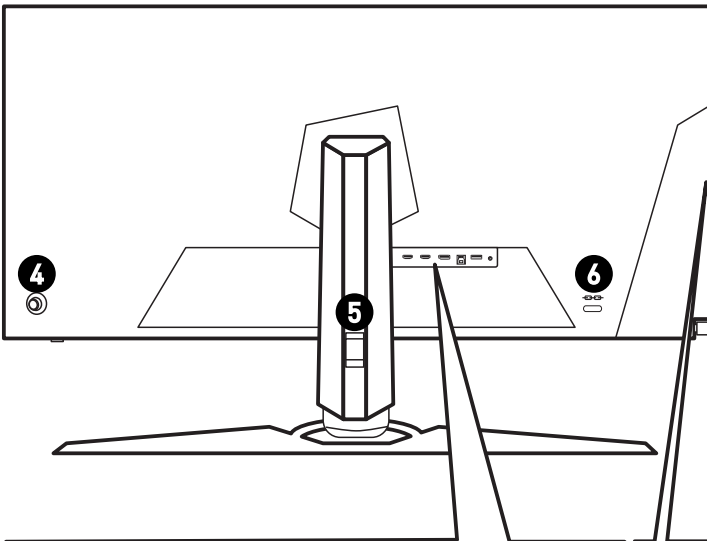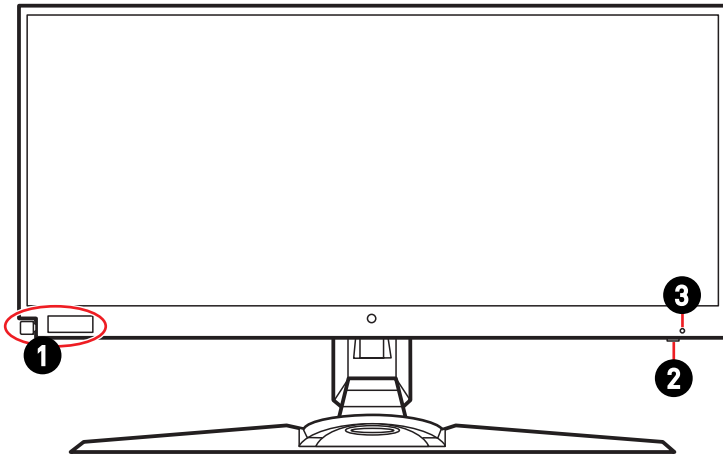
Adjusting the Monitor

This monitor is designed to maximize your viewing comfort with its adjustment capabilities.

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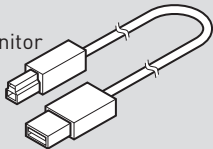
Avoid touching the display panel when adjusting the monitor.

Monitor Overview

1	**MSI HMI Gaming Dial** The Gaming Dial displays system information and supports quick switch between functions like Mystic Light, audio volume, game launch, etc.
2	**Power Button**
3	**Power LED**
4	**Navi Key**
5	**Cable Routing Hole**
6	**Kensington Lock**
7	**Power Jack**
8	**HDMI Port** HDMI™ HIGH-DEFINITION MULTIMEDIA INTERFACE
9	**DisplayPort**
10	**USB 3.2 Gen 1 Type-B Upstream Port** For USB Upstream Cable. ⚠️ **IMPORTANT** *Check the package for USB Upstream Cable and connect it to the PC and monitor. Once this cable is connected, the USB Type-A Downstream Ports on the monitor will be ready for use.* To Monitor / To PC
11	**USB 3.2 Gen 1 Type-A Port**
12	**Microphone-In Upstream Jack**
13	**Headphone Jack**
14	**Microphone-In Jack**

