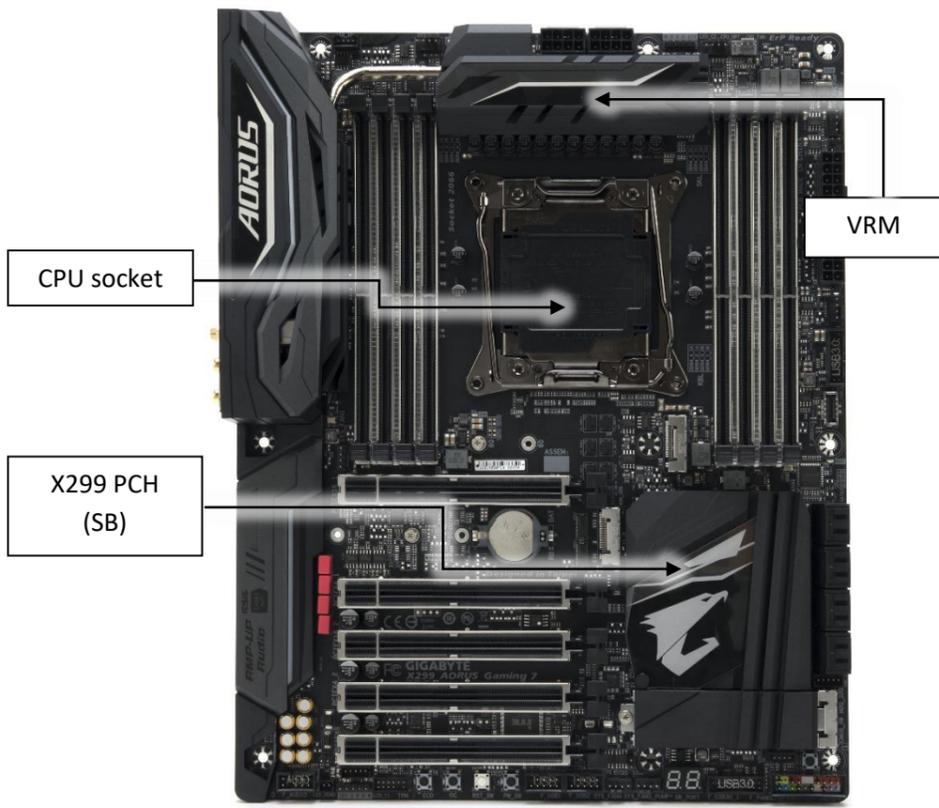


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Before you start using this product please follow these basic guidelines:

1. **Please carefully read the manual thoroughly before beginning with the installation process!**
2. **Please remove your motherboard from the computer to assure safest mounting process in order to prevent any possible damages to your CPU and/or motherboard's circuit board (PCB).**
3. **The EK-HFB and EK-ACF type fittings require only a small amount of force to screw them firmly in place since the liquid seal is ensured by the rubber o-ring gaskets.**
4. **The use of quality, market proved corrosion inhibiting coolants is always strongly recommended for any liquid cooling system.**

