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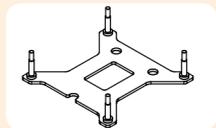
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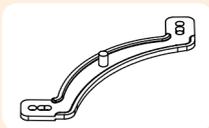
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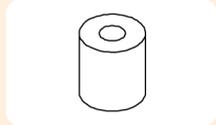
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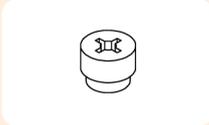
1x NM-IBP2 Backplate



2x NM-IMB2 Mounting Bars



4x NM-IPS1 Spacers



4x NM-ITS1 Thumbscrews

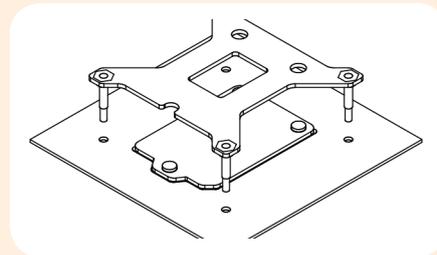
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**Removing the mainboard**

In case you want to use the cooler on an assembled system and your case doesn't have a cut-out at the rear side of the mainboard tray, you first have to remove the mainboard from the case in order to be able to install the supplied backplate.

**Step 2**

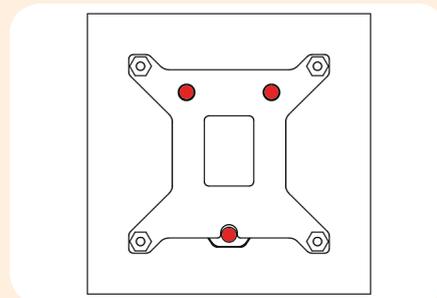
**Attaching the backplate**



**Caution:** The supplied backplate will install over the mainboard's stock backplate, so the mainboard's stock backplate must not be taken off.

Place the backplate on the rear side of the mainboard so that the bolts stick through the mounting holes.

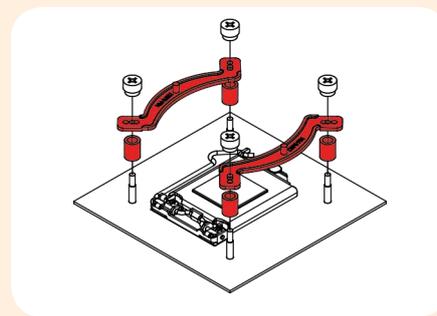
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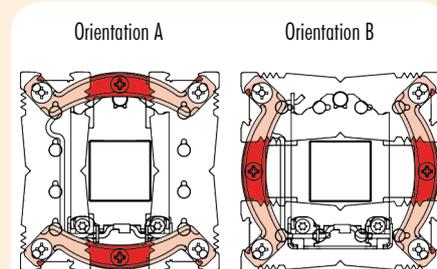
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**Installing the mounting bars**

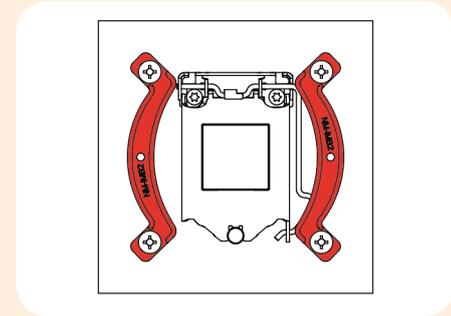
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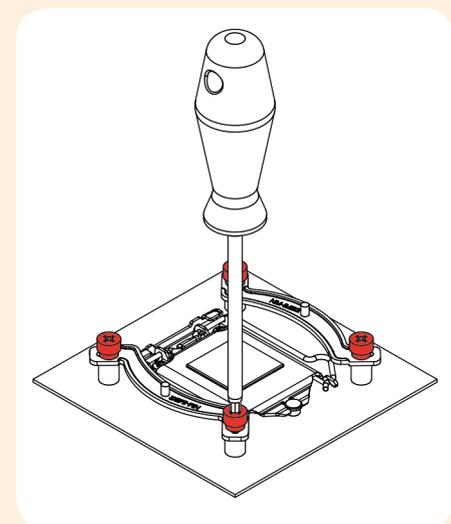
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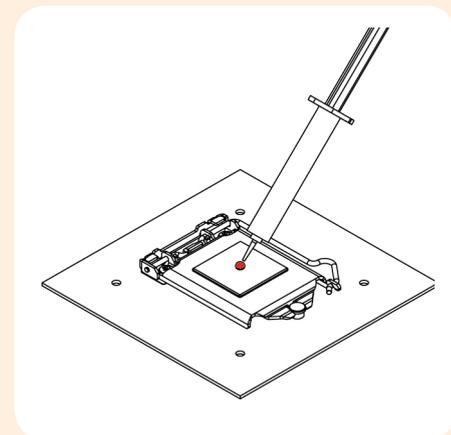


