

MAG Series

LCD Monitor

MAG 242C (3BC3)

User Guide

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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

Monitor	MAG 242C
Documentation	Quick Start Guide
Accessories	Stand
	Stand Base
	Power Cord
Cable	Premium High Speed HDMI™ Cable

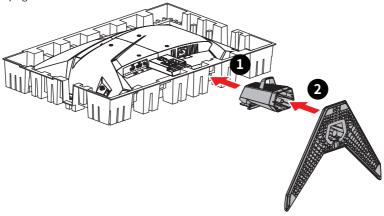


/ Important

- Contact your place of purchase or local distributor if any of the items is damaged or missing.
- Package contents may vary by country and model.
- 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 packaging. Align and gently push the stand bracket towards the monitor groove until it locks in place.
- 2. Align and gently push the base towards the stand until it locks in place.
- 3. Make sure the stand assembly is properly installed before setting the monitor upright.





掛 Important

- Place the monitor on a soft, protected surface to avoid scratching the display panel.
- Do not use any sharp objects on the panel.
- This product comes with NO protective film to be removed by the user! Any mechanical damages to the product including removal of the polarizing film may affect the warranty!



Adjusting the Monitor

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

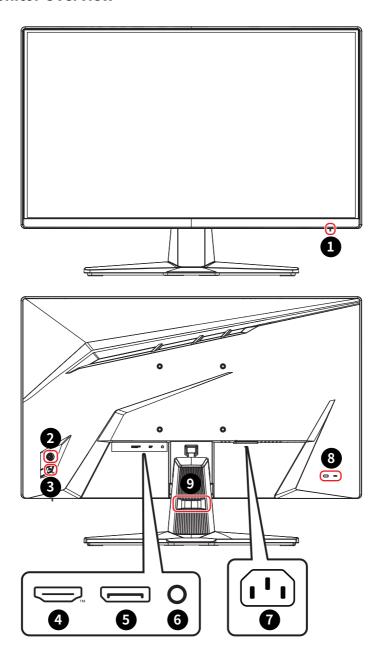


Important

Avoid touching the display panel when adjusting the monitor.



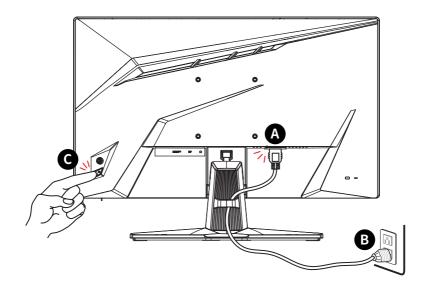
Monitor Overview



	Power LED
J	Lit in white after the monitor is turned on. If no signal input, the LED will turn into orange. Lit in orange when the monitor is in Stand-by mode.
2	Navi Key
3	Power Button
4	HDMI TM Connector HIGH-DETINITION MULTIMEDIA INTERFACE
	Supports HDMI™ CEC, 1920x1080@180Hz as specified in HDMI™ 2.0b.
	1mportant
	To ensure optimal performance and compatibility, please use only HDMI™ cables certified with the official HDMI™ logo when connecting this monitor. For more information, please visit https://www.hdmi.org/resource/cables .
6	DisplayPort
	Supports 1920x1080@180Hz as specified in DisplayPort 1.2a.
6	Headphone Jack
0	Power Jack
8	Kensington Lock
9	Cable Organizer

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.

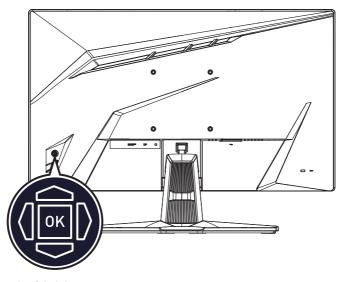


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Navi Key

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

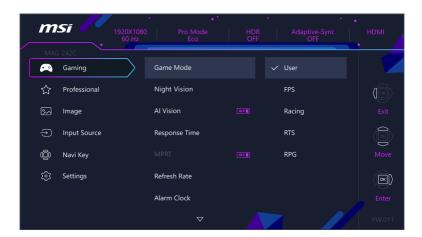
Press (OK):

- 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.

