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1. Regulatory Compliance Statements

Federal Communications Commission Radio Frequency Interference Statement



Attention: Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy, and if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. However, if this equipment does cause interference to radio or television equipment reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for help.
- Use a shielded and properly grounded I/O cable and power cable to ensure compliance of this unit to the specified limits of the rules.

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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From Microchip Adaptec products are tested and listed by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. to UL 60950-1 /IEC 62368-1 Second Edition and IEC-60950-1/IEC 62368-1 Second Edition standards, file numbers E516387. Microchip Adaptec products are for use only with UL listed ITE.

Microchip Corporation

Use only with the listed ITE:

Adaptec HBA 1200-8i
Adaptec HBA 1200-16i
Adaptec HBA 1200-16e
Adaptec HBA Ultra 1200-16i
Adaptec HBA Ultra 1200-32i

FC Tested to Comply
With FCC Standards

FOR HOME OR OFFICE USE

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This Information Technology Equipment has been tested and found to comply with EMC Directive 2014/30/EU, in accordance with:

- EN55032 (2014) Emissions:
 - Class B ITE radiated and conducted emissions
- EN 55035:2017 Immunity:
 - EN61000-4-2 (2009) Electrostatic discharge: ± 4 kV contact, ± 8 kV air
 - EN61000-4-3 (2010) Radiated immunity: 3V/m
 - EN61000-4-4 (2012) Electrical fast transients/burst: ± 1 kV AC, ± 0.5 kV I/O
 - EN61000-4-5 (2014) Surges: ± 1 kV differential mode, ± 2 kV common mode
 - EN61000-4-6 (2014) Conducted immunity: 3 Vrms
 - EN61000-4-11 (2004) Supply dips and variations: 30% and 100%
- EN 63000:2018 Technical Documentation:
 - For the assessment of electrical and electronic products with respect to the restriction of hazardous substances
- EC 62368-1:2014 (EU)
- IEC 60950-1:2005 (US)

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Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2016 – SI 2008 No. 1597.

The Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016 – SI 2016 No. 1101.

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Korean Compliance (KCC) Statement:

R-R-M5P-3258P-32i

The above certification covers the following series: Adaptec HBA Ultra 1200-32i

Korean Compliance (KCC) Statement:

R-R-M5P-3258-16i

The above certification covers the following series: Adaptec HBA 1200-16i Adaptec HBA 1200-8i

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(가정용 방송통신기자재)

Class B Equipment

(For Home Use Broadcasting & Communication Equipment)

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든 지역에서 사용할 수 있습니다.

This equipment is home use (Class B) electromagnetic wave suitability equipment and to be used mainly at home and it can be used in all areas.

2. About This Guide

This Installation and User's Guide explains how to install and setup your HBA 1200 Series Host Bus Adapter, including driver installation, BIOS operations, troubleshooting tips, and instructions for flashing the adapter firmware.

These HBA 1200 Series adapter models are described in this guide:

- Adaptec HBA 1200-8i
- Adaptec HBA 1200-16i
- Adaptec HBA 1200-16e
- Adaptec HBA Ultra 1200-16i
- Adaptec HBA Ultra 1200-32i

2.1 What You Need to Know Before You Begin

This guide is written for data storage and IT professionals who are responsible for installing, configuring, and maintaining HBA 1200 Series Host Bus Adapters in computers or servers in a "cloud" or data center environment. You should be familiar with computer hardware, operating system administration, data storage devices, and SAS and Serial ATA (SATA) technology.

2.2 Terminology Used in this Guide

Many of the terms and concepts referred to in this guide are known to computer users by multiple names. This guide uses these terms:

- Host Bus Adapter or HBA (also known as controller, adapter, or I/O card)
- Disk drive (also known as hard disk, hard drive, or hard disk drive)
- Solid State Drive (also known as SSD or non-rotating storage media)
- Enclosure (also known as a storage enclosure, disk drive enclosure, or JBOD)

2.3 How to Find More Information

You can find more information about your HBA 1200 Series Host Bus Adapter by referring to these documents, available for download at start.adaptec.com.

- *ARCCONF Command Line Utility User's Guide for Adaptec Smart Storage Controllers*—Describes how to use the ARCCONF utility to perform configuration and storage management tasks from an interactive command line. (DS-60001685)
- *HBA 1200 Series Host Bus Adapters Installation and User's Guide* (this manual)—Describes how to install HBA 1200 Series adapters in a computer or server, install drivers, and configure the adapter for initial use. (DS-00004086A)

3. Kit Contents and System Requirements

This section lists the contents of your HBA 1200 Series kit and the system requirements for successfully installing and using your adapter.

3.1 Kit Contents

HBA 1200 Series kits:

- HBA 1200 Series adapter
- Full-height ("FH") and Low-profile ("LP") brackets, with mounting screws

Note: The latest firmware, drivers, utilities software, and documentation can be downloaded at start.adaptec.com.

3.2 System Requirements

- PC-compatible computer with Intel Pentium, or equivalent, processor
- 4 GB of RAM minimum
- Available compatible PCIe slot (depending on your adapter model—see the descriptions in [4. About Your HBA 1200 Series Host Bust Adapter](#))
- One of the supported operating systems listed in the *HBA 1200 Software/Firmware Release Notes* (DS-00004088A). See the *Release Notes* for a complete list of supported OS versions.
- USB flash drive or CD burner, for creating driver disks and bootable media

4. About Your HBA 1200 Series Host Bust Adapter

This section provides an overview of the features of the HBA 1200 Series adapters.

4.1 Standard Features

- Low-profile, MD2 form factor on all boards with up to 16-ports; full-height, half-length form factor for 32-port variants
- Fully tri-mode capable: 16 Gbps NVMe Gen 4, 24 Gbps SAS4, and 6 Gbps SATA
- 8-lane (x8) or 16-lane (x16 ultra) PCIe Gen 4 host interface
- Internal SlimSAS (SFF-8654) and external mini-SAS HD connectors (using SFF-9402 pinout to support U.2 and U.3)
- Dynamic adapter power management
- arccconf/maxView support
- Support for 64 NVMe devices and up to 256 SAS/SATA devices
- Broad inbox OS coverage
- Comprehensive out of box driver support
- Multi initiator support for SAS only
- SGPIO, SES, UBM, and VPP enclosure management support
- Support for x86 platform
- Self-Encrypting Drive (SED) management software

Note: See the Product Brief for a complete list of supported features.

4.2 Mechanical Information

4.2.1 Board Dimensions

This table shows the board dimensions of the HBA 1200 Series adapters, in inches.

Table 4-1. Full-Height (FH) Board Dimensions (32 port)

Dimension	Measure
Height	4.376
Length	6.60
PCB thickness	0.062
Max. component height, top side	Not to exceed 0.57 in.
Max. component height, bottom side	Not to exceed 0.105 in.

Table 4-2. Low-Profile (LP) Board Dimensions (16 port, 8 port)

Dimension	Measure
Height	2.731
Length	6.60
PCB thickness	0.062
Max. component height, top side	Not to exceed 0.57 in.
Max. component height, bottom side	Not to exceed 0.105 in.

4.2.2 Heat Sink

HBA 1200 Series adapters include a passive heat sink. For airflow requirements, see Environmental Specifications.

4.3 Visual Indicators

LEDs on HBA 1200 Series adapters provide a visual indication of the board hardware status. The LED locations vary, and may be on the front of the board or back of the board. The LED states are described in the following tables.

For LED locations, see the board images in [4.4. About the HBA Ultra 1200-32i Adapter](#), [4.5. About the HBA Ultra 1200-16i and HBA 1200-16i Adapters](#), and [4.6. HBA 1200-8i](#).