Connecting the Monitor to PC

1. Turn off your computer.
2. Connect the video cable from the monitor to your computer.
3. Connect the power cord to the monitor power jack. (Figure A)
4. Plug the power cord into the electrical outlet. (Figure B)
5. Turn on the monitor. (Figure C)
6. Power on the computer and the monitor will auto detect the signal source.
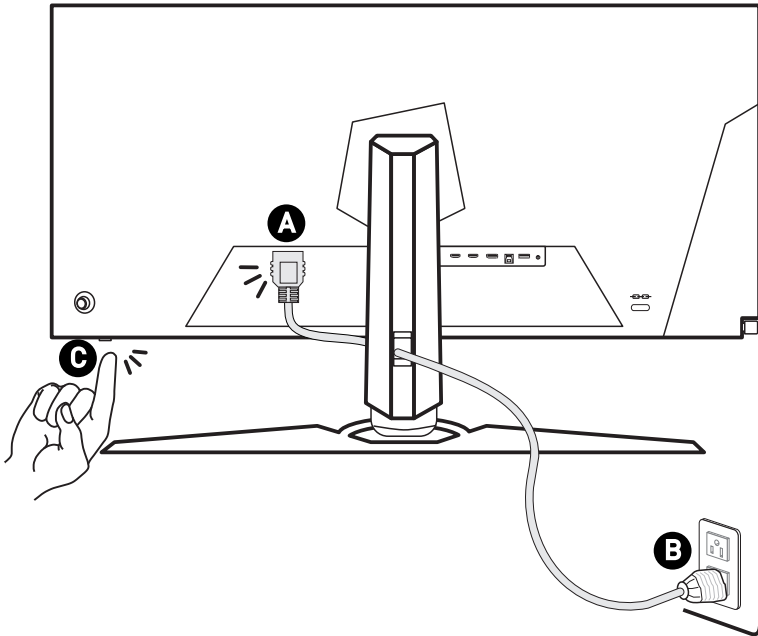
OSD Setup

This chapter provides you with essential information on OSD Setup.

⚠️ *Important*

All information is subject to change without prior notice.

Navi Key

The monitor comes with a Navi Key, a multi-directional control that helps navigate the On-Screen Display (OSD) menu.
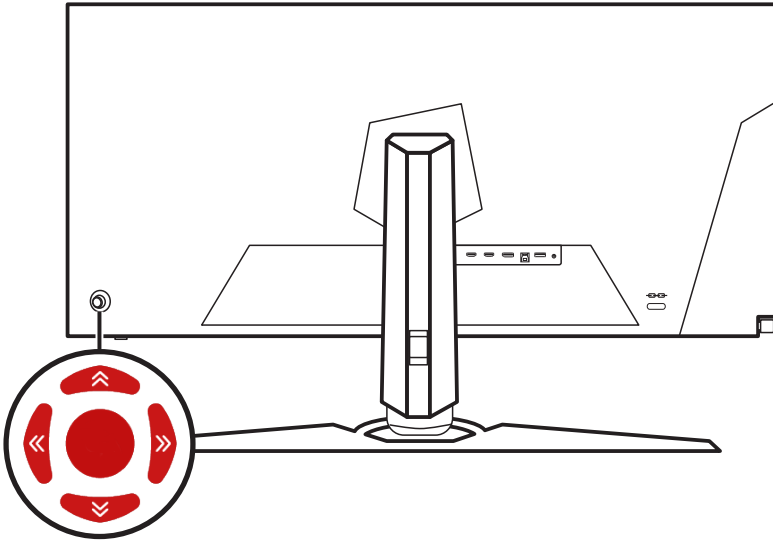
Up/Down/Left/Right:

• selecting function menus and items

• adjusting function values

• entering into/exiting from function menus

Middle:

• launching the On-Screen Display (OSD)

• entering submenus

• confirming a selection or setting

Hot Key

• Users may enter into preset function menus by moving the Navi Key up, down, left or right when the OSD menu is inactive.

• Users may customize their own Hot Keys to enter into different function menus.
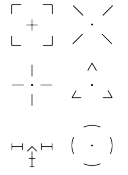
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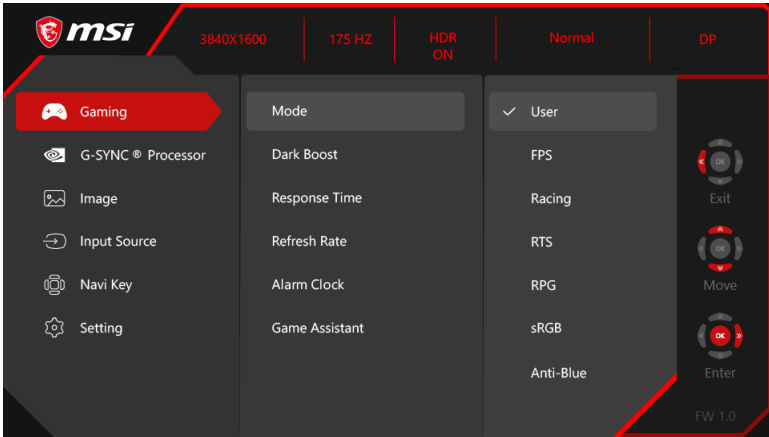
Gaming

