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CX3172i XL

17" DEEP 3U CHASSIS
1 × 5.25" BAY · ATX PSU

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In this guide

This guide covers chassis access, component installation, and reassembly.

Choose your cooling configuration and check component clearances before starting assembly. Supported components may compete for the same space.

Before installation: Follow the installation instructions supplied with your motherboard, power supply, graphics card, and cooler.

Maintenance: Before opening a chassis that already has components installed, switch the system off and unplug it.

Fasteners: Tighten chassis fasteners by hand. Do not force a screw that does not thread correctly.

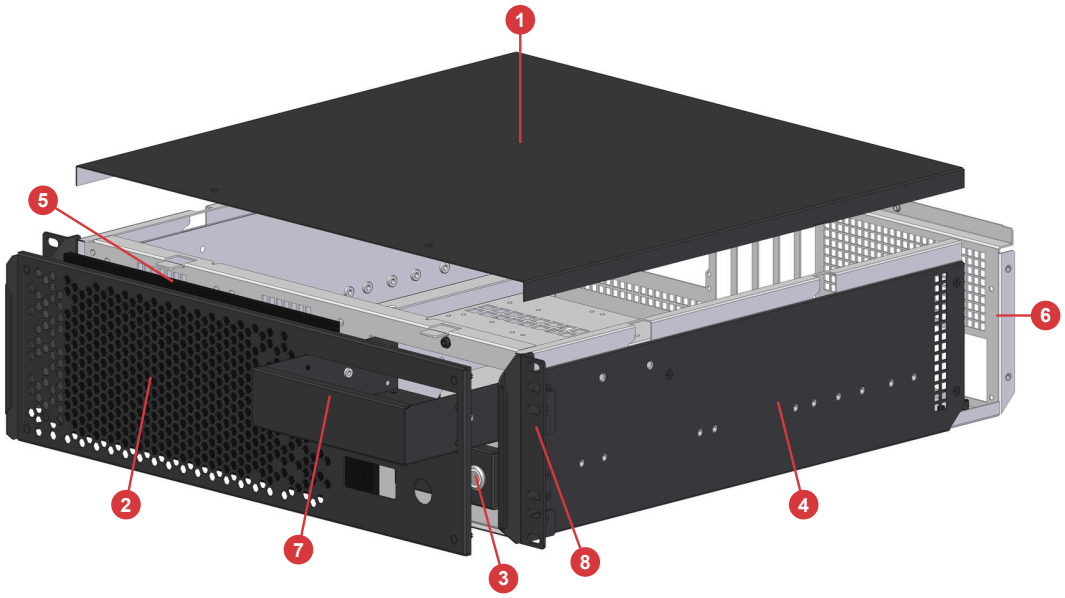
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Exploded assembly & part key

Assembly part key

No.	Part	Related procedure
1	Lid	Remove the lid (page 8)
2	Faceplate	Remove the faceplate & filter (page 9)
3	Front I/O assembly	Front ports & connections (page 7)
4	Chassis wrap	Main chassis body
5	Filter foam	Remove the faceplate & filter (page 9)
6	Motherboard tray	Remove the motherboard tray (page 10)
7	5.25-inch bay filler blank	Fit 5.25-inch devices or the filler blank (page 20)
8	Rack ear & pull handle	Install rack ears & handles (page 11)

See the hardware-kit page for the supplied fasteners and rack hardware.

