Installation and mounting manual for **EK-FB KIT GA X79 (UD7)** water block:

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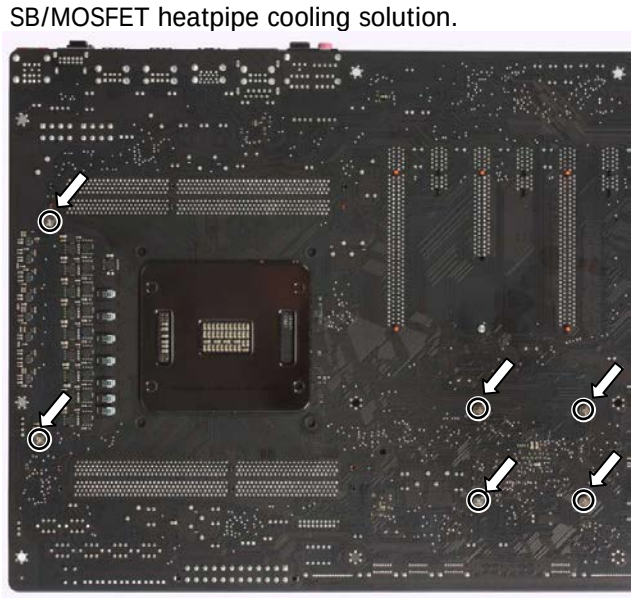
The barb hose fittings require only a small amount of force to screw them in; otherwise the high flow fittings might break. These fittings do not need to be tightened with much force because the liquid seal is made using o-rings. The use of corrosion inhibitors is always recommended for any liquid cooling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

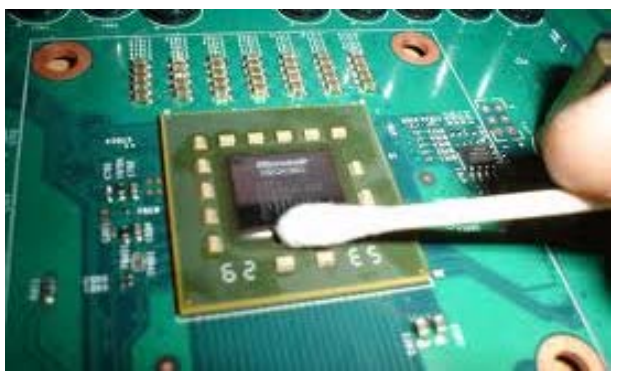
STEP 1: GENERAL INFORMATION Sample photo of Gigabyte GA-X79-UD7 (rev. 1.0) motherboard

STEP 2: PREPARING YOUR MOTHERBOARD

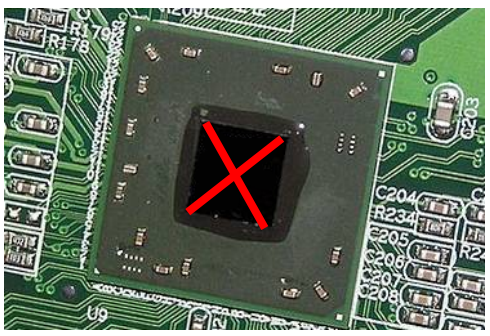
1. REMOVING STOCK COOLER. Remove all encircled screws. There are 6 screws on the back of the motherboard that needs to be removed in order to remove the factory installed SB/MOSFET heatpipe cooling solution.



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 recommends the use of denatured alcohol for removing TIM leftovers.

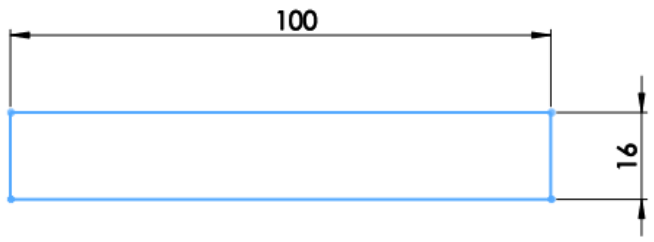


3. APPLYING THERMAL COMPOUND. Apply thermal compound: lightly coat the *Intel X79 PCH* (SB) with electrically non-conductive thermal grease - for example Arctic Cooling MX-2 ™ or MX-4 ™. EKWB recommends to apply thermal grease in cross form for best performance (see sample picture).