1st Level Menu	2nd/3rd Level Menu	Description
Mode	User	• Use Up or Down Button to select and preview mode effects. • Press the Middle Button to confirm and apply your mode type.
	FPS	
	Racing	
	RTS	
	RPG	
	sRGB	
	Anti-Blue	
Dark Boost	OFF	• This function optimizes background brightness and is recommended for FPS games.
	Normal	
	Strong	
	Strongest	

1st Level Menu	2nd/3rd Level Menu		Description
Response Time	Normal		• Deactivating the response time overdrive function.
	Fast		• Setting to Fast will shorten the response time and help improve blurred images when playing fast games.
	Fastest		• Setting to Fastest will reach the shortest response time and help improve blurred images when playing very fast games. • Overshooting may occur when Response Time is set to Fastest.
Refresh Rate	Location	Left Top	• Location is adjustable in OSD Menu. Press the Middle Button to confirm and apply your Refresh Rate Location. • This monitor follows and works at the Operating System's preset Screen Refresh Rate.
		Right Top	
		Left Bottom	
		Right Bottom	
		Customize	
	OFF		
	ON		
Alarm Clock	Location	Left Top	• After setting the time, press the Middle Button to activate the timer. • Users have to manually restore their preset Alarm Clock after any AC power loss and reconnection.
		Right Top	
		Left Bottom	
		Right Bottom	
		Customize	
	OFF		
	15:00	00:01 ~ 99:59	
	30:00		
	45:00		
	60:00		

1st Level Menu	2nd/3rd Level Menu		Description
Game Assistant	None		• When Reset is selected, icon will be reset to center.
	Icon		
	Position		
	Reset		

G-SYNC® Processor

1st Level Menu	2nd Level Menu	Description
G-SYNC Esports	OFF	• Before turning on G-SYNC, users need to connect a G-SYNC capable graphics card to the G-SYNC monitor with a DisplayPort cable.
	ON	• Ensure the "Enable G-SYNC" option is checked in the NVIDIA Control Panel.
SDR Variable BL	OFF	• SDR (Standard Dynamic Range) Variable Backlight is a software local dimming solution.
	ON	• This setting will be grayed out while HDR function is enabled via Windows 10 OS.
		• This setting will be disabled then grayed out while G-SYNC Esports is turned on.
HDR Variable BL	OFF	• HDR (High Dynamic Range) Variable Backlight is a software local dimming solution.
	ON	• This setting will be disabled then grayed out while G-SYNC Esports is turned on.
Variable BL Mode	Mode 0	• Mode 0 and Mode 1 offer fast Variable Backlight for maximum contrast during gameplay.
	Mode 1	
	Mode 2	• Mode 2 offers slow Variable Backlight for normal desktop work and image/video editing.

Image

1st Level Menu	2nd/3rd Level Menu		Description
Peak White (nits)	40-500		• Peak White will be grayed out when HDR or HDCR are enabled.
Contrast	0-100		• Default is 50.
Color Temperature	Cool		• Use Up or Down Button to select and preview effects. • Press the Middle Button to confirm and apply your selection.
	Normal		
	Warm		
	Customization	R (0-100)	
		G (0-100)	
		B (0-100)	
Gamma	1.8		• Adjust this setting when the coloration of an original item is not accurately reflected in the monitor.
	2.0		
	2.2		
	2.4		
	2.6		
DP YCbCR sRGB	OFF		• Default is ON with DisplayPort input.
	ON		
HDMI YCbCR sRGB	OFF		• Default is OFF with HDMI input.
	ON		
Screen Size	Auto		• Users can adjust Screen Size in any mode, any resolution and any screen refresh rate.
	Full Screen		
Low Blue Light	OFF		• Low Blue Light protects your eyes against blue light. When enabled, Low Blue Light adjusts the screen color temperature to a more yellow glow. • When Mode is set to Anti-Blue, it is mandatory to enable Low Blue Light.
	ON		

Input Source

1st Level Menu	2nd Level Menu	Description
DP		• Input Source scan sequence: DP > HDMI1 > HDMI2.
HDMI1		
HDMI2		
Auto Scan	OFF	• Users can use the Navi Key to select Input Source at below status: • While "Auto Scan" is set to "OFF" with the monitor at power saving mode; • While "No Signal" message box is shown on the monitor.
	ON	

