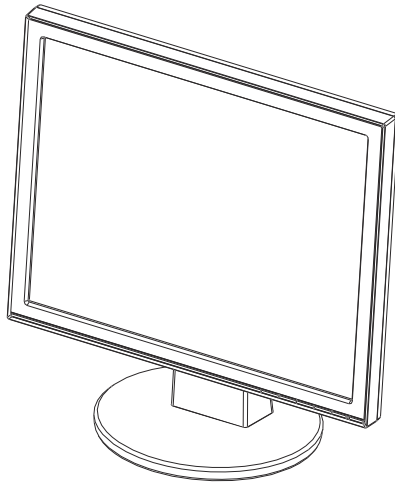


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# **VB178/VB198 Series LED Monitor**

## **User Guide**



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- This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.



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## Canadian Department of Communications Statement

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

This class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

## Safety information

- Before setting up the monitor, carefully read all the documentation that came with the package.
- To prevent fire or shock hazard, never expose the monitor to rain or moisture.
- Never try to open the monitor cabinet. The dangerous high voltages inside the monitor may result in serious physical injury.
- If the power supply is broken, do not try to fix it by yourself. Contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.
- Before using the product, make sure all cables are correctly connected and the power cables are not damaged. If you detect any damage, contact your dealer immediately.
- Slots and openings on the back or top of the cabinet are provided for ventilation. Do not block these slots. Never place this product near or over a radiator or heat source unless proper ventilation is provided.
- The monitor should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the label. If you are not sure of the type of power supply to your home, consult your dealer or local power company.
- Use the appropriate power plug which complies with your local power standard.
- Do not overload power strips and extension cords. Overloading can result in fire or electric shock.
- Avoid dust, humidity, and temperature extremes. Do not place the monitor in any area where it may become wet. Place the monitor on a stable surface.
- Unplug the unit during a lightning storm or if it will not be used for a long period of time. This will protect the monitor from damage due to power surges.
- Never push objects or spill liquid of any kind into the slots on the monitor cabinet.
- To ensure satisfactory operation, in case use at a PC then it should use the monitor only with computers which have appropriate configured receptacles marked between 100-240V AC.
- If you encounter technical problems with the monitor, contact a qualified service technician or your retailer.
- The wall socket shall be installed near the equipment and shall be easily accessible.

## Care & Cleaning

- Before you lift or reposition your monitor, it is better to disconnect the cables and power cord. Follow the correct lifting techniques when positioning the monitor. When lifting or carrying the monitor, grasp the edges of the monitor. Do not lift the display by the stand or the cord.
- Cleaning. Turn your monitor off and unplug the power cord. Clean the monitor surface with a lint-free, non-abrasive cloth. Stubborn stains may be removed with a cloth dampened with mild cleaner.
- Avoid using a cleaner containing alcohol or acetone. Use a cleaner intended for use with the LED. Never spray cleaner directly on the screen, as it may drip inside the monitor and cause an electric shock.

### The following symptoms are normal with the monitor:

- The screen may flicker during the initial use due to the nature of the fluorescent light. Turn off the Power Switch and turn it on again to make sure that the flicker disappears.
- You may find slightly uneven brightness on the screen depending on the desktop pattern you use.
- When the same image is displayed for hours, an afterimage of the previous screen may remain after switching the image. The screen will recover slowly or you can turn off the Power Switch for hours.
- When the screen becomes black or flashes, or cannot work anymore, contact your dealer or service center to fix it. Do not repair the screen by yourself!

### Conventions used in this guide



**WARNING:** Information to prevent injury to yourself when trying to complete a task.



**CAUTION:** Information to prevent damage to the components when trying to complete a task.



**IMPORTANT:** Information that you **MUST** follow to complete a task.



**NOTE:** Tips and additional information to aid in completing a task.

## **Where to find more information**

Refer to the following sources for additional information and for product and software updates.

### **1. ASUS websites**

The ASUS websites worldwide provide updated information on ASUS hardware and software products. Refer to **<http://www.asus.com>**

### **2. Optional documentation**

Your product package may include optional documentation that may have been added by your dealer. These documents are not part of the standard package.

## 1.1 Welcome!

Thank you for purchasing the ASUS® VB178/VB198 Series LED monitor!

The latest widescreen LED monitor from ASUS provides a crisper, broader, and brighter display, plus a host of features that enhance your viewing experience.

With these features, you can enjoy the convenience and delightful visual experience that the VB178/VB198 Series brings you!

