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1x NM-IBP2 Backplate



2x NM-IMB2 Mounting Bars



4x NM-IPS1 Spacers



4x NM-ITS1 Thumbscrews

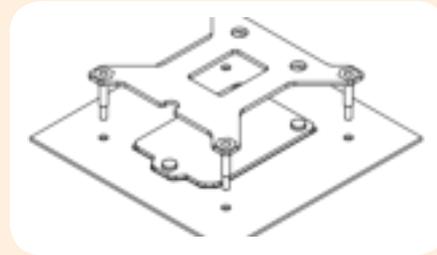
Step 1

Removing the mainboard

In case you want to use the cooler on an assembled system and your case doesn't have a cut-out at the rear side of the mainboard tray, you first have to remove the mainboard from the case in order to be able to install the supplied backplate.

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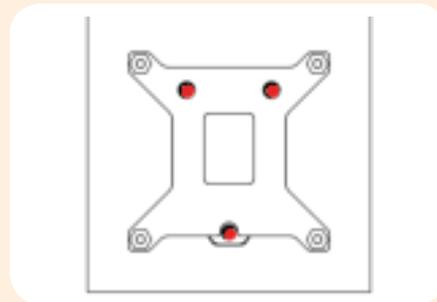
Attaching the backplate



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Place the backplate on the rear side of the mainboard so that the bolts stick through the mounting holes.

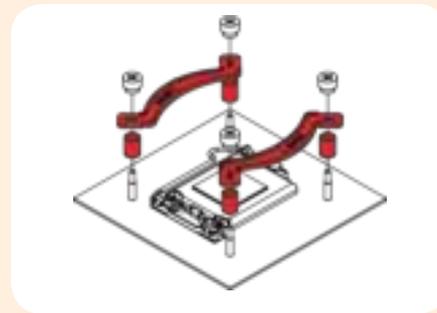
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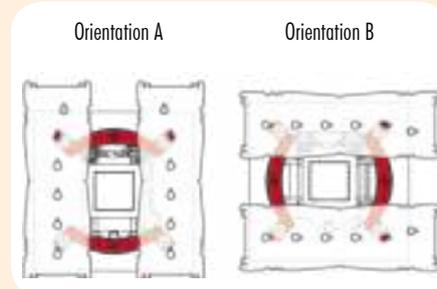
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Installing the mounting bars

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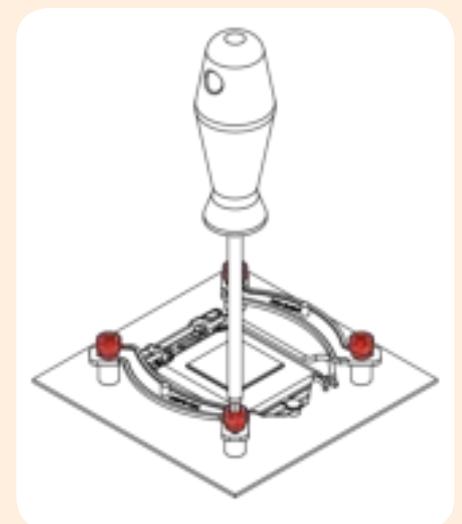
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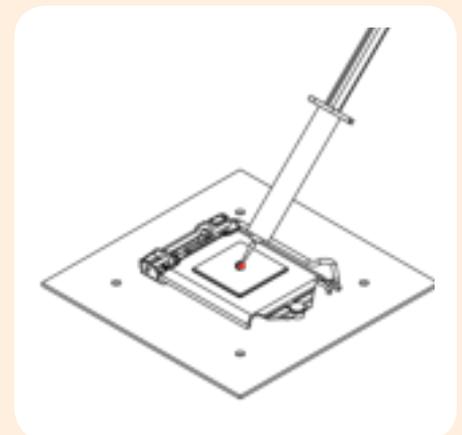


