



Installation and mounting manual for **EK-FB KIT GA-X58A (UD7 rev2.0)** water block:

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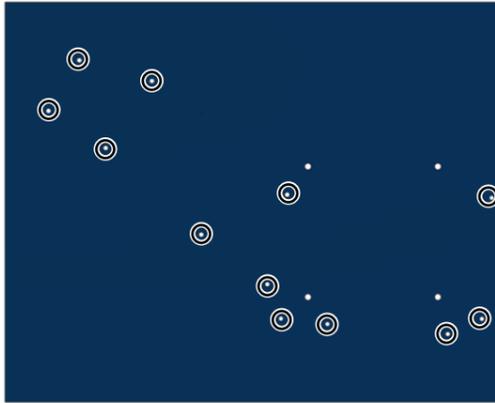
The barb hose fittings require only a small amount of force to screw them in; otherwise the high flow fittings might break. These fittings do not need to be tightened with much force because the liquid seal is made using o-rings. The use of an algaecide and corrosion inhibitors is always recommended for any liquid cooling system.

STEP 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

 Sample photo of GIGABYTE GA-X58A-UD7 rev2.0 PCB design

STEP 2: PREPARING YOUR MOTHERBOARD

1. REMOVING STOCK COOLER. Remove 2 screws under NB cooler and unclip the rest of the 10 clips that are fixating the stock cooler and heat sink to MB.

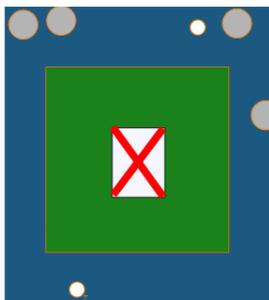


2. CLEANING THE PCB. Carefully detach the original stock cooler after removing **all** screws securing it to the board. Wipe off the remains (by using non-abrasive cloth or qtip, as shown on sample photo) of the original thermal compound until the components and circuit board are completely clean. EKWB does not recommend using any liquids for removing paste.