OSD Menus





Important

The following settings will be grayed out when HDR signals are received:

- Night Vision
- Al Vision
- MPRT
- Low Blue Light
- HDCR

- Brightness
- Contrast
- Color Temperature
- sRGB

Gaming

1st Level Menu	2nd/3rd Le	vel Menu	Description	
Game Mode	User		Use Up or Down Butto	n to select and preview
	FPS Racing		 mode effects. Press the OK Button to confirm and apply your mode type. 	confirm and apply your
				commin and apply your
	RTS			
	RPG			
Night Vision	OFF			es background brightness
	Normal		and is recommended	for FPS games.
	Strong			
	Strongest			
	A.I.			
Al Vision	OFF		Al Vision enhances im-	age quality by optimizing
	ON		the contrast of images brightness.	and background
			Activating Al Vision wi	ll affect:
			Affected Function	Function Status
			» Night Vision	
			» Brightness	Unable to select
			» HDCR	C-++- OFF
			» MPRT	Set to OFF
Response Time	Normal		Setting to Fastest will response time and help	reach the shortest Ip improve blurred images
	Fast		when playing very fast	
	Fastest			
MPRT	OFF		 MPRT is available whe 85Hz. 	n the refresh rate is over
	ON		Activating MPRT will a	ffect:
			Affected Function	Function Status
			» Response Time	
			» Brightness	Unable to select
			» Adaptive-Sync	
			» HDCR » Al Vision	Set to OFF
		T .		
Refresh Rate	Location	Left Top	 Location is adjustable OK Button to confirm 	in OSD Menu. Press the and apply your Refresh
		Right Top	Rate Location.	
		Left Bottom	 This monitor follows a System's preset Scree 	and works at the Operating en Refresh Rate.
		Right Bottom		
	OFF		[
	ON			

1st Level Menu	2nd/3rd Le	vel Menu	Description	
Alarm Clock	Location	Left Top	After setting the time,	press the OK Button to
		Right Top	activate the timer.Users have to manually restore their prese	ly restore their preset
		Left Bottom	Alarm Clock after any	
		Right Bottom	reconnection.	
	OFF]	
	15:00	00:01 ~ 99:59	1	
	30:00			
	45:00			
	60:00			
Screen Assistance	Icon	None	Users can adjust Scree	en Assistance in any mode.
	Color	###	Users can select the co	olor of the crosshair.
Adaptive-Sync	OFF		Adaptive-Sync preven	ts screen tearing.
. ,	ON		Activating Adaptive-Sylvania	•
			Affected Function	Function Status
			» MPRT » HDMI™VRR	Set to OFF
HDMI™ VRR	HDMI™VRR OFF		This function is designed for PlayStation	
	ON		HDMI™ VRR for fluid vi performance.	
			Activating HDMI™ VRR	
			» MPRT	Function Status
			» MPRT » Adaptive-Sync	Set to OFF

Professional

1st Level Menu	2nd Level Menu	Description
Pro Mode	Eco User Anti-Blue Movie	Use Up or Down Button to select and preview mode effects. Press the OK Button to confirm and apply your mode type. Activating sRGB will affect:
	Office	Affected Function Function Status
	sRGB	» Color Temperature » Low Blue Light » Contrast Unable to select
Low Blue Light	OFF ON	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 Pro Mode is set to Anti-Blue, it is mandatory to enable Low Blue Light.
HDCR	OFF ON	HDCR enhances image quality by increasing the contrast of images. Activating HDCR will affect: Affected Function Function Status
		» Brightness Unable to select
		» MPRT Set to OFF
MPRT	OFF ON	MPRT is available when the refresh rate is over 85Hz. Activating MPRT will affect:
		Affected Function Function Status
		» Response Time » Brightness Unable to select
		» Adaptive-Sync » HDCR
Image	OFF	Image Enhancement enhances image edges to improve their contracts.
Enhancement	Weak	their acutance.
	Medium	
	Strong	
	Strongest	

Image

1st Level Menu	2nd/3rd Level Men	ıu	Description
Brightness	0-100		Properly adjust Brightness according to the surrounding lighting.
Contrast	0-100		Properly adjust Contrast to relax your eyes.
Sharpness	0-5		Sharpness improves clarity and details of images.
Color Temperature	Cool		Use Up or Down Button to select and
	Normal		preview mode effects. • Press the OK Button to confirm and apply
	Warm		your mode type.
	Customization	R (0-100)	
		G (0-100)	
		B (0-100)	
Screen Size	Screen Size Auto 4:3		Users can adjust Screen Size in any mode,
			any resolution and any screen refresh rate.
	16:9		

Input Source

1st Level Menu	2nd Level Menu	Description
HDMI™		Users can adjust Input Source in any mode.
DP		
Auto Scan OFF ON	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.

