USER MANUAL – THE FIRST
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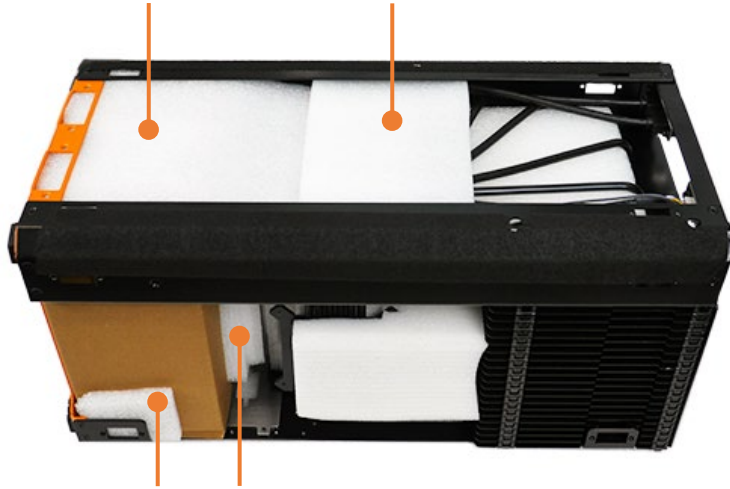| **STEP 1**		Prepare your tools: Screwdriver, wrench and cutter. Take off the top skin and the top mesh. Reserve the power button.
STEP 2		Unscrew the 3 aesthetic skins – screws are at the back of the case.

| STEP 3 | | Take off the 3 aesthetic skins. |
| STEP 4 | | Unscrew the back skin and remove the skin. |

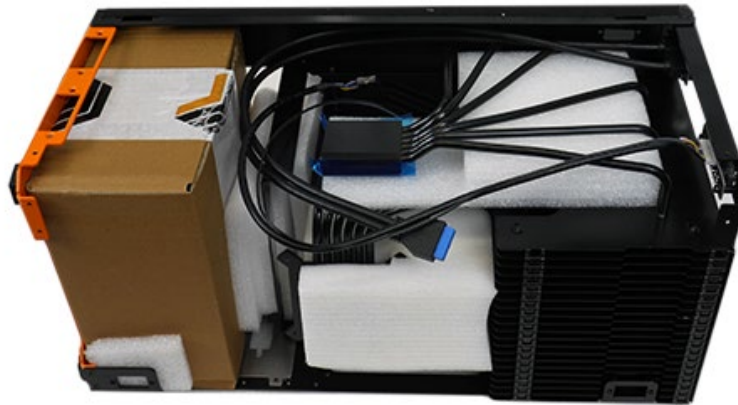| **STEP 5** | | Place The First horizontally with the GPU cooler face up and remove accessible foams. |
| **STEP 6** | | Remove the adhesive taps on the metal stud between GPU cooler and CPU cooler. Reserve if you want to place it back. The adhesive taps are used to prevent scratches during transport. Unscrew the 5 screws on the metal stud. |

STEP 7		Remove the 2 screws that fix the metal stud onto the heatsink – wrench is required.
STEP 8		The First should look like this without the metal stud.

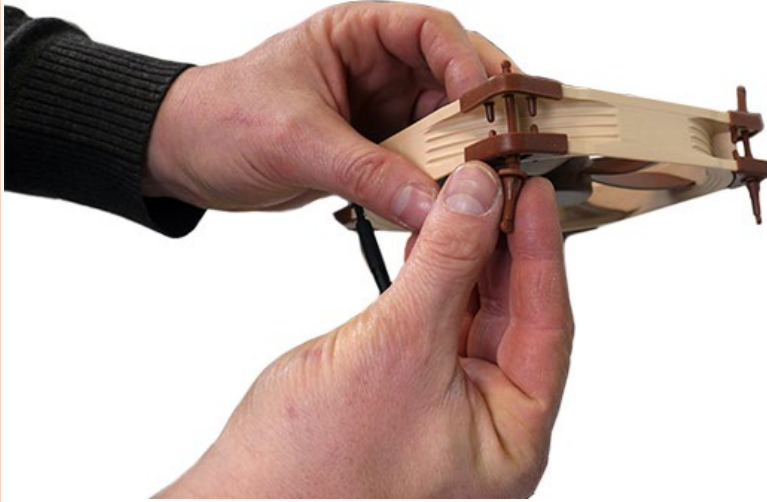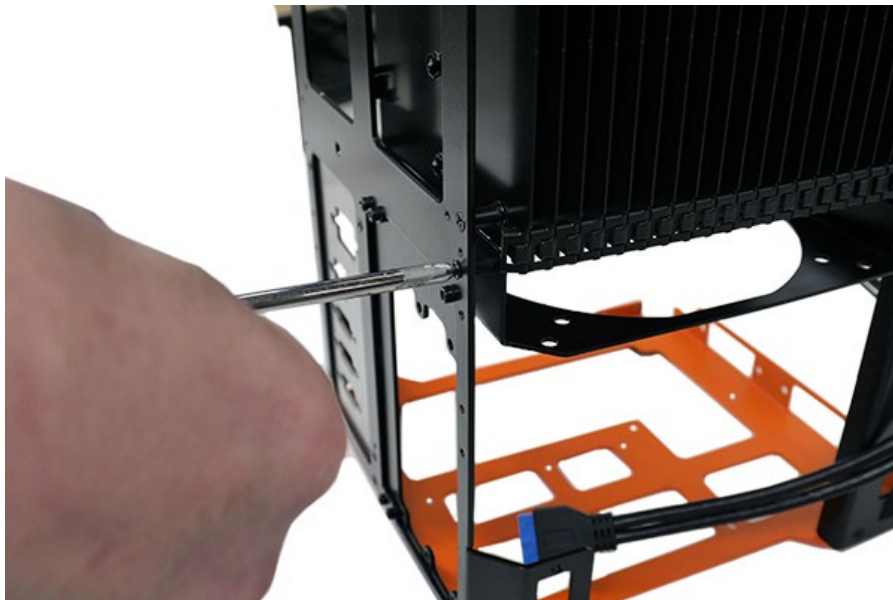| **STEP 9**		Remove carefully the foams that protect the CPU cooler and GPU cooler.
STEP 10		If you have a box of accessories into your case, remove it.