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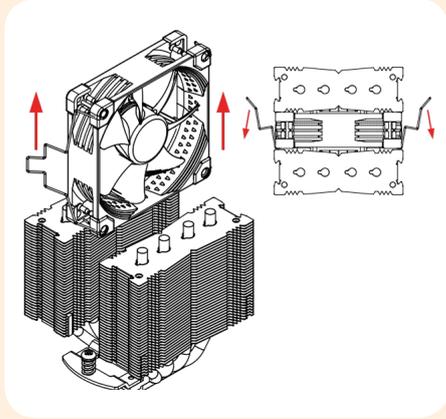
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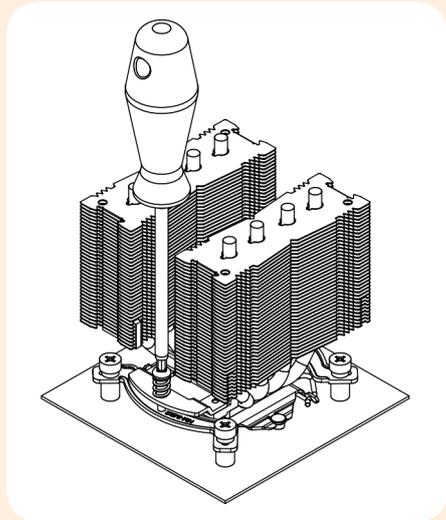
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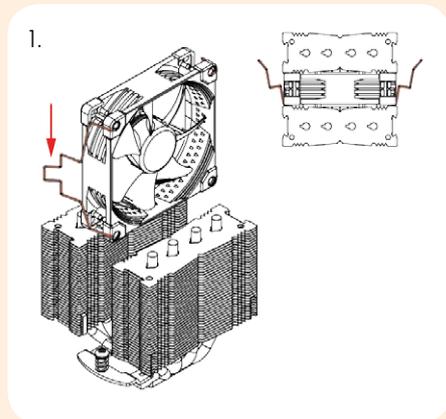


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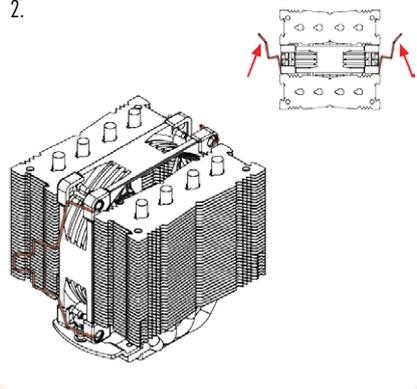
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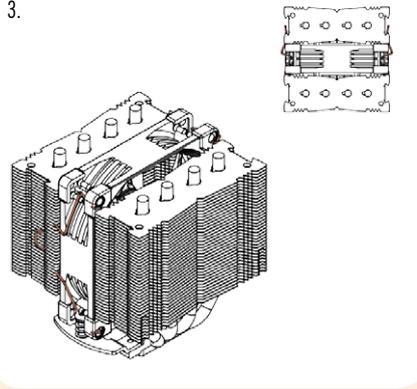
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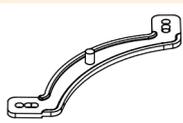
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2x NM-IMB2 Mounting Bars