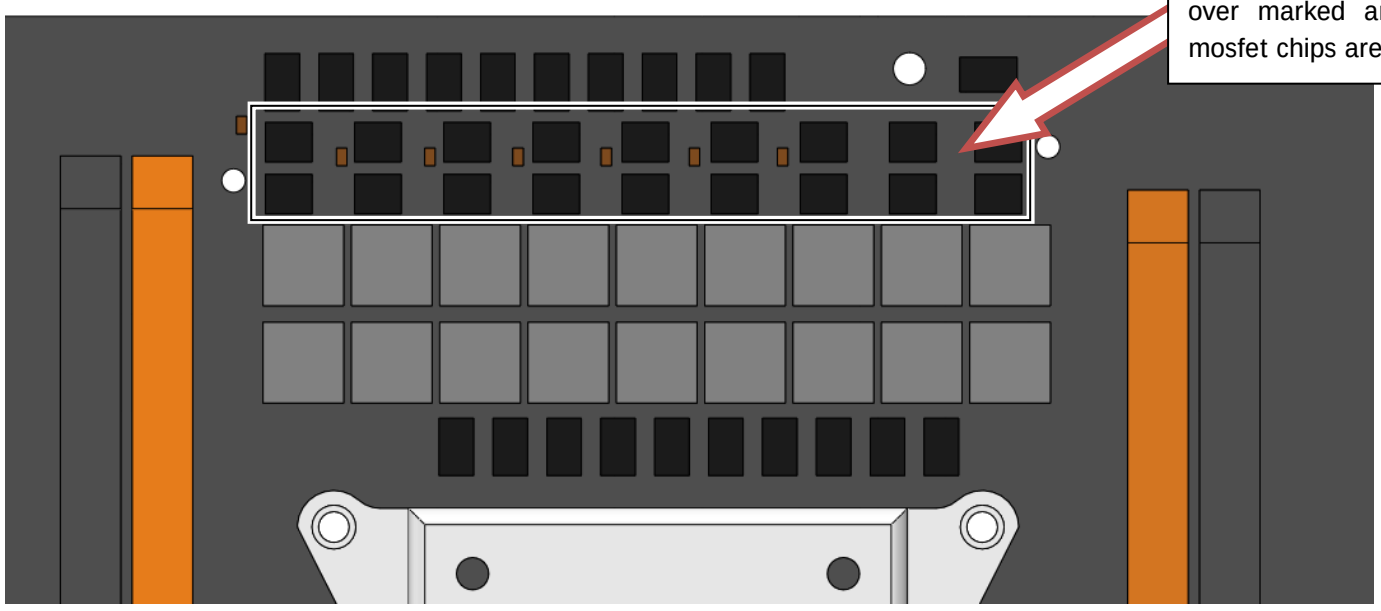


4. CUTTING THERMAL PADS. Your block comes with one (1) Thermal Pad A – 0.5mm (100x16) which may need to be trimmed a bit in order to fit the voltage regulation area (VRM/MOSFET) on the motherboard's circuit board.

WARNING: DIMENSIONS ON PICTURES BELOW ARE SCALED!