STEP 11

Only possible with a SFX power supply.

If you plan to mount a fan into your case, prepare your fan with the dedicated fixtures provided in the bag « HDD, Fan & Power ».
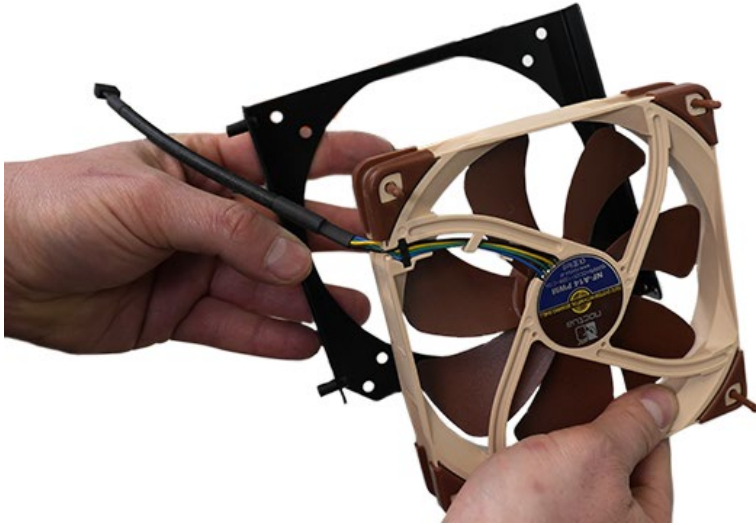
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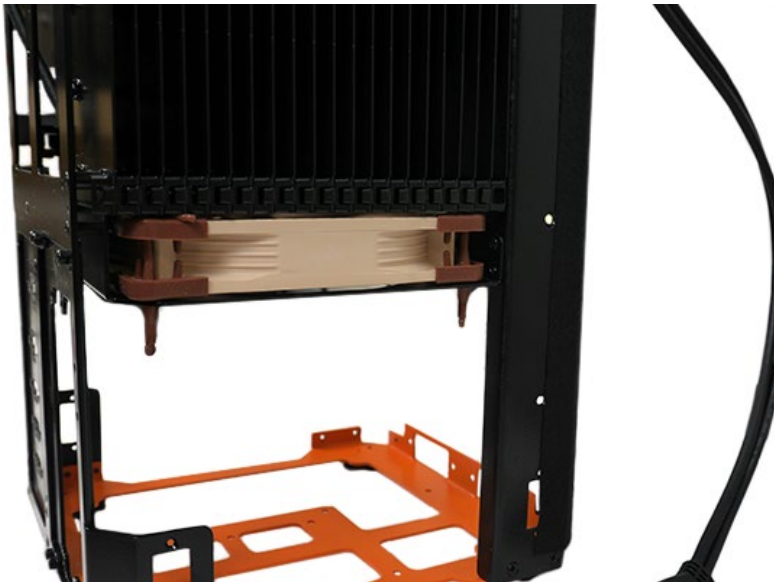Place your First vertically. Unscrew the fan slot (4 screws).

STEP 13	
	Only possible with a SFX power supply.
	Fix the fan into the slot fan.

STEP 14	
	Only possible with a SFX power supply.
	Screw the slot fan into the case.
	Cut the fan silicon fixtures if needed.

STEP 15		Start the mounting of your power supply. Do not prewired.
STEP 16		If you mount a SFX power supply, simply screw it on the dedicated part at the back of the case. Screws are provided in the bag « screws ».

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STEP 17		If you plan to mount an ATX power supply, first remove the compatible plate for SFX power supply. Then, mount the power supply with screws provided in the bag « screws ».
STEP 18		Prewired your HDD and mount it with the screws provided in the bag « screws » and anti-vibration kit provided in the bag « HDD, Fan & Power ».

STEP 19

Place your First horizontally, CPU cooler face up. If you plan to change your standard back panel with a 3D printed back panel (customized), start to unscrew the back panel already mounted on The First.
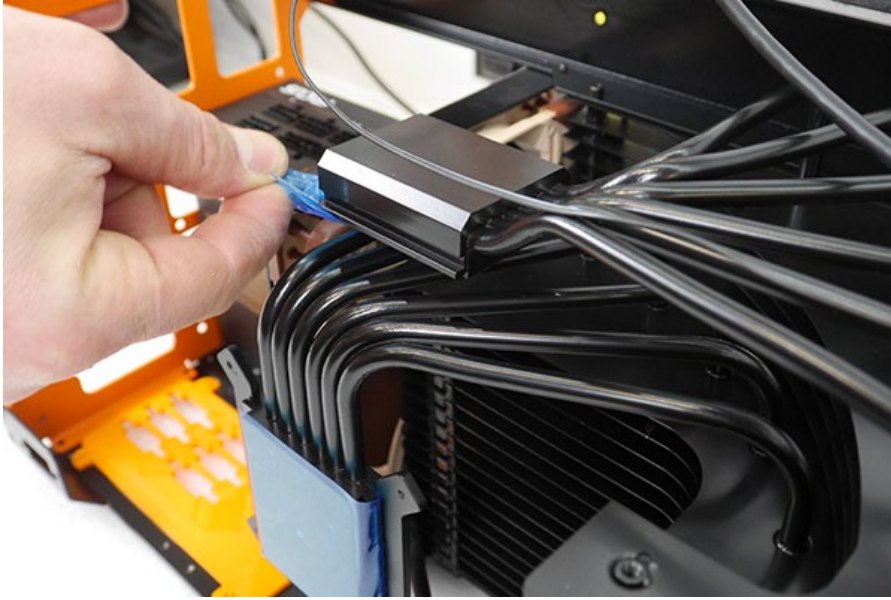
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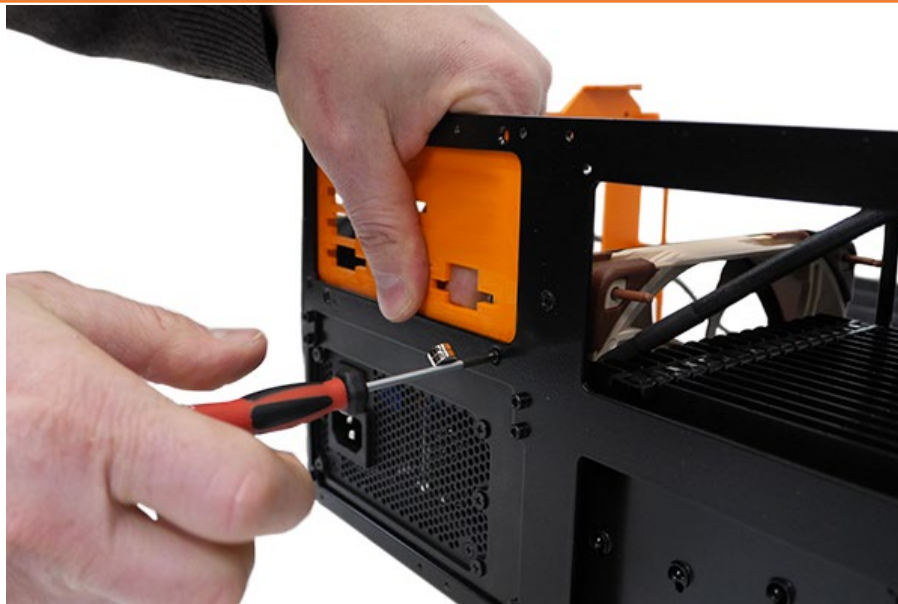
Screw the 3D back panel with screws provided in the bag « screws ».