## 1.2 Package contents

Check your VB178/VB198 Series LED Monitor package for the following items:

- ✓ LED monitor
- ✓ Monitor base
- ✓ User manual CD
- ✓ Quick Start Guide
- ✓ Warranty card
- ✓ 1 x Power cord
- ✓ 1 x VGA cable
- ✓ 1 x DVI cable(VB178T/N,VB198T/N)
- ✓ 1 x Audio cable (VB178T/S,VB198T/S)



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If any of the above items is damaged or missing, contact your retailer immediately.

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## 1.3 Assembling the monitor

### To assemble the monitor:

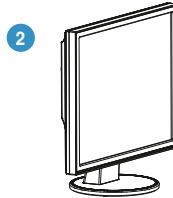
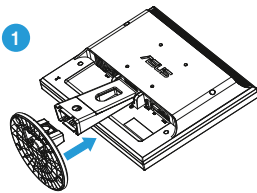
1. Connect the base with the monitor. A click indicates that the base has been connected successfully.
2. Adjust the monitor to the angle that is most comfortable.



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We recommend that you cover the table surface with soft cloth to prevent damage to the monitor.

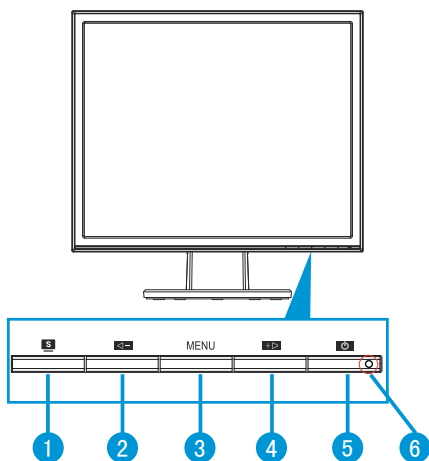
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## 1.4 Monitor introduction

### 1.4.1 Front of the LED monitor



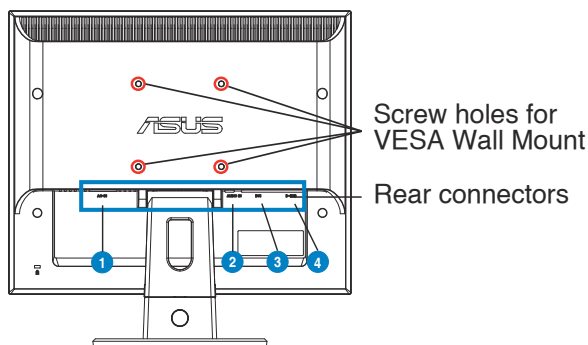
1. **S** Button:
  - Automatically adjust the image to its optimized position, clock, and phase by long pressing this button for 2-4 seconds (for VGA mode only).
  - Use this hotkey to switch from six video preset modes (Scenery Mode, Standard Mode, Theater Mode, Game Mode, Night View Mode, and sRGB Mode) with SPLENDID™ Video Intelligence Technology.
  - Exit the OSD menu or go back to the previous menu as the OSD menu is active.
2. **◀** Button:
  - Press this button to decrease the value of the function selected or move to the next function.
  - This is also a hotkey for Volume adjustment. (VB178T/S, VB198T/S)
  - This is also a hotkey for Contrast adjustment. (VB178N/D, VB198N/D)
3. **MENU** Button:
  - Press this button to enter/select the icon (function) highlighted while the OSD is activated.
4. **▶** Button:
  - Press this button to increase the value of the function selected or move right/up to the next function.
  - This is also a hotkey for Brightness adjustment.
5. **⏻** Power Button:
  - Press this button to turn the monitor on/off.

## 6. Power Indicator

- The color definition of the power indicator is as the below table.

Status	Description
Blue	ON
Amber	Standby mode
OFF	OFF

## 1.4.2 Rear of the LED monitor



### Rear connectors (from left to right)

- AC-IN port.** This port connects the power connector from the bundled power cord.
- Audio-in port.** This port connects PC audio source by the bundled audio cable. (VB178T/S , VB198T/S)
- DVI port.** This 24-pin port is for PC (Personal Computer) DVI-D digital signal connection. (VB178T/N , VB198T/N)
- D-SUB port.** This 15-pin port is for PC VGA connection.