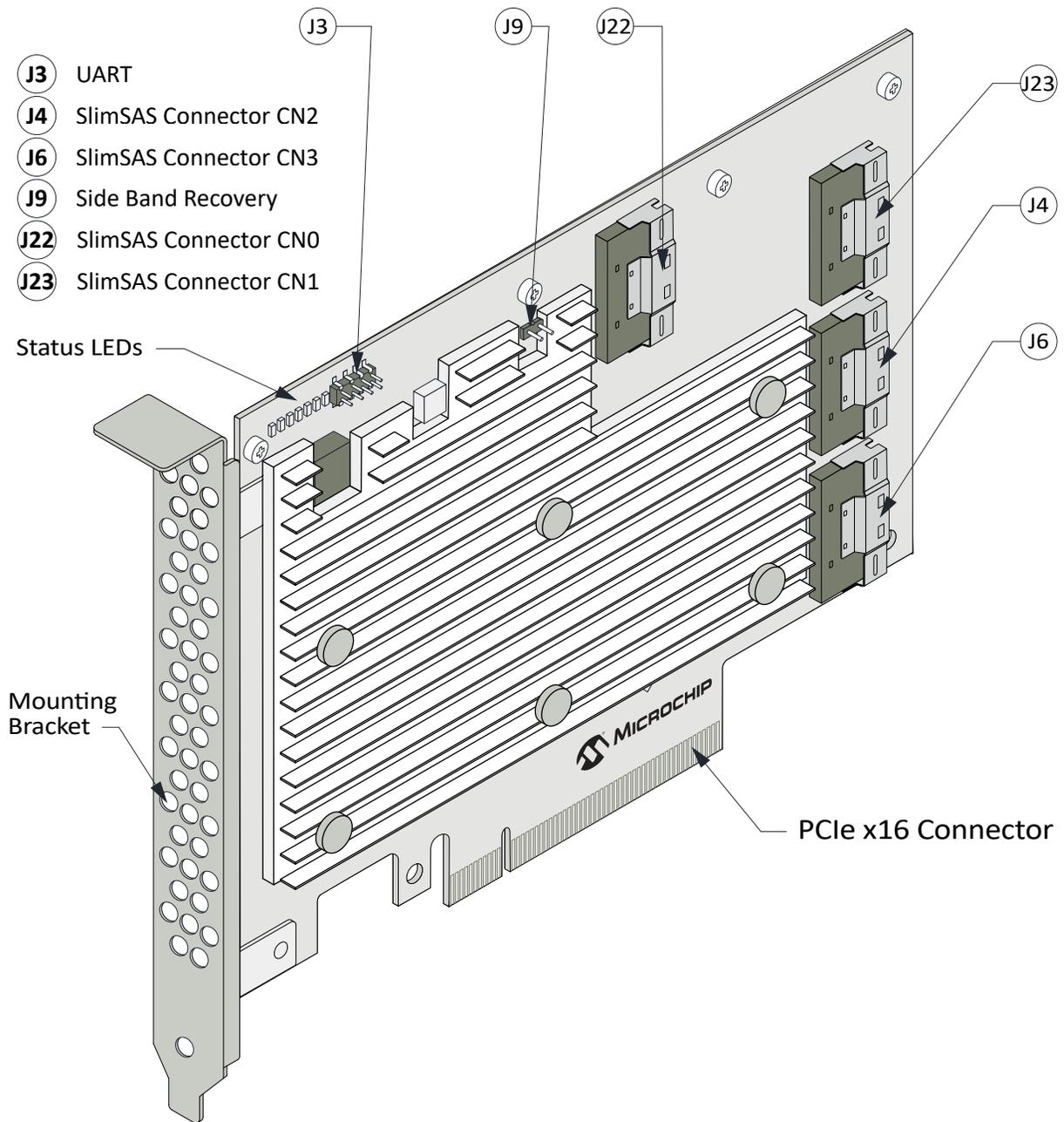
Table 4-3. HBA 1200 Series Status LEDs

LED	Color	Meaning
HEARTBEAT	Green	Heartbeat (blinks once per/second when firmware operating normally)
FAULT	Yellow	Hardware Lockup/Fault: OFF = NORMAL OPERATION, ON = FAULT
CRYPTO	Green	Cryptographic State: Off = NON-ENCRYPTING, On = ENCRYPTING
PAL_DEBUG	Yellow (8i adapters) Red (16i adapters)	Debug LED control signal

4.4 About the HBA Ultra 1200-32i Adapter

The HBA Ultra 1200-32i Adapter is a tri-mode (SAS/SATA/NVMe) Host Bus Adapter with these features:

Figure 4-1. HBA Ultra 1200-32i Adapter



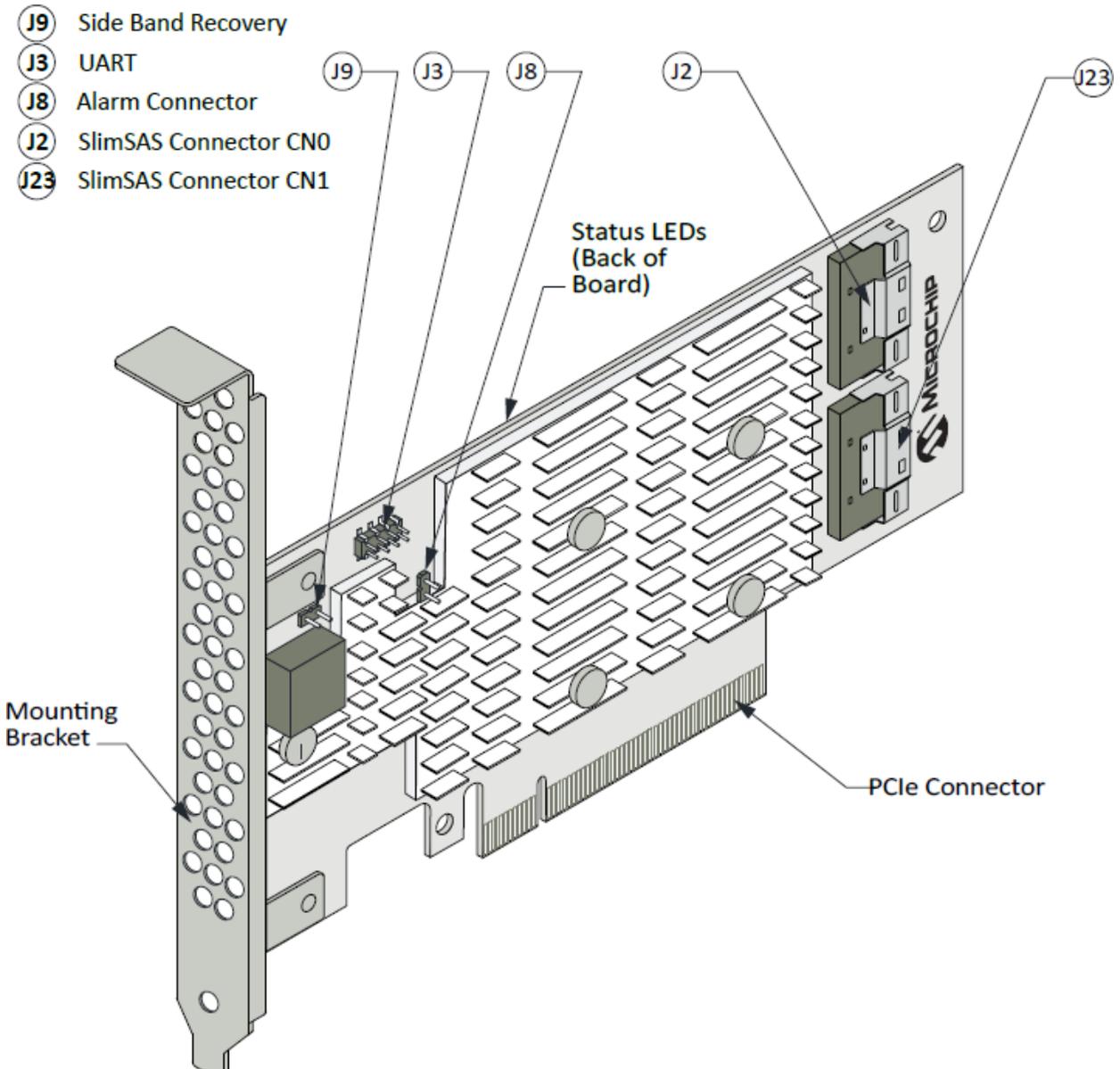
Form Factor	Full height; half length
Bus compatibility	PCIe 4.0
PCIe bus width	x16
Data transfer rate (SAS)	24 Gb/s per port
PHYs (Unified Serial Ports)	32
Standard memory	32 MB SPI Flash
Connectors, internal	4x SlimSAS x8
Maximum number of disk drives	32 (SAS/SATA/NVMe)
Enclosure Support	UBM, VPP, SGPIO

Controller-Based Encryption	No
Thermal sensors	Processor temperature, Ambient temperature

4.5 About the HBA Ultra 1200-16i and HBA 1200-16i Adapters

The HBA Ultra 1200-16i and HBA 1200-16i Adapters are tri-mode (SAS/SATA/NVMe) Host Bus Adapters with these features:

Figure 4-2. HBA Ultra 1200-16i and HBA 1200-16i Adapters



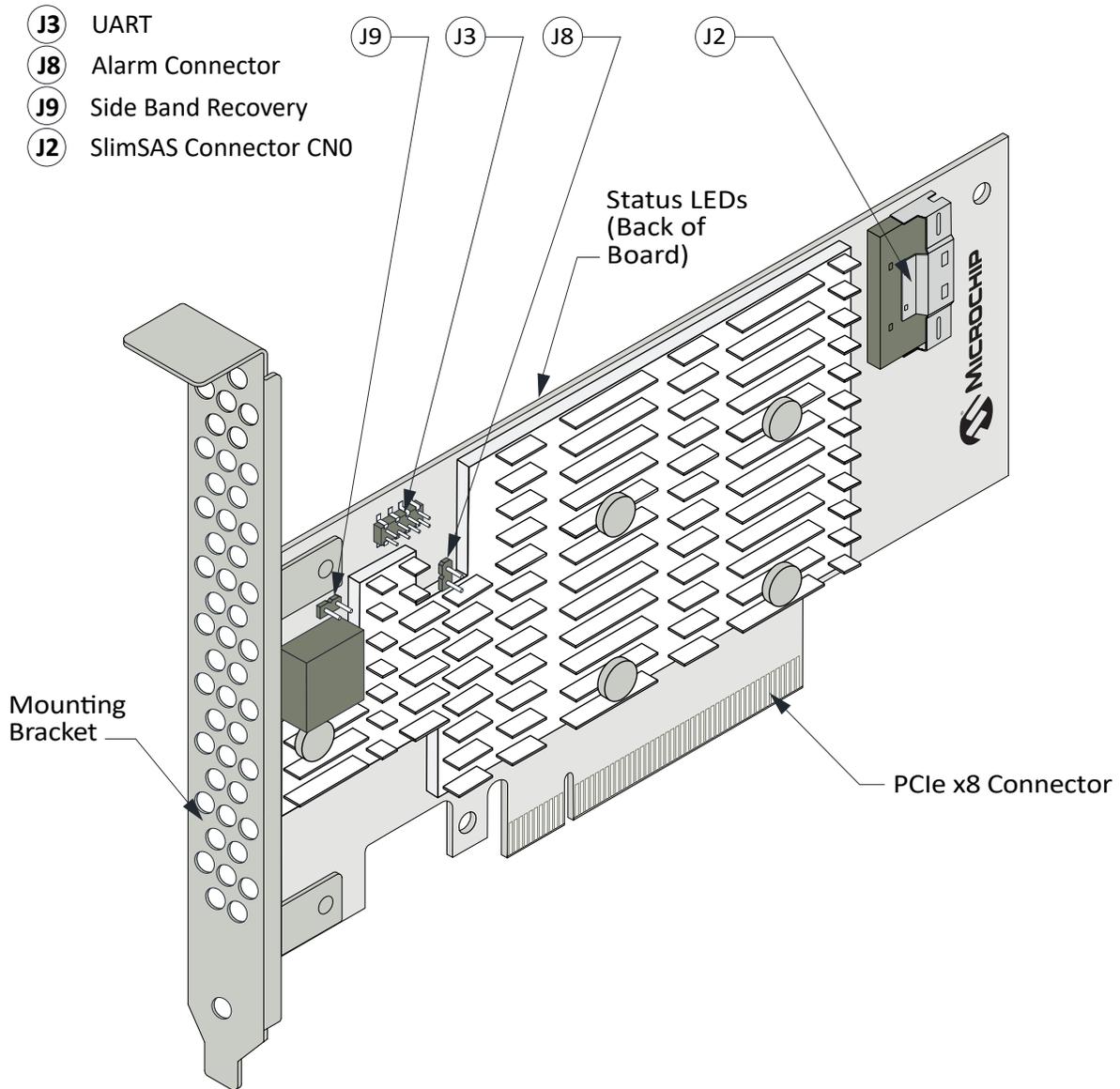
Form Factor	Half height; half length
Bus compatibility	PCIe 4.0
PCIe bus width	HBA Ultra 1200-16i: x16 HBA 1200-16i: x8
Data transfer rate (SAS)	24 Gb/s per port
PHYs (Unified Serial Ports)	16
Standard memory	32 MB SPI Flash
Connectors, internal	2x SlimSAS x8

