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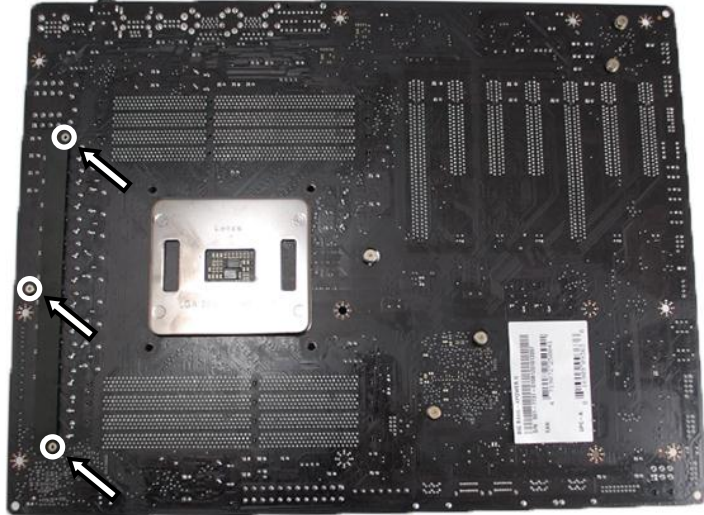
EKWB recommends using EK-PSC fittings which require a small amount of force to screw them in; otherwise fittings might break or damage your block. These fittings do not need to be tightened with much force because the liquid seal is made using rubber gaskets. EKWB does not recommend use of distilled water only in mixed metals loops, thus use of corrosive inhibitors is highly recommended.

STEP 1: GENERAL INFORMATION. Sample picture of MSI Big Bang-XPower II motherboard.

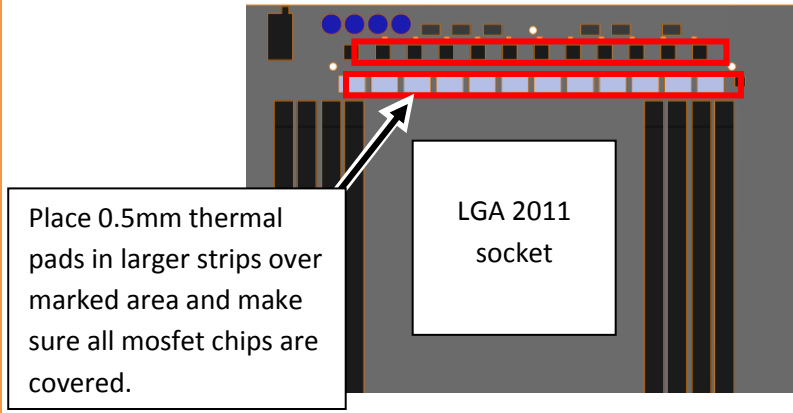


STEP 2: PREPARING YOUR MOTHERBOARD

1. REMOVING STOCK COOLER. Remove all four (3) screws pins holding the MOSFET heat-sink/backplate assembly. The MOSFET heat sink as well as stock backplate should be removed. NB/SB heat sink is to be left on motherboard.

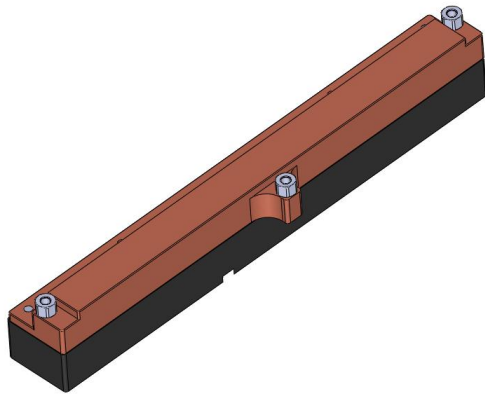


2. CUTTING THERMAL PADS. Your block comes with two pre-cut thermal pads type A – 0.5mm (100x16x0.5mm), which have to be trimmed and placed on MOSFET chips. EK recommends using small drops of electrically non-conductive (for example: Arctic Cooling MX-2™, MX-4™ or GELID GC-Extreme™) thermal grease on each phase regulator (that is being covered with thermal pad; see picture below) in order to even further improve the thermal performance of the water block.

