HP Smart Array P420 Controller

Overview

The HP Smart Array P420 Controller is a low profile, 6 Gb/s, PCIe 3.0, Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) RAID controller that provides enterprise class, storage performance and data protection for select HP ProLiant Gen8 rack servers and tower servers.

It features eight internal SAS ports and delivers increased server uptime by providing advanced storage functionality, including online RAID level migration (between any RAID levels) with flash back write cache, global online spare, and pre-failure warning. Data Compatibility among all models of Smart Array controllers allows simple and easy migration at any time when needs for higher performance, capacity, and availability increase. Even new generations of Smart Array controllers can understand the data format of previous generations of Smart Array controllers.

What's New

- HP Smart Array Advanced Pack 2.0 features are now part of the base features for the HP Smart Array P420 Controller at no additional cost

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The Smart Array Advantage

HP's innovative design and integration work of the Smart Array family of products creates customer value that is unmatched in the industry. Use of Smart Array products across multiple applications results in a much lower Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) than any other server storage RAID product. The HP Smart Array family brings an unparalleled return on investment through:

Data Compatibility: Among most current shipping Smart Array controllers allows simple and easy upgrades any time needs for higher performance, capacity, and availability increase. Even successive generations of Smart Array controllers understand the data format of other Smart Array Controllers.

Consistent Configuration and Management Tools: Most current shipping Smart Array products utilize a standard set of management and utility software. These tools minimize Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) by reducing training requirements and technical expertise necessary to install and maintain the HP server storage.

SmartDrive Carrier form factor is for use across multiple HP servers, Universal Hard Drive form factor is for disk enclosures and storage systems. With compatibility across many enterprise platforms, you are free to deploy and re-deploy these drives to quickly deliver increased storage capacity, migrate data between systems, and easily manage spare drives.

Pre-Failure Warranty means HP Insight Manager not only reports when a drive is going to fail but allows replacement of failing drives prior to actual failure. For complete details, consult the HP Support Center or refer to your HP Server documentation.

Key Features

- The SA-P420 Controller supports up to 60 drives depending on the server implementation.
- Seamless upgrades from past generations and upgrades to next generation HP high performance and high capacity Serial Attached SCSI Smart Array controllers.
- 6Gb/s SAS technology delivers high performance and data bandwidth and contains full compatibility with 6Gb/s SATA technology.
- x8 PCIe 3.0 host interface technology delivers high performance and data bandwidth up to 8 GB/s maximum bandwidth.
- Modular, easy-to-upgrade design lets you optimize performance by upgrading from 40-bit 512MB cache to 72-bit 1GB Flash Backed Write Cache or 72-bit 2GB Flash Backed Write Cache (FBWC).
- Addition of the flash backed cache upgrade enables array expansion, logical drive extension, RAID migration, and stripe size migration.
- Standard on the P420 are RAID 6 ADG, RAID 60 ADG, RAID 1 ADM, Capacity Expansion, mirror split, recombine, and rollback in Online Mode, Drive Erase, Performance Optimization-Degraded Reads and Read Coalescing, Move/Delete any individual LUNS and Online Split Mirror
- The HP SSD Smart Path feature included in the Smart Array software stack improves SSD read for all RAID levels and RAID 0 write operations by optimizing the path to each SSD attached to the controller
- The HP SmartCache licensed feature (available as an additional option) is a controller-based read caching solution in a DAS environment that caches the most frequently accessed data ("hot" data) onto lower latency SSDs to dynamically accelerate application workloads.
- Mix-and-match SAS and SATA hard drives, lets you deploy drive technology as needed to fit your computing environment.
- Software consistency on most current shipping Smart Array products: HP Smart Storage Administrator, HP Systems Insight Manager (SIM), and Intelligent Provisioning.
- Low-profile PCI Express form factor – ships with a full size bracket for deployment in either a low-profile or full sized slot.

Management Features

- Online array expansion (with FBWC)
- Online Advanced Capacity Expansion (with FBWC)
- Online logical drive extension (with FBWC)
- Online RAID level migration (with FBWC)
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- Online stripe size migration (with FBWC)
- Online mirror split, recombine and rollback (with FBWC)
- Unlimited global online spare assignment
- User selectable expand and rebuild priority
- User selectable RAID level and stripe size
- User selectable read and write cache sizes
- Supports Predictive Spare Activation

Ports

- Eight (8) SAS physical links distributed across 2 internal x4 wide port connectors.

