

## 3.1 Cases and Form Factors

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As you study this section, answer the following questions:

- Why must the case be matched to the motherboard?
- How does the ATX form factor differ from the ITX form factor?
- What are the characteristics of the ATX form factor?
- What is the main difference between a Micro-ATX tower and a Micro-ATX slim tower case?
- What is the most common ITX form factor?

Key terms for this section include the following:

Term	Definition
Motherboards	Adhere to design specifications called form factors.

This section helps you prepare for the following certification exam objectives:

Exam	Objective
CompTIA 220-1101	<p>3.5 Given a scenario, install and configure motherboards, CPUs, and add-on cards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Motherboard form factor<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ ATX</li><li>▪ mATX</li><li>▪ ITX</li><li>▪ mITX</li></ul></li></ul>

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