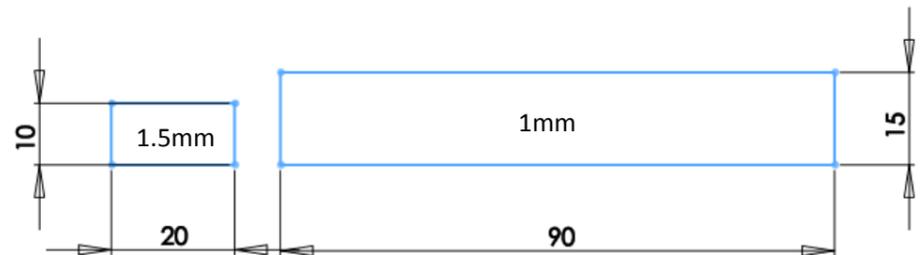


3. APPLYING THERMAL COMPOUND

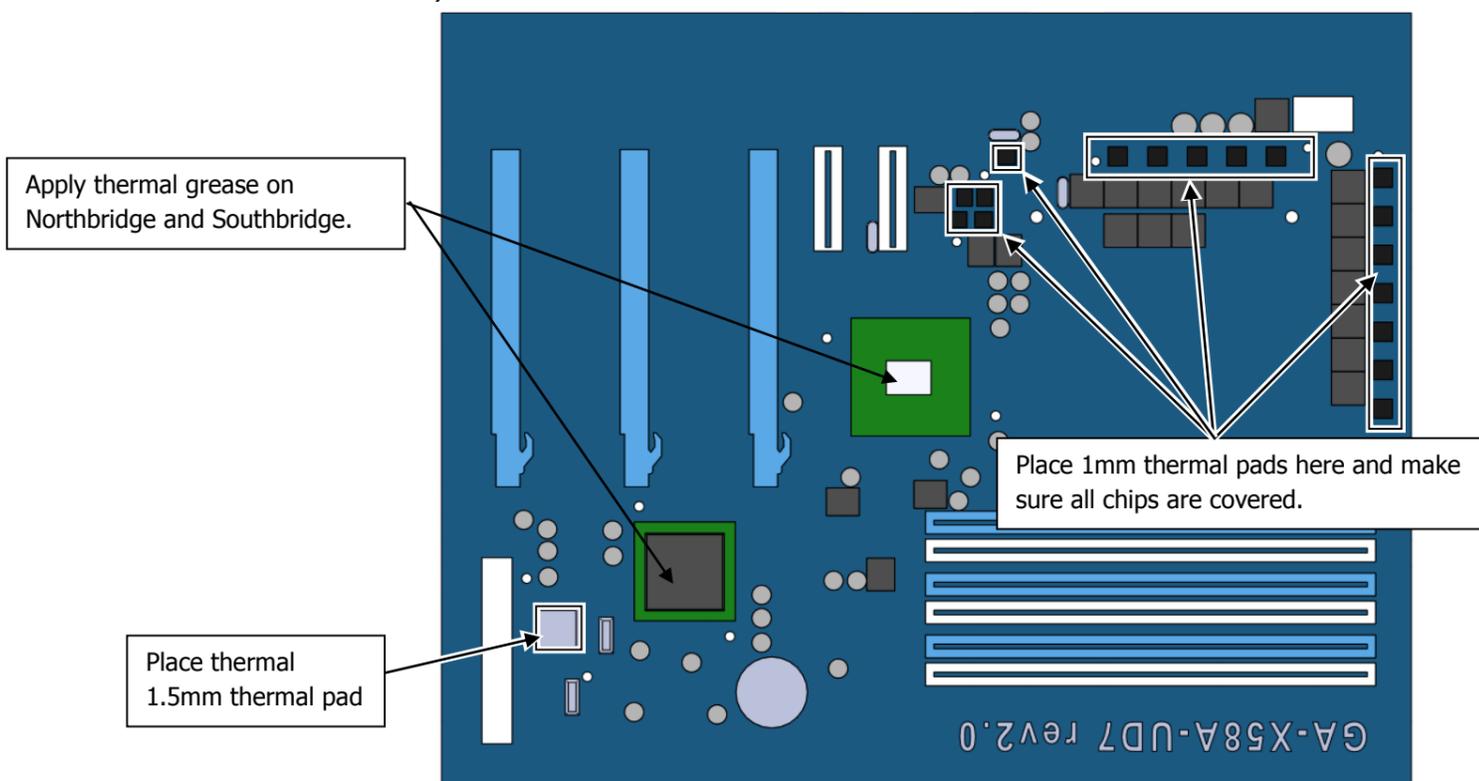
Apply thermal compound: lightly coat the NB and SB chips with - for example Arctic Cooling MX2™, MX3™ or MX4™ - thermal compound. Follow this link: http://www.arctic-cooling.com/catalog/images/install_mx2_retail.pdf for detailed instructions. EKWB recommends to apply thermal grease in cross form (see sample picture).



4. CUTTING THERMAL PADS. Three thermal pads - two 90x15x1 mm and one 10x20x1.5mm - are enclosed with your water block kit. You will have to cut out small chunk from one thermal pad in order to cover all marked surfaces surface. (WARNING: DIMENSIONS ON PICTURES BELOW ARE SCALED!)

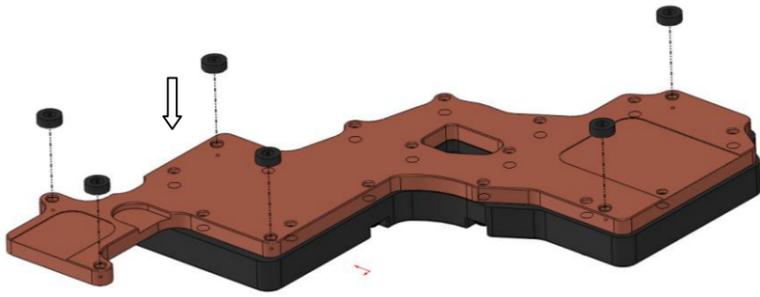


5. PLACING THERMAL PADS ON MOTHERBOARD. Place thermal pads you cut on PCB as shown on picture bellow. (PLEASE REMOVE FOIL OF THERMAL PADS ON BOTH SIDES PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.)