Maximum number of disk drives	16 (SAS/SATA/NVMe)
Enclosure Support	UBM, VPP, SGPIO
Controller-Based Encryption	HBA Ultra 1200-16i: No HBA 1200-16i: No
Thermal sensors	Processor temperature, Ambient temperature

4.6 HBA 1200-8i

The HBA 1200-8i Adapter is a tri-mode (SAS/SATA/NVMe) Host Bus Adapter with these features:

Figure 4-3. HBA 1200-8i Adapter



Form Factor	Half height; half length
Bus compatibility	PCIe 4.0
PCIe bus width	x8
Data transfer rate (SAS)	24 Gb/s per port
PHYS (Unified Serial Ports)	8
Standard memory	32 MB SPI Flash
Connectors, internal	1x SlimSAS x8
Maximum number of disk drives	8 (SAS/SATA/NVMe)
Enclosure Support	UBM, VPP, SGPIO
Controller-Based Encryption	No

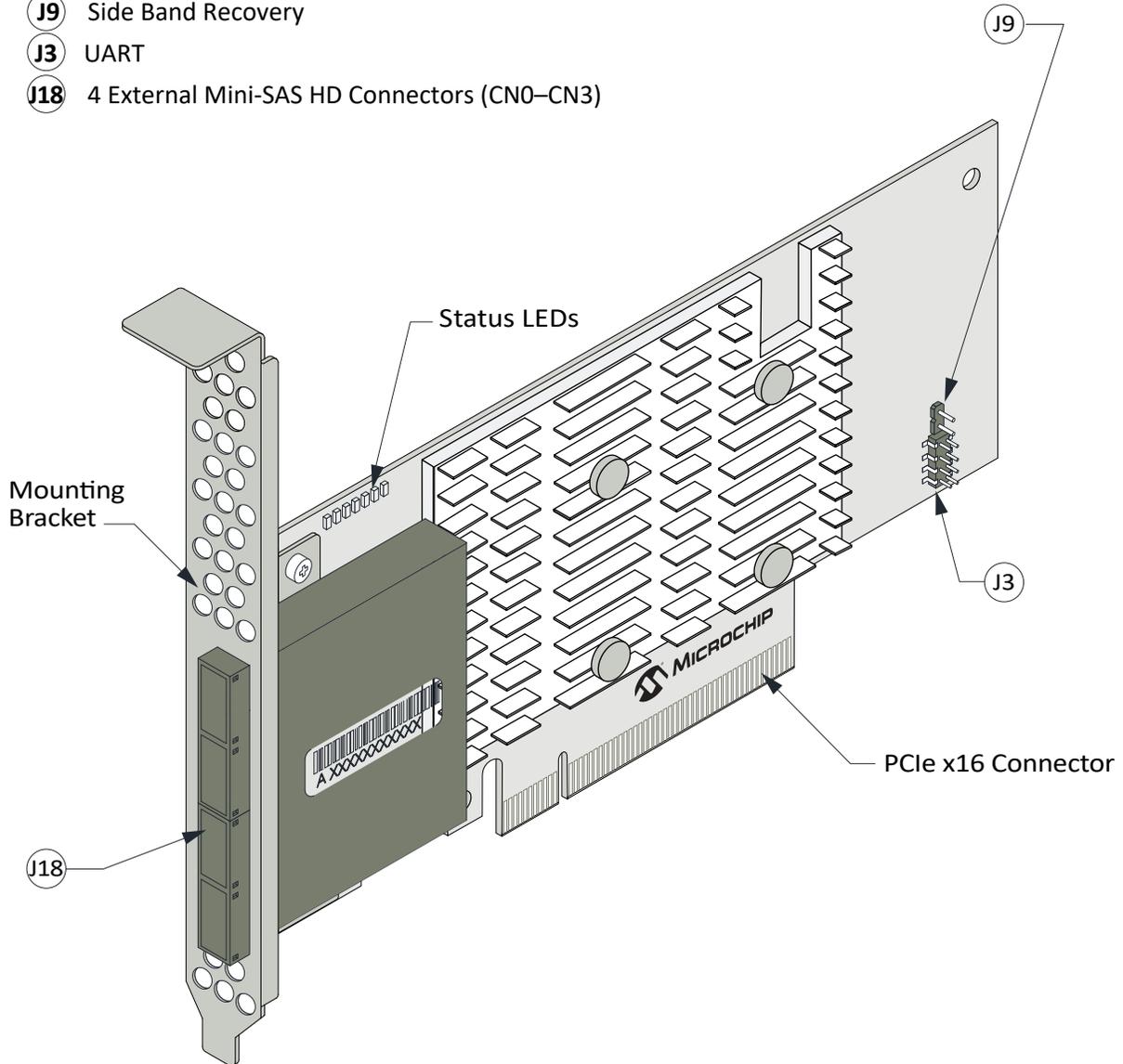
Thermal sensors	Processor temperature, Ambient temperature
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4.7 About the HBA Ultra 1200-16e Adapter

The HBA Ultra 1200-16e Adapter is a tri-mode (SAS/SATA/NVMe) Host Bus Adapter with these features:

Figure 4-4. HBA Ultra 1200-16e Adapter

- ⓐ J9 Side Band Recovery
- ⓑ J3 UART
- ⓒ J18 4 External Mini-SAS HD Connectors (CN0–CN3)



Form Factor	Half height; half length
Bus compatibility	PCIe 4.0
PCIe bus width	x16
Data transfer rate (SAS)	24 Gb/s per port
PHYs (Unified Serial Ports)	16
Standard memory	32 MB SPI Flash
Connectors, external	4x Mini-SAS HD
Maximum number of disk drives	16 (SAS/SATA/NVMe)
Enclosure Support	UBM, VPP, SGPIO

Controller-Based Encryption	No
Thermal sensors	Processor temperature, Ambient temperature

5. Installing the Controller and Disk Drives

This section explains how to install your HBA 1200 Series adapter in a computer cabinet or server and connect it to internal and external disk drives.

5.1 Before You Begin

- Read [Safety Information](#).
- Familiarize yourself with your host bus adapter's physical features (see [4.1. Standard Features](#)).
- Ensure that you have the right number of disk drives for your application (see [5.2. Selecting Disk Drives and Cables](#)).

5.2 Selecting Disk Drives and Cables

5.2.1 Disk Drives

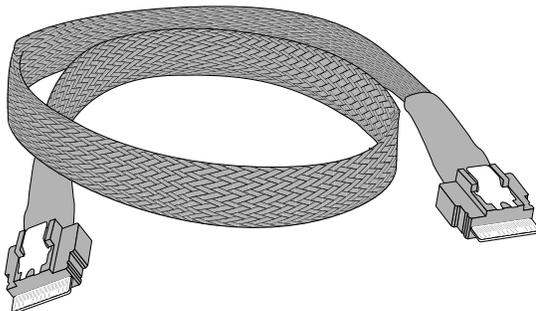
Your HBA 1200 Series adapter supports SAS and SATA disk drives, and Solid State Drives (SSDs). For more information about compatible disk drives, refer to www.adaptec.com/compatibility.

5.2.2 Cables

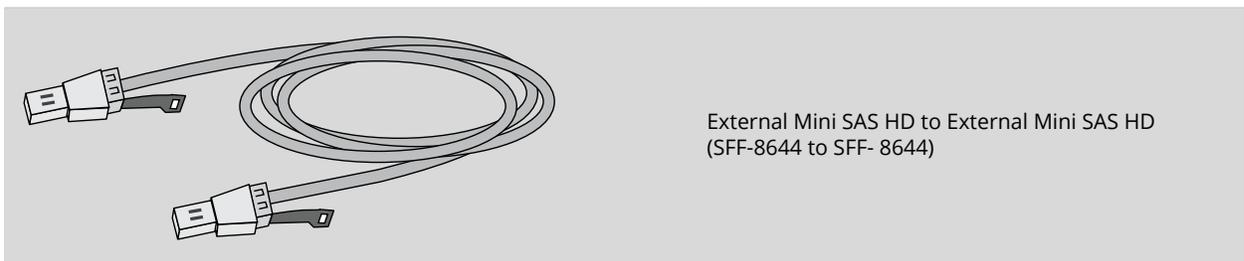
Depending on your application requirements, you can use any of the cables listed below (for typical applications; list not exhaustive). For more information about cabling options for your HBA 1200 Series adapter, visit www.adaptec.com/cables

Note: We recommend using Microchip Adaptec cables only.

SlimSAS Cables



SlimSAS x8 : SlimSAS x8
SFF-8654 to SFF-8654



External Mini SAS HD to External Mini SAS HD
(SFF-8644 to SFF- 8644)

5.3 Using the Microchip HII BIOS Configuration Utility to Configure Controller Settings for Direct-Attached Devices

This section will be used to configure the port discovery protocol in the HII BIOS utility of the RAID/HBA controller through the system BIOS during server boot.

1. Configure direct-attached devices per NVMe protocol with required cabling and power connections.
2. Power on system and access System BIOS menu. Navigate to the Adaptec RAID/HBA Controller.
3. Navigate to Configure Controller Settings → Configure Port Discovery Protocol → Set Port Discovery Protocol.

4. Set Port CN# to be configured and change setting from "Auto Detect" to "Direct-Attached Cable," and submit changes.
5. Configure the number of targets for the direct-attached devices. Selection is equal to the number of connectors on the cable (i.e., 2, 4, or 8). Adaptec by Microchip proprietary cables are required. Submit Changes.
6. After submitting changes, this screen will indicate a successful configuration change. Save changes in the BIOS menu and restart.