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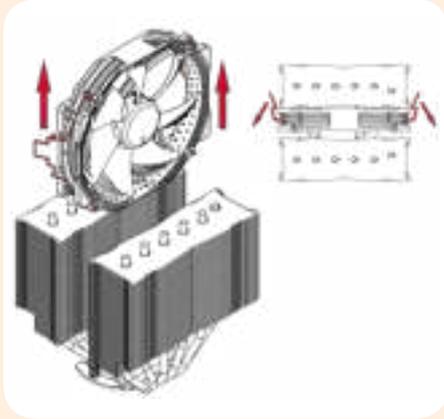
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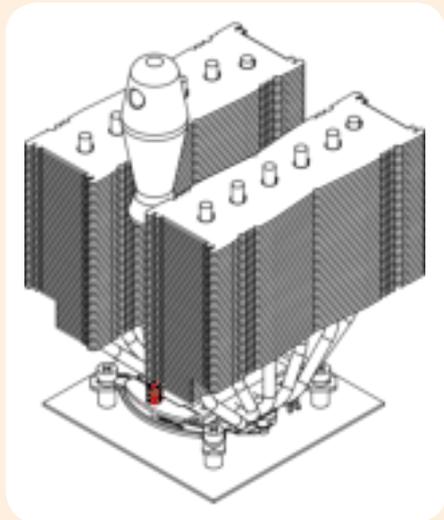
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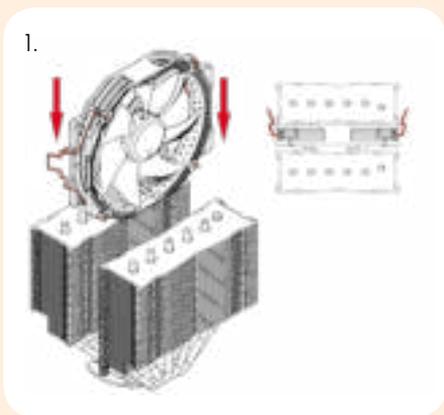


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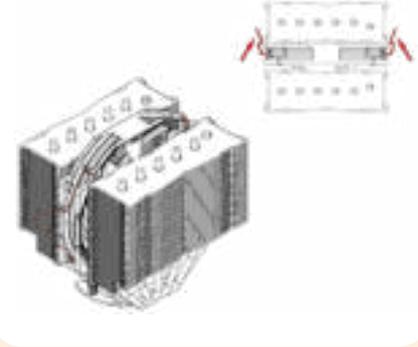
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Fan Setup

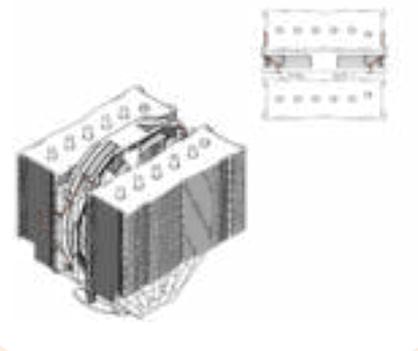
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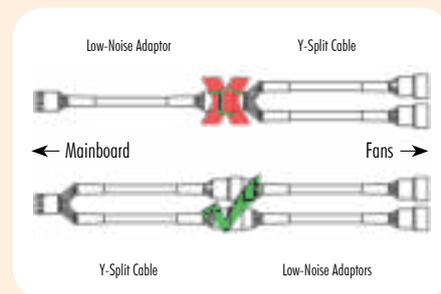
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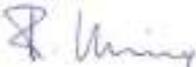


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2x NM-IMB2 Mounting Bars



NM-IBT2 Bolts

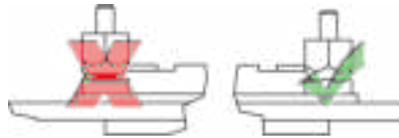
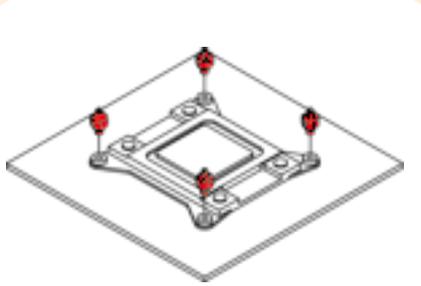


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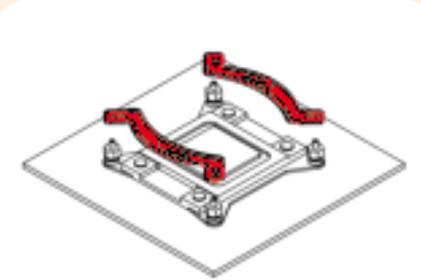
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First screw the NM-IBT2 bolts into the screw threads of the LGA2011 socket frame.