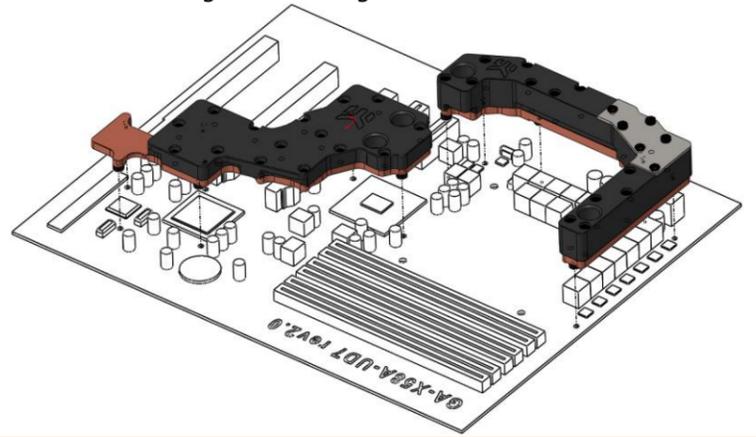


STEP 3: PREPARING YOUR WATER BLOCK

1. ATTACHING STANDOFFS. Apply small amount of thermal grease around mounting holes and place acetal standoffs on NB/SB block (thickness 2,1 mm) so the holes are concentric. Thermal paste provides enough adhesive force for standoffs to stay in a place for easier installation.

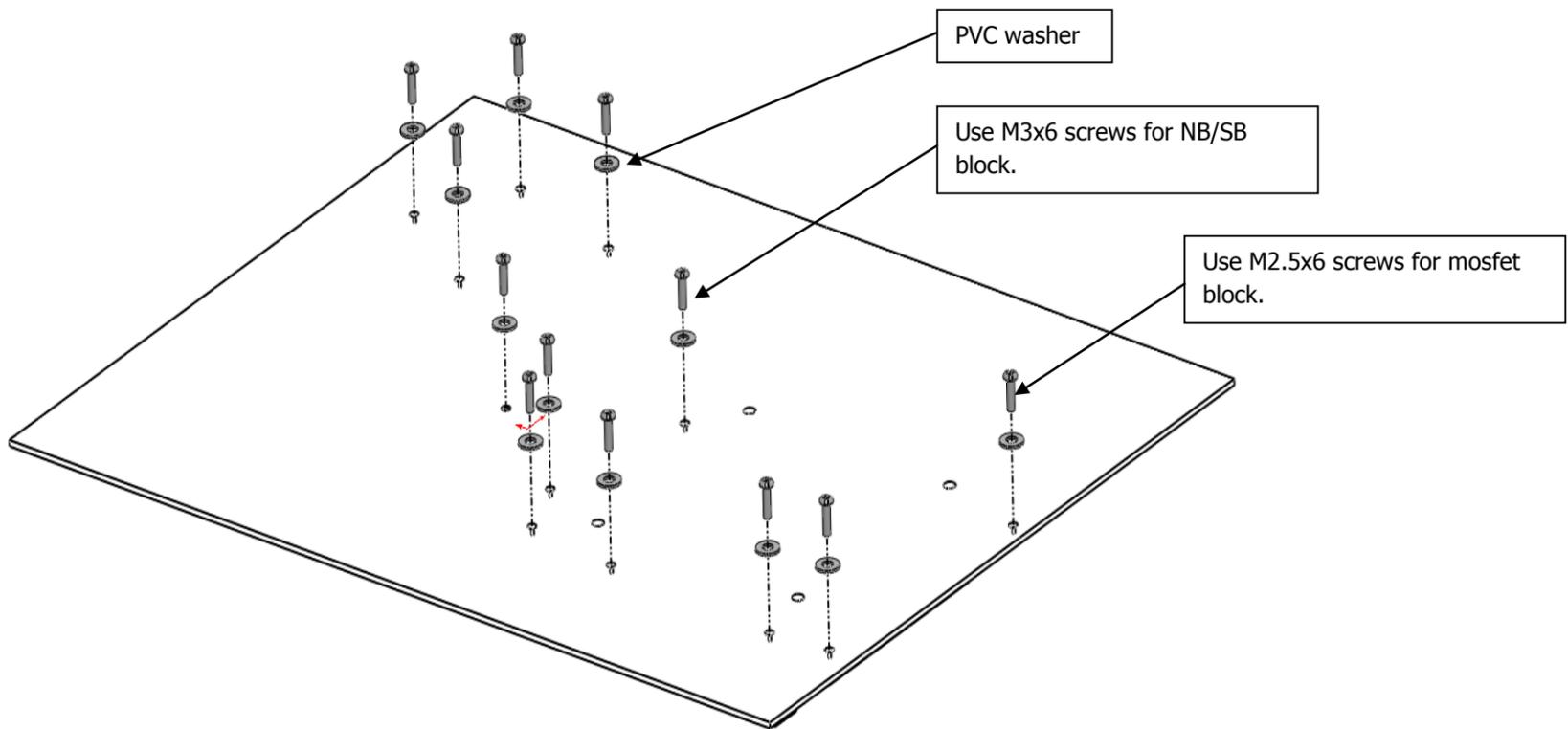


2. PLACING BLOCK OVER GPU. Place the motherboard on the inverted water blocks or vice versa and attach them with enclosed screws as shown. Make sure that mounting holes are aligned.