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STEP 21		Remove carefully the blue plastic film used to protect the GPU and the CPU cooler blocks.
STEP 22		Prepare your graphic card. Remove the fan(s), cooler and back plate if necessary (most of the time). Always protect your card with something between the card and the table. Pay attention that most of the graphic cards loose their warranty when disassembling their cooler. More information can be read on warranty policy of each brand online.

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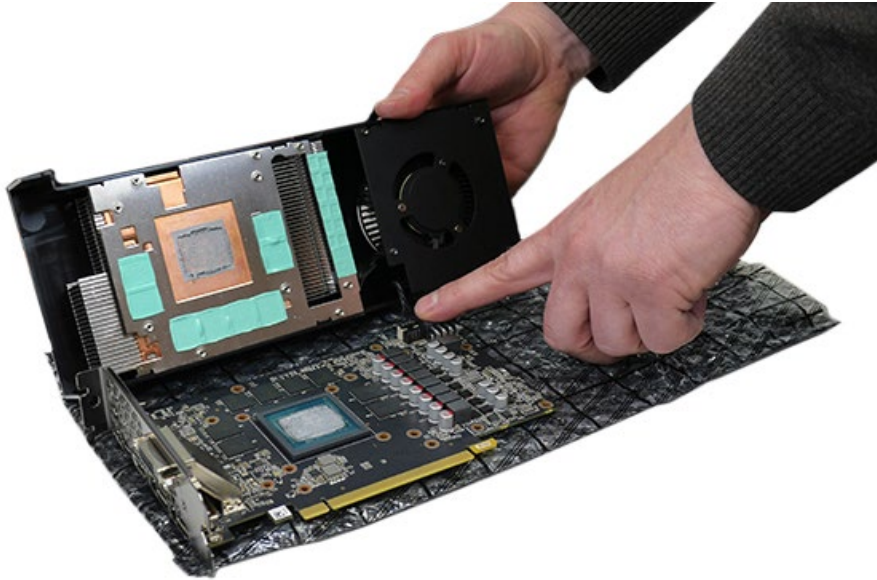
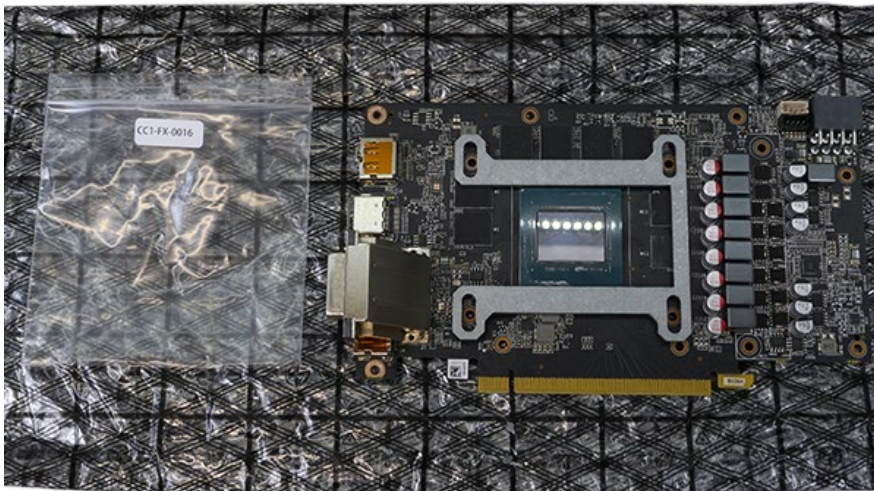Pay attention to the cable that connect the fan(s) to the PCB. Unplugged carefully.

STEP 24

Port panel might need to be removed. If necessary, remove it.

