

## HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

→ **NOTE :** Static electricity may cause damage to the integrated circuits on the mainboard. Before handling any mainboard outside of its protective packaging, ensure that there is no static electric charge in your body.

Observe any or all of these basic precautions when handling the mainboard or other computer components:

- Wear a static wrist strap which fits around your wrist and is connected to a natural earth ground.
  - Touch a grounded or anti-static surface or a metal fixture such as a water pipe.
  - Avoid contact with the components on add-on cards, boards and modules and with the "golden finger" connectors plugged into the expansion slot. It is best to handle system components by their mounting bracket.
- Above methods either prevent static build-up or cause it to be discharged properly.

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