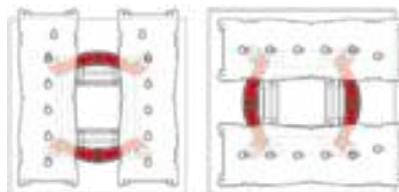
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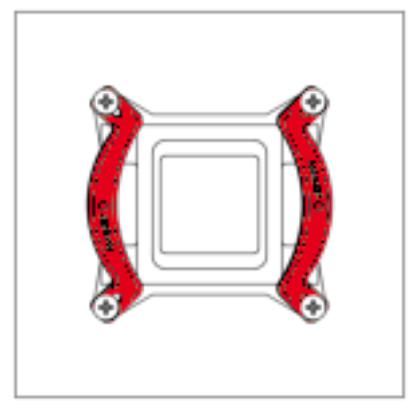
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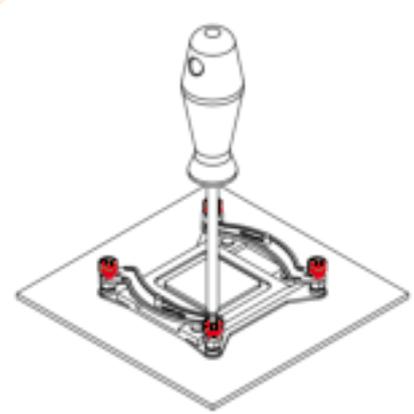
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Fix the mounting bars using the 4 thumb screws.

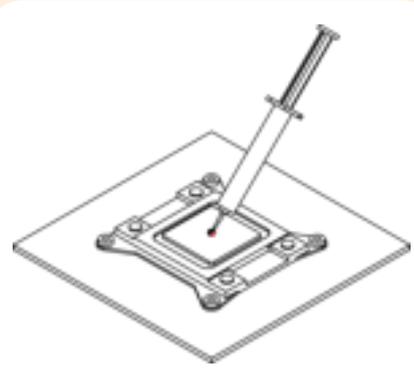


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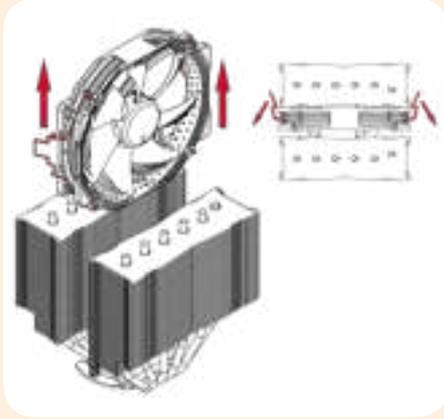
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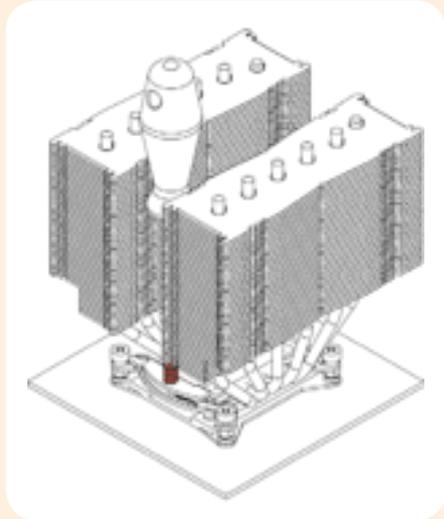
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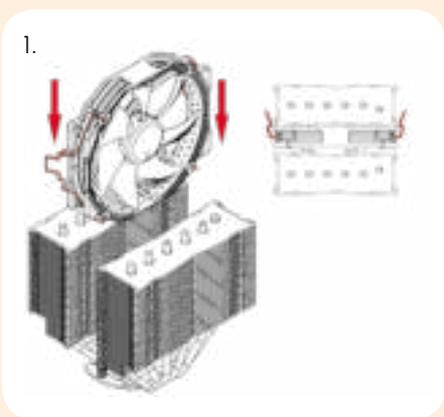