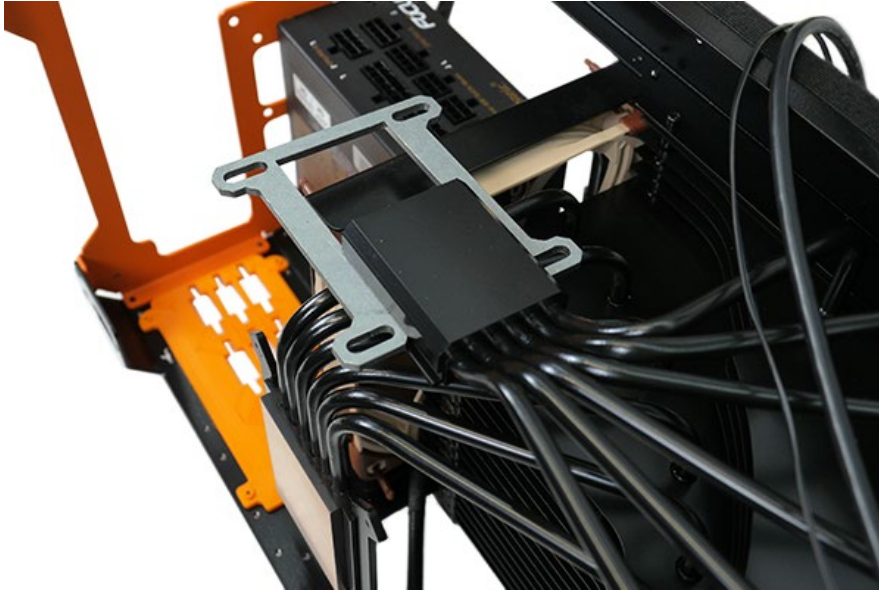| **STEP 25**		Clean up the chip of your graphic card with dedicated alchohol cleaner such as Isopropyl.
STEP 26		Check that your graphic card is well compatible with the fixture provided with your case (an email has been sent after you placed your order to know the components you will mount into your First, this to provide you with the right fixtures).

STEP 27

Place your First horizontally, GPU cooler face up. Place the fixture for your graphic card on the GPU cooler block. For some PCBs, the fixture might be mounted from the right to the left.

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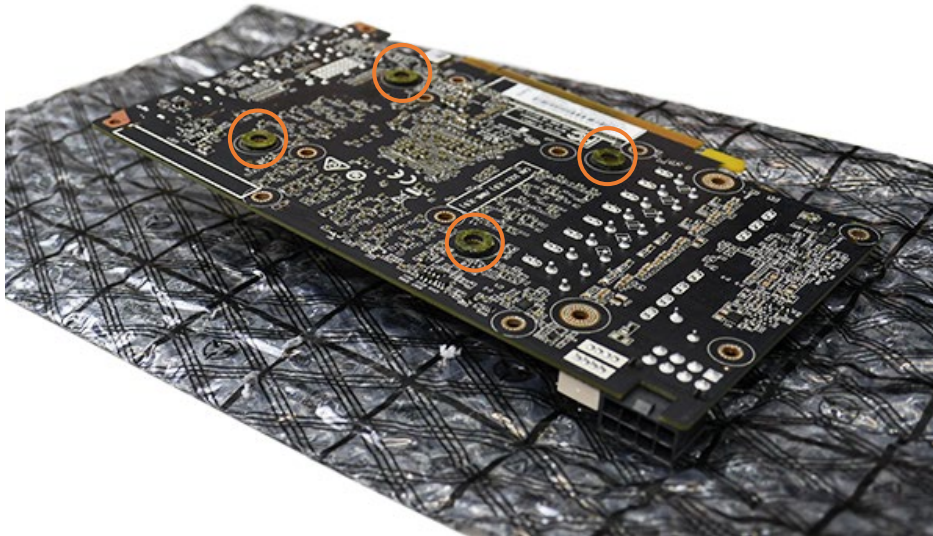
Start to prepare your card with the kit provided in the bag « GPU ». Carefully clean up the area around holes for the fixture mouting (checked on step 26) with alcohol cleaner and stick the plastic washers. Washers have double-face adhesive.

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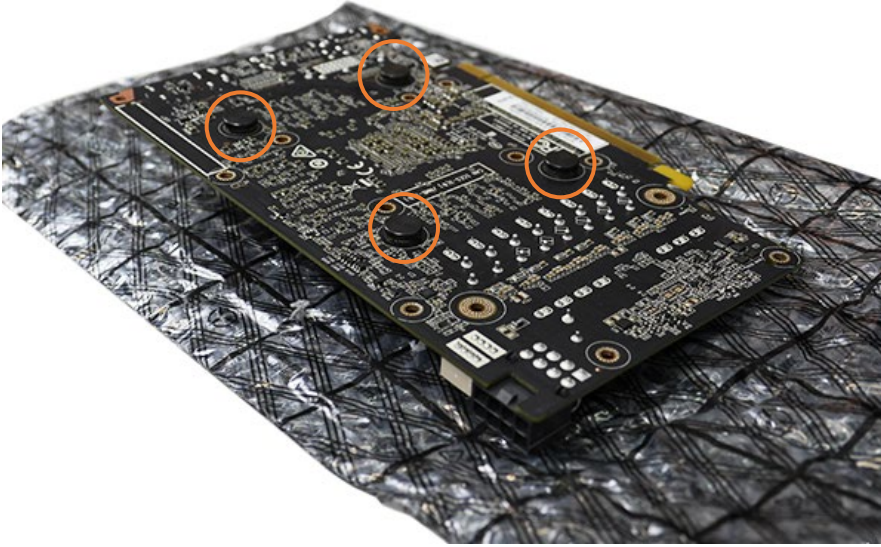
Mount the counternuts, previously cleaned up with alcohol cleaner, into the holes – they should stick to the washer.