STEP 4: ATTACHING BLOCK TO MOTHERBOARD

1. MOUNTING THE BLOCK. For perfect thermal contact, the block does not use a spring mounting system; therefore when attaching be very careful to tighten all screws equally. **Tightening the screws beginning in the center of the block near the northbridge, and continue evenly outwards. Do not use too much pressure on screws, because motherboard might bend and either cause bad contact with water block, or break a connection on the board.** Use the enclosed screws and washers as shown in diagram below:

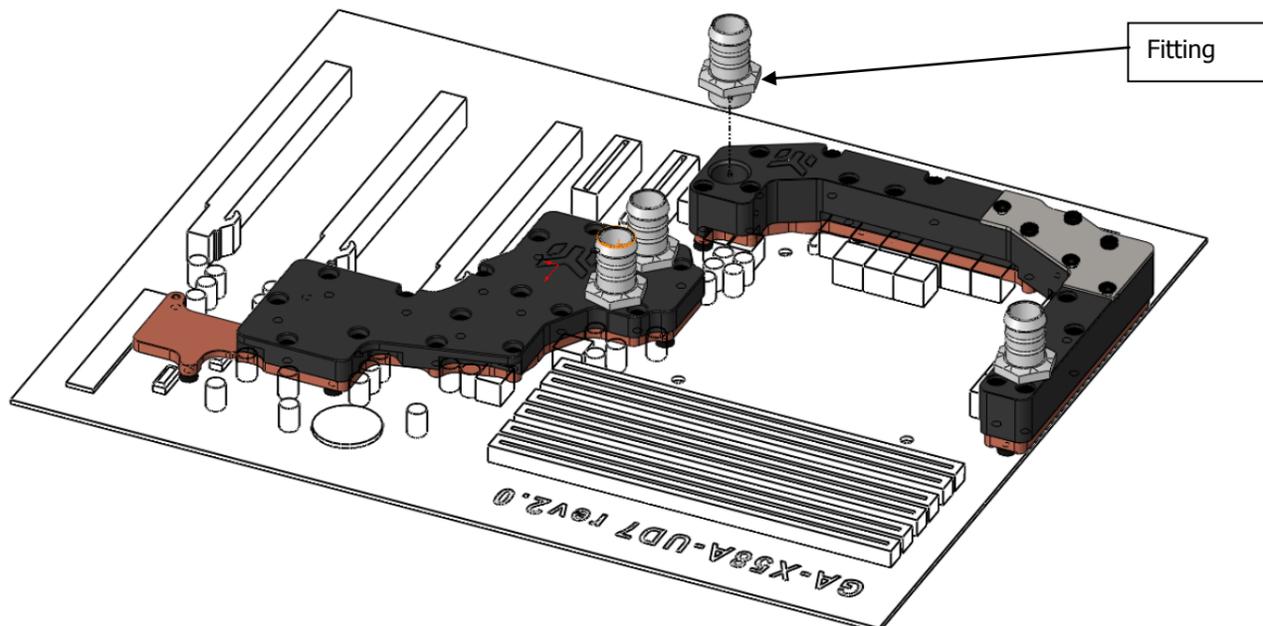


STEP 5: CHECKING FOR CONTACTS

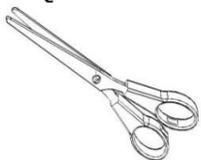
Temporarily remove the water block to check for uniform surface contact between the block and the components. Note the pattern of contact on a piece of paper. Then repeat steps 3 and 4 to reattach the block. Block was tested on physical hardware. Due to height variations of chipset some differences may occur. In case you have problem with block contacts please write to our support mail.

STEP 6: POSITIONING FITTINGS AND CONNECTING TO WATER CIRCUIT

1. Screw in fittings as shown in picture, attach the liquid cooling tubes and connect the water-block(s) into the cooling circuit. The EK-FB KIT GA X58 (UD7 rev2.0) series are not sold with high flow fittings. To ensure that the tubes are securely attached to the barb fittings, please use hose clamps or an appropriate substitute. The use of an algacide is always recommended for any liquid cooling system. You can use any opening as an inlet/outlet port.



REQUIRED TOOLS AND MOUNTING SCREWS:



scissors



philips screwdriver



6 screws M3x6 DIN7985



6 screws M2.5x6 DIN7985



12 PVC washers