5.4 Tri-Mode Connectivity Tips for Integration

Devices connected via enclosure/backplane

- Verify the correct cable type for the specific configuration is used.
 - Refer to the systems compatibility report (CR) for tested configuration settings.
 - <https://adaptec.com/compatibility>
 - Refer to the qualified cable description list for configurations not listed on systems CR.
 - <https://adaptec.com/cables>
- Verify the backplane is set to the correct mode.
 - Refer to the systems compatibility report (CR) for tested configuration settings.
 - <https://adaptec.com/compatibility>
- Refer to enclosure documentation for configurations not listed on systems CR.
- Verify the controller Backplane Mode setting is correct for the configuration
 - Available options:
 - View Current port Discovery Protocol
 - View Pending port Discovery Protocol
 - Set port Discovery Protocol
 - Reset port Discovery Protocol to default
 - Backplane Mode settings can be reviewed/changed in the UEFI BIOS utility, ARCCONF CLI utility, or maxView GUI
 - Available options are Auto-detect(default)/UBM/SGPIO/VPP
- This operation requires reboot.
- Additional guidelines
 - NVMe drives following U.3 pinout **are** compatible with enclosures intended for U.2 NVMe drives. NVMe drives following the U.2 pinout **are not** compatible with enclosures intended for use with NVMe U.3 drives.
 - Verify controller BIOS/firmware is at latest release
 - SlimSAS to Occulink is 1:1 connection to NVMe devices
- When configuring mixed devices in a single backplane, it is recommended to confirm configuration of NVMe devices before adding SAS/SATA devices
- If devices are not recognized
 - Verify all settings above
- If devices are not on NVMe/Systems CR, it's possible it is not compatible. Please select a tested device from list or contact Adaptec Apps Engineering at <https://ask.adaptec.com>

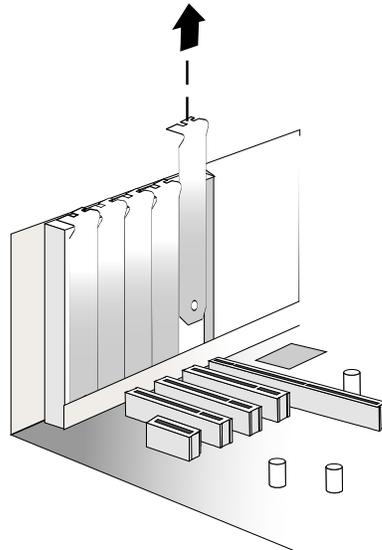
5.5 Installing the Host Bus Adapter

This section describes how to install your HBA 1200 Series adapter in a computer cabinet or server and connect internal and external storage devices.

1. Turn off your computer and disconnect the power cord and any network cables. Open the cabinet, following the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Select an available PCIe expansion slot that's compatible with your adapter model and remove the slot cover, as shown in the figure below. (To check PCIe bus compatibility of your adapter, see [4. About Your HBA 1200 Series Host Bust Adapter.](#))



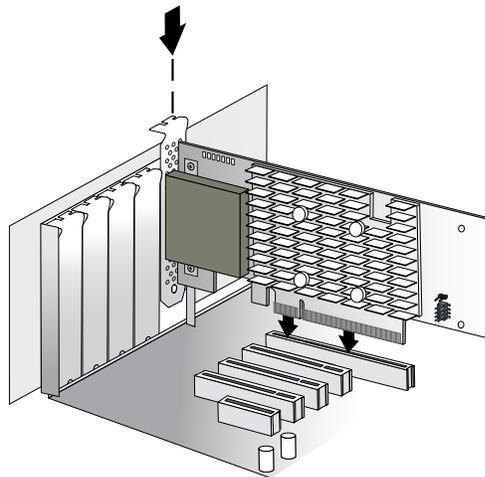
Touch a grounded metal object before handling the adapter.



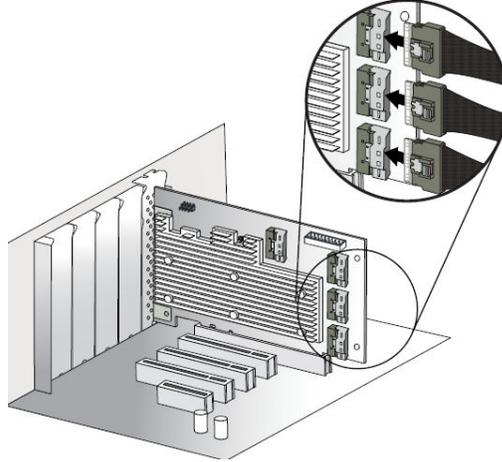
3. Insert the adapter into the expansion slot and press down gently but firmly until it clicks into place. When installed properly, the adapter should appear level with the expansion slot.



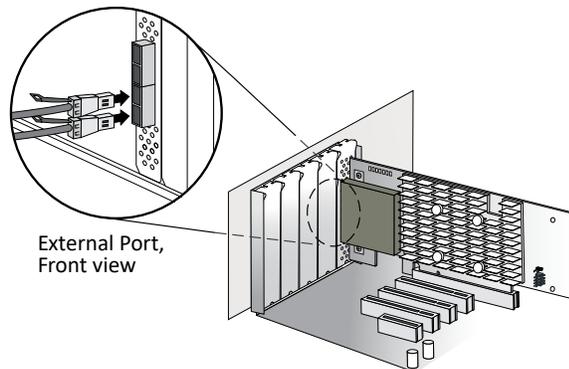
Be sure to handle the adapter by its bracket or edges only. Apply pressure only on the edges when inserting the card into expansion slot.



4. Secure the bracket in the expansion slot, using the retention device (for instance, a screw or lever) supplied with your computer.
5. Connect cables between the adapter and internal or external disk drives or enclosures, as required:
 - For adapters with internal ports, connect SlimSAS cables between the adapter and internal disk drives or enclosures:



- For adapters with external ports, connect miniSAS HD cables between the adapter and external disk drives or enclosures:



6. Close your computer cabinet, reconnect the power cord and network cables, then power up the system.

6. Installing the Driver and an Operating System

This chapter explains how to install the SmartPQI controller driver and an operating system on a bootable volume. It assumes that the HBA 1200 is installed in a computer or server.

A compatible driver is available in box for many operating systems. If you are installing an OS version that already has a compatible driver, install the OS normally using the available OS media or image, then update the driver later using the procedures in [7. Installing the Driver on an Existing Operating System](#)

Note: For information about building the SmartPQI drivers from source, see [11. Installing the SmartPQI Drivers from Source](#).

6.1 Download the Driver Package

Complete these steps to download the drivers for your operating system(s):

1. Open a browser window, then type start.adaptec.com in the address bar.
2. Enter your product or adapter model number, then select HBA 1200.
3. Select your operating system version, for instance, Microsoft Windows Server 2019 or Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7; then select the appropriate driver from the list.
4. Download the controller driver package (zip file archive).
5. When the download completes, extract the package contents to a temporary location on your machine. Each driver is stored in a separate folder (windows 2019, \rhel7, and so on).

Notes:

- For OSs that provide an in box smartpqi driver with support for Microchip Smart Storage Controllers, it is not necessary to create a driver disk from the downloaded driver files. Refer to the instructions for each OS for specific driver disk requirements.
- See the *Release Notes* for a complete list of available driver files.

6.2 Installing with Windows

Note: Use the following procedure for all supported Windows versions. You will need your Windows Installation DVD (or equivalent virtual media/iso image) to complete this task.

To install the controller SmartPQI driver while installing Windows:

1. Insert the Windows installation DVD, then restart the computer.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions to begin the Windows installation.
3. When prompted to specify a location for Windows, select **Load Driver**.
4. Insert the USB driver disk, browse to the driver location, then click **Ok**.
5. When prompted to select the driver to install, click **Next**.
6. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

6.3 Installing with Red Hat Linux

To install the controller SmartPQI driver while installing Red Hat Linux, follow the steps in the sections below.

RHEL7 Update 6 Installation and Above

To install the RHEL7 driver with a Linux system:

1. Install the Linux system using the in box smartpqi driver.
2. After the installation completes, install the latest smartpqi driver rpm by using the following command (where `##.##-###` is the build number):

```
rpm -ivh kmod-smartpqi-##.##-###.rhel7u9.x86_64.rpm
```

RHEL7 Installation with Secure Boot

To install the RHEL driver with a Linux system with secure boot enabled:

Note: For more information about installing RHEL with secure boot, refer to the RedHat online resources for "Signing Kernel Modules for Secure Boot".

1. Install the Linux system using the inbox smartpqi driver in secure boot mode.
2. Enroll the Microchip public key for secure boot:
 - a. Import public key:

```
mokutil --import smart_driver_key_pub.der
```

- b. Reboot system.
 - c. During boot, perform MOK key enrollment to accept the new key.
3. After the installation completes, install the signed driver rpm using the following command (where `##.#-###` is the build number):

```
rpm -ivh kmod-smartpqi-##.#-###.<rhel_version>.x86_64.rpm
```

4. Reboot.

6.4 Installing with SuSE Linux Enterprise Server

To install the controller SmartPQI driver while installing SuSE Linux, follow the steps in the sections below.

Installing with SLES 12 SP3 and Above

Follow these steps to install the driver while installing SLES 12 SP5:

1. Install the Linux system using the inbox smartpqi driver.
2. After the installation completes, install the latest smartpqi driver rpm by using the following command (where `##.#-###` is the build number and the SLES version is formatted as follows: `sles12sp5`):

```
rpm -ivh smartpqi-ueficert-##.#-###.<sles_version>.x86_64.rpm
rpm -ivh smartpqi-kmp-default-##.#-###.<sles_version>.x86_64.rpm
```

SLES 12 Installation with Secure Boot

To install the SLES driver with a Linux system with secure boot enabled:

1. Install the Linux system using the inbox smartpqi driver in secure boot mode.
2. Enroll the Microchip public key for secure boot.
 - a. Install the ueficert package:

```
rpm -ivh smartpqi-ueficert-##.#-###.<sles_version>.x86_64.rpm
```

- b. Import public key:

```
mokutil --import /etc/uefi/certs/17A8B2BE.crt
```

- c. Reboot.
 - d. During boot, perform MOK key enrollment to accept the new key.
3. Install Microchip signed driver rpm package:

```
rpm -ivh smartpqi-kmp-default-##.#-###.<sles_version>.x86_64.rpm
```

4. Reboot.

6.5 Installing with Oracle Linux

To install the controller SmartPQI driver while installing Oracle Linux, follow the steps in the sections below.