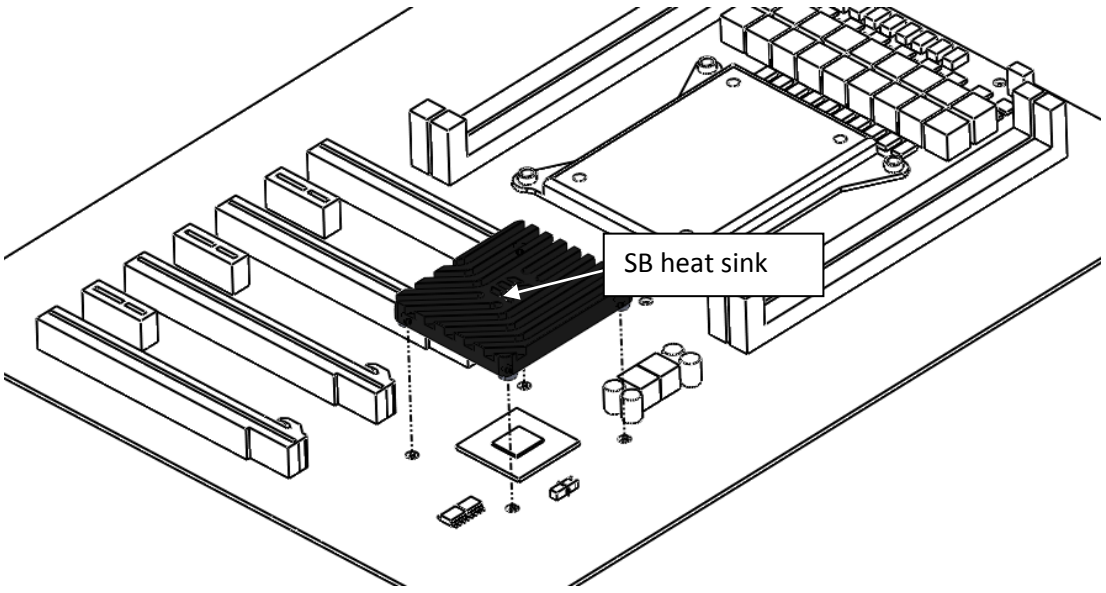


5. PLACING THERMAL PADS ON MOTHERBOARD. Place thermal pads you cut on PCB as shown on picture bellow (PLEASE REMOVE THE PROTECTIVE FOIL FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE THERMAL PADS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION). EK recommends using small drops of electrically non-conductive (for example: Arctic Cooling MX-2 ™ or MX-4 ™) 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 EK-FB KIT GA X79 (UD7) series water block.

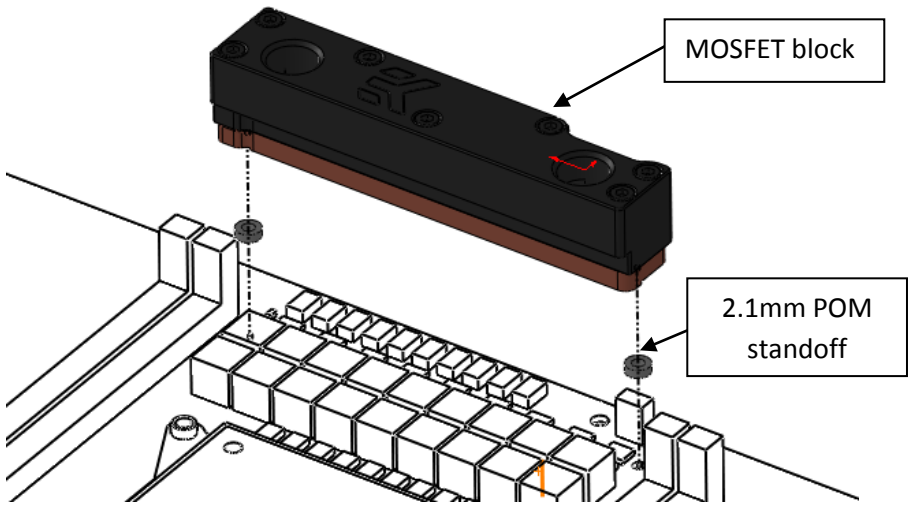


STEP 3: PREPARING YOUR WATER BLOCK

1. PLACING SB BLOCK ON MOTHERBOARD. Place the SB heat sink with preinstalled 2.1mm standoffs kit gently to the motherboard or vice versa. Make sure that mounting holes are aligned. Skip to STEP 4 on how to fasten the heat sink to the motherboard using the enclosed screws and washers.