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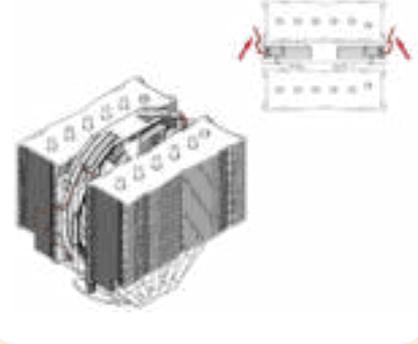
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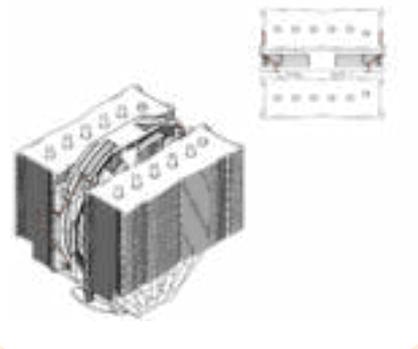
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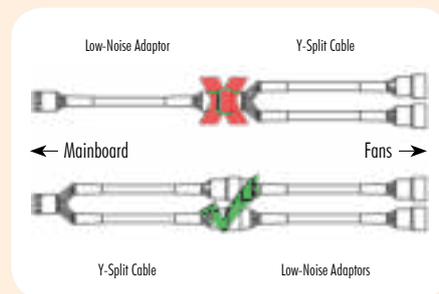
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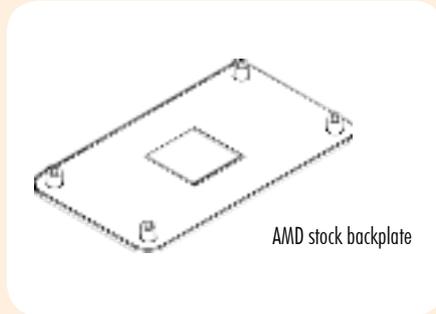


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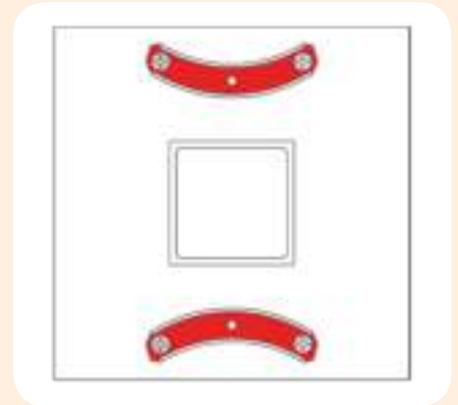