## 2.1 Detaching the arm/stand (for VESA wall mount)

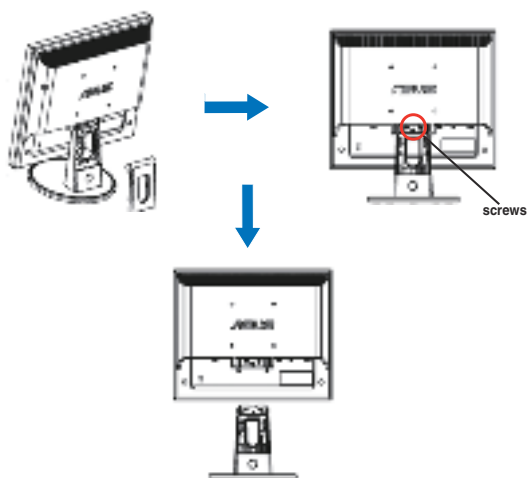
The detachable stand of the VB178/VB198 Series LED monitor is specially designed for VESA wall mount.

### To detach the arm/stand:

1. Remove the arm cover.
2. Have the front of the monitor face down on a table.
3. Use a screwdriver to remove the three screws on the stand of the monitor as the below drawing shows.
4. Detach the stand from the monitor.



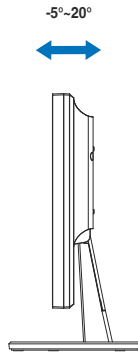
- We recommend that you cover the table surface with soft cloth to prevent damage to the monitor.
- Hold the stand of the monitor when you remove the screws.



- The VESA wall mount kit ( 100 x 100 mm) is purchased separately.

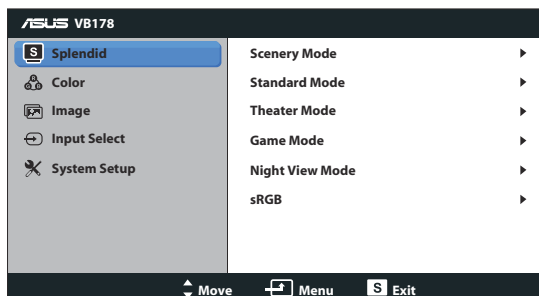
## 2.2 Adjusting the monitor

- For optimal viewing, we recommend that you look at the full face of the monitor, then adjust the monitor to the angle that is most comfortable for you.
- Hold the stand to prevent the monitor from falling while changing its angle.
- You can adjust the monitor's angle from  $-5^{\circ}$  to  $20^{\circ}$ .



## 3.1 OSD (On-Screen Display) menu

### 3.1.1 How to reconfigure

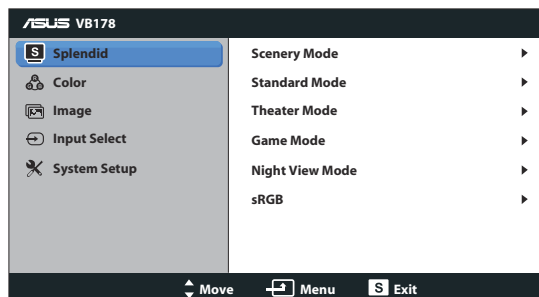


1. Press the MENU button to activate the OSD menu.
2. Press ◀ and ▶ to navigate through the functions. Highlight and activate the desired function by pressing the MENU button. If the function selected has a sub-menu, press ◀ and ▶ again to navigate through the sub-menu functions. Highlight and activate the desired sub-menu function by pressing the MENU button.
3. Press ◀ and ▶ to change the settings of the selected function.
4. To exit the OSD menu, press the **S** button. Repeat step 2 and step 3 to adjust any other function.

### 3.1.2 OSD Function Introduction

#### 1. Splendid

This function contains six sub-functions that you can select for your preference. Each mode has the Reset selection, allowing you to maintain your setting or return to the preset mode.



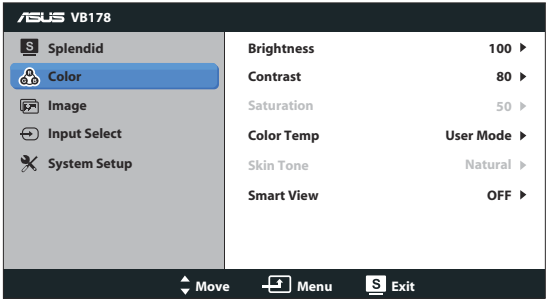
- **Scenery Mode:** This is the best choice for scenery photo displaying with SPLENDID™ Video Intelligence Technology.
- **Standard Mode:** This is the best choice for document editing with SPLENDID™ Video Intelligence Technology.
- **Theater Mode:** This is the best choice for movie watching with SPLENDID™ Video Intelligence Technology.
- **Game Mode:** This is the best choice for game playing with SPLENDID™ Video Intelligence Technology.
- **Night View Mode:** This is the best choice for playing dark-scene game or watching dark-scene movie with SPLENDID™ Video Intelligence Technology.
- **sRGB:** This is the best choice for viewing photos and graphics from PCs.