## STEP 1: GENERAL INFORMATION Sample photo of GIGABYTE X299 AORUS Gaming 7 motherboard

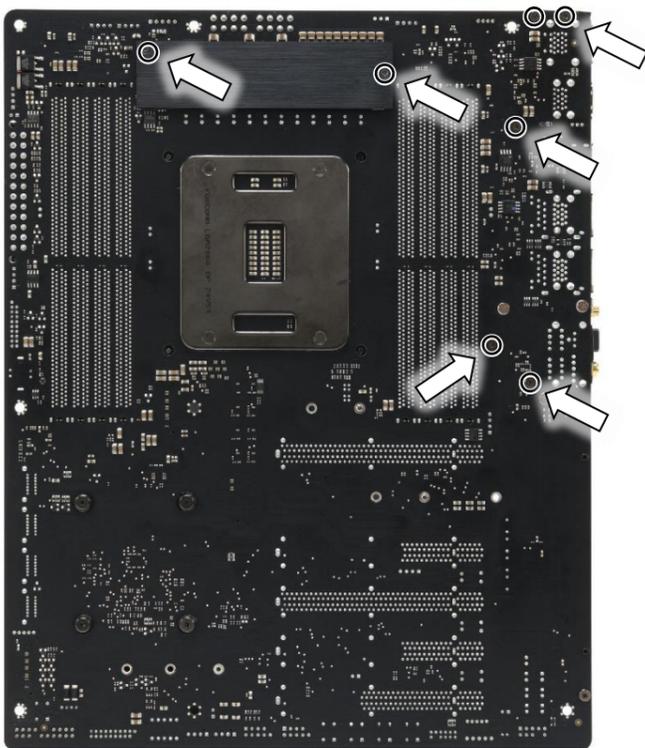


**BAG CONTENT:** Bag content is universal for all water blocks, you may not need all screws.

Thermal grease	M3 PVC washer	M2.5 PVC washer
1pc	5pcs	3pcs
washer	M2.5x5 AX1	M2.5x7 AX1
3pcs	3pcs	3pcs
Replacement mounting mechanism: (EAN: 3830046992956)		

## STEP 1: PREPARING YOUR MOTHERBOARD

**REMOVING STOCK COOLER.** Remove all encircled screws. There are 2 screws on the back of the motherboard that need to be removed in order to remove the factory installed MOSFET heat pipe cooling solution. Please store away the factory backplate as it will be reused.



## STEP 2: PREPARING YOUR MOTHERBOARD

**1. APPLYING THERMAL COMPOUND.** Apply thermal compound on CPU heat spreader (IHS) - see sample photo on right with enclosed EK-TIM Ectotherm thermal grease.

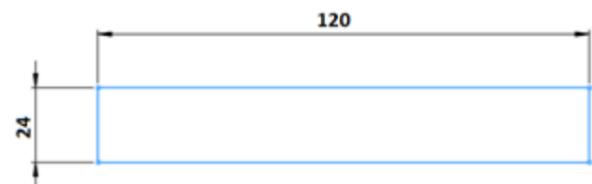
The quantity of about two rice grains is just about right. There is no need to cover the whole IHS. Applying too much thermal grease will have negative impact on the cooling performance!



**2. CUTTING THERMAL PADS.** Your block comes with thermal pads which needs to be trimmed in order to fit the voltage regulation area (MOSFET) on the motherboard's circuit board. **WARNING: DIMENSIONS ON PICTURES BELOW ARE SCALED.**

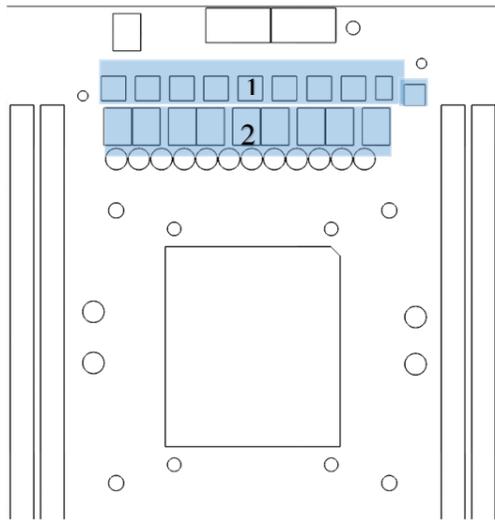
**Replacement thermal pads @ EKWB web shop:**  
Thermal PAD G 1mm - (120x24mm) [EAN: 3830046996770]

**1. Thermal pad G- 1.0mm**  
(for mosfets and inductor coils):



3. PLACING THERMAL PADS ON MOTHERBOARD. Place thermal pads on PCB as shown on the picture

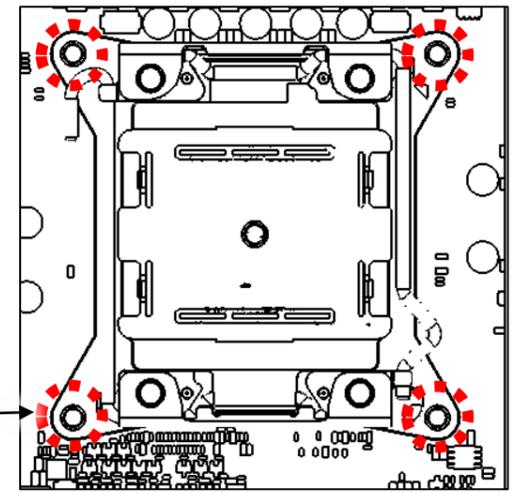
PLEASE REMOVE THE PROTECTIVE FOIL FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE THERMAL PADS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION!