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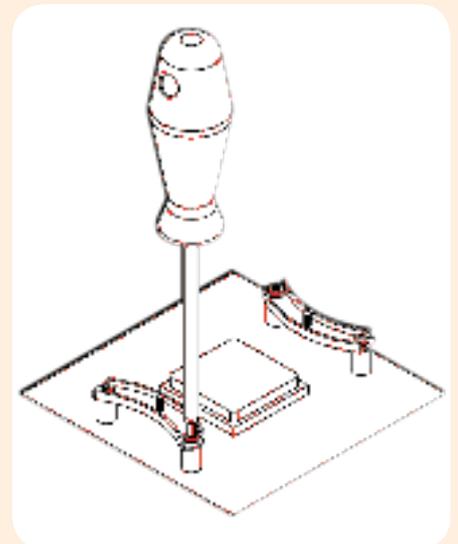
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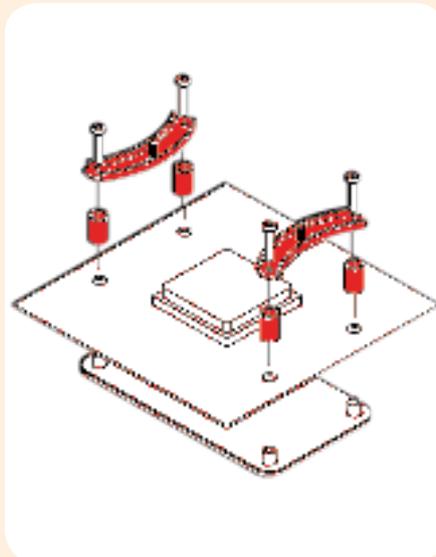
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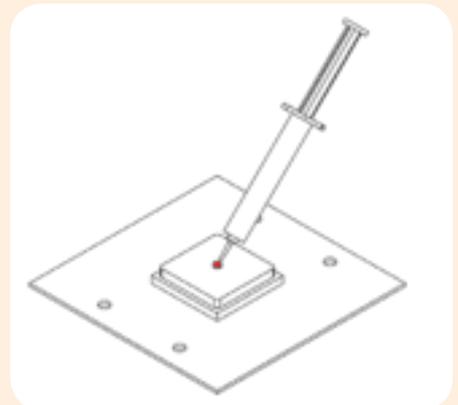
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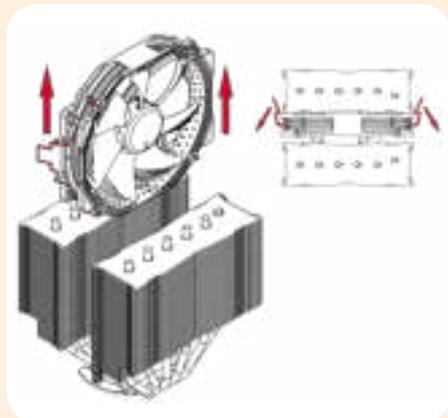
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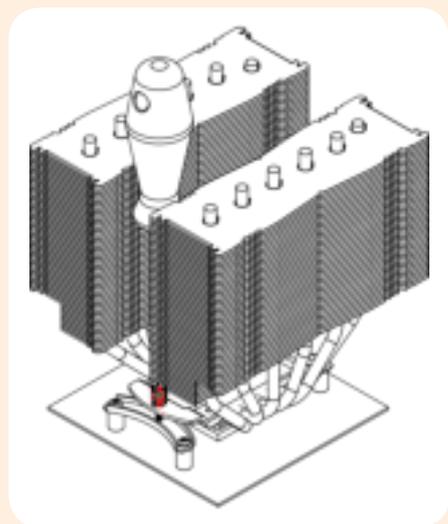
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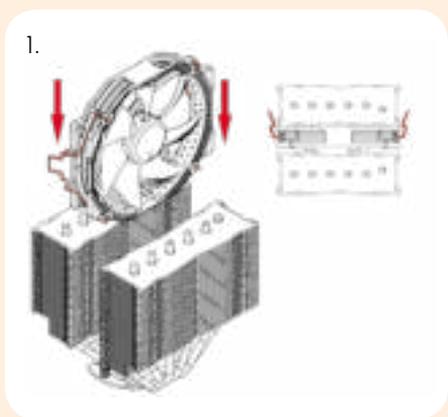


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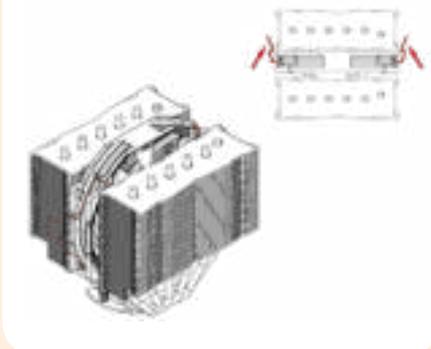
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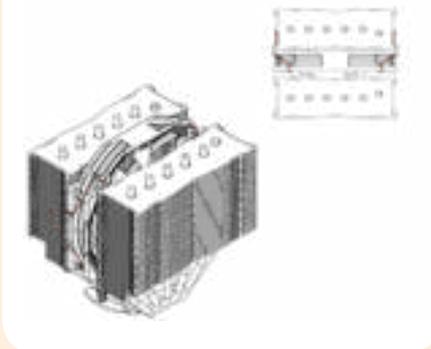
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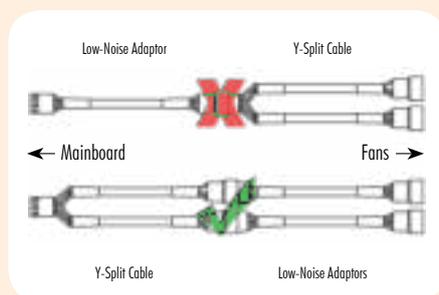
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