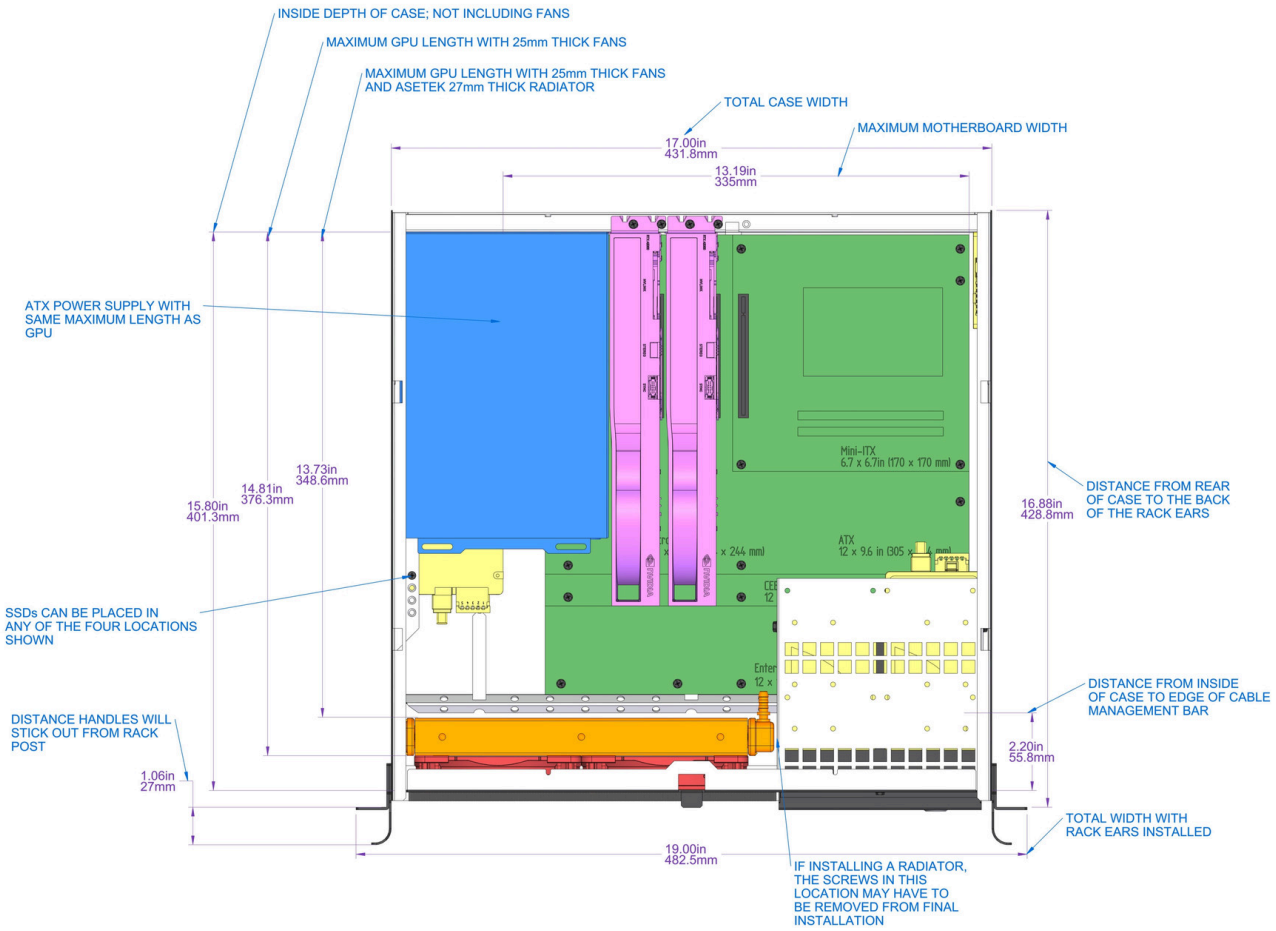


Clearance drawing — top view

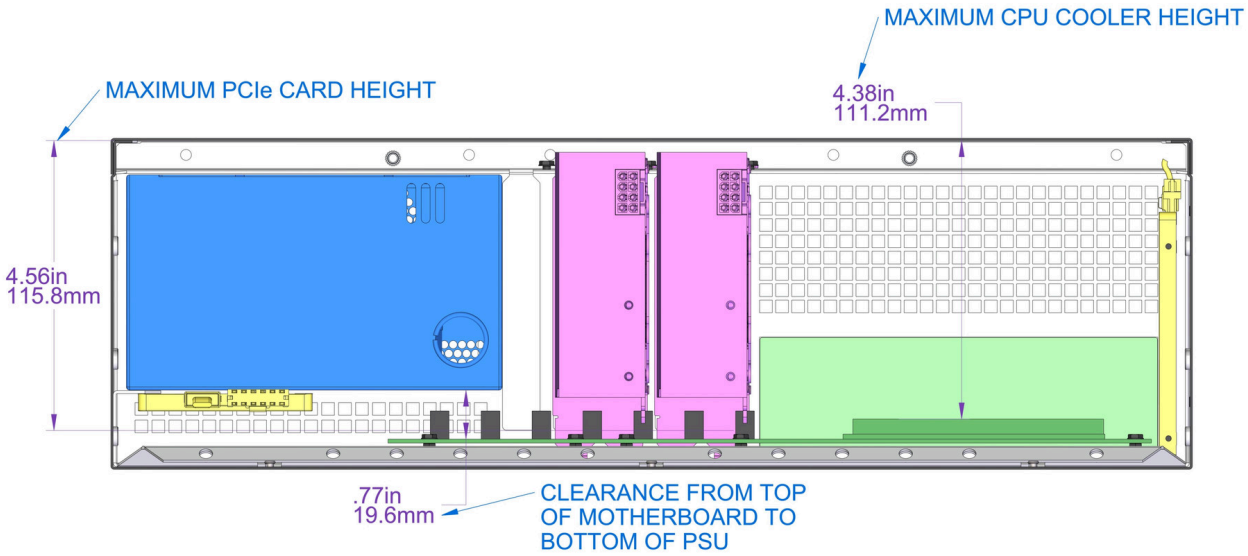
The top-view drawing shows the XL motherboard tray (up to 12.8 × 13-inch boards), the power supply, the 5.25-inch bay, the front cooling layout, the cable-management bar, and the GPU length available with each front cooling arrangement.

ⓘ Drawing dimensions are nominal. For compatibility, use the limits on the compatibility page.

ⓘ The note beside the radiator end marks where a radiator can touch the screws retaining a 5.25-inch device. Use countersunk screws there or leave them out; see Fit 5.25-inch devices or the filler blank (page 20).



Front-view component clearances



The front-view drawing illustrates expansion-card height, CPU-cooler height, and the power supply position.

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Dimensions & compatibility

Component	Specification
Outer dimensions, D × W × H	431.8 × 431.8 × 132.59 mm (17 × 17 × 5.22 inches)
Rack size	3U · 19-inch rack
Power supply	ATX, up to 268 mm long including connectors
Motherboard	Mini-ITX, Deep Mini-ITX, MicroATX, Deep MicroATX, ATX, EATX, SSI-CEB; SSI-EEB up to 12 × 13 inches and XL-ATX/EATX up to 12.8 × 13 inches. The PSU limits ATX and larger boards to five PCIe slots
CPU air cooler	Up to 110 mm tall
Front cooling	Two 120 mm fans; up to 38 mm thick
Liquid cooling	One 240 mm or one 120 mm radiator; radiator length up to 277 mm
Rear cooling	Optional PCIe fan adapters
Front bays	One 5.25-inch bay with a removable filler blank
Expansion	Five full-height PCIe slots; cards up to 115 mm tall including power connectors
Storage	9 × 2.5-inch and 2 × 3.5-inch mounting locations: tray 2 (under the PSU, beside the motherboard); bay filler blank 4, or one 3.5-inch plus two 2.5-inch; bay bracket top 2, or one 3.5-inch; under the bay bracket 1

GPU length by cooling configuration

Configuration	Maximum length
No front fans or radiator	395 mm
Two 25 mm front fans	375 mm
Asetek 240 mm AIO with two 25 mm front fans	347 mm

ⓘ Radiator thickness, fan thickness and GPU length together must be less than 395 mm. Four-fan push-pull is not officially supported. The bay has no filler blank while it holds a 5.25-inch device, and not every mounting location can be used at the same time.

Hardware kit

Match the **letter and color** here to the references beside the installation illustrations and in each procedure. All rackmount chassis use screwbag **SBAG-HWKIT** (items A–F).

A 6-32 × 0.25-inch hex screws — 45 ×

Yellow-marked · Motherboard, PSU, HDDs, and PCIe accessories.



B M3 × 0.5 screws, 5 mm long — 10 ×

Red-marked · 2.5-inch SSDs and some 3.5-inch accessories.



C 6-32 hex standoffs — 20 ×

Teal in drawings; black, unpatched hardware · 0.125-inch and 0.25-inch lengths. Install in the motherboard tray.



D M3 screws (5 mm thread) — 16 ×

Blue-marked · 2.5-inch SSDs and some 3.5-inch accessories.



E 6-32 × 0.25-inch flat-head screws — 10 ×

Green-marked · Motherboard tray, subfront, internal brackets, and front I/O bracket.



F M4 × 7 mm screws — 7 ×

Pink-marked · Rack ears and pull handles.



G Slot covers — 8 ×

Cover unused PCIe slots.



H Rack ears — 1 pair

Secure the chassis to the rack.



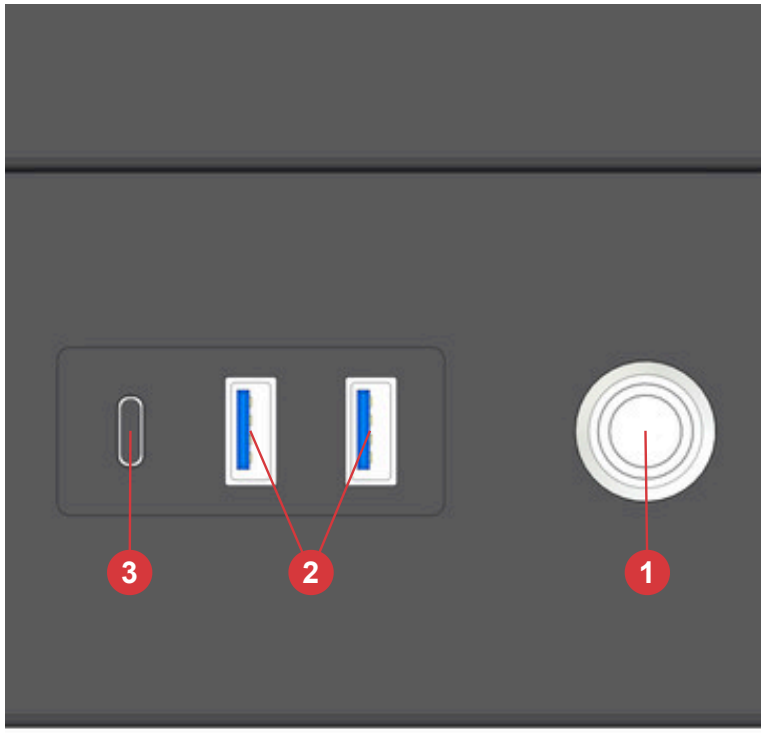
I Pull handles — 1 pair

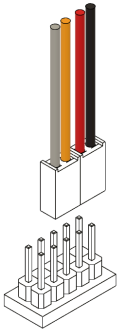
Optional handles make pulling the chassis from the rack easier.



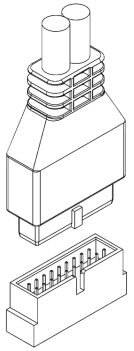
ⓘ Items G–I are separate chassis/accessory items. Illustrations are not to scale. Fan and radiator fasteners are supplied with the cooling components.

Front ports & connections

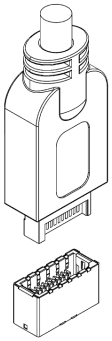




Power switch & status light



USB Type-A ports



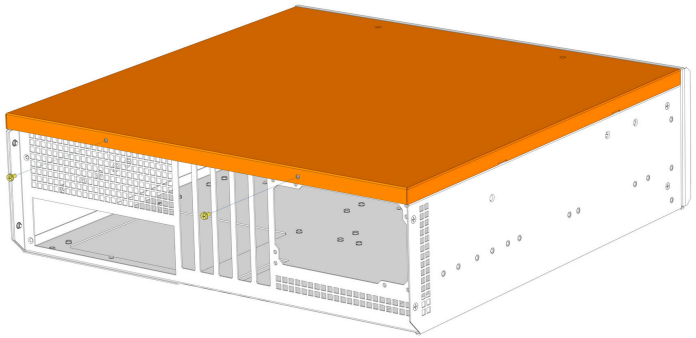
USB Type-C port

No.	Port / connection
1	**Power switch & status light** 16 mm momentary switch with status light. Connect switch and LED leads to the front-panel header; observe the motherboard's LED polarity markings.
2	**USB Type-A ports** Two USB 3.0 Type-A ports, connected through the keyed internal USB cable shown.
3	**USB Type-C port** One USB 3.2 Type-C 10 Gbps port, connected through the internal Type-E cable shown. Requires a matching motherboard header.