Navi Key

1st Level Menu	2nd Level Menu	Description
Up / Down / Left / Right	OFF	• Up Button default is Mode. • Down Button default is Game Assistant. • Left Button default is Alarm Clock. • Right Button default is Input Source. • All Navi Key items can be adjusted via OSD Menus.
	Peak White (nits)	
	Mode	
	Game Assistant	
	Alarm Clock	
	Input Source	
	Refresh Rate	
	Info. on Screen	
	Dark Boost	
	DP OverClocking	

Setting

1st Level Menu	2nd Level Menu	Description
Language	繁體中文	• Users have to press the Middle Button to confirm and apply the Language setting. • Language is an independent setting. Users' own language setting will override the factory default. When users set Reset to Yes, Language will not be changed.
	English	
	Français	
	Deutsch	
	Italiano	
	Español	
	한국어	
	日本語	
	Русский	
	Português	
	简体中文	
	ไทย	
	Bahasa Indonesia	
	हिन्दी	
	Türkçe	
	(More languages coming soon)	
Deep Sleep	OFF	• Deep Sleep improves energy efficiency.
	ON	
Transparency	0~5	• Default is 3.
OSD Time Out	5~30s	• Default is 20s.
RGB LED	OFF	• When the monitor enters into Power Saving Mode, the RGB LED will not work.
	ON	
Info. on Screen	OFF	• The information of the monitor status will be shown on the right side of the screen.
	ON	
DP OverClocking	OFF	• For DisplayPort to achieve maximum resolution of 3840x1600 @160Hz/ @175Hz, users have to set DP OverClocking to ON.
	ON	
Reset	YES	• Users can Reset and restore settings to original OSD Default in any mode.
	NO	

Specifications

Monitor	Optix MEG381CQR Plus
Size	37.5 inch
Curvature	2300R
Panel Type	IPS
Resolution	3840 x 1600
Aspect Ratio	21:9
Brightness (nits)	450
Contrast Ratio	1000:1
Refresh Rate	175Hz
Response Time	GtG: 1ms
I/O	• HDMI Port x 2 • DisplayPort x 1 • USB 3.2 Gen 1 Type-A Port x 3 • USB 3.2 Gen 1 Type-B Upstream Port x 1 • Headphone Jack x 1 • Microphone-In Jack x 1 • Microphone-In Upstream Jack x 1
View Angles	178°(H) , 178°(V)
DCI-P3*/ sRGB	96.2% / 128.7%
Surface Treatment	Anti-glare
Display Colors	1.07B (8-bit + A-FRC)
Local Dimming	32 Zones
Monitor Power Options	100~240Vac, 50/60Hz, 2A
Power Consumption (Typical)	Power On < 160W Standby < 0.5W Power Off < 0.3W
Adjustment (Tilt)	-5° ~ 15°
Adjustment (Height)	0 ~ 100mm
Adjustment (Swivel)	-30° ~ 30°
Kensington Lock	Yes

Monitor		Optix MEG381CQR Plus
VESA Mounting		• Plate Type: 100 x 100 mm
		• Screw Type: M4 x 10 mm
		• Thread Diameter: 4 mm
		• Thread Pitch: 0.7 mm
		• Thread Length: 10 mm
Dimension (W x H x D)		896.5 x 466.4 x 325.8 mm
Weight		10.7Kg (Net)
		14.8Kg (Gross)
Environment	**Operating**	• Temperature: 0℃ ~ 40℃
		• Humidity: 20% ~ 90%, non-condensing
		• Altitude: 0 ~ 5000m
	Storage	• Temperature: -20℃ ~ 60℃
		• Humidity: 10% ~ 90%, non-condensing

* Based on CIE1976 test standards.

Preset Display Modes

Standard	Resolution		HDMI	DP
VGA	640x480	@60Hz	V	V
SVGA	800x600	@60Hz	V	V
XGA	1024x768	@60Hz	V	V
QHD	2560x1440	@60Hz	V	X
		@120Hz	V	X
UWQHD+	3840x1600	@30Hz	V	X
		@60Hz	V	V
		@85Hz	V	V
		@100Hz	X	V
		@120Hz	X	V
		@144Hz	X	V
		@160Hz*	X	V
		@175Hz*	X	V

Mode	Video Timing Resolution		HDMI	DP
480P	640x480P	@60Hz	V	X
	720x480P		V	X
576P	720x576P	@50Hz	V	X
720P	1280x720P	@50Hz	V	X
		@60Hz	V	X
1080P	1920x1080P	@50Hz	V	X
		@60Hz	V	X
		@120Hz	V	X

* For DisplayPort to achieve maximum resolution of 3840x1600 @160Hz/ @175Hz, users have to set DP OverClocking to ON.

