



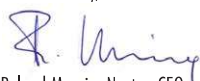
Dear customer,

Congratulations on choosing the Noctua NH-D15.

Built on the basis of the legendary NH-D14 and carrying on its quest for ultimate quiet cooling performance, our flagship model NH-D15 is an eliteclass dual tower cooler for the highest demands. I'm confident that you will be able to sense some of the research, attention and care we've put into making this cooler.

Enjoy your NH-D15!

Yours sincerely,


 Roland Mossig, Noctua CEO

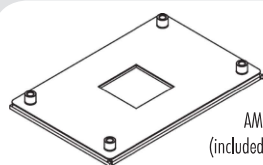
This manual will guide you through the installation process of the SecuFirm2™ mounting system step by step.

Prior to installing the cooler, please consult the compatibility list on our website (www.noctua.at/compatibility) and verify that the cooler is fully compatible with your motherboard. Please also make sure that your PC case offers sufficient clearance for the cooler and that there are no compatibility issues with any other components (e.g. tall RAM modules). Double check that the heatsink and fan clips do not make contact with the VGA card or other PCIe cards. Noctua cannot be held responsible for any damage or losses caused by compatibility issues.

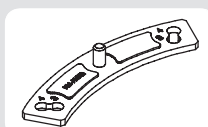
Should you encounter any difficulties, please check the FAQs on our website (www.noctua.at/faqs) and don't hesitate to contact our support team at support@noctua.at.

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Required mounting parts:



AMD stock backplate
(included with the motherboard)



2x NM-AMB8 mounting bars



4x NM-APS4
plastic spacers for
AM4



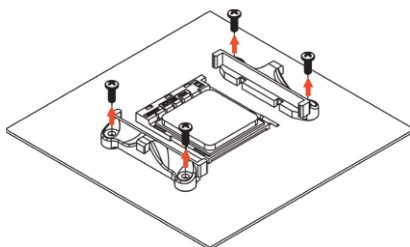
4x NM-APS5
plastic spacers for
AM2(+)/AM3(+)
FM1/FM2(+)



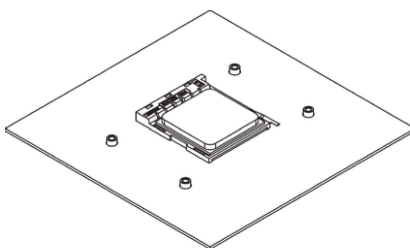
4x NM-ALS1
screws

1 Removing the stock retention module - Putting the backplate in place

If your motherboard comes with a pre-installed CPU cooler retention module, please first remove it by unscrewing it from the backplate. The SecuFirm2™ mounting system will install directly to the stock backplate, so please keep it in place.



If your motherboard does not come with a pre-installed CPU cooler retention module, the AMD stock backplate should be included with the motherboard accessories. Please put the backplate on the rear side of the motherboard so that the screw-threads of the backplate stick through the mounting holes of the motherboard as shown below. If your motherboard does not include a stock backplate, please contact Noctua customer support at support@noctua.at.



2 Attaching the mounting bars

Please first choose the correct set of plastic spacers and the correct set of holes on the mounting bars depending on whether you are using a socket AM4 or a socket AM2(+)/AM3(+)/FM1/FM2(+)

AM4



NM-APS4 (grey)

AM2(+)/AM3(+)
FM1/FM2(+)



NM-APS5 (white)

Use the grey NM-APS4 spacers for AM4 and the white NM-APS5 spacers for AM2(+)/AM3(+)/FM1/FM2(+).

Use the set of holes marked with "4" for AM4 and the set of holes marked with "3" for AM2(+)/AM3(+)/FM1/FM2(+).

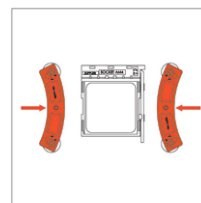
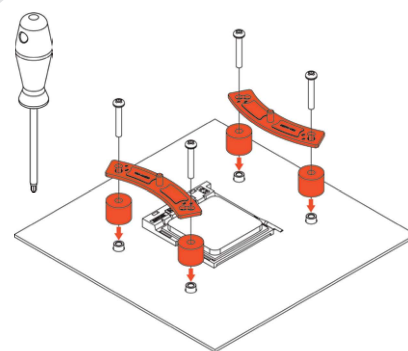
AM4



AM2(+)/AM3(+)
FM1/FM2(+)



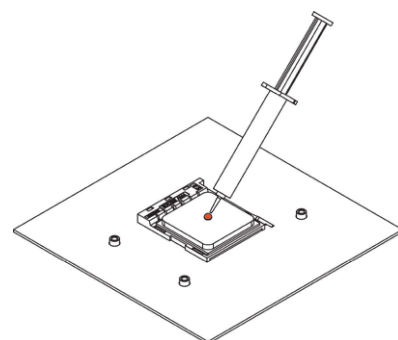
First put the plastic spacers onto the screw threads of the backplate, then fix the mounting bars using the four long screws.



Make sure that the curved sides of the mounting bars are pointing outwards.