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- In the **Standard Mode**, the **Saturation, Skin Tone, Sharpness, ASCR** are not user-configurable.
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- In the **sRGB**, the **Brightness, Contrast, Saturation, Color Temp, Skin Tone** and **ASCR** are not user-configurable.
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## 2. Color

Select the image color you like from this function.



- **Brightness:** The adjusting range is from 0 to 100.
- **Contrast:** The adjusting range is from 0 to 100.
- **Saturation:** The adjusting range is from 0 to 100.
- **Color Temp.:** Contains three preset color modes (Cool, Normal, Warm) and one User Mode.
- **Skin Tone:** Contains three color modes including Reddish, Natural, and Yellowish.
- **Smart View:** Turns the Smart View Function on or off.



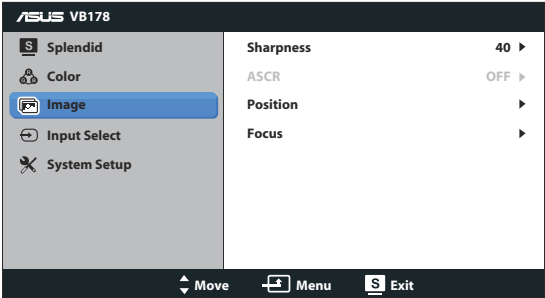

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In the User Mode, colors of R (Red), G (Green), and B (Blue) are userconfigurable; the adjusting range is from 0 ~ 100.

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3. Image

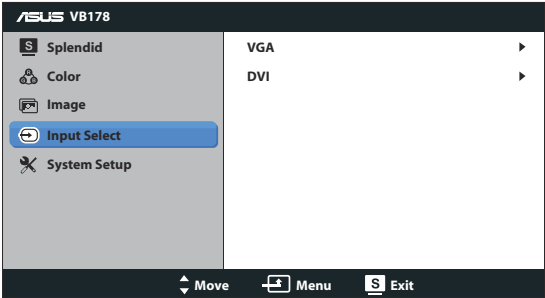
You can adjust the image Sharpness, Aspect Control, ASCR, Position (VGA only), and Focus (VGA only) from this main function.



- **Sharpness:** Adjusts the picture sharpness. The adjusting range is from 0 to 100.
- **ASCR:** Select ON or OFF to enable or disable dynamic contrast ratio function.
- **Position:** Adjusts the horizontal position (H-Position) and the vertical position (V-Position) of the image. The adjusting range is from 0 to 100 (Only available for VGA input).
- **Focus:** Reduces Horizontal-line noise and Vertical-line noise of the image by adjusting (Phase) and (Clock) separately. The adjusting range is from 0 to 100 (Only available for VGA input).

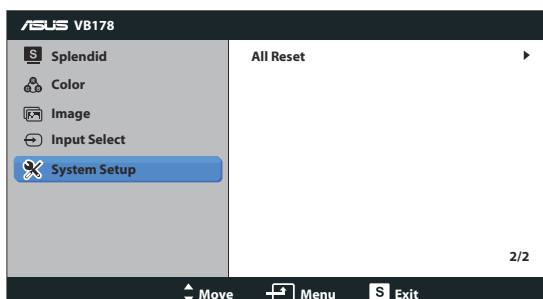
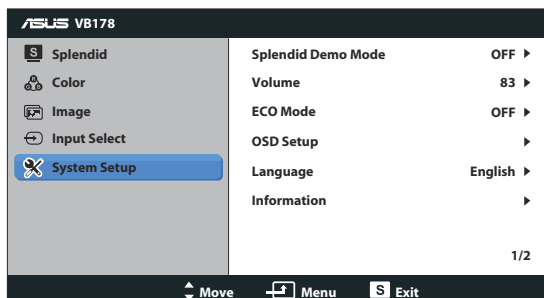
4. Input Select

Selects the input source from VGA or DVI (VB178T/N,VB198T/N).



## 5. System Setup

Adjusts the system configuration.