Performance

- 6Gb/s SAS [(600MB/s bandwidth per physical link)]
- x8 6Gb/s SAS physical links (compatible with 3Gb/s SATA)
- 512 MB 72-bit wide DDR3-800MHz Flash Backed Write Cache, 1 GB 72-bit wide DDR3-1333MHz Flash Backed Write Cache or 2GB 72-bit wide DDR3-1333MHz Flash Back Write Cache provides up to 10.6 GB/s maximum bandwidth (on the DDR3-1333MHz cache)
- x8 PCIe 3.0 host interface provides maximum bandwidth
- Read ahead caching
- Write-back caching (with FBWC)

Native Command Queuing

Native Command Queuing (NCQ) is a technology designed to increase performance of SATA hard disk drives by allowing the individual hard disk to internally optimize the order in which received read and write commands are executed. This can reduce the amount of unnecessary going back-and-forth on the drive’s heads, resulting in increased performance for workloads where multiple simultaneous read/write requests are outstanding, most often occurring in server or storage-type applications. Without NCQ the drive has to process and complete one command at a time. For NCQ to be enabled, it must be supported and turned on in the controller and in the hard drive itself.

NOTE: Please see the SATA Hard Drive QuickSpecs for specific SATA hard drive capacities that support NCQ: http://h18000.www1.hp.com/products/quickspecs/11940_div/11940_div.html

Capacity

Given the increasing need for high performance and rapid capacity expansion, the SA-P420 Controller offers:

- Up to 240TB of total internal storage with 60 x 4TB LFF SATA hard drives
- Up to 24TB of total internal storage with 27 x 900GB SFF SAS hard drives

Above stated total internal storage LFF is based on the HP SL4540 Gen8 server. Maximum internal storage is dependent on the server.

Availability

Provides increased server uptime by providing advanced storage functionality:

- Online RAID level migration between any RAID levels (with FBWC)
- Online stripe size migration
- Online capacity expansion
- Online logical drive extension
- Online active drive replacement
- Online drive firmware upgrade
- Unlimited global online spare
- Pre-Failure Warranty
### Fault Prevention
The following features offer detection of possible failures before they occur, allowing preventive action to be taken:

- **S.M.A.R.T.:** Self Monitoring Analysis and Reporting Technology first developed at HP detects possible hard disk failure before it occurs, allowing replacement of the hard drive before a real failure occurs.
- **Drive Parameter Tracking:** Monitors drive operational parameters, predicting failure and notifying the administrator.
- **Dynamic Sector Repairing:** Continually performs background surface scans on the hard disk drives during inactive periods and automatically remaps bad sectors, ensuring data integrity.
- **Smart Array Cache Tracking:** Monitors integrity of controller cache, allowing pre-failure preventative maintenance.

### Fault Tolerance
Keeps data available and server running while a failed drive is being replaced; several fault tolerance configurations are supported including:

- **RAID 6 (Advanced Data Guarding):** Supported with a minimum of 4 drives. This allocates two sets of parity data across drives. This level of fault tolerance can withstand a double drive failure without downtime or data loss.
- **RAID 60:** Supported with a minimum of 8 drives. This volume is composed of two or more RAID 6 sub-volumes (parity groups) where data is striped across each parity group as if it were a single physical drive. Each RAID 6 parity group can sustain up to two drive failures without incurring data loss.
- **RAID 5 (Distributed Data Guarding):** Supported with a minimum of 3 drives. This allocates one set of parity data across drives. This level of fault tolerance can withstand a single drive failure without downtime or data loss.
- **RAID 50:** Supported with a minimum of 6 drives. This volume is composed of two or more RAID 5 sub-volumes (parity groups) where data is striped across each parity group as if it were a single physical drive. Each RAID 5 parity group can sustain a single drive failure without incurring data loss.
- **RAID 1 & 10 (Drive Mirroring):** Supported with a minimum of 2 drives. This allocates half of the drive array to the data and the other half to the mirrored data, providing two copies of the data.
- **RAID 1 ADM & 10 ADM (Advanced Data Mirroring):** Supported with a minimum of 3 drives. RAID 1 ADM creates redundant copies of the data using 3 drives. RAID 10 ADM stripes data across two or more sets of RAID 1 ADM volumes. This level of fault tolerance can withstand a double drive failure within a RAID 1 ADM volume without downtime or data loss.