Troubleshooting

The power LED is off.
- Press the monitor power button again.
- Check if the monitor power cable is properly connected.

No image.
- Check if the computer graphics card is properly installed.
- Check if the computer and monitor are connected to electrical outlets and are turned on.
- Check if the monitor signal cable is properly connected.
- The computer may be in Standby mode. Press any key to activate the monitor.

The screen image is not properly sized or centered.
- Refer to Preset Display Modes to set the computer to a setting suitable for the monitor to display.

No Plug & Play.
- Check if the monitor power cable is properly connected.
- Check if the monitor signal cable is properly connected.
- Check if the computer and graphics card are Plug & Play compatible.

The icons, font or screen are fuzzy, blurry or have color problems.
- Avoid using any video extension cables.
- Adjust brightness and contrast.
- Adjust RGB color or tune color temperature.
- Check if the monitor signal cable is properly connected.
- Check for bent pins on the signal cable connector.

The monitor starts flickering or shows waves.
- Change the refresh rate to match the capabilities of your monitor.
- Update your graphics card drivers.
- Keep the monitor away from electrical devices that may cause electromagnetic interference (EMI).

Safety Instructions

- Read the safety instructions carefully and thoroughly.

- All cautions and warnings on the device or User Guide should be noted.

- Refer servicing to qualified personnel only.

Power

- Make sure that the power voltage is within its safety range and has been adjusted properly to the value of 100~240V before connecting the device to the power outlet.

- If the power cord comes with a 3-pin plug, do not disable the protective earth pin from the plug. The device must be connected to an earthed mains socket-outlet.

- Please confirm the power distribution system in the installation site shall provide the circuit breaker rated 120/240V, 20A (maximum).

- Always disconnect the power cord or switch the wall socket off if the device would be left unused for a certain time to achieve zero energy consumption.

- Place the power cord in a way that people are unlikely to step on it. Do not place anything on the power cord.

- If this device comes with an adapter, use only the MSI provided AC adapter approved for use with this device.

Battery

Please take special precautions if this device comes with a battery.

- Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer.

- Avoid disposal of a battery into fire or a hot oven, or mechanically crushing or cutting of a battery, which can result in an explosion.

- Avoid leaving a battery in an extremely high temperature or extremely low air pressure environment that can result in an explosion or the leakage of flammable liquid or gas.

- Do not ingest battery. If the coin/button cell battery is swallowed, it can cause severe internal burns and can lead to death. Keep new and used batteries away from children.

European Union:

Batteries, battery packs, and accumulators should not be disposed of as unsorted household waste. Please use the public collection system to return, recycle, or treat them in compliance with the local regulations.

Taiwan:

廢電池請回收
For better environmental protection, waste batteries should be collected separately for recycling or special disposal.

California, USA:

The button cell battery may contain perchlorate material and requires special handling when recycled or disposed of in California.
For further information please visit: https://dtsc.ca.gov/perchlorate/

Environment

- To reduce the possibility of heat-related injuries or of overheating the device, do not place the device on a soft, unsteady surface or obstruct its air ventilators.

- Use this device only on a hard, flat and steady surface.

- To prevent the device from tipping over, secure the device to a desk, wall or fixed object with an anti-tip fastener that helps to properly support the device and keep it safe in place.

- To prevent fire or shock hazard, keep this device away from humidity and high temperature.

- Do not leave the device in an unconditioned environment with a storage temperature above 60℃ or below -20℃, which may damage the device.

- The maximum operating temperature is around 40℃.

- When cleaning the device, be sure to remove the power plug. Use a piece of soft cloth rather than industrial chemical to clean the device. Never pour any liquid into the opening; that could damage the device or cause electric shock.

- Always keep strong magnetic or electrical objects away from the device.

- If any of the following situations arises, get the device checked by service personnel:

  - The power cord or plug is damaged.

  - Liquid has penetrated into the device.

  - The device has been exposed to moisture.

  - The device does not work well or you can not get it working according to the User Guide.

  - The device has dropped and damaged.

  - The device has obvious sign of breakage.

TÜV Rheinland Certification

TÜV Rheinland Low Blue Light Certification

Blue light has been shown to cause eye fatigue and discomfort. MSI now offers monitors with TÜV Rheinland Low Blue Light certification to ensure users' eye comfort and well-being. Please follow the instructions below to reduce the symptoms from extended exposure to the screen and blue light.

Low Blue Light (Software Solution)

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- Place the screen 20 – 28 inches (50 – 70 cm) away from your eyes and a little below eye level.