2. PLACING MOSFET BLOCK ON MOTHERBOARD. Apply small amount of thermal grease around mounting holes and place POM standoffs on MOSFET water block so the holes are concentric. Thermal paste provides enough adhesive force for standoffs to stay in a place for easier installation. Place the water block and 2.1mm POM standoffs gently to the motherboard or vice versa. Make sure that mounting holes are aligned.



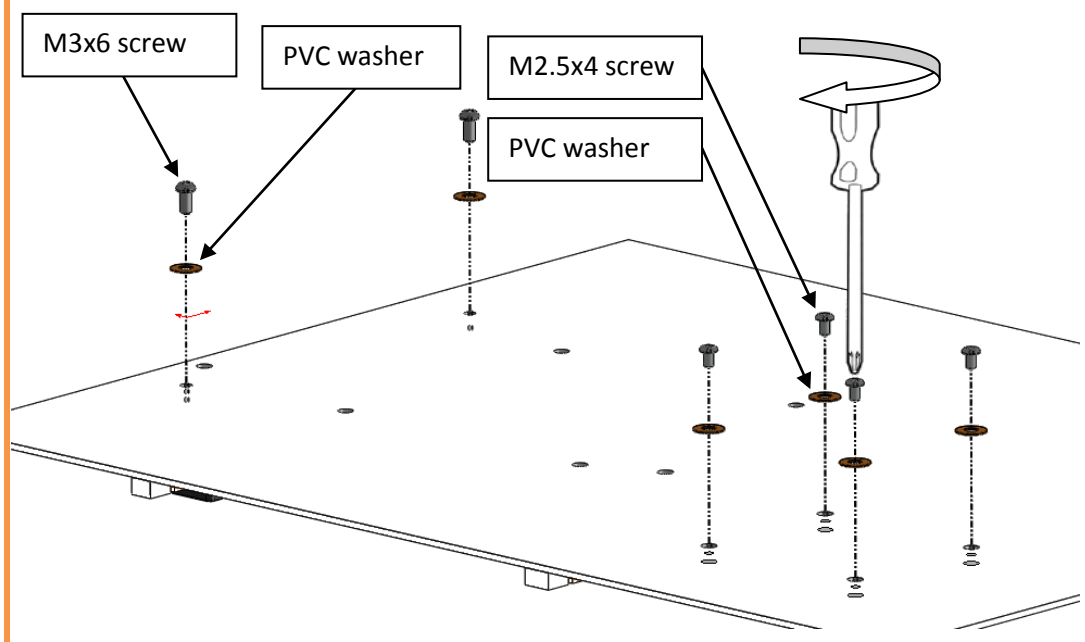
STEP 4: ATTACHING BLOCK TO MOTHERBOARD

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

A) **SB heat sink:** Use four M2.5x4 DIN7985 and washers. Tighten the screws, beginning near the southbridge, and continue evenly outwards. Do not use excessive force when tightening the screws!