### Fault Recovery
Minimizes downtime, reconstructs data, and facilitates a quick recovery from drive failure:

- **Recovery ROM:** This feature protects the user from a firmware image corruption by storing a redundant copy of the firmware image. If the active firmware image becomes corrupt, the controller will use the redundant firmware image and continue operating.
- **On-Line Spares:** There is no limit to the number of spare drives that can be installed prior to drive failure. If a failure occurs, recovery begins with an On-Line Spare and data is reconstructed automatically.
- **DRAM ECC:** Detects and corrects data bit errors.
- **Battery-backed write cache upgrade:** Provides for up to two days of battery power for data cache retention. The data backup duration could be extended anytime the server’s auxiliary power is available during system power down.
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Ease of Use
Consistency and upgradeability on most current shipping Smart Array products make them unique in the industry:

- GUI based configuration, management and diagnostic software tools with the HP Smart Storage Administrator
- Common data format between generations of products
- Data migration between servers and external Modular Smart Array enclosures

HP SSD SmartPath
The HP SSD Smart Path feature included in the Smart Array software stack improves Solid State Disk (SSD) read performance. With up to 4x better SSD read performance, HP SSD Smart path chooses the optimum path to the SSD and accelerates reads for all RAID levels and RAID 0 writes. HP SSD Smart Path requires updated firmware, drivers, and configuration utility available at www.hp.com/go/ssdsmartpath. HP SSD Smart Path is ideal for read intensive workloads and is included as a base feature on HP Smart Array P-series controllers. The following operating systems are supported by the HP SSD Smart Path feature:

- Microsoft Windows Server 2008
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SP1, SP2, SPA)
- VMware ESXi 5.0 U3
- VMware vSphere 5.1 U2 and vSphere 5.5

HP SmartCache
The HP SmartCache licensed feature is a controller-based read caching solution in a DAS environment that caches the most frequently accessed data (“hot” data) onto lower latency SSDs to dynamically accelerate application workloads. The HP SmartCache architecture is flexible and supports any HP ProLiant Gen8 supported HDD for bulk storage and any HP ProLiant Gen8 supported SSD as an accelerator.

HP SmartCache is deployed and managed using the HP SmartStorage Administrator (HP SSA) and HP Array Configuration Utility (HP ACU).

The basic HP SmartCache architecture is comprised of the following three elements:

- **Bulk storage**: The first element is the bulk storage device, which is any supported HDD attached to the HP Smart Array controller.
- **Accelerator**: The second element, the accelerator, is a faster/lower latency SSD device that caches data.
- **Metadata**: The final element is metadata, information held in a relatively small storage area that maps the location of information residing on the accelerator and bulk storage devices.

For more information please visit www.hp.com/go/smartcache

Warranty
The warranty for this device is 3-years parts only.

**Pre-Failure Warranty**: Drives attached to the Smart Array Controller and monitored under Insight Manager are supported by a Pre-Failure (replacement) Warranty. For complete details, consult the HP Support Center or refer to your HP Server Documentation.
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Warranty Upgrade Options

- Response - Upgrade on-site response from next business day to same day 4 hours
- Coverage - Extend hours of coverage from 9 hours x 5 days to 24 hours x 7 days
- Duration - Select duration of coverage for a period of 1, 3, or 5 years
- Warranty upgrade options can come in the form of Care Packs, which are sold at the HP System level to which this product attaches
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Compatibility

Server Compatibility
For up to date compatibility, please see the following URL for complete Smart Array Controller compatibility and support information:
www.hp.com/go/smartarray

Operating Systems
Microsoft Windows Server 2008
Microsoft Windows Server 2008
Microsoft Windows Server 2012
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 (x64 & x86)
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6 (x64 & x86)
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10 (x64 & x86)
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (x64 & x86)
VMware ESX 4.1
VMware ESXi 4.1, 5.0, 5.1

NOTE: For more information on HP’s Certified and Supported ProLiant Servers for OS and Virtualization Software and the latest listing of software drivers available for your server and Smart Array RAID controller, please visit our Support Matrix at: http://www.hp.com/go/ossupport

NOTE: For more Linux OS support & certification information, please visit our the ProLiant & BladeSystem Server Linux matrix:

Software Suite
Most current shipping Smart Array products share a common set of configuration, management and diagnostic tools, including HP Smart Storage Administrator, and HP Systems Insight Manager. This software consistency of tools reduces the cost of training for each successive generation of product and takes much of the guesswork out of troubleshooting field problems. These tools lower the total cost of ownership by reducing training and technical expertise necessary to install and maintain HP server storage.