3 Applying the thermal paste

If there are residual traces of thermal paste or thermal pads on your CPU, please clean them off first. Then press a small drop (4-5mm diameter) of NT-H1 onto the centre of the heatspreader.

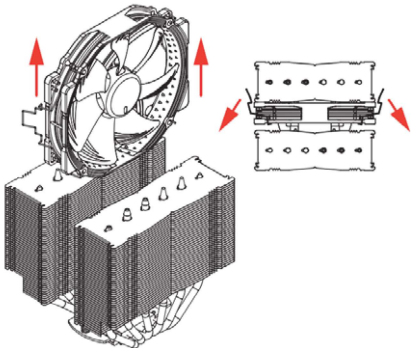




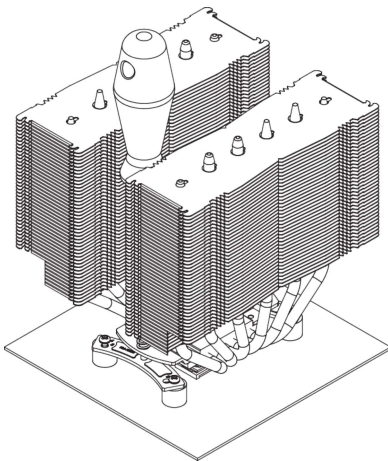
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4 Fastening the heatsink to the CPU

Caution: Please first take off the center fan as well as the protection cover at the bottom side of the heatsink.



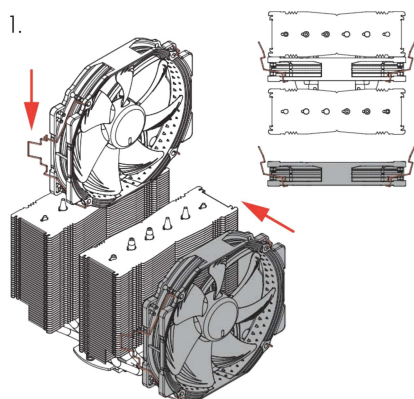
Then put the heatsink onto the CPU and screw it to the screw threads of the mounting bars. Perform 2-3 turns on each screw, then repeat until both are fully tightened.



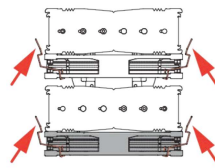
Caution: Gently tighten the screws until they stop, but don't use excessive force (max. torque 0.6 Nm).

5 Fan Setup

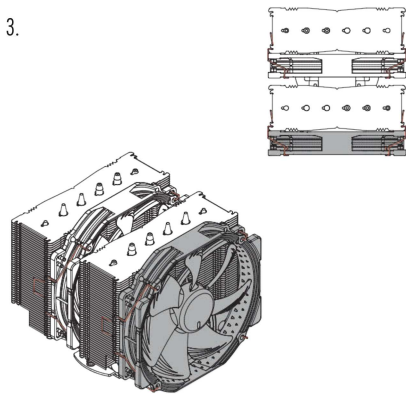
Reattach the centre fan and, optionally, install the second fan (in grey) using the supplied steel clips:



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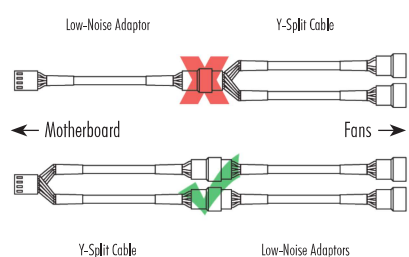


Use the heatsink with the centre fan only in order to guarantee best compatibility with tall RAM modules. Add the second fan to the front fin-stack for further improved cooling performance.

Connect the fan(s) to the motherboard's CPU fan header(s). If necessary, use the supplied NA-YC1 y-split cable to connect both fans to one fan header.

Depending on your CPU and the temperature inside the case, you may interconnect the supplied NA-RC7 Low-Noise Adaptors (L.N.A.) in order to further reduce the fans' operating noise.

Caution: Never use one adaptor for both fans by putting it before the y-split cable.



Caution: When using the L.N.A.s, check the temperature of your CPU using appropriate software (e.g. the respective applications of your motherboard manufacturer), in order to evade automatic throttling of the CPU due to the increased temperature. If the cooling performance is insufficient, please increase case ventilation or remove the L.N.A.s.

! Transporting your system

As it is not possible to reliably calculate or control the forces that act upon a system during transport (e.g. in shipping), we generally recommend, for safety reasons, taking the cooler off. Noctua cannot be held responsible for any damage that may arise due to excessive stress during transport if you keep the heatsink installed.

! Warranty, Support and FAQs

Even with high-grade products and strict quality control, the possibility of defects cannot be eliminated entirely. Therefore, we aim at providing the highest possible level of reliability and convenience by offering a warranty period of 6 years and direct, fast and straightforward RMA service.

Should you encounter any problems with your NH-D15, please don't hesitate to contact our support team (support@noctua.at).

Please also consult the FAQ section on our website: www.noctua.at/faqs.