The following quick steps will guide you through testing the absolute bare minimum essentials of your motherboard before installing it into a system chassis. Visual aids are provided to assist you during the following procedures.

To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and injury always follow basic safety precautions. It is recommended that you use electrostatic discharge (ESD) countermeasures such as an ESD wrist strap or anti-static mat when handling computer components.

After removing the EVGA X58 SLI Classified from its packaging, place it on to a nonconductive surface. For example, place it on a wooden surface

Unhook the socket lever and lift up the load plate. Remove the 1366 protective cover and carefully install your Intel processor making sure to properly align the notches.

Close the load plate and with light pressure, lower the socket lever back into its original position.

Apply a small, pea-sized drop of thermal paste onto the middle of the processor. Install your processor heatsink and fan.

Install one stick of system memory (DIMM) into the appropriate DIMM slot (see other side).

Plug in one keyboard into a USB port or PS/2 port.

Make sure your power supply's power switch is in the OFF position then connect your 24-Pin ATX Power Connector and 8-Pin CPU Power Connector to the motherboard. Optional: for overclocking it is recommended to install two 8-Pin CPU Power Connectors.

On the power supply, flip the power switch to the ON position. LEDs will now be lit on the motherboard. Press the onboard Clear CMOS button once then press the red Power Button to begin powering up the system.

At this final stage, you should now be greeted with the POST screen on your monitor.

Connect one hard drive disk to either one of the SATA Connectors or to the IDE Connector depending on the hard drive connection type.
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