

Emerging PCIe SSD Client & Enterprise Configurations

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Ultrathin/Notebook and Tablet PCs fueling 47% Client SSD CAGR



Source: Micron



Memory Client SSD Interface Trends

- Performance-class adoption in 2013-2014
- Growing to mainstream-class adoption levels in 2016





Flash Memory Emerging Client PCIe SSD Form Factors

	M.2	SATA Express	SFF-8639	HHHLx4
Specification	PCI-SIG M.2	SATA Express	SFF-8639	PCIe CEM 2.0
Dimensions	(L) 80 mm (W) 22 mm (H) 2.15 ¹ , 2.3 ² mm	(L) 100.45 mm (W) 69.85 mm (H) 5/7 mm	(L) 100.45 mm (W) 69.85 mm (H) 7 mm	(L) 167.65 mm (W) 68.9 mm (H) 18.71 mm
Host Interface	PCIe Gen2 or Gen3	PCIe Gen2 or Gen3	PCIe Gen2 or Gen3	PCIe Gen2 or Gen3
Lanes	1, 2 or 4	1 or 2	1, 2 or 4	1, 2 or 4







¹2280-S2-B-M ²2280-S3-B-M



PCIe Client SSD Target Applications





Typical desktop configuration with cable



Typical notebook direct-connect configuration



Typical server configuration with cable and backplane





SATA Express Connector Configurations: PCIe Device



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Flash Memory SFF-8639 Host Receptacle

Connects with

- SFF-8482
- SFF-8630
- SFF-8680
- SATA Express



	SATA Expres Signal names do not match SATA spec	s (Client PCIe)	s	AS x4	Enterprise PCI	e (SFF-8639)
Source: SSD Form Factor specification	Name Pin GND S1 1 SOT- (A-) S3 1 SOT- (A-) S3 1 GND S4 1 SOR- (B-) S5 1 1 SOR- (B-) S5 1 1 GND S4 1 1 GND S7 Image: Signal Signa	Pin Name E7 RefClk0+ E8 RefClk0- E9 RefClk0- E10 PETp0 E11 PETn0 E12 GND E13 PERn0 E14 PERp0 E15 GND E16 RSVD S8 GND S9 S1T+ S10 S1T- S11 GND S12 S1R+ S14 GND E19 PETp1/S2T+ E20 GND E22 PERn1/S2R- E23 PERn2/S3T+ E24 GND E25 PETp2/S3T- E27 GND E28 PERn2/S3R- E29 PERn2/S3R+ E30 GND E31 PETp3 E32 PETn3 E33 GND E34 PERn3 E35 PERp3 E36	Name Pin GND S1 SOT+ (A+) S2 SOT- (A-) S3 GND S4 SOR- (B-) S5 SOR+ (B+) S6 GND S7 RefClk1+ E1 SVD(DevSLP# P3 IfDet# P4 RSVD(DevSLP# P3 IfDet# P10 Activity P11 GND P12 I2 V P14 P15 P14	Pin Name E7 RefCik0+ E8 RefCik0+ E9 GND E10 PETp0 E11 PETn0 E12 GND E13 PERn0 E14 PERp0 E15 GND E30 PSTn0 E14 PERp0 E15 GND S9 S1T+ S10 S17- S11 GND S12 S1R+ S14 GND E17 RSVD E18 GND E19 PETp1/S2T+ E20 PETn1/S2R+ E21 GND E22 PERn1/S2R+ E23 PETp2/S3T+ E26 PETn2/S3T- E27 GND E31 PETp3 E32 PETn3 E33 GND E33 GND E34 PERn3 E35 <td>Name Pin GND S1 S0T+ (A+) S2 S0T- (A-) S3 GND S4 S0R- (B-) S5 S0R+ (B+) S6 GND S7 RefCik1+ E1 RefCik1+ E1 RefCik1+ E3 -PERst1# E4 -PERst2# P1 IfDet# P4 P7 5 V SV P8 P10 Activity Activity P11 GND P12 12 V P14 P15</td> <td>Pin Name E7 RefClk0+ E8 RefClk0- E9 GND E10 PETp0 E11 PETn0 E12 GND E13 PERn0 E14 PERp0 E15 GND E16 RSVD S8 GND S9 S1T+ S10 S1T- S11 GND S12 S1R+ S14 GND E17 RSVD E18 GND E19 PETp1/S2T+ E20 PETn1/S2R- E21 GND E22 PERp1/S2R+ E24 GND E25 PERp2/S3R+ E30 GND E31 PETp3 E32 PETn3 E33 GND E31 PETp3 E32 PERn3 E33 GND E33 SMDat<!--</td--></td>	Name Pin GND S1 S0T+ (A+) S2 S0T- (A-) S3 GND S4 S0R- (B-) S5 S0R+ (B+) S6 GND S7 RefCik1+ E1 RefCik1+ E1 RefCik1+ E3 -PERst1# E4 -PERst2# P1 IfDet# P4 P7 5 V SV P8 P10 Activity Activity P11 GND P12 12 V P14 P15	Pin Name E7 RefClk0+ E8 RefClk0- E9 GND E10 PETp0 E11 PETn0 E12 GND E13 PERn0 E14 PERp0 E15 GND E16 RSVD S8 GND S9 S1T+ S10 S1T- S11 GND S12 S1R+ S14 GND E17 RSVD E18 GND E19 PETp1/S2T+ E20 PETn1/S2R- E21 GND E22 PERp1/S2R+ E24 GND E25 PERp2/S3R+ E30 GND E31 PETp3 E32 PETn3 E33 GND E31 PETp3 E32 PERn3 E33 GND E33 SMDat </td



Connector Mating Matrix

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		SATA Express Host Cable Receptacle (2)	SATA Express Device Cable Receptacle (3)	SATA Express Host Receptacle (5)	SATA Cable Receptacle (7)	SFF-8639 Backplane Receptacle	SAS MultiLink Receptacle
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	SATA Device Plug (6)		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓ _d	✓ _d

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Legend: \checkmark = Mates & is functional Blank = Does not mate Notes:

- a. SATA Express host supports SATA Express and SATA devices
- b. Numbers after connector descriptions in table correlate to numbers in connection configurations
- c. SATA Express Device Plug mates with SFF-8639 connector and is functional only if host supports SATA Express devices
- d. Mates with SFF-8639 and SAS MultiLink connectors and is functional only if host supports SATA and SATA Express devices

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SATA Express Device Compatibility Matrix

	SATA Express Host Plug E9=Open	SATA Express Host Receptacle E9=Open	SATA Express Host Receptacle E9=GND	SFF-8639 Host E9=GND
RefClk only				Note 1
SRIS only			Note 2	Note 2
RefClk/SRIS	SRIS mode	SRIS mode	w/ Host RefClk	w/ Host RefClk

Device Does Not Work Device Works

Note 1: Device works if SFF-8639 host supports PCIe on SATA/SAS data pins Note 2: Device ignores Host RefClk and tries to use independent RefClk



- Client SSDs saturating the SATA III interface
- New connectors and device form factors aid interface transition from SATA III to PCIe
- Leveraging existing standards to facilitate lowrisk, cost-effective transition
- New standards extend Client SSD application base