NM-IBT2 Bolts

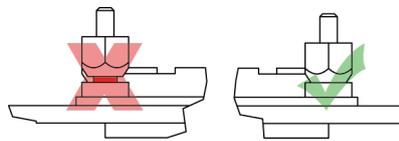
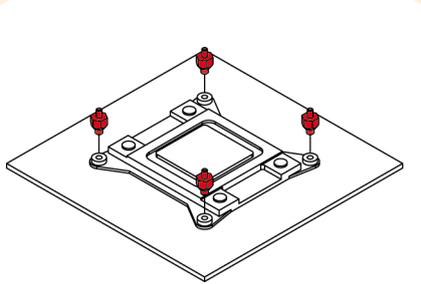


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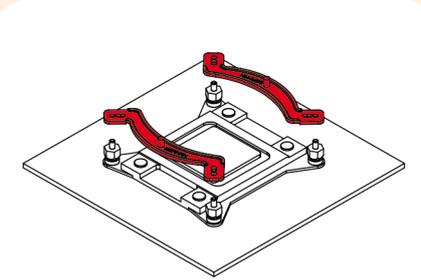
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First screw the NM-IBT2 bolts into the screw threads of the LGA2011 socket frame.



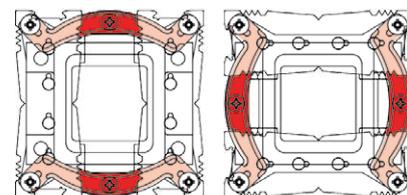
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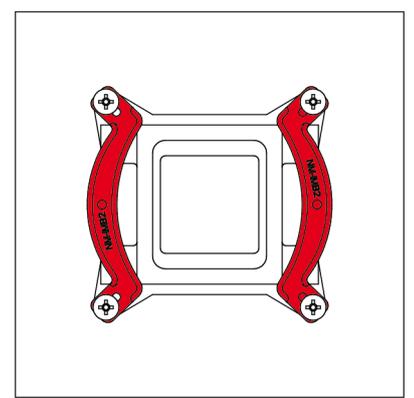
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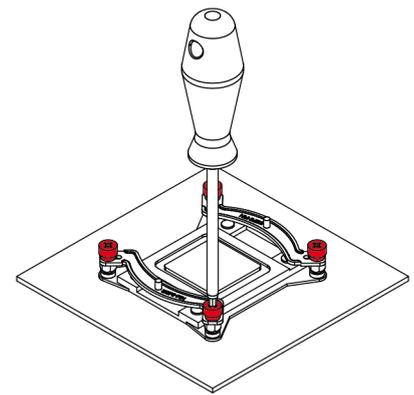
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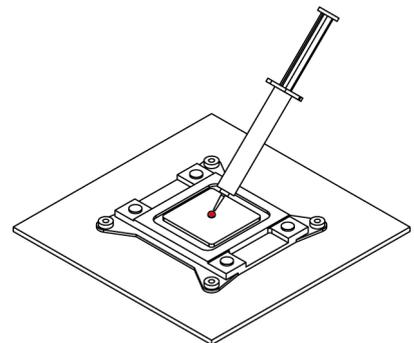


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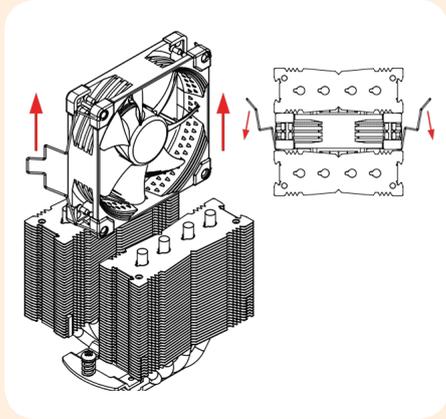
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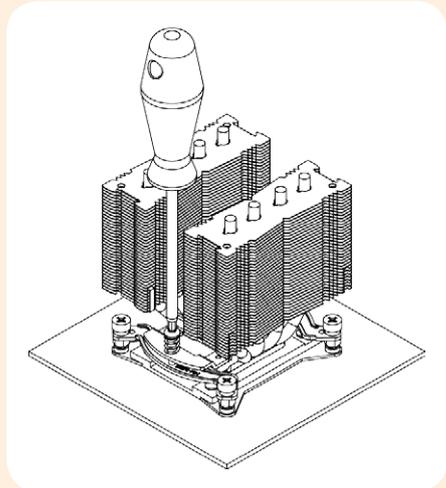
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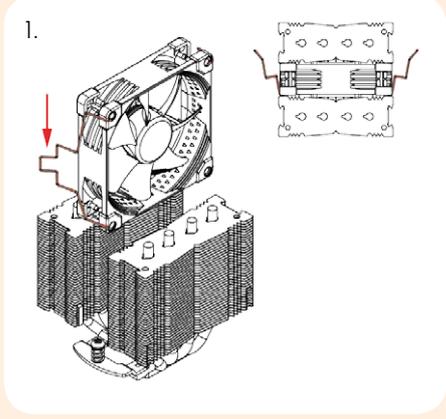


