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## *Chapter 3*

# **Award BIOS**

This chapter tells how to configure the system parameters. You may update your BIOS via AWARD Flash Utility.



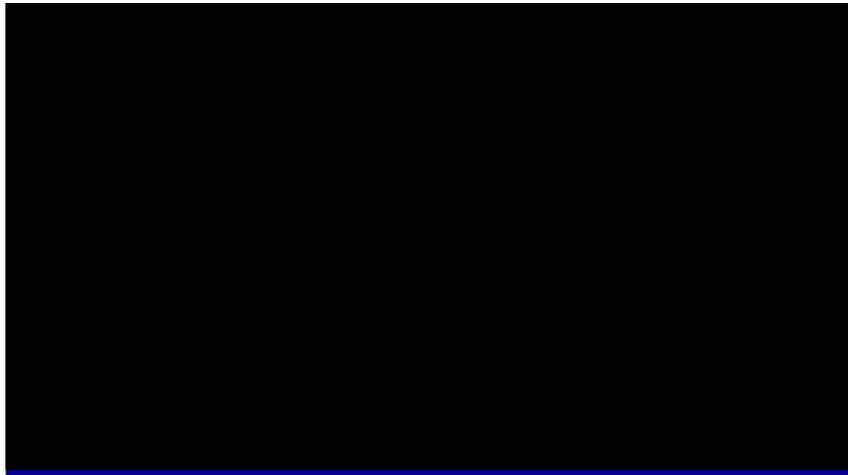
**Important:** *Because the BIOS code is the most often changed part of the motherboard design, the BIOS information contained in this chapter (especially the Chipset Setup parameters) may be a little different compared to the actual BIOS that came with your motherboard.*

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## 3.1 Entering the Award BIOS Setup Menu

The BIOS setup utility is a segment of codes/routines residing in the BIOS Flash ROM. This routine allows you to configure the system parameters and save the configuration into the 128 byte CMOS area, (normally in the RTC chip or directly in the main chipset). To enter the BIOS Setup, press **DEL** during POST (Power-On Self Test). The BIOS Setup Main Menu appears as follows.



**Tip:** Choose "Load Setup Defaults" for recommended optimal performance. Choose "Load Turbo Defaults" for best performance with light system loading. Refer to section 3.7.

The section at the bottom of the screen tells how to control the screen. Use the arrow keys to move between items, F9 to change language, ESC to exit, and F10 to save the changes before exit. Another section at the bottom of the screen displays a brief description of the highlighted item.

After selecting an item, press Enter to select or enter a submenu.