STEP 30

If your components require an assembly with a riser, bend a little bit the GPU pipes to allow more space between the graphic card PCIe port and the mortherboard PCIe slot. Pipes are flexible and easy to bend without risks to breake them when done carefully.

| STEP 31 | | Proceed in a trial assembly (no thermal grease) to check the position of the card, chip, fixture and cooler block. Protect the back of the PCB with a fabric or foam. Use the bag « GPU » and mount the columns, place the spacers, place the springs and place the bars. Do not tight yet. You can also note the position of screws and cooler block on the fixture to help you during the final assembly. |
| STEP 32 | | Prepare your motherboard. Remove the plastic protection on the CPU slot. |

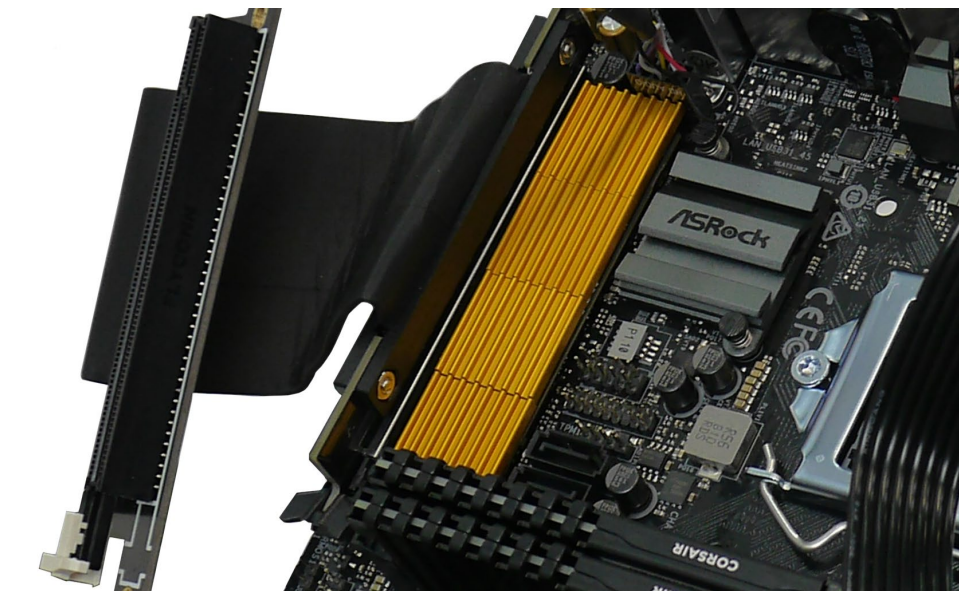|		
STEP 33		Place your processor carefully.
STEP 34		Mount your DIMs.

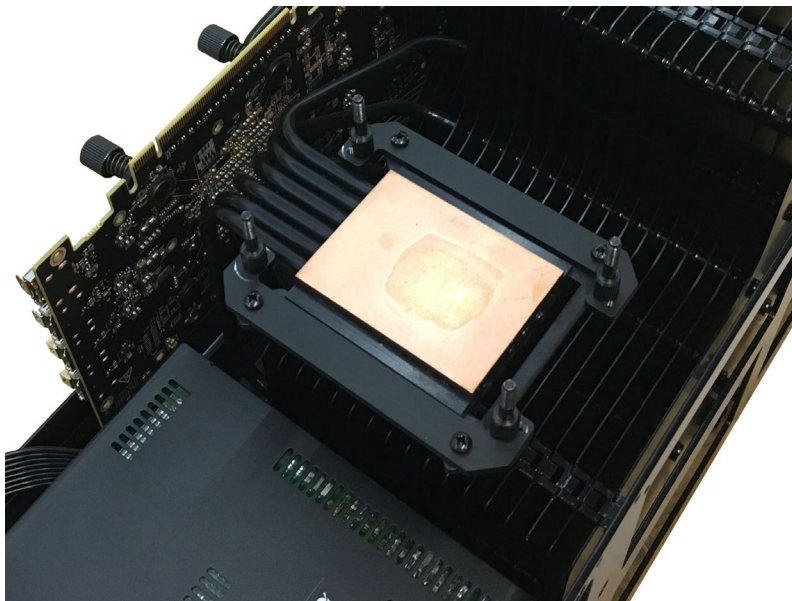|		
STEP 35		Mount your M.2 storage if you plan to get one. *Non-contractual photo – riser isn't mounted yet.*
STEP 36		Place thermal pad and NVMe cooling if you bought one. *Non-contractual photo – riser isn't mounted yet.*
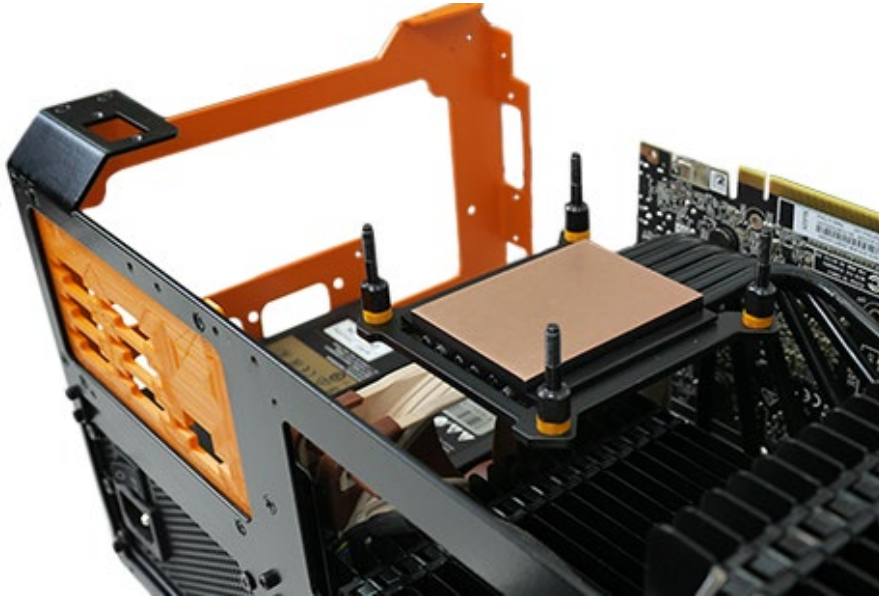
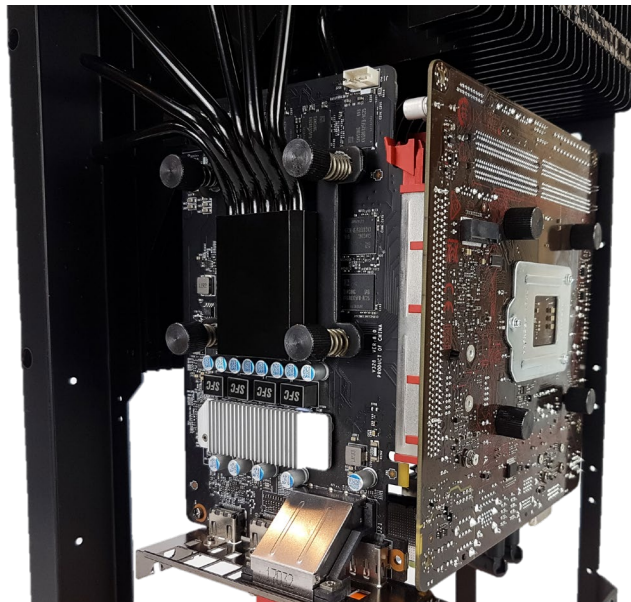|		
STEP 37		Place your First CPU cooler face up. INTEL: Prepare the CPU cooler block with dedicated screws provided in the bag « CPU ». Fixture for Intel processor is already mounted on the cooler block. Use spacers and screw the columns.
STEP 38		Place your First CPU cooler face up. AMD: Prepare the CPU cooler block with dedicated screws provided in the bag « CPU ». Mount the AMD fixture onto the Intel fixture already in place. Only use columns – AMD fixture replaces the spacers – and screw the two plates with dedicated screws provided into the bag with AMD fixture.
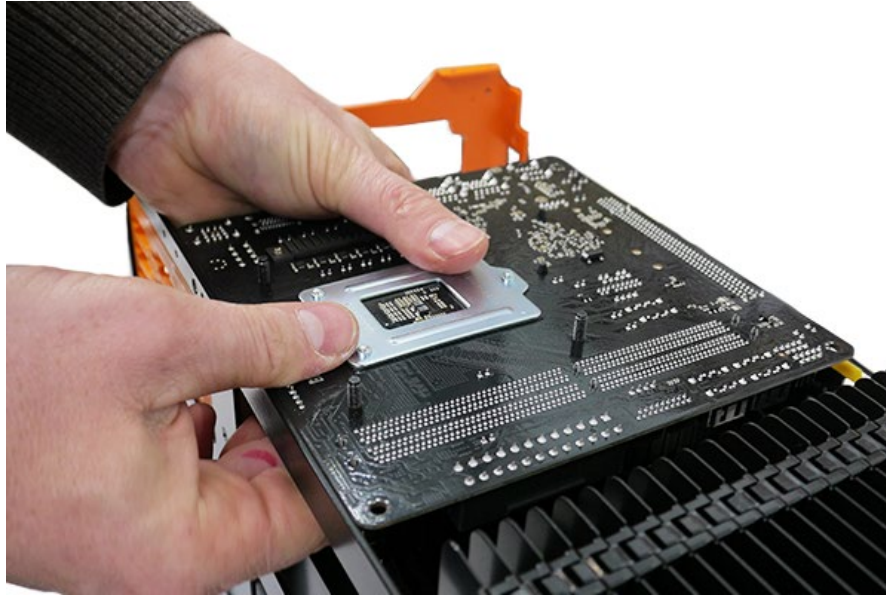
| STEP 39		Mount your motherboard for a trial assembly (no thermal grease). Do not hesitate to put some pressure to complete the assembly of the 4 columns into holes.
STEP 40		If you do not use a riser, the two cards must be pluged together via their PCIe port / slot. Aligned if needed by loosen the screws.