ⓘ Use your motherboard manual to identify matching headers and pin assignments. The numbered front-panel locations correspond to the connector drawings and legend.

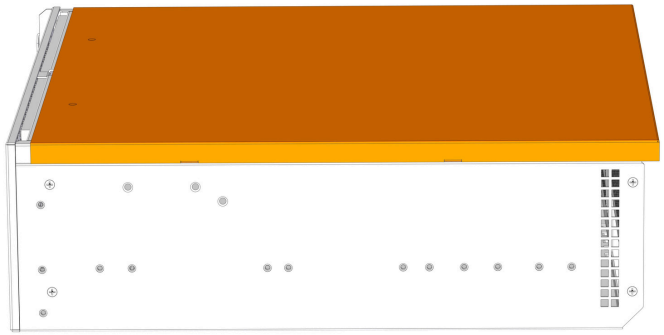
Remove the lid

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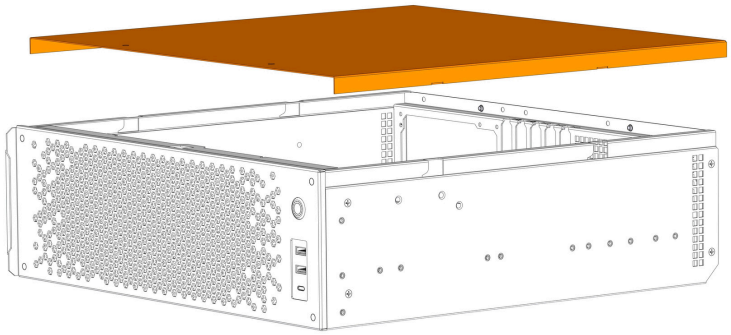


A Yellow

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1. Remove the screws

Remove the two yellow-patched 6-32 screws **(A)** along the upper rear edge that secure the lid to the motherboard tray.

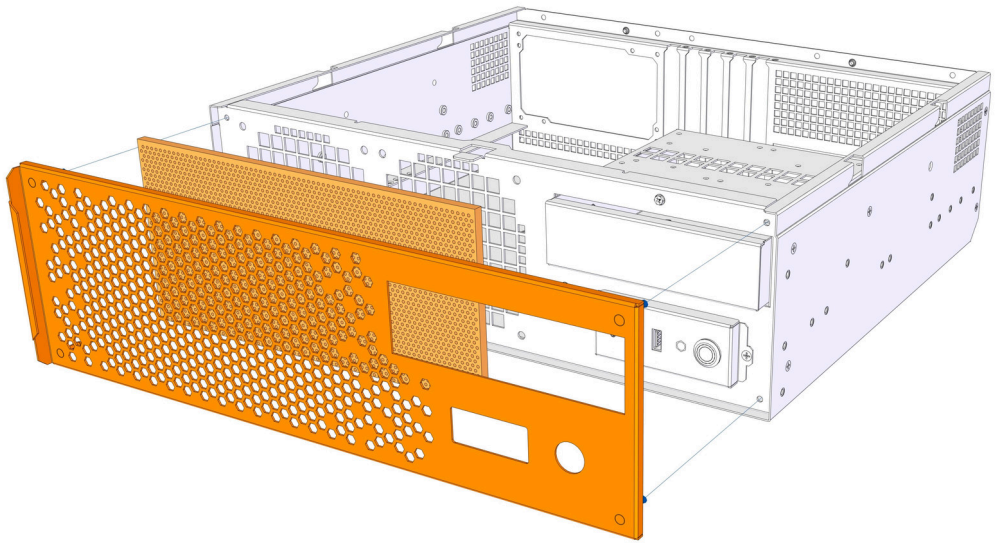
2. Slide the lid back

Push the lid toward the rear of the chassis.

3. Lift the lid away

Check that the lid flanges have cleared the chassis slots. Lift the lid up and away.

Remove the faceplate & filter



1. Release the left side

Pull on the left-side handle of the faceplate until its locating pins disengage, approximately ½ inch.

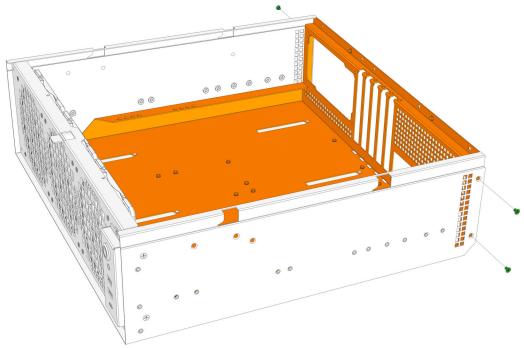
2. Release the right side

Gently pull the right side outward to remove the faceplate and dust filter.

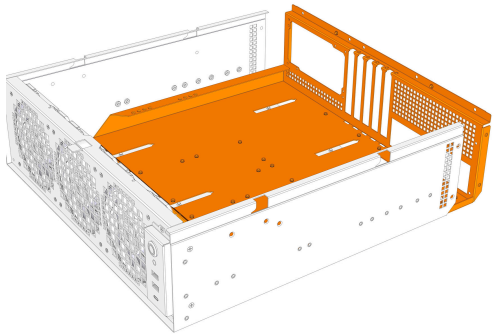
Keep the faceplate and filter aside while installing front fans or a radiator.

Remove the motherboard tray

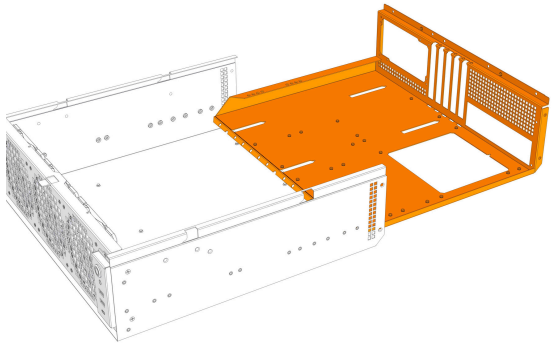
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E Green

ⓘ Removing the tray is optional, but can make component installation easier.

1. Remove the tray screws

Remove the four green-patched 6-32 screws (E) securing the tray's rear panel to the chassis, two on each side.

2. Slide the tray back

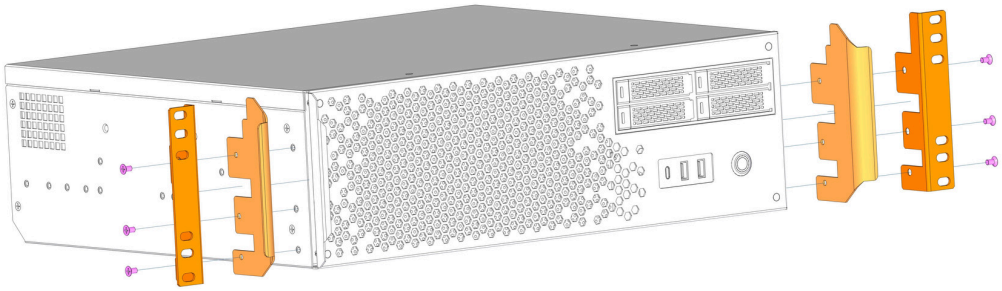
Move the tray toward the rear until all six round metal tabs disengage from the tray.

3. Lift the tray out

Lift only after the tray has cleared the tabs. Do not force it upward while it remains engaged.

Install rack ears & handles

F Pink | H | I



1. Align the hardware

If using pull handles, stack the rack ears (H) over the pull handles (I) with the handle facing away from the faceplate.

Rack ears can also be installed without handles.

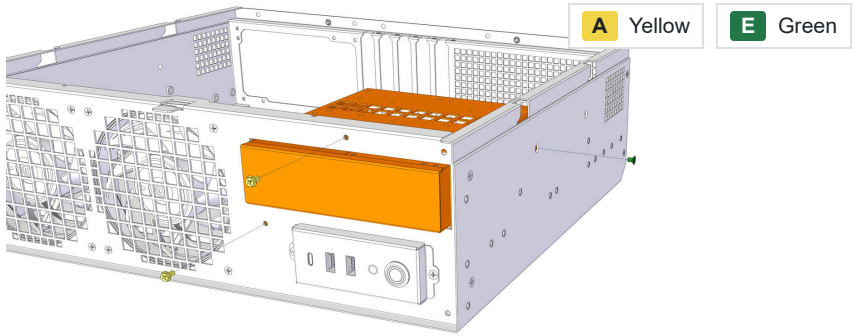
2. Secure both sides

Install 6 pink-marked M4 × 7 mm screws (F) in total, 3 on each side, through the rack ears and handles into the chassis. Tighten by hand.