**HP Systems Insight Manager**
- Powerful server and server options/storage manager tool
- Monitors over 1200 system wide parameters
- Configuration/Diagnostic Utilities

**HP Smart Storage Administrator**
- Comprehensive management for HP Smart Storage products
- Simplified and intuitive interface and functionality
- Advanced scripting and diagnostic features

For more information please visit www.hp.com/go/hpssa
Service and Support

**HP Technology Services**
Capitalizing on HP ProLiant server and HP BladeSystem capabilities requires a service partner who understands your increasingly complex business technology environment. That's why it makes sense to team up with the people who know HP infrastructure hardware and software best – the experienced professionals at HP Services.

**Protect your business beyond warranty with HP Care Pack Services**
When you buy HP Options, it's also a good time to think about what level of service you may need. HP Care Pack services provide total care and support expertise with committed response choices designed to meet your IT and business need.

HP Foundation Care services offer scalable reactive support-packages for HP servers and software. You can choose the type and level of service that is most suitable for your IT and business needs. HP Proactive Care delivers high levels of system availability through proactive service management and advanced technical response.

### Recommended HP Care Pack Services for optimal satisfaction with your HP product

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<td><strong>Standard Care</strong></td>
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<td>3 HP Proactive Care Personalized Support - Environmental Option. The Personalized Support option provides an assigned Account Support Manager who can bring best practices from across the industry plus extra technical skills to your IT team. This option is only available as an add-on to HP Proactive Care Support. <strong>HP Proactive Select Service</strong>. Provides a flexible way to purchase HP best-in-class consultancy and technical services. You can buy Proactive Select Service Credits when you purchase your hardware and then use the credits over the next 12 months. <a href="http://h20195.www2.hp.com/V2/GetPDF.aspx/4AA2-3842ENN.pdf">Link</a></td>
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**NOTE:** Additional HP Care Pack services can be found at: [hp.com/go/cpc](http://hp.com/go/cpc)
Service and Support

Remote Support

HP Support Center
Personalized online support portal with access to information, tools and experts to support HP business products. Submit support cases online, chat with HP experts, access support resources or collaborate with peers. Learn more [http://www.hp.com/go/hpsc](http://www.hp.com/go/hpsc)

HP’s Support Center Mobile App* allows you to resolve issues yourself or quickly connect to an agent for live support. Now, you can get access to personalized IT support anywhere, anytime. HP Insight Remote Support and HP Support Center are available at no additional cost with a HP warranty, HP Care Pack or HP contractual support agreement.

NOTE: *HP's Support Center Mobile App is subject to local availability

Parts and materials
HP will provide HP-supported replacement parts and materials necessary to maintain the covered hardware product in operating condition, including parts and materials for available and recommended engineering improvements.

Parts and components that have reached their maximum supported lifetime and/or the maximum usage limitations as set forth in the manufacturer’s operating manual, product QuickSpecs, or the technical product data sheet will not be provided, repaired, or replaced as part of these services.

The defective media retention service feature option applies only to Disk or eligible SSD/Flash Drives replaced by HP due to malfunction.