STEP 41

Use spacers and place the bars to complete the trial assembly. Do not tight yet. Check the motherboard is well presed. If not, check no components touche the pipes such as NVMe or heatsinks on the mortheboard. If yes, remove them and use the NVMe slot at the back of the card and use smallers heatsinks available on our eshop.

STEP 42

If you use a riser for your configuration, take it. As you can see, it can be bended easily and is very resistant. Make the right shape you will need for your assembly.

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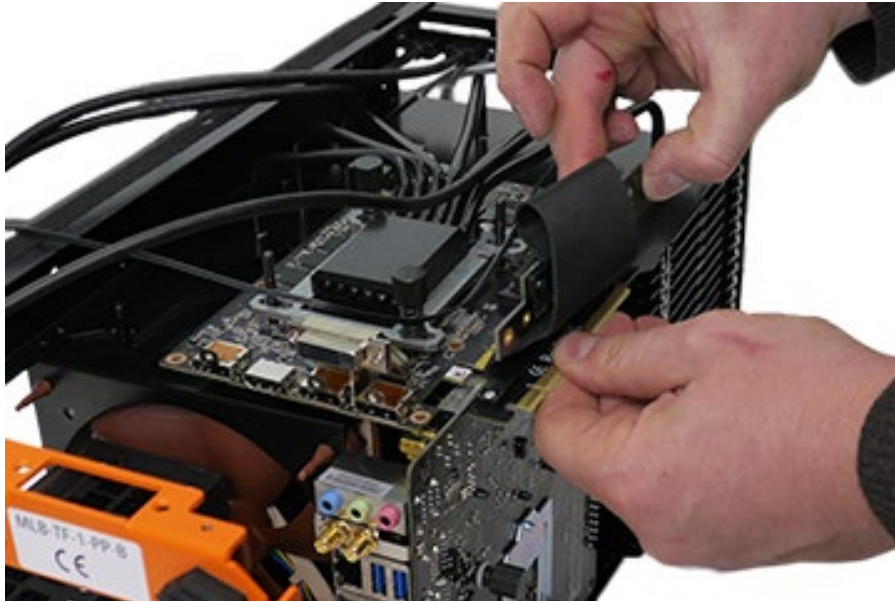
Place your First GPU cooler face up. Verify how you will need to mount your riser for your final assembly. Remove the cards then.
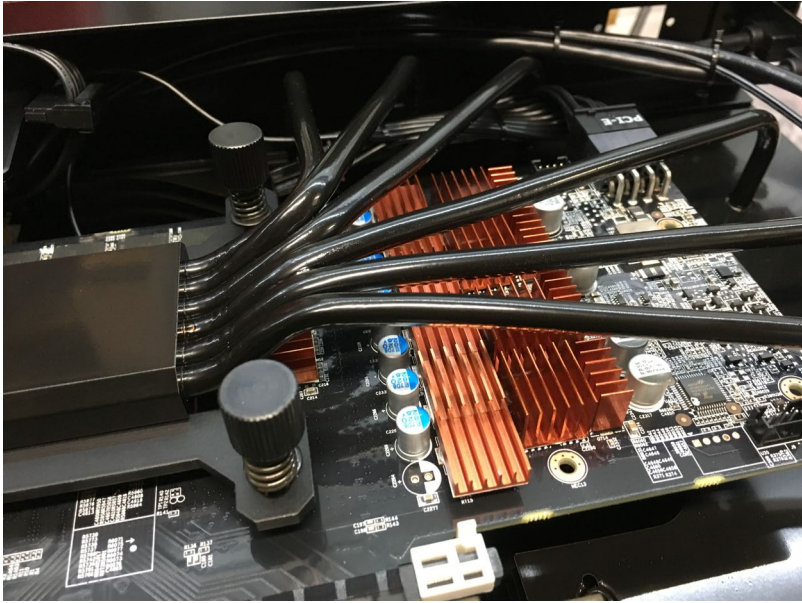