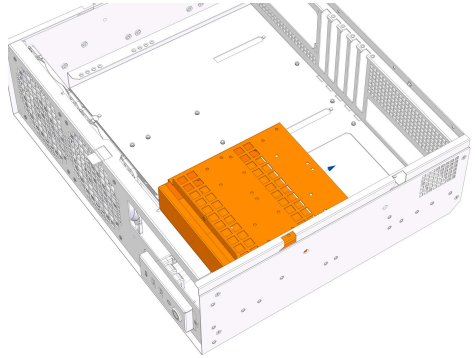
ⓘ Rack-slide installation depends on the rail kit. Follow the instructions supplied with the selected kit.

Remove the 5.25-inch bay bracket

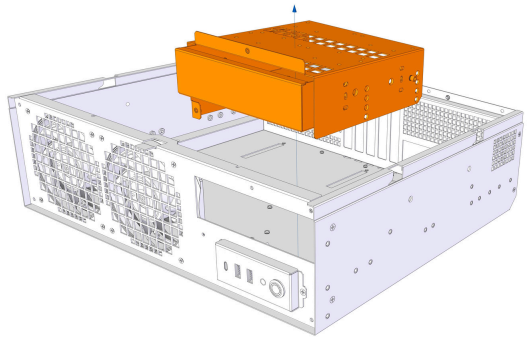
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Removing the 5.25-inch bay bracket gives access to its filler blank and drive positions and makes cooling and motherboard installation easier.

1. Remove the bracket screws

Remove the yellow-patched 6-32 screws **(A)** at the front and the green-patched 6-32 screws **(E)** at the side of the chassis that secure the bay bracket.

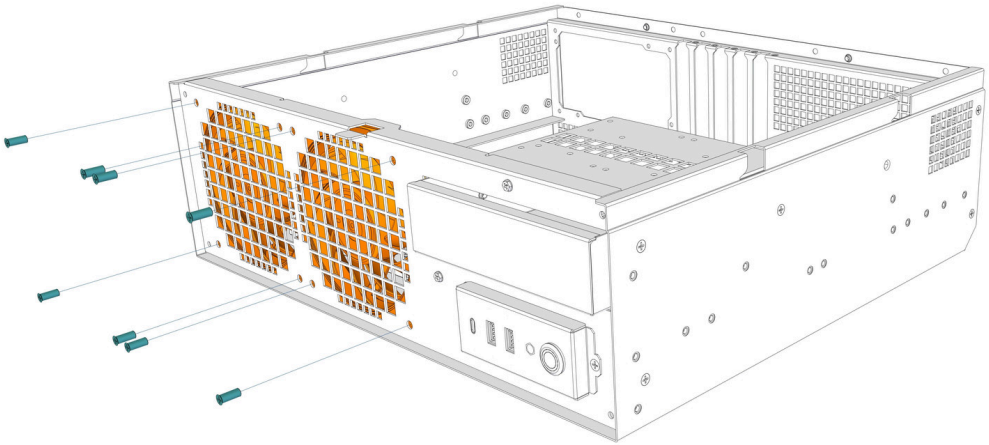
2. Slide the bracket back

Slide the bracket toward the rear of the chassis until it clears the front panel.

3. Lift the bracket out

Lift the bracket up and out of the chassis. Disconnect drive cables first if drives are already installed.

Install front fans



1. Align the fans

Align two 120 mm fans with the front mounting panel. Each fan uses four mounting points, eight in total.

2. Secure the fans

Use the self-tapping fan screws supplied with your fans. Pass them through the mounting panel and into the fan frames.

Tighten sufficiently to prevent movement and vibration.

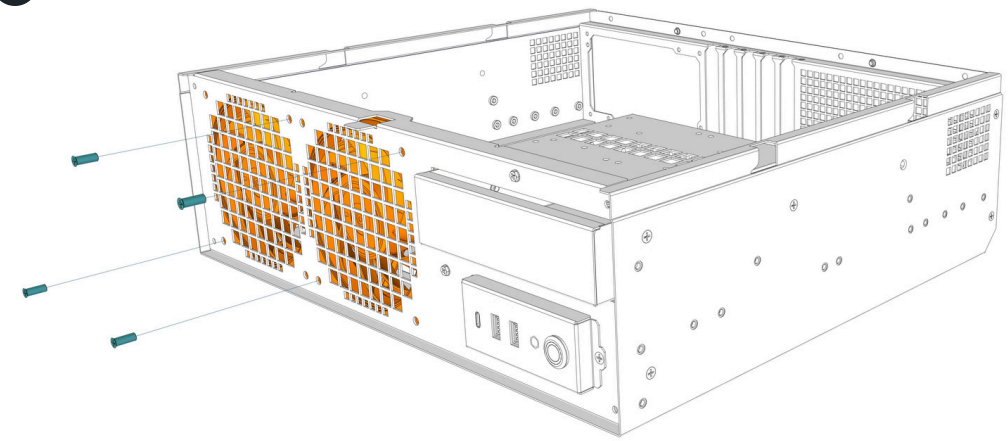
Check GPU clearance

With two 25 mm front fans, maximum GPU length is **375 mm**. Thicker fans reduce available space.

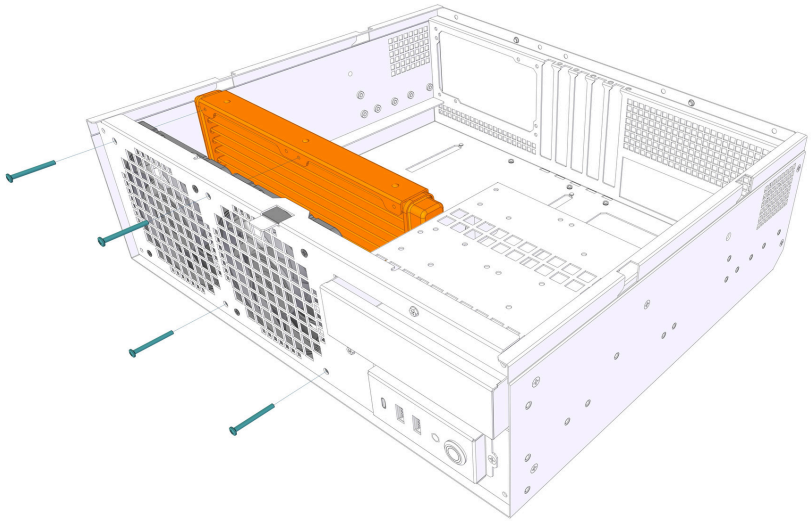
For an AIO configuration, continue to the next section before selecting mounting screws.

Install a front AIO radiator

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1. Position the fans

Place two 120 mm fans between the subfront and the 240 mm radiator. Remove any fan screws occupying the radiator mounting positions.

2. Align and secure the assembly

Align all eight mounting points in the panel, fans, and radiator. Use the cooler manufacturer's specified radiator screws through the panel and fan frames into the radiator.

Incorrect screw length can damage the radiator. Check that the radiator clears the front I/O assembly and the 5.25-inch bay bracket before tightening.

Check component clearance

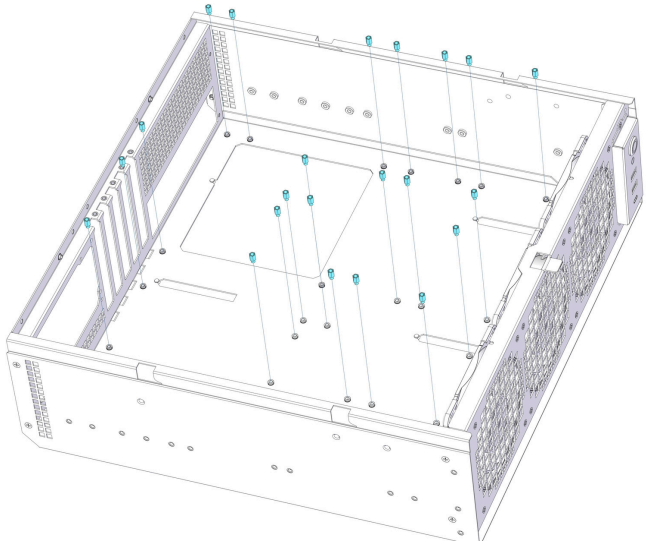
With the specified Asetek 240 mm AIO and two 25 mm fans, maximum GPU length is **347 mm**. A single 120 mm radiator mounts in the same position. Radiators up to 277 mm long fit.