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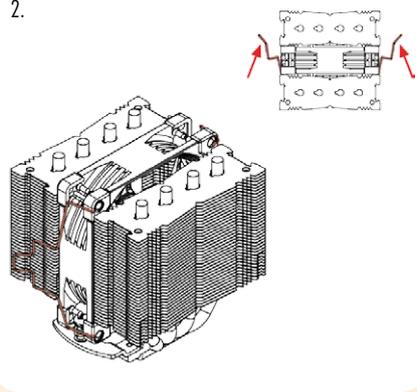
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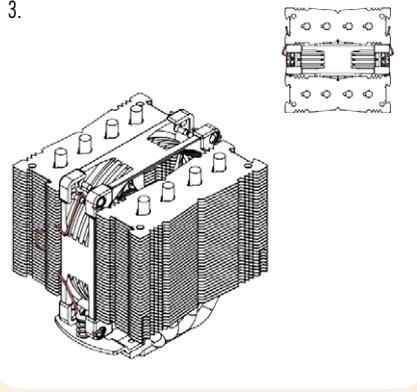
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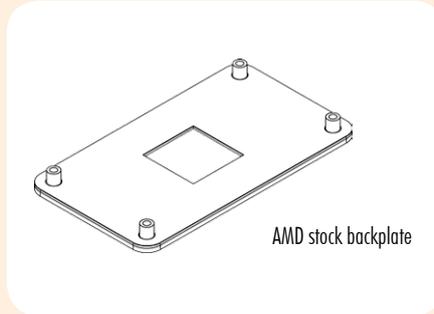
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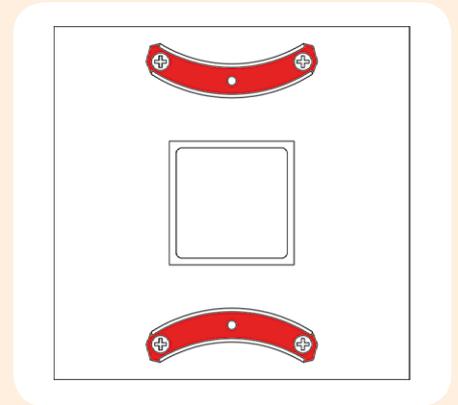
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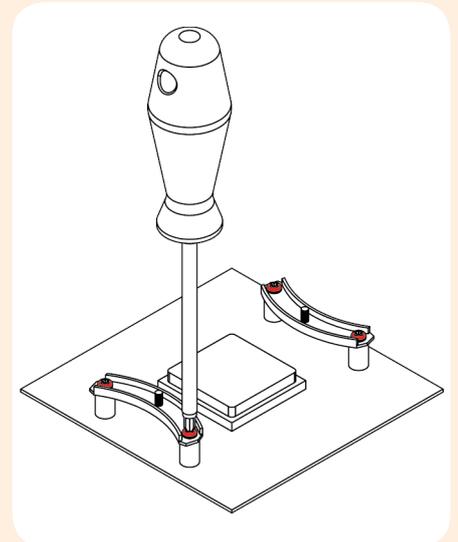
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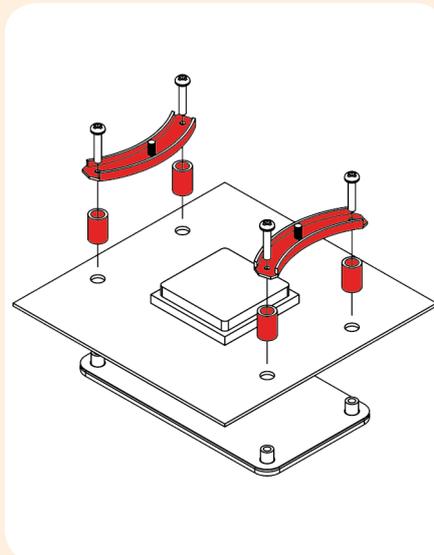
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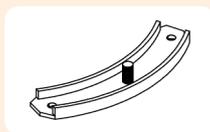
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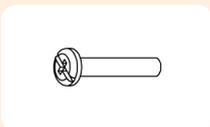
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4x NM-ALS1 Screws