Installing with Oracle Linux 7.6 and Above

Follow these steps to install the driver while installing Oracle Linux 7.6:

1. Install the Linux system using the inbox smartpqi driver.
2. After the installation completes, install the latest smartpqi driver rpm for the kernel you intend to run (where `##.#-###` is the build number and the Oracle Linux version is formatted as follows: `ol7u9`):

```
Base Kernel: rpm -ivh kmod-smartpqi-##.#-###.<ol_version>.x86_64.rpm
UEK Kernel: rpm -ivh kmod-smartpqi-uek-##.#-###.<ol_version>.x86_64.rpm
```

6.6 Installing with Ubuntu Linux

To install the controller SmartPQI driver while installing Ubuntu Linux:

Note: The following instructions apply to Ubuntu Server 18.04 LTS and above only.

1. Install the Linux system using the inbox smartpqi driver.
2. Install the smartpqi DKMS package (`smartpqi-dkms_##.#-###_all.deb`) by using the following commands (where `##.#-###` is the build number):

Note: The smartpqi DKMS package rebuilds the smartpqi driver automatically whenever the kernel on the system is updated. This ensures that you have a smartpqi driver to support the new kernel.

```
apt-get update
apt-get -f install build-essential dkms
dpkg -i smartpqi-dkms_##.#-###_all.deb
```

6.7 Installing with Debian Linux

To install the controller SmartPQI driver while installing Debian Linux 9.13 and above:

1. Install the Linux system using the inbox smartpqi driver.
2. Reboot the system.
3. Install the smartpqi DKMS package (`smartpqi-dkms_##.#-###_all.deb`) by using the following commands (where `##.#-###` is the build number):

Note: The smartpqi DKMS package rebuilds and activates the smartpqi driver automatically any time the kernel on the system is updated. This insures you have a smartpqi driver to support the new kernel.

```
apt-get install build-essential dkms
dpkg -i smartpqi-dkms_##.#-###_all.deb
```

6.8 Installing with FreeBSD

To install the controller SmartPQI driver while installing FreeBSD:

1. Copy the driver module (`smartpqi.ko`) to a USB drive.
Disk partition the USB key, using `gpart` on a unix system.
For example:

```
# gpart create -s GPT dal
# gpart add -t freebsd-ufs dal
# newfs /dev/dalpl
# mount /dev/dalpl /mnt
# cp smartpqi.ko /mnt
```

2. Insert the USB driver disk.
3. Insert the FreeBSD Installation disk into the CD/DVD drive and boot from it.
4. From the FreeBSD boot menu, press Escape to launch the boot loader prompt.
5. Perform the following steps at the boot loader prompt:
 - a. Check all the present modules by executing following command.

```
# lsmod
```

Expected Output: It will show all the present modules.

- b. Unload the kernel module by executing the following command:

```
# unload
```

- c. Check whether the kernel is unloaded or not by executing the following command:

```
# lsmod
```

Expected Output: It will show all the present modules.

- d. Check whether the USB drive is detected or not by executing the following command:

```
# lsdev
```

Expected Output:

part 0: (removable)

part 1: (removable)

part 2: (removable)

- e. Load the kernel by executing the following command:

```
# load /boot/kernel/kernel
```

- f. Load the driver module by executing the following command:

```
# load part< USB key location >:smartpqi.ko
```

For example: # load part2:smartpqi.ko

- g. Continue the Installation procedure by typing the following command and pressing **Enter**.

```
# boot
```

- h. After completing the kernel installation and before rebooting the system, add the driver to the new system. Choose "YES" when it prompts the following message for the manual configuration.

"The installation is now finished. Before exiting the installer, would you like to open a shell in the new system to make any final manual modifications?"

- i. Use the following commands to complete the manual configuration:

- i. Mount the USB key by using the following command:

```
# mount /dev/dalp1 /media
```

- ii. Copy the driver to the boot directory by using the following command:

```
# cp /media/smartpqi.ko /boot/modules/smartpqi.ko
```

- iii. Ensure that the boot loader loads by using the following command:

```
# vi /boot/loader.conf
```

iv. Add the following line:

```
smartpqi_load="YES"
# reboot
```

6. If the system halts at # `mountroot>`, check for the boot partition using the following command:

```
# mountroot> ?
```

Note: The boot partition is primarily present in P2, so use the following command:

```
# mountroot> ufs:/dev/<da0p2>
```

6.9 Installing with Citrix XenServer

Note: For Hypervisor 8.2 or later, install Hypervisor on the system using the driver included in the release. Then update driver as necessary using the latest driver release from the Citrix support site.

Note: For XenServer 7.6 and above, a USB key is supported for the driver update ISO. On a Linux system, use the `dd` command to write the SmartPQI driver ISO image to the USB key. You will need the XenServer installation DVD (or equivalent virtual media/iso image) to complete this task. You must have administrator privilege to install the driver image.

To install the controller SmartPQI driver while installing Citrix XenServer:

1. On the machine where you want to install the OS and SmartPQI driver, insert the XenServer installation DVD, then restart your computer.
2. When prompted to add a driver, insert the driver USB key, press `F9`, then select **local media**.

Note: Leave the driver USB key inserted throughout the installation.

3. Verify the SmartPQI driver and **“use”**.
4. Continue the XenServer installation, following the on-screen instructions.
5. Remove the driver USB key, then reboot your computer.

6.10 Installing with VMware

Note: You will need a writable CD or USB flash drive to complete this task. You must have administrator privileges to create the driver disk and install the driver image.

To install the controller SmartPQI driver with VMware ESXi, you must create a custom boot image using the VMware Image Builder tool. This tool automates the process of customizing the ESXi install-ISO and runs as a script under Microsoft PowerShell.

To install the SmartPQI controller driver while installing VMware:

1. Use VMware’s ESXi image builder process to build a boot/install image that includes the desired driver. Instructions for this process can be found at docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/7.0/com.vmware.esxi.install.doc/GUID-62B15826-B529-4519-B57A-98DFD0CC5522.html?hWord=N4IghgNiBclJfSwHMCmACAQgVwJYQBNUAnEAXyA.
2. On the VMware ESXi machine, insert the custom boot CD/USB, then restart your computer.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to begin the VMware installation.
4. Complete the VMware installation, following the on-screen instructions.
5. Remove the custom boot CD or USB drive, then reboot your computer.

7. Installing the Driver on an Existing Operating System

This chapter explains how to install the SmartPQI controller driver on an existing operating system. It assumes that the HBA 1200 is installed in a computer or server and the OS is already installed.

Notes:

- To install the driver while you're installing an operating system, see [Installing the Driver and an Operating System](#).
- For information about building the SmartPQI drivers from source, see [11. Installing the SmartPQI Drivers from Source](#).

7.1 Download the Driver Package

Complete these steps to download the drivers for your operating system(s):

1. Open a browser window, then type start.adaptec.com in the address bar.
2. Enter your product or adapter model number, then select HBA 1200.
3. Select your operating system version, for instance, Microsoft Windows Server 2019 or Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7; then select the appropriate driver from the list.
4. Download the controller driver package (zip file archive).
5. When the download completes, extract the package contents to a temporary location on your machine. Each driver is stored in a separate folder (windows 2019, rhel7, and so on).

Notes:

- For OSs that provide an inbox smartpqi driver with support for Microchip Smart Storage Controllers, it is not necessary to create a driver disk from the downloaded driver files. Refer to the instructions for each OS for specific driver disk requirements.
- See the *Release Notes* for a complete list of available driver files.

7.2 Installing on Windows

Note: The following instructions apply to all supported Windows operating systems.

To install the controller SmartPQI driver on Windows:

1. Start or restart Windows.
2. In the Control Panel, launch the Device Manager, right-click your Smart Storage Controller, then select **Update Driver Software**.
3. Insert the driver disk, then select **Browse my computer for driver software**.
4. Browse to the driver disk location, then click **Next**.
5. Select the driver from the list, then click **Next**.
6. When the installation is complete, remove the driver disk and restart your computer.

7.3 Installing on Red Hat

To install the controller SmartPQI driver on Red Hat Linux, follow the steps in the sections below.

Installing on RHEL7 Update 6 and Above

To install the RHEL7 driver on a Linux system:

1. Install the latest smartpqi driver rpm by using the following command (where `##.##-###` is the build number and the RHEL version is formatted as follows: `rhel7u9`):


```
rpm -ivh kmod-smartpqi-##.##-###.<rhel_version>.x86_64.rpm
```
2. Reboot the system.

7.4 Installing on SuSE Linux Enterprise Server

To install the controller SmartPQI driver on SLES, follow the steps below.

Installing on SLES 12 SP3 and Above

Follow these steps to install the driver on SLES 12 SP5:

1. Install the latest smartpqi driver rpm by using the following command (where `###-###` is the build number and the SLES version is formatted as follows: `sles12sp5`):

```
rpm -ivh smartpqi-ueficert-###-###.<sles_version>.x86_64.rpm
rpm -ivh smartpqi-kmp-default-###-###.<sles_version>.x86_64.rpm
```

2. Reboot the system.

7.5 Installing on Oracle Linux

To install the controller SmartPQI driver on Oracle Linux, follow the steps below.

Installing on Oracle Linux 7.6 and Above

To install the SmartPQI driver on an Oracle Linux system:

1. Install the latest smartpqi package using the following commands (where `###-###` is the build number and the Oracle Linux version is formatted as follows: `o17u9`):

Base Kernel: `rpm -ivh kmod-smartpqi-###-###.<ol_version>.x86_64.rpm`

UEK Kernel: `rpm -ivh kmod-smartpqi-uek-###-###.<ol_version>.x86_64.rpm`

UEK6o17 Kernel: `rpm -ivh kmod-smartpqi-uek6o17-###-###.x86_64.rpm`

UEK6o18 Kernel: `rpm -ivh kmod-smartpqi-uek6o18-###-###.x86_64.rpm`

7.6 Installing on Ubuntu Linux

Notes:

1. For driver installation on Ubuntu Linux, you may need to create the root account and password.
2. The SmartPQI driver is available as inbox for Ubuntu 18.04 and above.