ⓘ **5.25-inch device screws:** a 240 mm radiator can touch a hex-head screw retaining a device in the bay. Use a countersunk screw in that position, red-patched M3 × 0.5 screws, 5 mm long (B) or green-patched 6-32 screws (E) to match the device's thread, or leave it out; see Fit 5.25-inch devices or the filler blank (page 20).

ⓘ Four-fan push-pull is not officially supported.

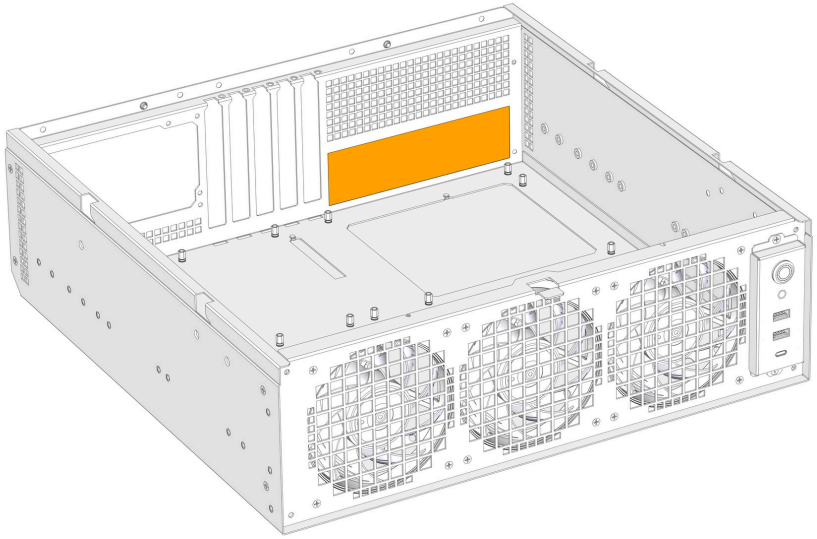
Prepare the motherboard tray

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C Teal

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1. Install the standoffs

Match standoff positions to the mounting holes on your motherboard. Install the black hex standoffs **(C)** into the corresponding threaded locations on the tray.

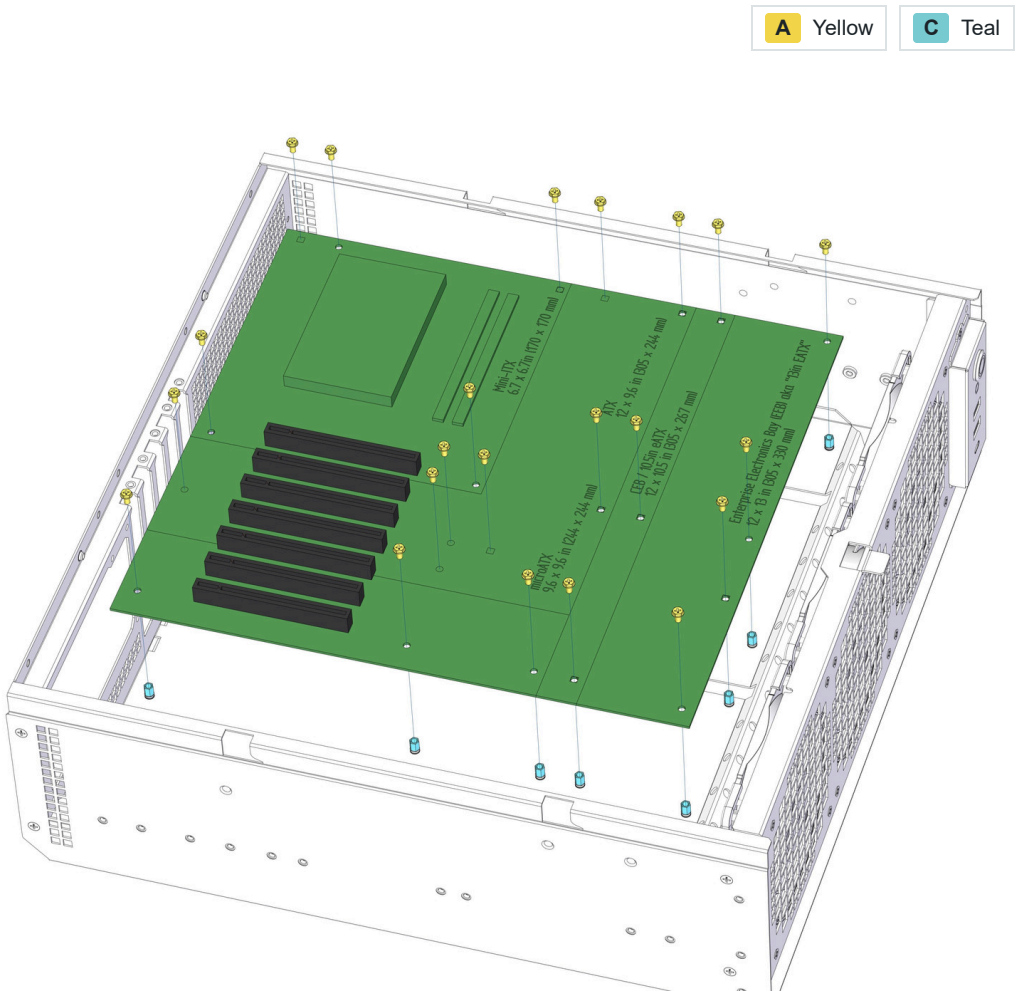
Do not leave an extra standoff beneath a part of the board without a mounting hole.

2. Install the I/O shield

If your motherboard has a separate I/O shield, orient it to match the motherboard ports and press it into the rectangular opening in the tray's rear panel.

ⓘ Skip this step if the I/O shield is integrated into the motherboard.

Install the motherboard



1. Lower the motherboard

Place the motherboard onto the black hex standoffs **(C)**. Align its rear ports with the I/O opening and its mounting holes with the standoffs.

2. Secure the board

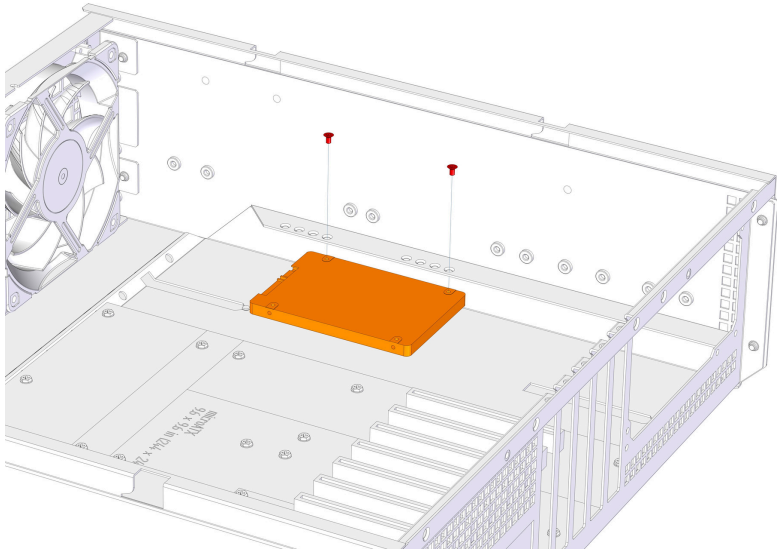
Install yellow-patched 6-32 screws **(A)** through the board and into the standoffs.

Tighten by hand to avoid damaging the board or loosening the standoffs during future removal.

Follow your motherboard's instructions for CPU, memory, M.2 drives, and cable connections.