- Consciously blinking the eyes every now and then will help to reduce eye strain after extended screen time.

- Take breaks for 20 minutes every 2 hours.

- Look away from the screen and gaze at a distant object for at least 20 seconds during breaks.

- Make stretches to relieve body fatigue or pain during breaks.

- Use the Reader/Anti-Blue mode or turn on the optional Low Blue Light function.

TÜV Rheinland Flicker Free Certification

- TÜV Rheinland has tested this product to ascertain whether the display produces visible and invisible flicker for the human eye and therefore strains the eyes of users.

Flicker Free

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- TÜV Rheinland has defined a catalogue of tests, which sets out minimum standards at various frequency ranges. The test catalogue is based on internationally applicable standards or standards common within the industry and exceeds these requirements.

- The product has been tested in the laboratory according to these criteria.

- The keyword "Flicker Free" confirms that the device has no visible and invisible flicker defined in this standard within the range of 0 - 3000 Hz under various brightness settings.

- The display will not support Flicker Free when Anti Motion Blur/MPRT is enabled. (The availability of Anti Motion Blur/MPRT varies by products.)

Regulatory Notices

CE Conformity

This device complies with the requirements set out in the Council Directive on the Approximation of the Laws of the Member States relating to Electromagnetic Compatibility (2014/30/EU), Low-voltage Directive (2014/35/EU), ErP Directive (2009/125/EC) and RoHS directive (2011/65/EU). This product has been tested and found to comply with the harmonized standards for Information Technology Equipment published under Directives of Official Journal of the European Union.

FCC-B Radio Frequency Interference Statement

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the measures listed below:

• Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.

• Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.

• Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.

• Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for help.

Notice 1

The changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Notice 2

Shielded interface cables and AC power cord, if any, must be used in order to comply with the emission limits.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference, and

2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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WEEE Statement

Under the European Union ("EU") Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Directive 2012/19/EU, products of "electrical and electronic equipment" cannot be discarded as municipal waste anymore and manufacturers of covered electronic equipment will be obligated to take back such products at the end of their useful life.

Chemical Substances Information

In compliance with chemical substances regulations, such as the EU REACH Regulation (Regulation EC No. 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and the Council), MSI provides the information of chemical substances in products at:

https://storage-asset.msi.com/html/popup/csr/evmtprtt_pcm.html

RoHS Statement

Japan JIS C 0950 Material Declaration

A Japanese regulatory requirement, defined by specification JIS C 0950, mandates that manufacturers provide material declarations for certain categories of electronic products offered for sale after July 1, 2006.

https://storage-asset.msi.com/html/popup/csr/cemm_jp.html

India RoHS

This product complies with the "India E-waste (Management and Handling) Rule 2011" and prohibits use of lead, mercury, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls or polybrominated diphenyl ethers in concentrations exceeding 0.1 weight % and 0.01 weight % for cadmium, except for the exemptions set in Schedule 2 of the Rule.

Turkey EEE Regulation

Conforms to the EEE Regulations of the Republic Of Turkey.

Ukraine Restriction of Hazardous Substances

The equipment complies with requirements of the Technical Regulation, approved by the Resolution of Cabinet of Ministry of Ukraine as of December 3, 2008 № 1057, in terms of restrictions for the use of certain dangerous substances in electrical and electronic equipment.

Vietnam RoHS

As from December 1, 2012, all products manufactured by MSI comply with Circular 30/2011/TT-BCT temporarily regulating the permitted limits for a number of hazardous substances in electronic and electric products.

Green Product Features

• Reduced energy consumption during use and stand-by

• Limited use of substances harmful to the environment and health

• Easily dismantled and recycled

• Reduced use of natural resources by encouraging recycling

• Extended product lifetime through easy upgrades

• Reduced solid waste production through take-back policy

Environmental Policy

• The product has been designed to enable proper reuse of parts and recycling and should not be thrown away at its end of life.

• Users should contact the local authorized point of collection for recycling and disposing of their end-of-life products.

• Visit the MSI website and locate a nearby distributor for further recycling information.

• Users may also reach us at gpcontdev@msi.com for information regarding proper disposal, take-back, recycling, and disassembly of MSI products.

Warning!

Overuse of screens is likely to affect eyesight.

Recommendations:

1. Take a 10-minute break for every 30 minutes of screen time.

2. Children under 2 years of age should have no screen time. For children aged 2 years and over, screen time should be limited to less than one hour per day.

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