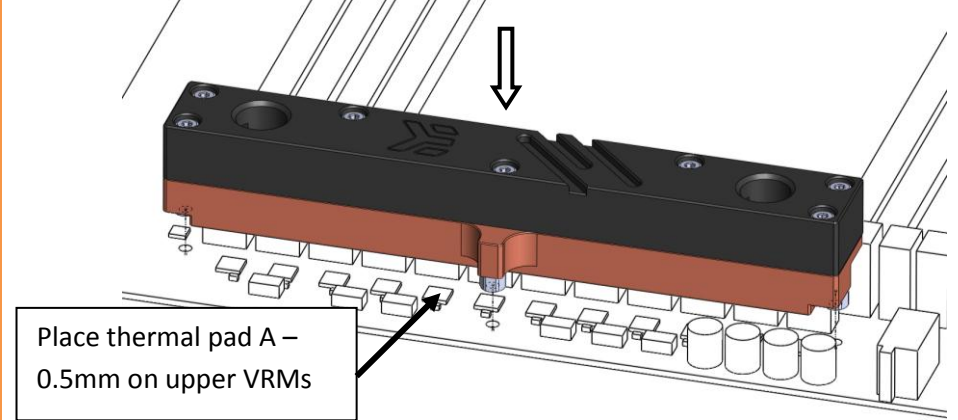


STEP 3: PREPARING YOUR WATERBLOCK

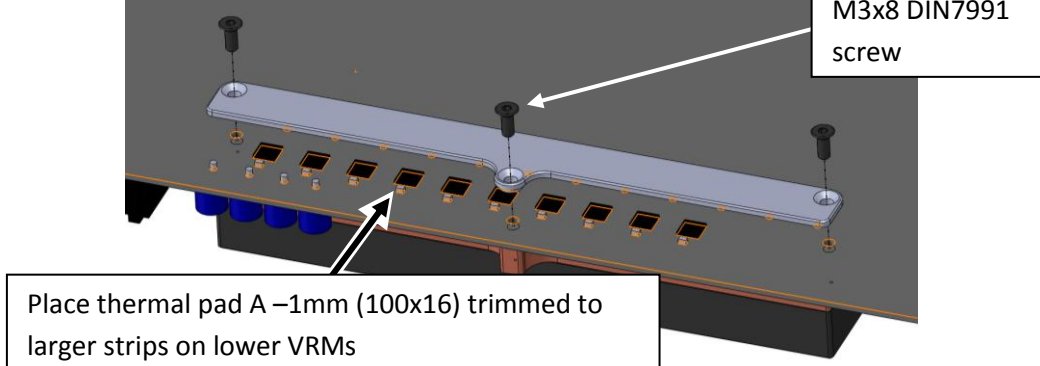
1. PREPARING YOUR WATER BLOCK. Your water block comes with 3 pre-installed brass standoffs (height 3.9 mm) that prevent over tightening of screws. Nonetheless avoid using excessive mounting force.



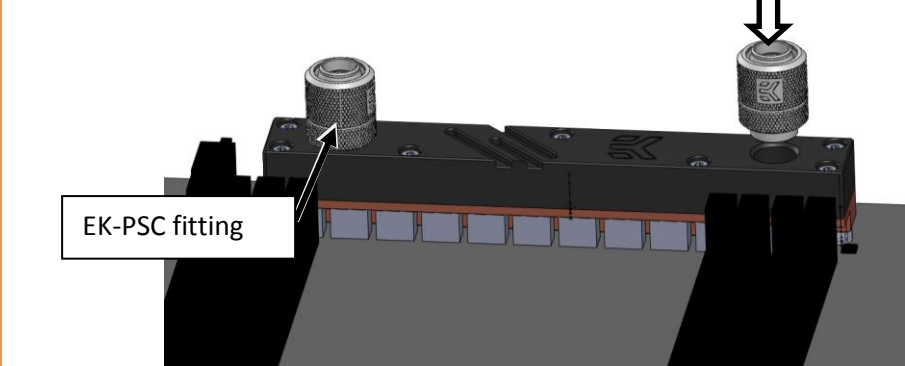
2. PLACING WATERBLOCK ON MOTHERBOARD. Place waterblock on VRM section of the motherboard's circuit board as shown on picture below:



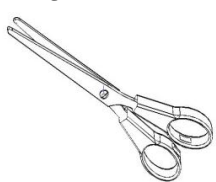
3. ATTACHING WATERBLOCK/BACKPLATE ON MOTHERBOARD. When waterblock is safely placed on motherboard, please align the openings and fasten the waterblock to enclosed backplate using the enclosed M3x8 DIN7991 screws to the motherboard's circuit board. It is recommended that you check for unwanted contacts before powering up the system.



4. POSITIONING FITTINGS AND CONNECTING TO WATER CIRCUIT. Attach the liquid cooling tubes and connect the water-block(s) into the cooling circuit. To ensure that the tubes are securely attached to the barb/fittings, please use hose clamps or an appropriate substitute. You can use any opening as an inlet/outlet port.



REQUIRED TOOLS:



scissors



philips screwdriver