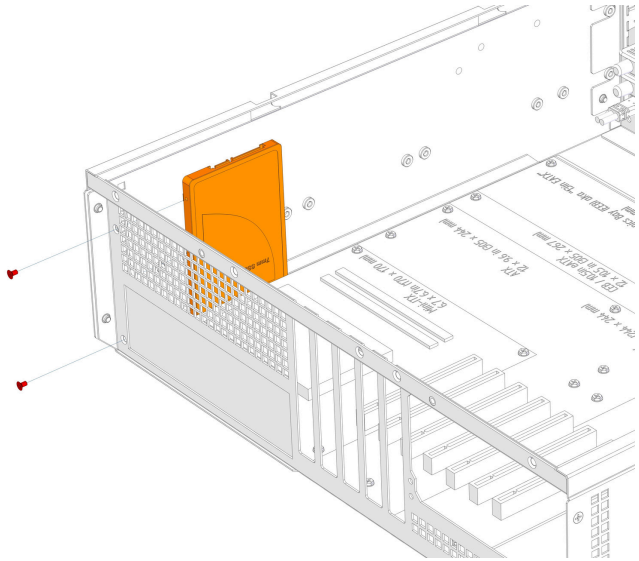
Install 2.5-inch SSDs

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B Red

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B Red

The motherboard tray has two 2.5-inch mounting locations: one flat under the power supply and one upright beside the motherboard.

1. Mount the SSD under the PSU

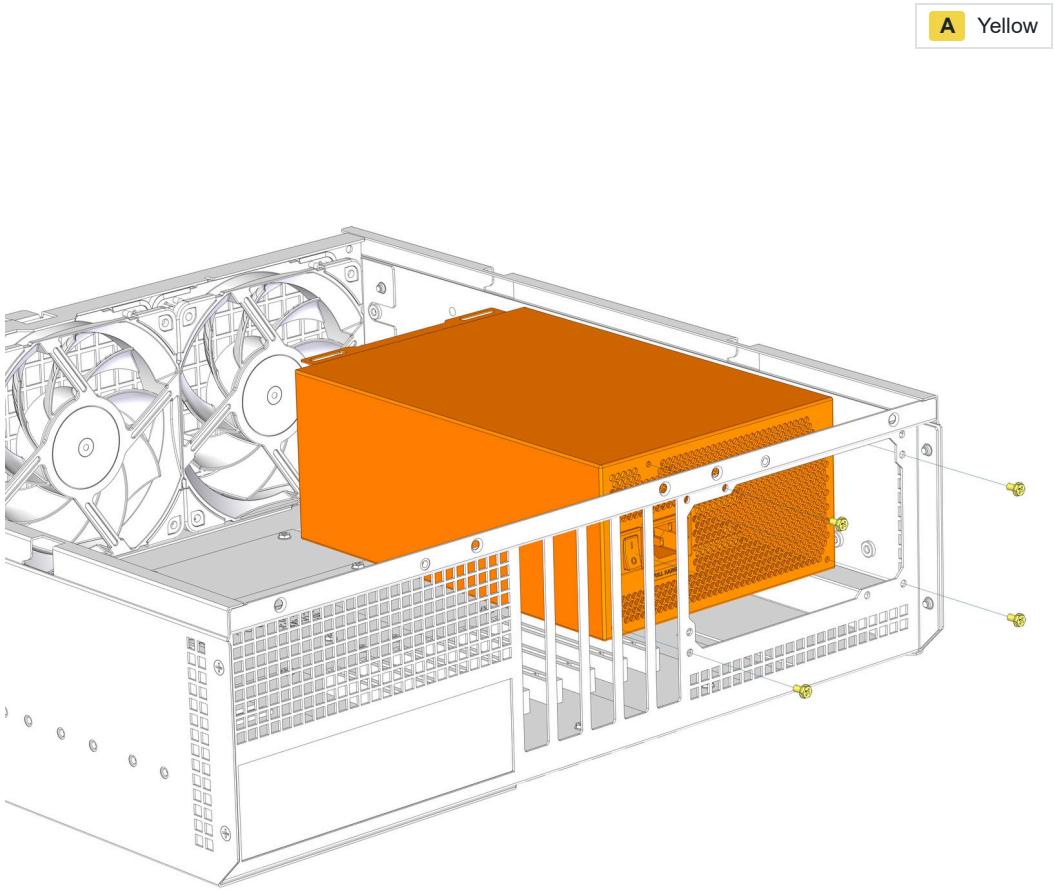
Before installing the PSU, place the SSD flat on the tray, align its mounting holes and secure it with red-patched M3 × 0.5 screws, 5 mm long (B) through the tray.

2. Mount the SSD beside the motherboard

Position the second SSD upright with its connectors facing upward and secure it with red-patched M3 × 0.5 screws, 5 mm long (B) through the tray wall.

ⓘ For M.2 storage, follow the motherboard's installation instructions.

Install the power supply



1. Position the ATX power supply

Lower the ATX PSU into its mounting location on the motherboard tray, above the edge of the motherboard. Install the SSD under the PSU first; see Install 2.5-inch SSDs (page 17).

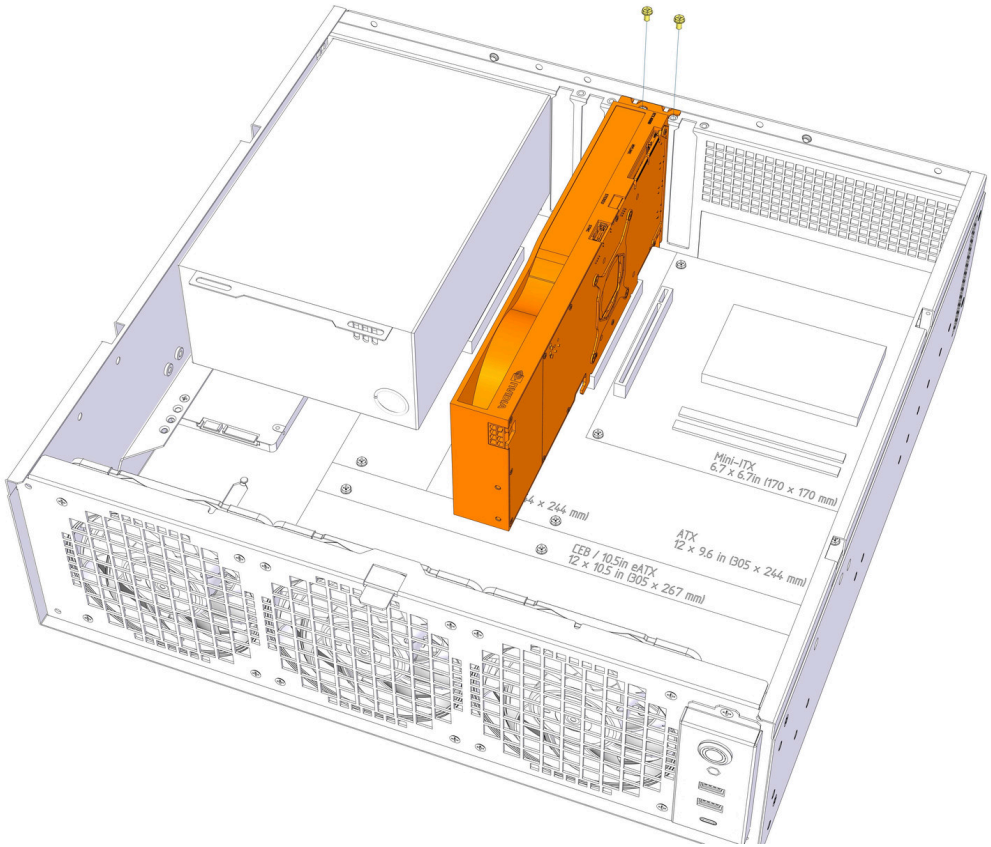
2. Secure the PSU

Install yellow-patched 6-32 screws **(A)** through the tray's rear panel into the PSU. Tighten by hand and route cables clear of tray engagement points.

ⓘ Maximum PSU length is **268 mm including connectors**. The PSU overlaps the edge of SSI-CEB, EATX and ATX motherboards, which limits them to five PCIe slots, and leaves 19.6 mm above the board: some USB headers may need low-profile adapters.

Install a GPU or PCIe card

A Yellow G



1. Prepare the slot

Select the PCIe slot specified by your motherboard manual. Remove the corresponding chassis slot covers and open the motherboard slot latch, if present.