For more information
To learn more on services for HP ProLiant Servers, please contact your HP sales representative or HP Authorized Channel Partner. Or visit: [http://www.hp.com/services/proliant](http://www.hp.com/services/proliant).
## Related Options

### HP Optional Upgrades
- HP 512MB P-series Smart Array Flash Backed Write Cache  
  661069-B21
- HP 1GB P-series Smart Array Flash Backed Write Cache  
  631679-B21
- HP 2GB P-series Smart Array Flash Backed Write Cache  
  631681-B21

### HP Hard Drives

#### HP SAS Hot Plug SmartDrive Carriers for Gen8 Servers only
- SAS Hot Plug with SmartDrive SFF (2.5-inch) Enterprise Drives
  - HP 1.2TB 6G SAS 10K rpm SFF (2.5-inch) SC Dual Port Enterprise 3yr Warranty Hard Drive  
    718162-B21
  - HP 900GB 6G SAS 10K rpm SFF (2.5-inch) SC Enterprise 3yr Warranty Hard Drive  
    652589-B21
  - HP 600GB 6G SAS 10K rpm SFF (2.5-inch) SC Enterprise 3yr Warranty Hard Drive  
    652583-B21
  - HP 450GB 6G SAS 10K rpm SFF (2.5-inch) SC Enterprise 3yr Warranty Hard Drive  
    652572-B21
  - HP 300GB 6G SAS 10K rpm SFF (2.5-inch) SC Enterprise 3yr Warranty Hard Drive  
    652564-B21
  - HP 300GB 6G SAS 15K rpm SFF (2.5-inch) SC Enterprise 3yr Warranty Hard Drive  
    652611-B21
  - HP 146GB 6G SAS 15K rpm SFF (2.5-inch) SC Enterprise 3yr Warranty Hard Drive  
    652605-B21

#### SAS Hot Plug SmartDrive SFF (2.5-inch) Midline Drives
- HP 1TB 6G SAS 7.2K rpm SFF (2.5-inch) SC Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  652749-B21
- HP 500GB 6G SAS 7.2K rpm SFF (2.5-inch) SC Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  652745-B21

#### SAS Hot Plug SmartDrive LFF (3.5-inch) Enterprise Drives
- HP 600GB 6G SAS 15K rpm LFF (3.5-inch) SC Enterprise 3yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  652620-B21
- HP 450GB 6G SAS 15K rpm LFF (3.5-inch) SC Enterprise 3yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  652615-B21

#### SAS Hot Plug SmartDrive LFF (3.5-inch) Midline Drives
- HP 4TB 6G SAS 7.2K rpm LFF (3.5-inch) SC Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  695510-B21
- HP 3TB 6G SAS 7.2K rpm LFF (3.5-inch) SC Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  652766-B21
- HP 2TB 6G SAS 7.2K rpm LFF (3.5-inch) SC Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  652757-B21
- HP 1TB 6G SAS 7.2K rpm LFF (3.5-inch) SC Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  652753-B21

### NOTE: Please see the QuickSpecs for Technical Specifications and additional information:

### HP 6G SATA Hard Drives

#### 6G SATA Hot Plug with SmartDrive SFF (2.5-inch) Midline (MDL) Drives
- HP 1TB 6G SATA 7.2K rpm SFF (2.5-inch) SC Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  655710-B21
- HP 500GB 6G SATA 7.2K rpm SFF (2.5-inch) SC Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  655708-B21

#### 6G SATA Hot Plug with SmartDrive LFF (3.5-inch) Midline (MDL) Drives
- HP 4TB 6G SATA 7.2K rpm LFF (3.5-inch) SC Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  693687-B21
- HP 3TB 6G SATA 7.2K rpm LFF (3.5-inch) SC Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  628061-B21
- HP 2TB 6G SATA 7.2K rpm LFF (3.5-inch) SC Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  658079-B21
- HP 1TB 6G SATA 7.2K rpm LFF (3.5-inch) SC Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  657750-B21
- HP 500GB 6G SATA 7.2K rpm LFF (3.5-inch) SC Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  658071-B21

#### 6G SATA Non-hot Plug LFF (3.5-inch) Midline (MDL) Drives
- HP 3TB 6G SATA 7.2K rpm LFF (3.5-inch) Non-hot plug Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
  628065-B21
- HP 2TB 6G SATA 7.2K rpm LFF (3.5-inch) Non-hot plug Midline 1yr Warranty Hard Drive  
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#### HP SSD SAS Drives

**12G SAS Enterprise Performance Solid State Drives**

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| HP 400GB 12G SAS High Endurance SFF 2.5-in SC Enterprise Performance 3yr Wty Solid State Drive | 741155-B21 |
| HP 200GB 12G SAS High Endurance SFF 2.5-in SC Enterprise Performance 3yr Wty Solid State Drive | 741151-B21 |