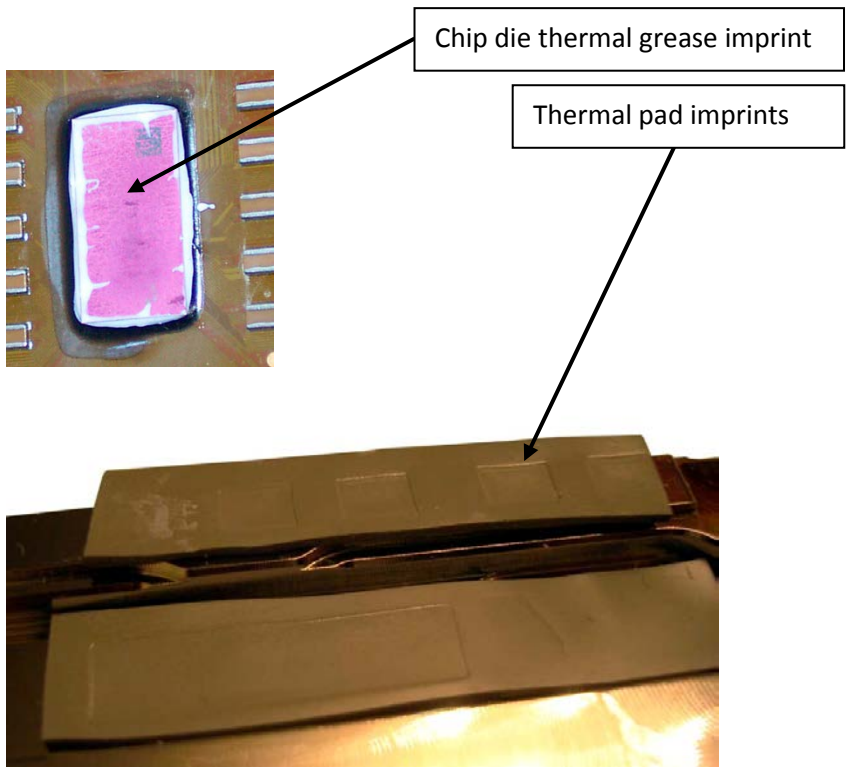
B) **MOSFET block:** Use two M3x6 DIN7985 and washers. Do not use excessive force when tightening the screws! Make sure you use enclosed washer underneath this screw.

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



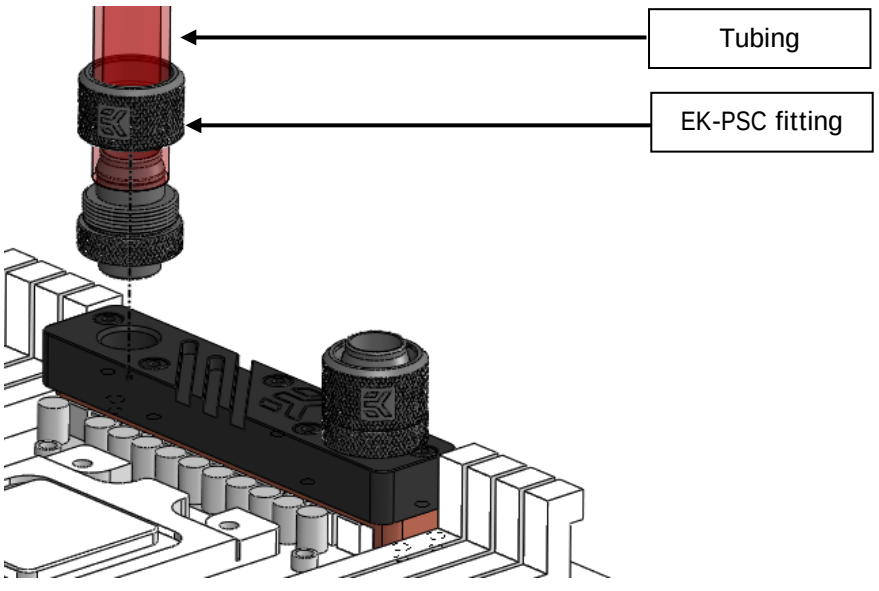
STEP 5: CHECKING FOR CONTACTS

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 applying more or less pressure to the areas where you have found it necessary.



6. POSITIONING FITTINGS AND CONNECTING TO WATER CIRCUIT

Attach the liquid cooling tubes and connect the water-block(s) into the cooling circuit. EKWB recommends using EK-PSC compression fittings with the EK-FB KIT GA X79 (UD7) series water block. You can use any opening as an inlet/outlet port. Plan your tubing routing in advance!



REQUIRED TOOLS AND MOUNTING SCREWS:

 scissors

 philips screwdriver

 thermal grease

 Screws: 4x M2.5x4, 2x M3x6 (DIN7985)

 6x PVC washers

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