2. Seat the card

Align the card with the motherboard slot and rear bracket opening. Lower it carefully and apply gentle, even pressure until fully seated.

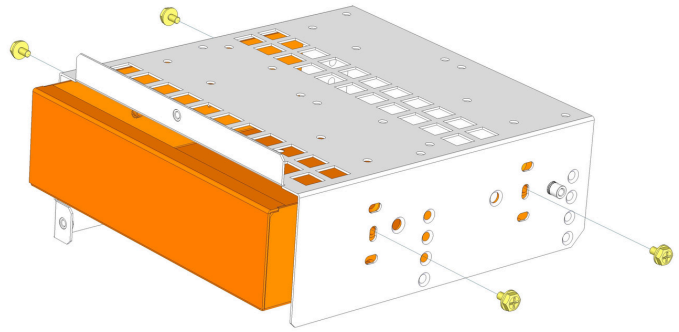
3. Secure the bracket

Fasten the card's mounting bracket to the tray with yellow-patched 6-32 screws **(A)**. Fit slot covers **(G)** over unused openings and secure them with yellow-patched 6-32 screws **(A)**.

ⓘ Card height, including power connectors, must remain within **115 mm**. Check the cooling-dependent length limits before installation.

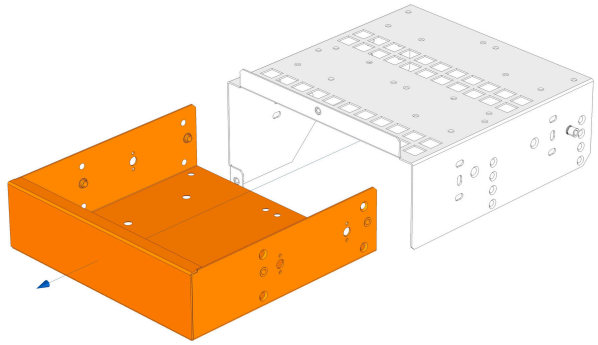
Fit 5.25-inch devices or the filler blank

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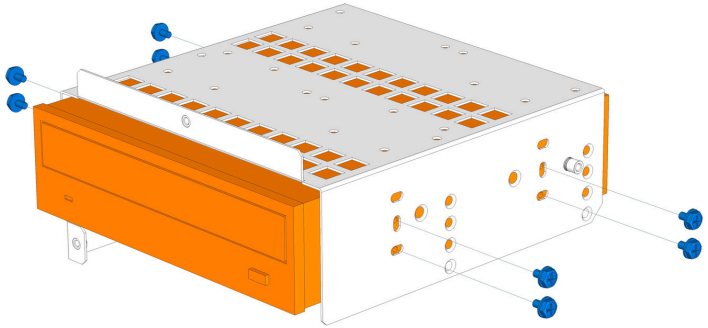


A Yellow

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D Blue

The bay holds either the filler blank or a 5.25-inch device.

1. Remove the filler blank

Remove the yellow-patched 6-32 screws **(A)** securing the filler blank to the bay bracket.

2. Slide the filler blank out

Slide the filler blank out of the front of the bracket. To mount drives on the blank instead, see Mount drives on the filler blank (page 21), then refit it with the same yellow-patched 6-32 screws **(A)**.

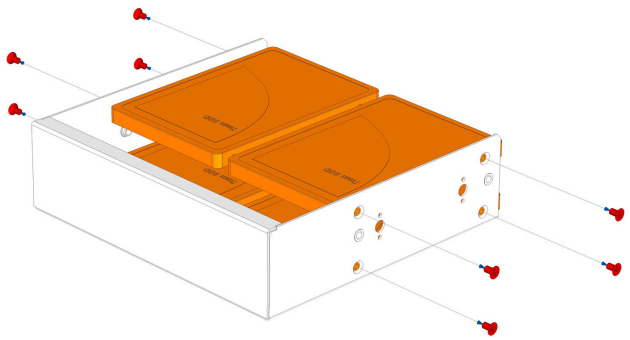
3. Install the 5.25-inch device

Slide the device into the bracket. Align its mounting holes with the bracket and secure it with blue-patched M3 screws **(D)** on both sides. A 5.25-inch to 3.5-inch device adapter is available separately.

ⓘ **With a 240 mm AIO:** the radiator can touch a hex-head screw retaining a 5.25-inch device on the radiator side of the bay bracket. Use a countersunk (flat-head) screw in that position instead, red-patched M3 × 0.5 screws, 5 mm long **(B)** for M3-threaded devices or green-patched 6-32 screws **(E)** for 6-32-threaded devices, or leave that screw out.

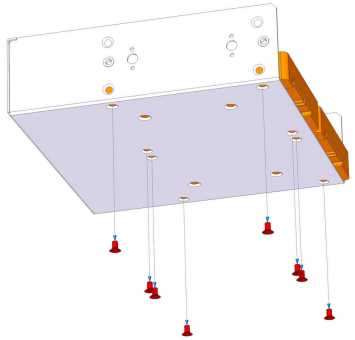
Mount drives on the filler blank

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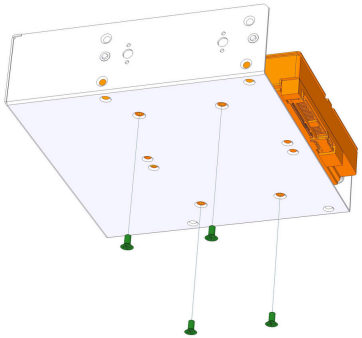
B Red

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B Red

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E Green

Each 5.25-inch bay filler blank holds either four 2.5-inch SSDs, or one 3.5-inch HDD and up to two 2.5-inch SSDs.

1. Mount 2.5-inch SSDs

Place the SSDs on the blank, align their mounting holes with the holes in the blank, and secure each drive with red-patched M3 × 0.5 screws, 5 mm long (B).

2. Or mount two 15 mm SSDs

Two SSDs up to 15 mm thick mount through the bottom holes of the blank, each secured with red-patched M3 × 0.5 screws, 5 mm long (B).

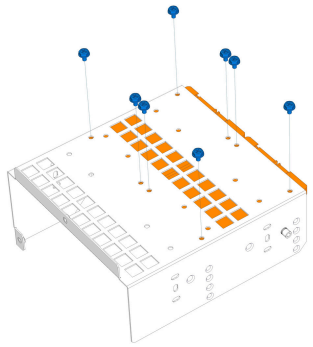
3. Or mount a 3.5-inch HDD

Align the HDD's bottom mounting holes with the holes in the blank and install four green-patched 6-32 screws (E) through the blank into the drive. Two 2.5-inch SSDs can still be mounted alongside the HDD.

ⓘ Mount drives on the blank before fitting the blank in the bay bracket, and route their cables clear of the front cooling assembly.

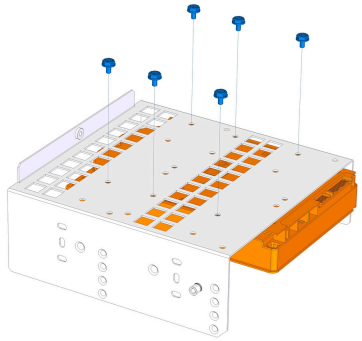
Mount drives on the bay bracket

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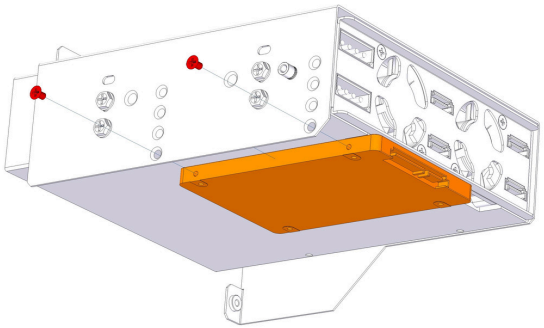
D Blue

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E Green

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B Red

The bay bracket has further drive positions: two 2.5-inch SSDs or one 3.5-inch HDD on its top, and one 2.5-inch SSD underneath.

1. Mount two SSDs on top

Align the SSDs with the mounting holes in the top of the bracket and secure each drive with blue-patched M3 screws (D) through the bracket.

2. Or mount a 3.5-inch HDD on top

Align the HDD with the mounting holes in the top of the bracket and secure it with four green-patched 6-32 screws (E) through the bracket.