**12G SAS Enterprise Mainstream Solid State Drives**

| HP 800GB 12G SAS Mainstream Endurance SFF 2.5-in SC Enterprise Mainstream 3yr Wty Solid State Drive | 741146-B21 |
| HP 400GB 12G SAS Mainstream Endurance SFF 2.5-in SC Enterprise Mainstream 3yr Wty Solid State Drive | 741142-B21 |
| HP 200GB 12G SAS Mainstream Endurance SFF 2.5-in SC Enterprise Mainstream 3yr Wty Solid State Drive | 741138-B21 |

**6G SAS ME Hot Plug SFF (2.5-inch) Enterprise Mainstream Solid State Drives**

| HP 400GB 6G SAS Mainstream Endurance SFF 2.5-in SC Enterprise Mainstream 3yr Wty Solid State Drive | 690827-B21 |

**NOTE:** Please see the QuickSpecs for Technical Specifications and additional information:


**NOTE:** Go to the HP Hard Drive Compatibility table for complete drive compatibility information (http://www.hp.com/products/harddiskdrives). Using hard drives in unsupported configurations will result in voiding the warranty and could result in damage to the drive and/or loss of data.

**NOTE:** There is a known compatibility issue with some early 3.5" SATA HDD that will make them unable to be used with the SA-P400 controller. Customers should verify that they are not using hard drive part number 332649-002/003 (spare 353042-001), 332650-002/003 (spare 353043-001), or 356536-002/003 (spare 353044-001).

**NOTE:** The components of a storage subsystem (e.g. the drive, the HBA/controller, firmware, and the server backplane) should operate at the same data transfer rate or the system bandwidth will be negotiated down to an acceptable level for all components.

**NOTE:** Hard drives have either a one year or three year warranty; refer to the specific hard drive QuickSpecs for details.

#### HP Cable Options

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Related Options

**HP SmartCache**

**HP SmartCache No Media 24x7 Technical Support 1 Svr License**

*NOTE:* This part number can be used to purchase a single license or to order multiple licenses with a unique activation key per server. Customer will receive a printed license entitlement certificate via physical shipment. The license entitlement certificate must be redeemed online or via fax in order to obtain the license activation key(s). Include one year of 24x7 HP Software Technical Support Services.

**D7S26A**

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**D7S27AAE**

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*NOTE:* HP SmartCache requires the following: Min 1 or 2 GB FBWC module along with HP ProLiant Gen8 supported HDD(s) and SSD(s) for more information visit: www.hp.com/go/smartcache
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## Technical Specifications

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<td>Disk Drive and Enclosure Interface - Transfer rate</td>
<td>6Gb/s SAS (Serial Attached SCSI) Up to 6Gb/s SATA (Serial ATA)</td>
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<td>SAS Connectors</td>
<td>2 internal (Mini-SAS) x8 wide port connectors</td>
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<td>Cache Memory Speed</td>
<td>DDR3-800MHz with 40-bit for 512MB FBWC or DDR3-1333MHz with 72-bit wide bus provides up to 10.6 GB/s maximum bandwidth.</td>
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<td>Server Interface</td>
<td>x8 PCIe 3.0 provides 8GB/s maximum bandwidth</td>
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<td>SAS Speed</td>
<td>x8 6Gb/s SAS provides 4.8GB/s maximum bandwidth</td>
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<td>Cache Memory</td>
<td>40-bit 512MB ECC protected cache, 72-bit 1GB FBWC or 72-bit 2GB FBWC module upgrades available; transportable with flash upgrade</td>
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<td>Logical Drives Supported</td>
<td>Zero Memory for embedded controller supports up to 2 logical volumes 512MB cache and greater, Up to 64 logical volumes</td>
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<td>Host Memory Addressing</td>
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| RAID Support | RAID 6, 60 (Advanced Data Guarding)  
**NOTE:** RAID 6, 60 can be enabled with a minimum of 512 MB FBWC  
RAID 5, 50 (Distributed Data Guarding)  
**NOTE:** A minimum or 512 MB cache is required to enable RAID 5, 50 support of the Smart Array P420i  
RAID 1, 10 (Drive Mirroring)  
RAID 1 ADM, 10 ADM (Advanced Data Mirroring)  
RAID 0 (Striping) |
| Upgradeable Firmware | Upgradeable Firmware with recovery ROM feature |

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