To install the controller SmartPQI driver on Ubuntu:

1. Login to the system using the root user credentials.
2. Update the Ubuntu package index by using the following command:

```
sudo apt-get update
```

3. Load the Ubuntu unpacking tools:

```
sudo apt-get -f install build-essential dkms
```

4. Install the latest SmartPQI DKMS DEB driver package by using the following command (where `###-###` is the build number):

```
dpkg -i smartpqi-dkms_###-###_all.deb
```

7.7 Installing on Debian Linux

To install the controller SmartPQI driver on Debian 9.13 and above:

1. Login to the system as root, or sudo to root.
2. Install the supporting package for the SmartPQI DKMS deb package:

```
apt-get update
apt-get install build-essential dkms
```

3. Install the SmartPQI DKMS DEB driver package using the following command (where `###-###` is the build number):

```
dpkg -i smartpqi-dkms_###-###_all.deb
```

4. Reboot system.

7.8 Installing on FreeBSD

To install the controller SmartPQI driver on FreeBSD:

1. Check whether the driver package is installed or not.

```
# pkg info | grep smartpqi
```

2. Install the SmartPQI package by using the following command:

For FreeBSD 11:

```
# pkg add smartpqi-amd64.txz
```

For FreeBSD 12 and 13:

```
# pkg add smartpqi-amd.pkg
```

Note: Upgrade the package if it already exists, using the following command.

For FreeBSD 11:

```
# pkg upgrade smartpqi-amd64.txz
```

For FreeBSD 12 and 13:

```
# pkg upgrade smartpqi-amd.pkg
```

3. Restart the system.

```
# reboot
```

7.9 Installing on Citrix XenServer

Note: For Hypervisor 8.2 or later, if Hypervisor was installed on the system using the driver included in the release, then update the driver as necessary using the latest driver release from the Citrix support site.

Note: To copy the driver RPM file to XenServer, you must have access to a remote copy utility, such as WinSCP, putty, or Linux scp. You must have root privilege to install the driver.

To install the controller SmartPQI driver on Citrix XenServer (where `##.##-###` is the build number and the Citrix XenServer version is formatted as follows: xen7.6):

1. Using a remote copy utility, copy the driver RPM file to a local directory on XenServer. This example uses Linux scp to copy the driver to `/tmp/smartpqi`:

```
scp citrix-smartpqi-##.##-###.<xen_version>.rpm root@<xen-server-ip>:/tmp/smartpqi
```

2. Install the driver module rpm:

```
rpm -ivh /tmp/smartpqi/citrix-smartpqi-##.##-###.<xen_version>.rpm
```

3. Reboot your computer.

7.10 Installing on VMware

Note: The instructions in this section must be executed on the ESXi server's command line. To access the command line:

1. Enable ESXi system console login. At ESXi system console, press **F2** and log in as root.
2. Select "Troubleshooting Options" and press **ENTER**.
3. Select "Enable ESXi shell".
4. Select "Enable SSH".
5. Press **ESC** to exit from the menus back to the ESXi splash screen.
6. Press **ALT + F1** to open the ESXi shell login screen.
7. Log in as root.

To install the controller SmartPQI driver on VMware:

1. Using a remote copy utility, such as Linux `scp`, copy the downloaded driver VIB package onto the ESXi server's `tmp` directory using the following command (where `xxxxxx` is the version/build number):

For ESXi 7.0:

```
# scp smartpqi-70.xxxx.0.xxx-1OEM.700.0.0xxxxxxx.x86_64.vib root@<esxi_server_address>:/tmp
```

For ESXi 8.0:

```
# scp smartpqi-80.xxxx.0.xxx-1OEM.800.0.0xxxxxxx.x86_64.vib root@<esxi_server_address>:/tmp
```

2. On the ESXi server console, install the driver package (.vib file).

For ESXi 7.0:

```
# esxcli software vib install -v file:/tmp/
smartpqi-70.xxxx.0.xxx-1OEM.700.0.0xxxxxxx.x86_64 -maintenance-mode
```

For ESXi 8.0:

```
# esxcli software vib install -v file:/tmp/
smartpqi-80.xxxx.0.xxx-1OEM.800.0.0xxxxxxx.x86_64 -maintenance-mode
```

3. Restart the system.

```
# reboot
```

4. After rebooting the system, check whether the driver package is installed. Compare the driver vib version shown by the command below with the version that was installed, to make sure they are the same.

```
# esxcli software vib list | grep smartpqi
```

5. Restore system console security settings:
 - a. At ESXi system console, press **F2** and log in as root.
 - b. Select "Troubleshooting Options" and press **ENTER**.
 - c. Select "Disable ESXi shell".
 - d. Select "Disable SSH".
 - e. Press **ESC** to exit back to the ESXi splash screen.

8. Managing SED

8.1 Overview

8.1.1 Introduction

A Self-Encrypting Drive (SED) encrypts data through disk-based encryption with a Media Encryption Key (MEK). The MEK is known only to the SED and cannot be recovered through forensic analysis. Smart controllers enable the use of SEDs as logical drives or physical drives.

The controller is responsible for managing and delivering the credentials required by the SED for enabling the disk-based encryption. SAS, SATA, and NVME drives that are compliant to the Opal 2.0 and Enterprise 1.01 industry standards are supported.

This section describes the functionality provided by the managed SED features.

This table lists the terms used in this section.

Table 8-1. Terminology

Term	Definition
Credential	A value (password, key, or PIN) that grants access privilege
Encrypted	A value that is obfuscated with an algorithm
PIN	A value (up to 32 bytes) used as a credential on a SED
Key	A value input to a hash function used to create a PIN
Locking range	An LBA range of a SED that may have unique credentials
Identifier	The "name" component of a name—values pair as in Key Identifier: Key
RAID set	A drive or group of drives that contain one or more RAID volumes
Secured	A SED managed by the smart controller. The SED PIN is required to access user data.
Unsecured	A SED that is not managed by the smart controller
Password	This refers to the controller password. The controller password is not related to the SED PIN or the adapter master key
OFS	Original Factory State. This is the state of a newly manufactured SED. No security attributes or locking ranges are configured.
LKM	Local Key Management
RKM	Remote Key Management
UEFI	Unified Extensible Firmware Interface
HII	Human Interface Infrastructure
KMS	Key Management Service

8.2 Supported Features

The features described in the following sections are part of the managed SED feature set. Users can configure the managed SED feature settings through the UEFI HII and ARCCONF or maxView OS-based tools.

8.2.1 Supported SED Types

Adapters support attaching SAS, SATA, and NVMe SED (depending on the controller used) that are compliant with the following industry standards:

- TCG Storage Security Subsystem Class: Enterprise Standard version 1.01
- TCG Storage Security Subsystem Class: Opal standard version 2.01

8.2.2 Logical and Physical Drives

Adapters support using SEDs for logical and physical drives with the disk-based encryption feature enabled. Encryption-enabled drives are referred to as secured drives. The controller delivers the credentials to the SEDs and unlocks them. SEDs can also be used for logical and physical drives without the disk-based encryption feature turned on (like a non-SED device) and is referred to as non-secured drives.

Secured SED drives can also be used as boot drives or MaxCache logical drives. Adaptec Controllers also support coexistence of both secured and non-secured drives.

If a secure logical drive is used as a boot device in local key management mode and the controller password is enabled, the controller password must be entered from the HII utility every time the OS is booted.

Note: Mixing of different SED drive types (Opal and Enterprise) in a logical drive or maxCache array is not supported.

8.2.3 Local and Remote Key Management

The controller is responsible for delivering the credentials (PIN) to the SEDs. When the controller is managing SEDs, a Master Key is created during the initial setup. The Master Key is required to secure the SEDs and unlock the user data on managed SEDs.

Local Key Management

The Master Key is stored locally in the controller NVRAM. Optionally, a Master Key Identifier can also be entered at the time of Master Key creation.

Remote Key Management

The Master Key is generated and stored by key management server external to the controller. The controller will communicate with the server to retrieve the Master Key.

8.2.4 Controller Password

The controller password is an optional setting while configuring controller managed SED encryption.

Local Key Management

The controller password is intended to provide an extra level of security for local SED management and guards against theft of the server, adapter, and the SEDs. The adapter will not unlock any SED until the controller password input is provided in the configuration utility.

Remote Key Management

Controller password in remote key management mode serves as a backup option to unlock controller and encrypted devices in the case when the key management server becomes unavailable. Controller password option is only provided in HII utility. If controller password is configured, an encrypted version of the Remote Master Key is stored in the controller NVRAM. If the controller is not able to connect to the remote key server, the controller password can be used to retrieve and decrypt the Remote Master key from controller NVRAM.

8.2.5 Changing the Master Key in Local Key Management Mode

Updating the Master Key is a controller wide operation that applies to all secured SED drives.

8.2.6 Reverting to OFS

Controller management tools can revert a secured SED to the OFS. Secured logical drives must be deleted before returning to OFS, which also destroys all the data on the logical drive.

If the credential of the secured SED is unavailable, reverting to the OFS requires the 32-byte PSID from the drive's label to perform the revert operation.

8.2.7 Importing a Foreign Secured SED

A foreign SED is defined as a secured physical or logical drive that was previously attached to an Adaptec controller with a different credential than what is stored in the new Adaptec controller. The controller can detect that the drive was moved from a different controller and can import the drive to the new controller when the original credentials are entered. In remote key management mode, foreign controller managed SED devices whose Master key belongs to same key management server are automatically imported during boot.

Note: The controller cannot import secured SED volumes from non-Adaptec controllers.

8.2.8 Controller Factory Reset

Factory Reset deletes all secrets, keys, passwords, and identifiers on the controller and places the controller's encryption configuration in a factory new state. It does not modify the drives.

8.3 Workflows

8.3.1 Rules to Enable SED Management

These are the rules for enabling SED management:

- All SEDs in a secure logical drive must be the same SSC type (Enterprise, Opal, and so on).
- When creating a new secure logical drive, all SEDs must either be in OFS or owned by the controller.
- Unsecured drives must be in OK state before they can be secured.
- For Local Key Management—If controller password is enabled, ensure it is entered before performing any drive removal/re-insertion operations while the controller is powered on. Otherwise, the newly added SED will be in the Locked state without the credentials and will not transition the logical drive to the correct state such as Rebuild or Transformation.
- Once a secure volume is created using the SED management feature, down revving the firmware to a version that does not have support for SED management feature will render the secure volume inaccessible.
- Remote key management mode is provided for selection only if the system environment supports remote key management services and complies to the requirements of controller. Enabling remote key management mode requires reboot to complete the operation.

8.3.2 Securing an SED in Local Key Management Mode

Use the following steps to secure the SED:

1. Connect the supported SED to the controller.
2. Enable SED management from HII, ARCCONF, or maxView. The tools will generate a Master Key with an option to override with a custom Master Key. Optionally, the Master Key Identifier and the controller password can be provided.
3. Establish the controller's ownership of the SED by selecting OFS SEDs to be secured by the controller.