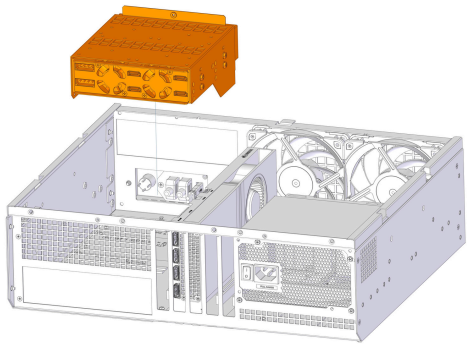
3. Mount an SSD under the bracket

One 2.5-inch SSD mounts on the underside of the bracket, also with a 5.25-inch device fitted. Secure it with red-patched M3 × 0.5 screws, 5 mm long (B) through the side of the bracket.

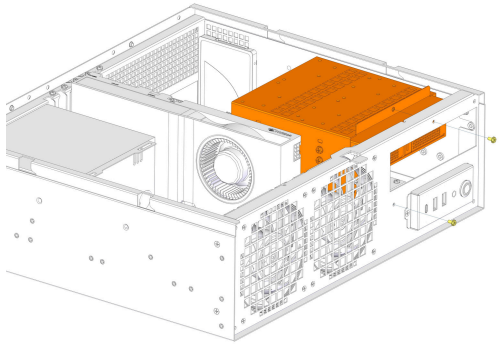
ⓘ Mount these drives while the bracket is out of the chassis. Not every position can be used at the same time; check cable routing and cooling clearance for the chosen arrangement.

Reinstall the 5.25-inch bay bracket

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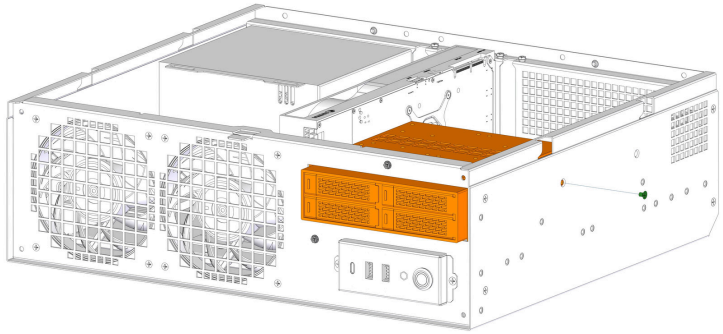


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A Yellow

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E Green

1. Place the bracket

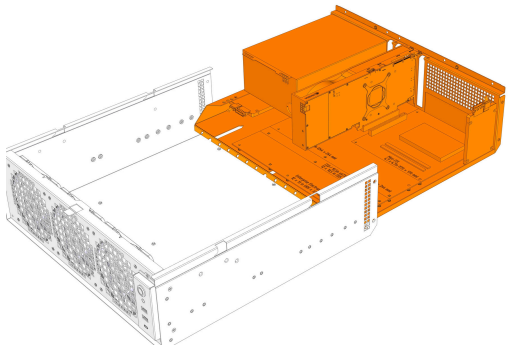
Lower the bay bracket into the chassis behind the front panel. Align the bay openings with the front panel.

2. Secure the bracket

Install the yellow-patched 6-32 screws **(A)** at the front and the green-patched 6-32 screws **(E)** at the side of the chassis. Connect power and data cables to the installed drives.

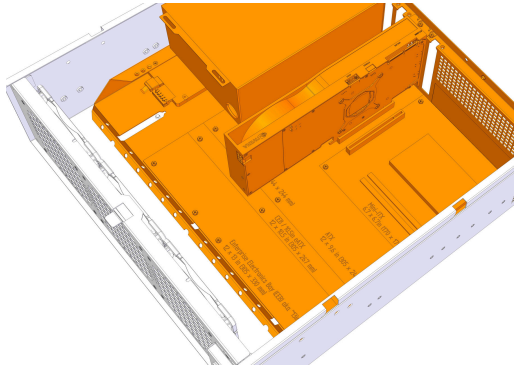
Reinstall the motherboard tray

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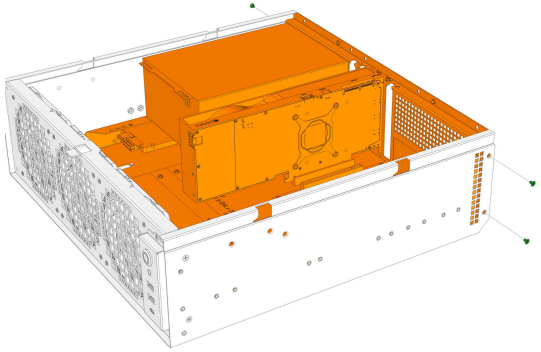


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1. Place and slide the tray

Lower the assembled tray into the chassis and slide it forward. Lift gently as needed to prevent its front edge catching on the chassis tabs.

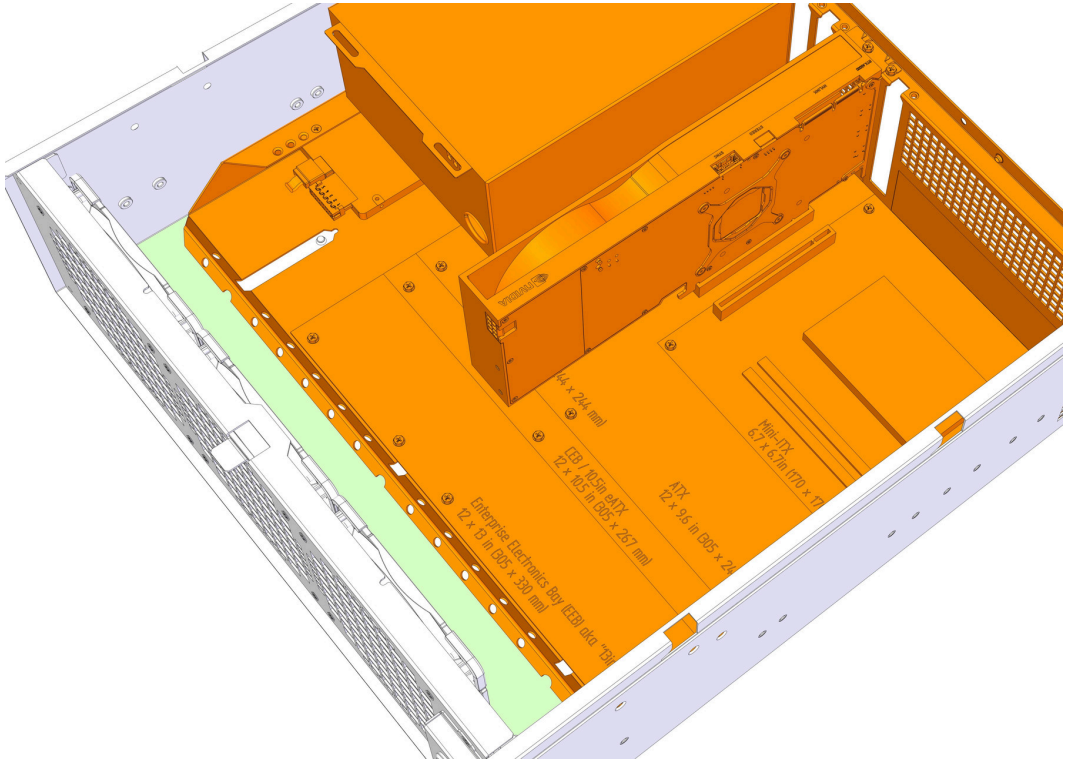
2. Engage all six tabs

Continue forward until all six tabs are seated in the tray and its rear panel sits flush against the chassis rear.

3. Secure the tray

Install four green-patched 6-32 screws (E), two on each side, through the chassis into the tray. Tighten by hand.

Route cables & close the chassis



1. Route and secure cables

Route front-panel, PCIe, power, and fan cables along the front edge of the motherboard tray's cable-management bar, highlighted in green. Bundle excess slack behind the PSU and secure it with ties.

Keep all cables clear of fan blades, drives, and the tray's engagement points. Release ties that anchor cables to the fixed chassis before removing the tray.

2. Close the chassis

Refit the filter and faceplate, aligning their locating pins. Align the lid flanges with the chassis slots, lower the lid, and slide it forward. Secure the lid with its two yellow-patched 6-32 screws **(A)**.

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