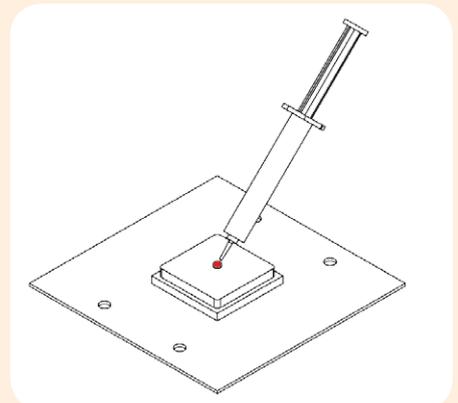


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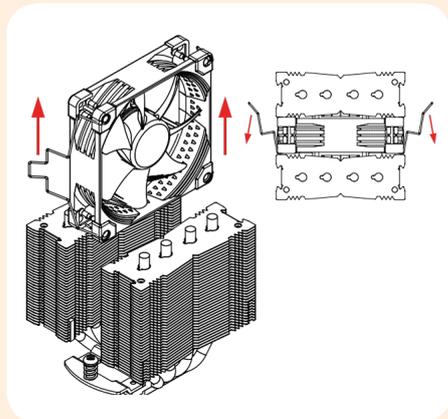
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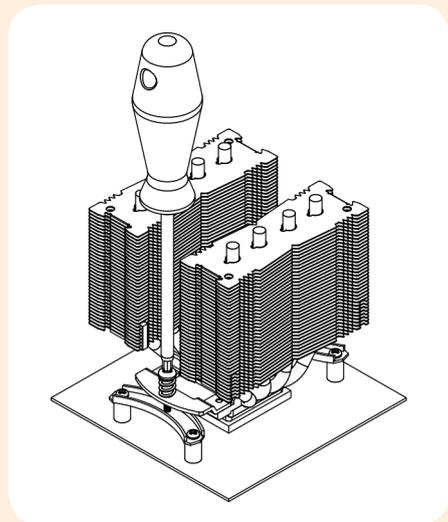
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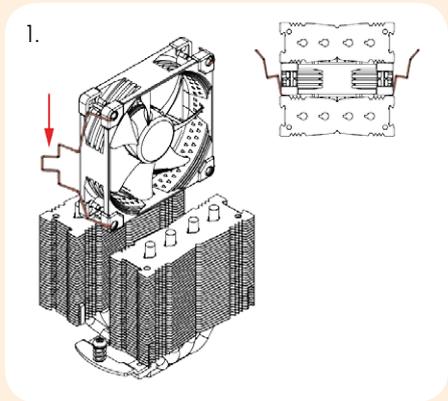


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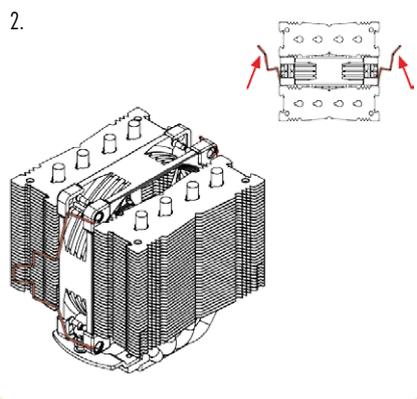
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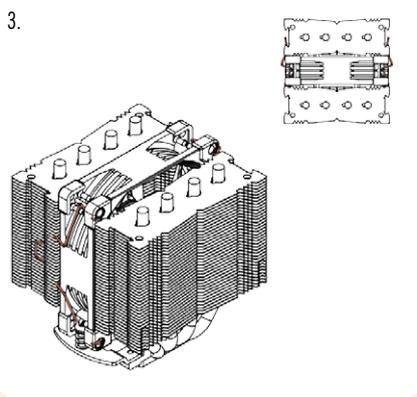
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