Upon subsequent power-on, the user must enter the controller password (if the controller password is enabled) to unlock the SED drives.

8.3.3 Securing an SED in Remote Key Management Mode

Use the following steps to secure the SED:

1. Connect the supported SED to the controller.
2. Refer to system vendor documentation to establish connection between system and remote key management server.

3. Enable SED management from HII, ARCCONF, or maxView™. Choose the key management mode as remote. Master key generated by the key management server will be used for encryption. Controller password can be provided optionally in HII. System reboot is required to complete operations in remote key management mode.
4. Establish the controller's ownership of the SED by selecting OFS SEDs to be secured by the controller.

8.3.4 Setting Up SED Management with UEFI HII

SED management can be enabled from the controller management tools such as UEFI HII, ARCCONF CLI, or maxView GUI. The following sections describe how to set up SED management with the UEFI HII configuration utility. Refer to the ARCCONF or maxView user guides for details about using those tools.

8.3.4.1 Enabling Controller-Managed SED Encryption

Use the following steps to enable controller-managed SED encryption:

1. Boot to system BIOS setup utility and select the controller to enter HII configuration utility.
2. From the main menu, select **Configure Controller Settings > Self-Encryption Drive (SED) Based Encryption Setup**.
3. Select **Key Management Mode** as **Local** or **Remote**, then select **Set/Change Managed SED Settings**.
4. Select **Configure Managed SED**.
5. If configuring Local Key Management Mode, enter appropriate input to **Master Key Identifier** and **Master Key** fields.

Note: Write down the Master Key Identifier and Master Key and keep in a safe location. If it gets lost or forgotten, the only recovery option is to revert SEDs with PSID, which will result in data loss.

 - **Master Key Identifier** is a hint to the master key used for encryption. The master key Identifier must be 1 to 32 characters long for Local Key Management mode, using only ASCII characters. A default identifier is provided which can be updated by entering the input.
 - **Master Key** is used by the key manager for encryption. A valid key must be 8 to 32 characters long with ASCII characters only and contain a combination of alphanumeric characters including, at least one upper-case character, at least one lower-case character, at least one numeric character, and one non-alphanumeric character (such as '#' or '\$').
 - Record the Master Key. A method does not exist for recovering or displaying the Master Key once the value is set. Failure to provide the Master Key may result in encrypted data being inaccessible.
6. Controller Password is an optional setting. If setting controller password is required, then provide input in the **Set/Change Controller Password** field and select **Enabled** for the **Controller Password** field.
 - If **Controller Password** is set in Local Key Management mode, all the encrypted devices will be offline at startup. The user must enter the controller password to bring the encrypted devices online. A valid password must be 8 to 32 characters long with ASCII characters only.
 - If **Controller Password** is set along with remote key management mode and on any of the subsequent reboot if controller detects that the key management server is unavailable, then an unlock option will be provided in the UEFI HII menu. Controller can only unlock encrypted devices if the key management server is made available or by entering a valid controller password.
7. Select **Submit Changes**

8.3.4.2 Changing the Master Key in Local Key Management Mode

Changing the Master Key results in generating a new credential for all the attached SEDs. The user may change the Master Key by supplying the current Master Key, the new Master Key and a new Master Key Identifier. It is strongly recommended to change the Master Key Identifier when changing the Master Key. If a new Master Key Identifier is not provided, the old identifier is retained.

Use the following steps to change the Master Key:

1. Boot to system BIOS setup utility and select the controller to enter the HII configuration utility.
2. From the main menu, select **Configure Controller Settings > Self-Encryption Drive (SED) Based Encryption Setup**.
3. Select **Set/Change Managed SED Settings**.
4. Select **Configure Managed SED**.
5. Enter new **Master Key Identifier** and new **Master Key** into fields.
6. Select **Submit Changes**.
7. Enter old Master Key to authenticate the operation.
8. Select **Submit Changes**.

8.3.4.3 Changing Controller Password

Use the following steps to change the controller password:

1. A valid controller password must be 8 to 32 characters long with ASCII characters. Boot to system BIOS setup utility and select controller to enter HII configuration utility.
2. From the main menu, select **Configure Controller Settings > Self-Encryption Drive (SED) Based Encryption Setup**.
3. Select **Set/Change Managed SED Settings**.
4. Select **Configure Managed SED**.
5. Enter input for **Set/Change Controller Password** and select **Enabled** for **Controller Password** field.
6. Select **Submit Changes**.
7. Local key management mode requires additional authentication using Master key, enter current Master Key to authenticate the operation.
8. Select **Submit Changes**.

8.3.4.4 Unlocking Controller

When Controller Password is set in local key management mode, data on the encrypted devices will be offline during system boot. The controller password must be entered to unlock the controller and bring the encrypted devices online. After three wrong attempts, the controller password will be locked out for some time. If controller password is set along with remote key management mode and on any of the subsequent reboot if controller detects that the key management server is unavailable, then unlock option is provided in the UEFI HII menu. Controller can only unlock encrypted devices if the key management server is made available or a valid controller password is entered.

1. Boot to system BIOS setup utility and select the controller to enter the HII configuration utility.
2. From the main menu, select **Configure Controller Settings > Self-Encryption Drive (SED) Based Encryption Setup**.
3. Select **Unlock Controller**.
4. Enter controller password, then select **Submit**.

Note: In local key management mode, it is recommended to supply the password, before performing any operations such as removing or adding the drives. Without the password, the controller will not be able to unlock the drive to perform the RAID operations such as rebuild, background parity initialization, and consistency check operations.

8.3.5 HBA Physical Drive Operations

This section details physical drive operations for HBAs.

8.3.5.1 Taking Ownership of SED

Use the following steps to take ownership of the SED:

1. Boot to system BIOS setup utility and select controller to enter HII configuration utility.
2. From the main menu, select **Configure Controller Settings > Self-Encryption Drive (SED) Based Encryption Setup**.
3. Select **Take SED Ownership**.
4. Select devices that you want the controller to manage their SED encryption settings.
5. Select **Submit Changes**.

8.3.5.2 Revert

Revert destroys all user data, returns the SED to OFS and deletes any controller related data present in the drives.

The adapter has two versions of the Revert operation available: Microchip Revert and Revert with PSID.

8.3.5.3 Adaptec Revert

Adaptec Revert is performed on secure unconfigured SED owned by the Adaptec controller.

1. Boot to system BIOS setup utility and select controller to enter HII configuration utility.
2. From the main menu, select **Configure Controller Settings > Self-Encryption Drive (SED) Based Encryption Setup**.
3. Select **Revert Managed SED to Original Factory State**.
4. Select the devices that you want to revert.
5. Select **Submit Changes**.

8.3.5.4 Revert with PSID

Revert with PSID can return any SED to OFS. It should not be used on the Adaptec controller-managed SEDs unless they are foreign and the SED Key is lost.

1. Boot to system BIOS setup utility and select controller to enter HII configuration utility.
2. From the main menu, select **Disk Utilities**.
3. Select the SED drive to revert using PSID.
4. Select option **Revert to Original Factory State using PSID**.
5. **Enter PSID** of the drive.
6. Select **Submit Changes**.

8.3.5.5 Importing Foreign SED

Use the following steps to import foreign SEDs:

1. Boot to system BIOS setup utility and select controller to enter HII configuration utility.
2. From the main menu, select **Configure Controller Settings > Self-Encryption Drive (SED) Based Encryption Setup**.
3. Select **Import Foreign SED**.

4. Select the devices that you want to import.
5. **Enter Foreign SED Master Key.** For importing the devices configured on foreign remote key management. The hexadecimal key value can be provided as input after retrieving it from the key management server.
6. Select **Submit Changes**.

Note: In remote key management mode, foreign controller managed SED devices whose Master key belongs to same key management server are automatically imported during boot.

8.3.6 Disabling SED Management

Disabling SED management results in the loss of data. Prior to disabling the SED management, all the secure logical drives must be deleted. Once disabled, all secure physical drives are reverted to OFS. Any secure foreign physical drives will transition to Otherwise Owned state.

1. Boot to system BIOS setup utility and select controller to enter HII configuration utility.
2. From the main menu, select **Configure Controller Settings > Self-Encryption Drive (SED) Based Encryption Setup**.
3. Select **Key Management Mode** as **Disabled**, then select **Set/Change Managed SED Settings**.
4. Select **Submit Changes**.

8.3.7 Factory Reset

Factory Reset will delete all the SED management-related information (Master Key, Controller Password, etc.) from the controller and restore the controller to the factory state. SED management must be disabled as described in Section 8.3.6. [Disabling SED Management](#) prior to resetting the controller to factory settings.

8.4 Troubleshooting

8.4.1 Lost Controller Password in Local Key Management Mode

When the Controller Password feature is enabled and the password is forgotten, the Controller Password feature can be disabled by changing the SED management configuration. Configuration changes require the user to enter the Master Key, which was generated at the time of SED enablement (see 8.3.4.1. [Enabling Controller-Managed SED Encryption](#) for details).

8.4.2 Moving SEDs to a Different Controller While Key Change Is in Progress

Moving a SED to another server or adapter while a key change is in progress should only occur if there is a server or controller failure. If the server or controller is still running, then wait until the key change is completed before the move occurs.

The controller can detect that the moved SEDs are foreign, and it was undergoing a key change.

This is a case of a Foreign Import and an interrupted key change scenario. The general handling is to follow the Foreign Import process; however, in this case, the user must provide both the old and new Master Keys.

The management tools support retrieving both the Key Identifier and the Reset Key Identifier from the foreign SED. After both the old and new foreign keys are provided, the controller completes the key change that was in progress prior to the move and then execute the additional key change to import the foreign SEDs.

8.4.3 Moving SEDs to a New Controller when the Server Is Powered Off with Controller Password Enabled

The following use cases describe the process for moving SEDs to a new controller when the server is powered off with the controller password enabled.

Case 1: If the moved SEDs are MCHP-owned, but do not have any logical volumes on it, the SEDs will be discovered as foreign SEDs and will be in the Data Locked state. Once adapter password is provided, the foreign SEDs will be in locked state. The SEDs are not visible to the host. After the user imports the foreign SEDs, they will be unlocked, Microchip-owned. Now they are exposed to the host. See [8.3.5.5. Importing Foreign SED](#).