Place 1mm thermal pads in larger strips over both marked area and make sure all mosfet chips and inductor coils are covered.

4. PREPARING THE MOTHERBOARD FOR MONOBLOCK INSTALLATION:

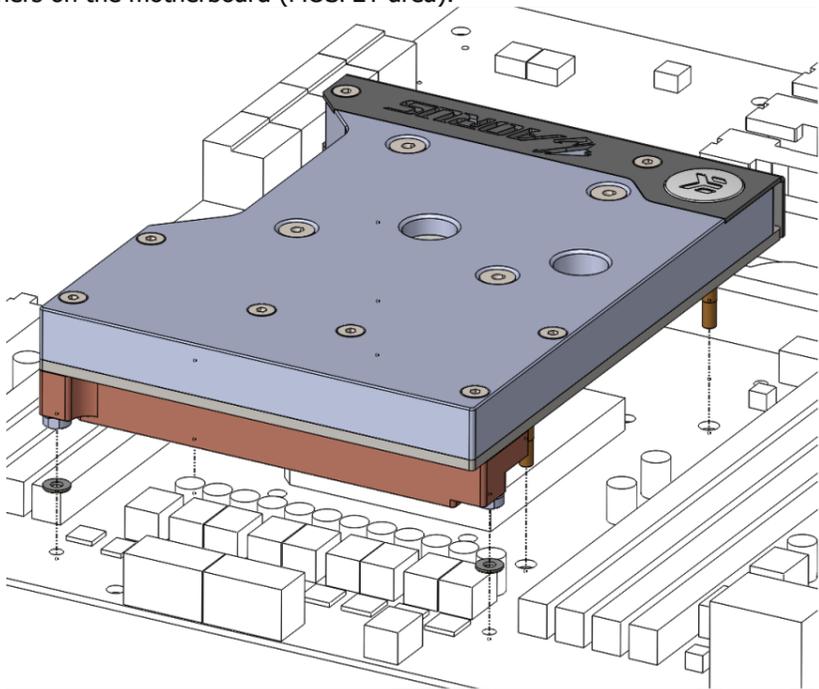
From the backside there is a protective sticker which covers the mounting holes for the water block. You should take a pointy object (small screwdriver) and punch 4 holes through it (see picture below). Be careful not to damage the PCB!



Holes to be punched through

**STEP 3: PLACING THE BLOCK ON TO MOTHERBOARD**

PLACING THE BLOCK ON THE MOTHERBOARD. Place the EK-FB GA X299 GAMING Monoblock series water block gently to the motherboard or vice versa (as shown on photo below). Make sure that mounting holes are aligned. Place it on factory installed washers on the motherboard (MOSFET area).