STEP 44

Prepare your graphic card. Connect power cables and apply thermal grease. For full lenght PCBs, you will need to remove columns and fixture to correctly mount your graphic card onto the cooler block.
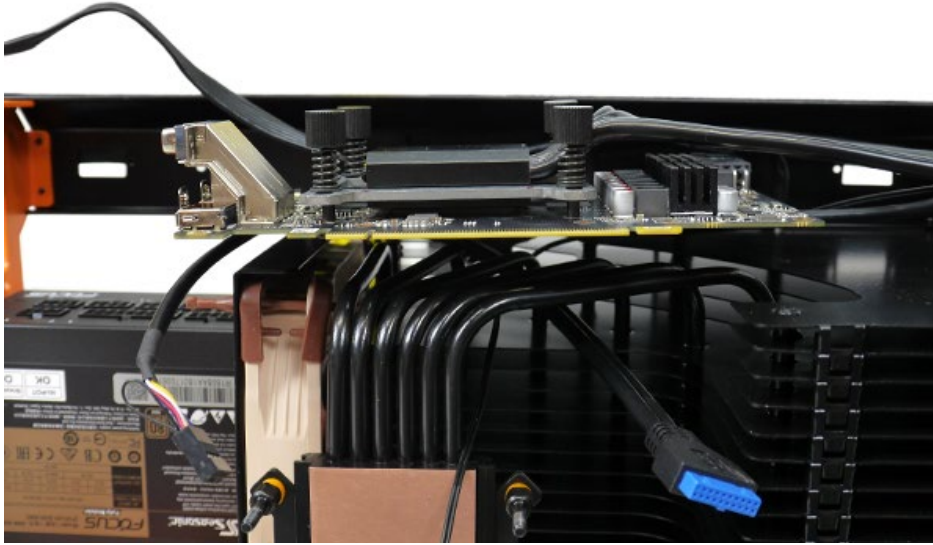
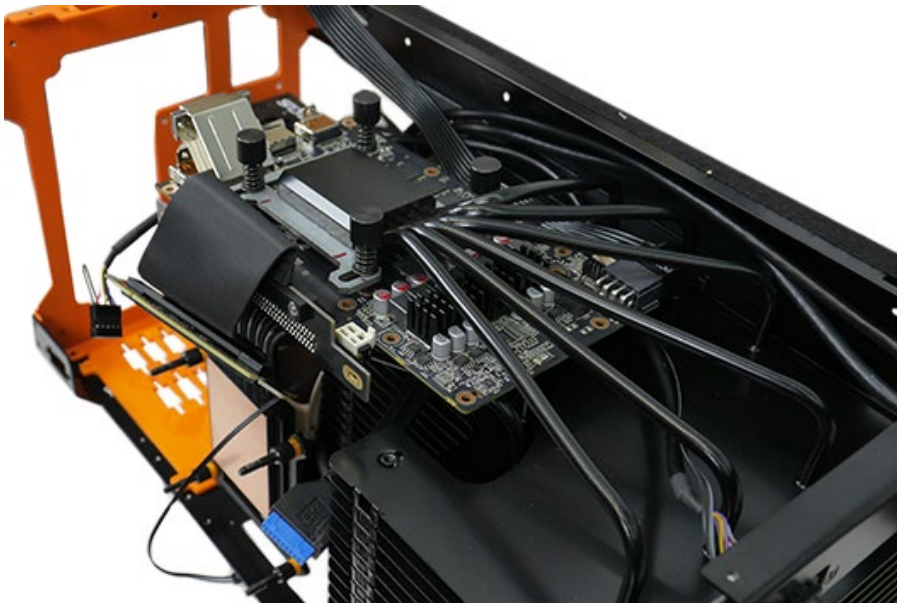| **STEP 45**		If ordered, mount the VRM cooling or heatsinks provided in our kit of heatsinks and cover VRM and/or memories. Do not forget to clean up VRMs and memories with alchohol cleaner first.
STEP 46		Mount your graphic card onto the GPU cooler block, place the metalic washers, place the springs and slightly screw the bars. Do not tight yet.

