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Asus announces a refresh of the Z170 Pro Gaming/Aura motherboard-- one promising a "sweet aesthetic, awesome features and functions" as well as "the world's first 3D-printing-friendly" design.



The motherboard features an LGA1151 socket for 6th generation Intel Core i7/i5/i3, Pentium and Celeron processors, as well as dual DDR4 3466 (OC) support, Pro Clock technology for stable overclocking, SupremeFX audio, RAMCache for faster game loading and USB 3.1 connectivity.

Being aimed at the gaming segment, the Z170 obviously includes RGB lighting, with 12 customisable lighting schemes and syncing with Aura-compatible devices.

The motherboard's interesting feature is the supposed 3D printing-friendly design-- essentially customers can 3D print custom nameplates and other bits and pieces of motherboard "armour" for fitting into an empty slot via M.2 nuts.

A final addition to the refresh is a "reinvented" PCIe slot Asus calls Safeslot. A reinforced graphics card slot, it promises superior retention and shearing resistance, with a patent pending design using an injection moulding process to meld the slot and the fortifying metal construction.

The Z170 is currently available on a preorder basis.

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