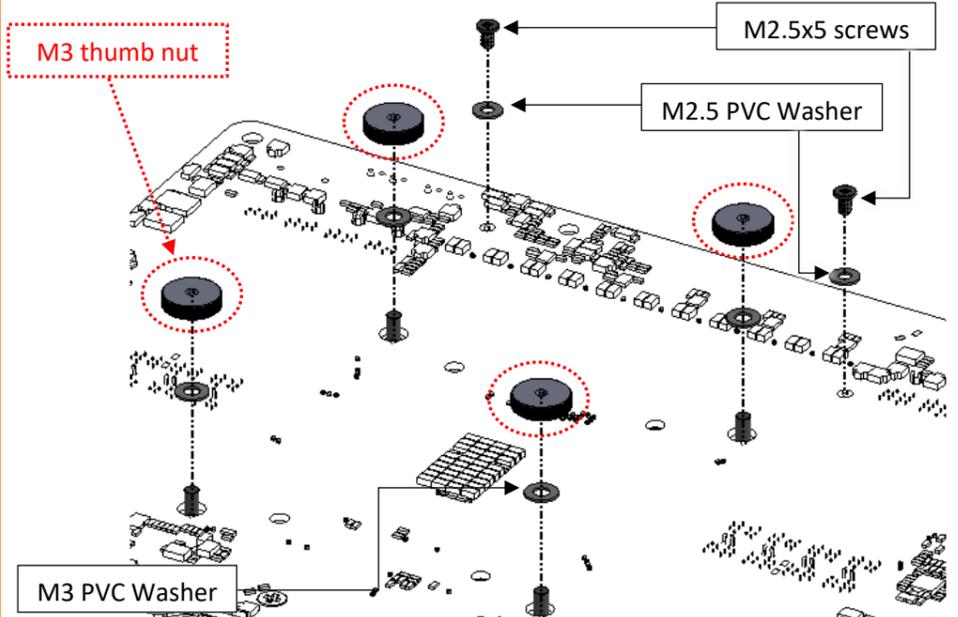


**STEP 4: ATTACHING BLOCK ON TO THE MOTHERBOARD**

Prior to fastening the screws please make sure the mounting holes on the motherboard's circuit board are aligned with the water block.

A) **Mosfet part:** Use two M2,5x5 AX1 screws with M2.5 washers. Tighten the screws evenly. Do not use excessive force when tightening the screws!  
 B) **CPU part:** Use four thumb nuts with screws and washers. Tighten the thumb nuts.

Use the enclosed screws and washers as shown in picture below:

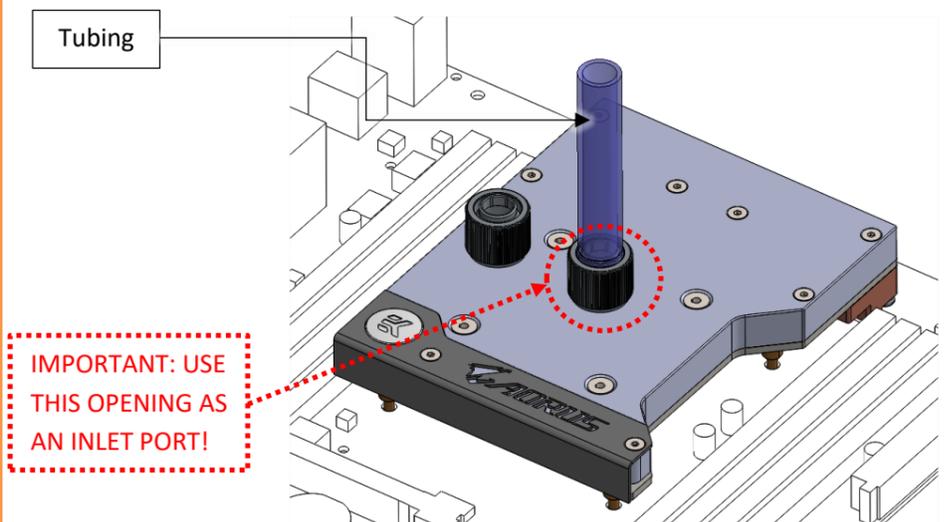


**STEP 5: CONNECTING THE RGB LED STRIP (optional)**

Plug the 3-pin connector from Monoblock D-RGB LED strip to the motherboard. Please ensure that the arrow indicated on the connector is plugged into the 5V line as indicated on your motherboard. Failure to do so might damage your motherboard or LED strip.



For the EK-FB GA X299 GAMING Monoblock series water block to operate properly the G1/4 port nearest to the right edge of the water block **MUST BE USED AS THE INLET PORT**. EK recommends the use of EK-ACF fittings. When using fittings other than EK-ACF series please use hose clamps or appropriate substitute to secure the tubing to the barb. The use of biocide containing and corrosion inhibiting coolant is always recommended for any liquid cooling system.



**REQUIRED TOOLS AND MOUNTING SCREWS:**