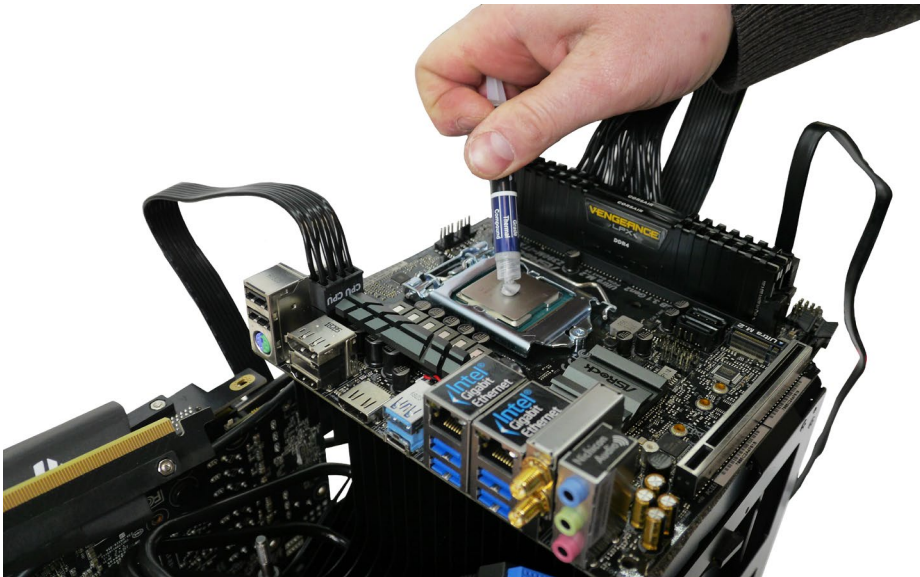| **STEP 47**		Check the chip is well covered. Keep in mind the chip might not be perfectly centered, only matters is to correctly covered it.
STEP 48		If you use a riser, mount it on your graphic card.

STEP 49

Prepare your motherboard. Prewired with all required cables. Do not forget SSD / HDD cables and do not forget the front panel cables already in place on The First.
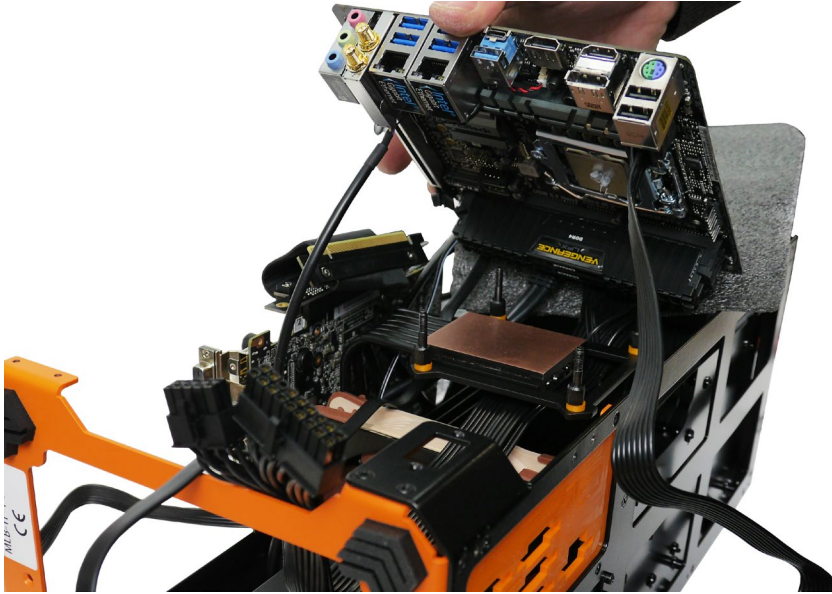

STEP 50

Place your case with the CPU cooler block face up. Place a protection on the heatsink of The First and put your motherboard on it. This will be easier to wired all cables. Put thermal grease on the processor.

STEP 51

Mount your mortherboard as proceeded during the trial assembly. Place all cables coming from the motherboard behind the CPU cooler block (power switch, SATA cables, USB front panel cable, 24 pin power supply, and sometimes, audio cable). Do not hesitate to put pressure onto the motherboard to make the right contact between the processor and the cooler block.

STEP 52

If you do not use a riser, the motherboard and graphic card should be connected together via their PCIe slot / port. Connect the riser if used. Place the spacers, place the springs and screw the bars. Do not tight yet.

STEP 53

Your motherboard should look like this.

STEP 54

Check your cards are correctly mounted and tight the 8 bars.

STEP 55

Place your First vertically, upside down. Mount all extended cables you ordered or already got. Plug them into your motherboard and screw them onto the back panel. Screws are provided in a dedicated bag with your cables.
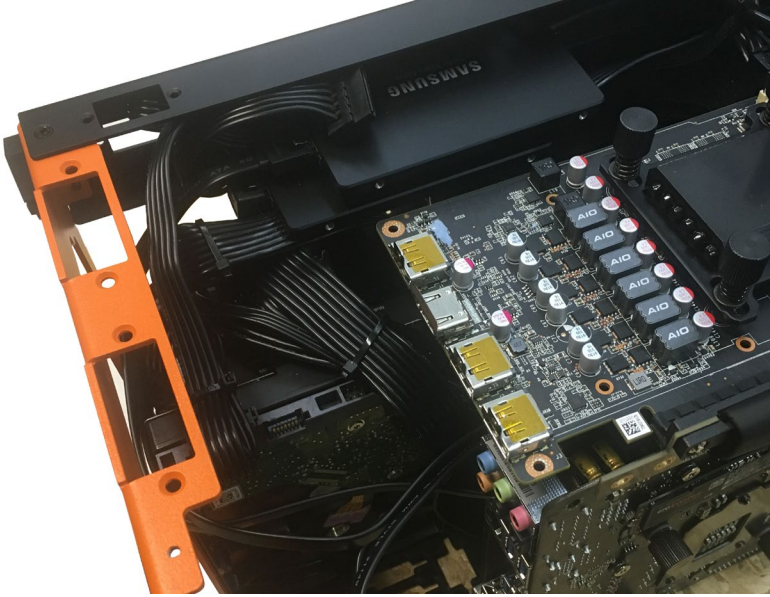
STEP 56

Here an exemple of several extended cables pluged onto the back panel.

STEP 57

Place your First horizontally. Mount your SSDs if you have some.

STEP 58

Place your First vertically. You can now start to reassemble the metal stud removed at the beginning.

STEP 59

Connect all cables to your power supply. Do some cable management to optimize the airflow into your First.
Plug the fan cable if wanted – but still acccessible then. Position of the connector can be seen in your motherboard's user manual.

STEP 60

Place the three aesthetic skins, back skin, top skin and top mesh.
The assembly is complete!