

## Installation manual for EK-FB GA X399 GAMING RGB Monoblock water block

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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 GA X399 AORUS Gaming 7 motherboard



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

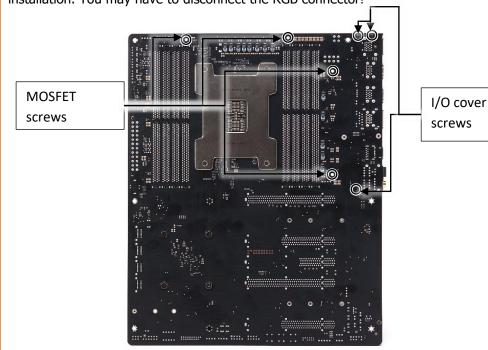


# REQUIRED TOOLS AND MOUNTING SCREWS:



### **STEP 2: PREPARING YOUR MOTHERBOARD**

REMOVING STOCK COOLER AND I/O COVER. Remove all encircled screws. There are 4 (four) screws on the back of the motherboard that need to be removed in order to remove the factory installed MOSFET cooling solutions and 3 (three) screws that need to be removed in order to remove the I/O cover for easier Heatsink installation. You may have to disconnect the RGB connector!



### **STEP 3: PREPARING YOUR MOTHERBOARD**

APPLYING THERMAL COMPOUND. Apply thermal compound on <u>CPU heat spreader</u> (<u>IHS</u>) - see sample photo below with enclosed thermal grease.

The quantity of about two stripes 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!

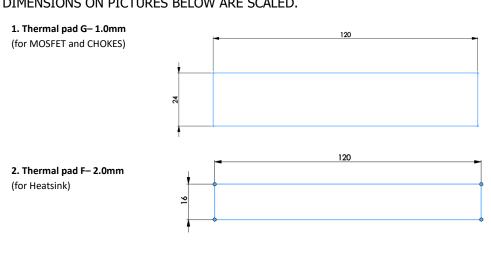


# **STEP 4: CUTTING THERMAL PADS**

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

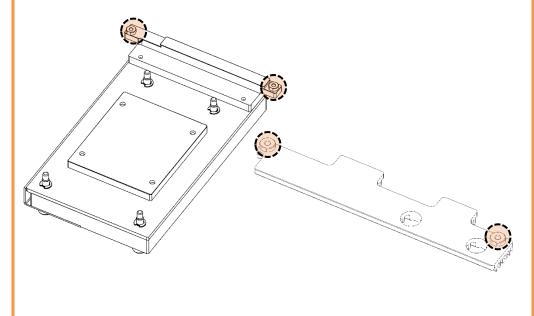
Thermal PAD F 2mm – (120x16mm) [EAN: 3830046996756]

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.



# STEP 5: PREPARING THE MONOBLOCK AND HEATSINK

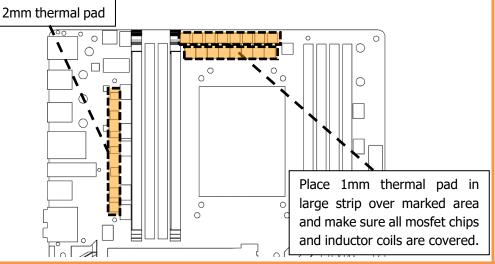
Place the M2,5 self-adhesive PVC washers under marked standoffs!



### **STEP 7: PLACING THERMAL PADS**

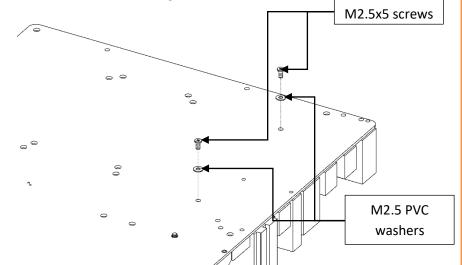
Place thermal pads on PCB as shown on the picture below.

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



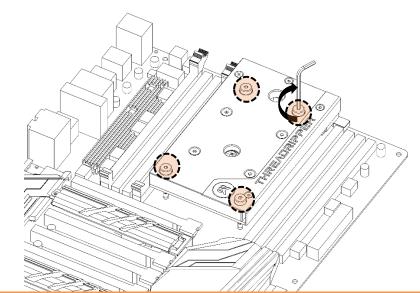
### **STEP 8.1: ATTACHING THE HEATSINK TO THE MOTHERBOARD**

Before you fasten the screws please make sure that mounting holes on the motherboard's circuit board are aligned with the heatsink.



## **STEP 9.1: ATTACHING A 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. Secure top 4 (four) nickel screws with enclosed 2,5mm Allen key. Tighten screws diagonally and evenly till the end of the thread. Do not use excessive force when tightening the screws!



# STEP 10: CONNECTING THE RGB LED STRIP (optional)

wires):

Plug the 4-pin connector from Monoblock RGB LED strip to the LED\_C1 on the motherboard. Please ensure that the arrow indicated on the connector is plugged into the +12V line as indicated on your motherboard. Failure to do so will damage your motherboard or LED strip. You should leave the final pin, marked as "W", empty.



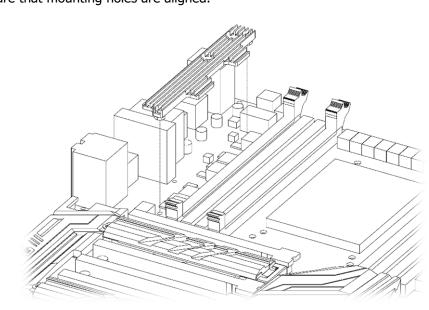
wires):

5V D-RGB LED is enclosed with your monoblock. If you swap the LED strip, plug the 3-pin connector from Monoblock D-RGB LED strip to the D\_LED header on the motherboard. Please ensure that the arrow indicated on the connector is plugged into the V line as indicated on your motherboard. Failure to do so will damage your motherboard or LED strip.



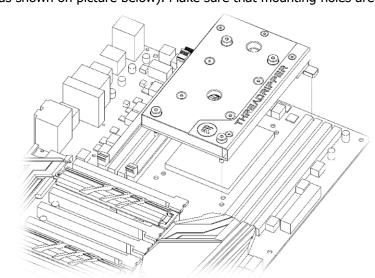
#### **STEP 8: PLACING A HEATSINK TO THE MOTHERBOARD**

Place the Heatsink gently to the motherboard as shown on the picture below; make sure that mounting holes are aligned.



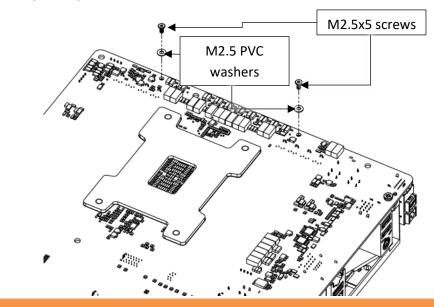
# **STEP 9: PLACING A BLOCK ON TO THE MOTHERBOARD**

Place the EK-FB GA X399 GAMING RGB Monoblock gently to the motherboard or vice versa (as shown on picture below). Make sure that mounting holes are aligned.



## STEP 9.2: ATTACHING A 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. Use 2 (two) M2,5x5 AX1 screws with M2.5 PVC washers. Tighten the screws evenly. Do not use excessive force when tightening the screws!



CONNECT THE RGB LED (RGB LED with 4 CONNECT THE D-RGB LED (LED with 3 For the EK-FB GA X399 GAMING Monoblock series water block to operate properly the lower G1/4 port 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.