- **Splendid Demo Mode:** Activate the demo mode for the Splendid function.
- **Volume:** Adjusts the Volume level of speakers. (VB178T/S 、 VB198T/S).
- **ECO Mode:** Turns the ECO Mode Function on or off.
- **OSD Setup:** Adjusts the horizontal position (H-Position), vertical position (V-Position), OSD Timeout, DDD/CI, and Transparency of the OSD screen.
- **Language:** Selects OSD language. The selections are English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Russian, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Japanese and Korean.
- **Information:** Displays the monitor information.
- **All Reset:** Selects “Yes” to revert all settings to the factory default mode.



## 3.2 Specifications

Model	VB198T/N/S/D	VB178T/N/S/D
Panel Size	19"W (48.3 cm)	17"W (43.2 cm)
Max. Resolution	SXGA 1280*1024	SXGA 1280*1024
Brightness (Typ.)	250cd/m <sup>2</sup>	250cd/m <sup>2</sup>
Contrast Ratio (Typ.)	1000:1	1000:1
Viewing Angle (H/V), (CR≥10)	170°/160°	170°/160°
Display Colors	16.7 M	16.7 M
Response Time	5ms (Tr+Tf)	5ms (Tr+Tf)
D-SUB Input	YES	YES
DVI Input	DVI(VB198T/N only)	DVI(VB178T/N only)
Speaker (Build-in)	1W x 2 (VB198T/S only)	1W x 2 (VB178T/S only)
Tilt	-5° ~ +20°	-5° ~ +20°
VESA Wall Mounting	100 mm x 100 mm	100 mm x 100 mm
Phys. Dimension (WxHxD)	413x410x210 mm	377x386x210 mm
Box Dimension (WxHxD)	485x150x469 mm	470x140x437 mm
Net Weight (Esti.)	3.2 kg	3.5 kg
Gross Weight (Esti.)	5.6 kg	5.1 kg
Voltage Rating	AC 100~240V(Built-in)	AC 100~240V(Built-in)

## 3.3 Troubleshooting (FAQ)

Problem	Possible Solution
Power LED is not ON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Press the  button to check if the monitor is in the ON mode.</li><li>• Check if the power cord is properly connected to the monitor and the power outlet.</li></ul>
The power LED lights amber and there is no screen image	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check if the monitor and the computer are in the ON mode.</li><li>• Make sure the signal cable is properly connected the monitor and the computer.</li><li>• Inspect the signal cable and make sure none of the pins are bent.</li><li>• Connect the computer with another available monitor to check if the computer is properly working.</li></ul>
Screen image is too light or dark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adjust the Contrast and Brightness settings via OSD.</li></ul>
Screen image is not centered or sized properly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Press the  button for two seconds to automatically adjust the image (for VGA input only).</li><li>• Adjust the H-Position or V-Position settings via OSD (for VGA input only).</li></ul>
Screen image bounces or a wave pattern is present in the image	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make sure the signal cable is properly connected to the monitor and the computer.</li><li>• Move electrical devices that may cause electrical interference.</li></ul>
Screen image has color defects (white does not look white)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inspect the signal cable and make sure that none of the pins are bent.</li><li>• Perform All Reset via OSD.</li><li>• Adjust the R/G/B color settings or select the Color Temperature via OSD.</li></ul>
Screen image is blurry or fuzzy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Press the  button for two seconds to automatically adjust the image (for VGA input only).</li><li>• Adjust the Phase and Clock settings via OSD.</li></ul>
No sound or sound is low (VB178T/S , VB198T/S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure that the audio cable is properly connected to the monitor and the computer.</li><li>• Adjust the volume settings of both your monitor and computer.</li><li>• Ensure that the computer sound card driver is properly installed and activated.</li></ul>

### 3.4 Supported timing list

Resolution	V(Hz)	H(KHz)
640x350	70	31.469
640x480	60	31.469
640x480	67	35
640x480	72	37.861
640x480	75	37.5
720x400	70	31.469
800x600	56	35.156
800x600	60	37.879
800x600	72	48.077
800x600	75	46.875
832x624	75	49.725
1024x768	60	48.363
1024x768	70	56.476
1024x768	72	57.7
1024x768	75	60.023
1024x768	75	60.2
1152x864	75	67.5
1152x860	75	68.7
1280x960	60	60
1280x1024	60	63.981
1280x1024	70	74.4
1280x1024	72	77.9
1280x1024	75	79.976