Navi Key

1st Level Menu	2nd Level Menu	Description
Up	OFF	All Navi Key items can be adjusted via OSD Menus.
Down	Brightness	
Left Right	Game Mode	
Ngit	Screen Assistance	
	Alarm Clock	
	Input Source	
	Refresh Rate	
	Info. On Screen	
	Night Vision	

Settings

1st Level Menu	2nd Level Menu	Description
Language	繁體中文	Users have to press the OK Button to confirm and
	English	apply the Language setting. • Language is an independent setting. Users' own
	Français	language setting will override the factory default.
	Deutsch	When users set Reset to Yes, Language will not be changed.
	Italiano	
	Español	
	한국어	
	日本語	
	Русский	
	Português 简体中文	
	Bahasa Indonesia	
	Türkçe	
(More languages coming soon)		
Transparency	0~5	Users can adjust Transparency in any mode.
OSD Time Out	5~30s	Users can adjust OSD Time Out in any mode.
Power Button	OFF	When set to OFF, users can press the power button to turn off the monitor.
	Standby	When set to Standby, users can press the power button to turn off the panel and backlight.

1st Level Menu	2nd Level Menu	Description
Info. On Screen	OFF	The information of the monitor status will be shown
	ON	on the right side of the screen.
HDMI™ CEC	OFF	HDMI™ CEC (Consumer Electronics Control) supports
	ON	Sony PlayStation®, Nintendo® Switch™, Xbox Series X S consoles and various audio-visual devices that are CEC-capable.
		• If HDMI™ CEC is set to ON:
CEC device is turned on. The CEC device will enter power savi the monitor is turned off. When Sony PlayStation®, Nintendo®. Xbox Series X S console is connected and Pro Mode will be automatically s		The monitor will automatically power on when the CEC device is turned on.
	The CEC device will enter power saving mode when the monitor is turned off.	
		 When Sony PlayStation®, Nintendo® Switch™, or Xbox Series X S console is connected, Game Mode and Pro Mode will be automatically set to default modes and can be adjusted to users¹ preferred modes later.
Reset YES • Users can Reset and rest Default in any mode.	Users can Reset and restore settings to original OSD	
	NO	Default in any mode.

Specifications*

Monitor	MAG 242C
Size	23.6 inch
Curvature	1500R
Panel Type	VA
Resolution	1920x1080 (FHD)
Aspect Ratio	16:9
SDR Brightness (nits)	300
Contrast Ratio	3000:1
Refresh Rate	180Hz
Response Time	• 1ms (MPRT)
	• 4ms (GTG)
1/0	• 1 x DisplayPort
	1 x HDMI™ Connector
	• 1 x Headphone Jack
View Angles	178°(H), 178°(V)
DCI-P3** / sRGB	91.53% / 115.8%
Surface Treatment	Anti-glare
Display Colors	16.7M (8 bits)
Monitor Power Options	100~240Vac, 50/60Hz, 1.5A
Power Consumption	• Power On < 43W
	• Standby < 0.5W
	• Power Off < 0.3W
Adjustment (Tilt)	-5° ~ 20°
Kensington Lock	Yes

Monitor		MAG 242C		
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)		539 x 394.5 x 220.1 mm		
Weight Net		3.0 kg		
	Gross	4.8 kg		
Operating Environment		Temperature: 0°C to 40°C		
		Humidity: 20% to 90%, non-condensing		
		• Altitude: 0 ~ 5000m		
Storage Environment		• Temperature: -20°C to 60°C		
		• Humidity: 10% to 90%, non-condensing		

^{*} Some technical specifications of the device may be subject to change by the manufacturer. Please verify the specifications with the seller or the manufacturer's representative.

^{**} Based on CIE1976 test standards.

Preset Display Modes



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Standard	Resolution		HDMI™	DP
VGA	640x480	@60Hz	V	V
		@67Hz	V	V
		@72Hz	V	V
		@75Hz	V	V
SVGA	800x600	@56Hz	V	V
		@60Hz	V	V
		@72Hz	V	V
		@75Hz	V	V
XGA	1024x768	@60Hz	V	V
		@70Hz	V	V
		@75Hz	V	V
SXGA	1280x1024	@60Hz	V	V
		@75Hz	V	V
WXGA+	1440x900	@60Hz	V	V
WSXGA+	1680x1050	@60Hz	V	V
Full HD	1920x1080	@60Hz	V	V
		@85Hz	V	V
		@100Hz	V	V
		@165Hz	V	V
		@180Hz	V	V
Video Timing Resolution	720P		V	V
	1080P	@60Hz	V	V
		@120Hz	V	V
HDMI™ VRR		V		

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.

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°C or below -20°C, which may damage the device.
- The maximum operating temperature is around 40°C.
- 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.



- 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.
- 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.



- 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://csr.msi.com/global/index

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://csr.msi.com/global/Japan-JIS-C-0950-Material-Declarations

India RoHS

This product complies with the "India E-waste (Management and Handling) Rule 2016" 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 10 March 2017, № 139, 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.
- Please visit https://us.msi.com/page/recycling for information regarding the recycling of your product in the US.

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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