Case 2: If the moved SEDs are MCHP-owned, and have secured logical volumes on it, the volume will be in data locked before adapter password is provided. Once adapter password is given, the secured logical volumes become locked. After user imports all the foreign SEDs, the secured volumes will be in OK state.

Note: This applies to Local Key Management only.

8.4.4 Failure in Enabling Remote Key Management Mode SED Encryption/Unlocking SED

In remote key management mode if controller is unable to retrieve the key due to key communication errors then the SED encryption will remain disabled and existing encrypted devices will become offline.

Ensure the system supports key management service, configured correctly and complies with controller requirements. Check Controller Information menu on key management server status, fix any connection issues.

Ensure PCIe UEFI option rom execution is in enabled state.

If controller password is set and the controller report key communication error with KMS then the controller can be unlocked by providing controller password input in HII.

9. Solving Problems

This section provides basic troubleshooting information and solutions for solving problems with your HBA 1200 Series Host Bus Adapter.

9.1 Troubleshooting Checklist

If you encounter difficulties installing or using your HBA 1200 Series Host Bus Adapter, check these items first:

- With your computer powered off, check the connections to each disk drive, power supply, enclosure, and so on.
- Try disconnecting and reconnecting disk drives from the adapter.
- Check that your adapter is installed in a compatible PCIe expansion slot. To verify the bus compatibility of your adapter, see [4. About Your HBA 1200 Series Host Bust Adapter](#).
- Ensure that your adapter is firmly seated and secured in the PCIe expansion slot.
- If your adapter is not detected during system boot, try installing it in a different compatible expansion slot. (See [Installing the Host Bus Adapter](#) for instructions.)
- Did the driver install correctly? It may need to be reloaded after a reboot or kernel update; see [6. Installing the Driver and an Operating System](#).
- Check the Release Notes for compatibility issues and known problems.

If you are still unable to resolve a problem, contact Microchip Support.

9.2 Resetting the Adapter

You may need to reset your HBA 1200 if it becomes inoperable or if a firmware upgrade is unsuccessful. HBA 1200 adapters support a reset protocol called Side Band Recovery. For information about Side Band Recovery, contact your support representative. To locate the Side Band Recovery jumper on your adapter, see the board illustrations in [4. About Your HBA 1200 Series Host Bust Adapter](#).

10. Using the Microchip SAS/SATA HII Configuration Utility

The Microchip SAS/SATA Configuration Utility (MSCU) is a BIOS-based utility that you can use to manage your HBA 1200 adapters and the devices attached to them. It comprises a set of tools for creating and managing arrays, viewing and modifying adapter properties, viewing disk drive properties, flashing the HBA firmware, and managing disk drives and spares.

10.1 Running the Microchip SAS/SATA Configuration Utility: UEFI/HII

On servers that support the Unified Extensible Firmware Interface, or UEFI (version 2.10 or higher), the BIOS-level configuration options are presented with a UEFI/HII interface (Human Interaction Infrastructure). UEFI/HII provides an architecture-independent mechanism for initializing add-in cards, like the HBA 1200, and rendering contents.

In the UEFI/HII interface, the server's standard BIOS provides access to the HBA 1200 configuration options. How you access the BIOS varies, depending on the server manufacturer, but typically it's started by simply pressing `DEL`. Once you enter setup, navigate to the menu where forms of third-party vendors are displayed. The menu location depends on server manufacturer. Select your controller from the list. Menus are categorized for Controller Settings, Array Configuration, Disk Utilities, and Administration.

Menu-based instructions for completing tasks appear on-screen. Menus can be navigated using the arrows, `ENTER`, `ESC`, and other keys on your keyboard or using mouse, depending on browser capability.

This appendix provides instructions for navigating and completing tasks with the UEFI/HII interface.

10.2 Modifying HBA 1200 Controller Settings

For the HBA 1200 controller, no options are available when you select **Modify Controller Settings** from the **Configure Controller Settings** menu

10.3 Out of Band Messaging Settings

Use this option to configure the Out of Band Messaging Interface to PBSI, MCTP, or Disable.

Note: This option is supported in the UEFI/HII interface only.

To change the Out of Band Messaging settings for a controller:

1. Start the Microchip Configuration Utility in UEFI mode.
2. Select your controller, then press `Enter`.
3. From the main menu, select **Configure Controller Settings**.
4. Select **Out of Band Messaging Settings**.
5. Select **OOB Interface** and press `Enter`.
6. From the pop-up menu, select **PBSI**, **MCTP**, or **Disable OOB interface**.
7. To configure Out of Band Messaging for PBSI, set these parameters:

PBSI Parameters	Description
SMBus Slave Address	Sets the SMBus (System Management Bus) slave address of the controller to a valid hexadecimal address value.
SMBus Clock Speed	Sets the SMBus clock speed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feature Disabled (Default) • SMBus clock speed 100 kHz • SMBus clock speed 400 kHz

PBSI Parameters	Description
SMBus Clock Stretching	Sets the SMBus Clock Stretching mode: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable: Enables SMBus clock stretching • Disable: Disables SMBus clock stretching

8. To configure Out of Band Messaging for MCTP, set these parameters:

MCTP Parameters	Description
SMBus Slave Address	Sets the SMBus (System Management Bus) slave address of the controller to a valid hexadecimal address value. (For valid range, refer to the Management Component Transport Protocol (MCTP) SMBus/I2C Transport Binding Specification document.)
SMBus Device Type	Sets the SMBus Device Type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Default • Fixed • ARP (Address Resolution Protocol)
SMBus Physical Channel	Sets the SMBus Channel mode: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable: Enables SMBus channel • Disable: Disables SMBus channel
Use Static EIDs during Initialization	Sets the Static End Point Identifier (EID) mode: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable: Enables Static EID • Disable: Disables Static EID
VDM Discovery Notify	Sets the Vendor Defined Message (VDM) discovery notification mode: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable: Enables VDM discovery notification • Disable: Disables VDM discovery notification

9. Select **Submit Changes**.

10.4 Device Information

The Device Information menu provides details about the device, such as the Model, Serial Number, and Device Type. To view the device information, start the Microchip Configuration Utility, select your controller, then press `Enter`. From the main menu, select **Disk Utilities**, select the disk drive, then press `Enter`.

10.5 Identifying a Disk Drive

You can use the disk utilities to physically locate and identify a disk drive by turning on its Identification LED.

To identify a disk drive:

1. From the main menu, select **Disk Utilities**.
2. Select the disk drive you want to locate, then press `ENTER`.
3. Select **Identify Device**, then enter a value into **Identification Duration (seconds)**. This value determines how long the LED on the device will remain on.
4. Select **Start**, then press `Enter`.
5. To turn off the Identification LED, press `ESC` to return to the previous menu, select **Stop** and press `Enter`.

10.6 Updating Drive Firmware

You can use the disk utilities to flash a hard drive with new firmware.

To update drive firmware:

1. Copy the firmware binary file to a USB flash drive, then connect the USB drive to the machine. Alternatively, copy the firmware binary to a known location on your machine.
2. From the main menu, select **Disk Utilities**, then select **Update Drive Firmware**.
3. Select a disk drive, then enter the firmware update mode:

Option	Description
Mode 5	Download and Activate
Mode 7	Download in Multiple Transfers
Mode E	Download in Multiple Transfers but Do Not Activate
Mode E+F (HBA Mode only)	Download in Multiple Transfers and Activate

4. Enter the Transfer Size, in 512 byte-increments. The default transfer size is 32768 (32K) bytes. The maximum transfer size is 262144 (256K) bytes.
Note: Transfer Size is not applicable for Mode 5.
5. Select **Proceed**.
6. Select the storage device where the firmware binary file is located (the USB drive, for instance), navigate the folder hierarchy, then select the firmware binary file.
The firmware is sent to the hard drive.
7. When the update is complete, reboot the server.

10.7 Clearing Configuration Meta-data

You can use the disk utilities to clear the controller configuration meta-data from any drive that is not part of an array.

Note: This option is enabled only if the selected drive contains controller configuration meta-data. A drive may contain configuration meta-data even if it is not part of an array.

To clear the configuration meta-data from a drive:

1. From the main menu, select **Disk Utilities**.
2. Select a disk drive with configuration meta-data, then press `Enter`.
3. Select **Clear Configuration Metadata**, then select **Continue**.

10.8 Setting the Bootable Device(s) for Legacy Boot Mode

Note: This option is applicable only for Legacy Boot Mode.

This option sets the primary and secondary physical boot device(s) for Legacy Boot Mode. The secondary boot device acts as a failover to the primary boot device.

To set the physical boot device(s) for a controller:

1. From the menu, select **Set Bootable Device(s) for Legacy Boot Mode**, then select **Select Bootable Physical Drive**.
2. To set the default bootable device, select a physical drive from the list, then select **Set as Primary Bootable Device**.
3. To set the secondary bootable device, select a physical drive from the list, then select **Set as Secondary Bootable Device**.

Note: To clear previously set boot devices, select **Clear Bootable Device(s)**.

10.9 Updating the HBA 1200 Firmware

To update the HBA 1200 firmware:

1. Copy the firmware binary file (.bin) to a USB flash drive, then connect the USB drive to the machine. Alternatively, copy the firmware binary to a known location on your machine.

2. From the main menu, select **Administration**, then select **Flash Controller Firmware**.
3. Select **Continue with flashing Firmware**.
4. Select the storage device where the firmware binary file is located (the USB drive, for instance), navigate the folder hierarchy, then select the firmware binary file.
The firmware is sent to the controller.
5. When the update is complete, reboot the server.

10.10 Creating a Support Archive

Use this option to save configuration and status information to help Customer Support diagnose a problem with your system. Saved information includes device logs, drive logs, event logs, error logs, controller logs, and statistics.

To create a support archive:

1. From the main menu, select **Administration**, then select **Save Support Archive**.
2. Select the device where the support archive information will be gathered and stored, then press `Enter`.
The system gathers the logs and statistics for the device and displays the path where the information is saved.
3. Press any key to complete the operation and exit.

11. Installing the SmartPQI Drivers from Source

This section explains how to build and install the SmartPQI drivers from source code for the supported Linux OSes, including how to install the packages using the installation DVD as the repository.

11.1 Installation Instructions for Supported Linux OSes

This section explains how to install the driver from source for the following Linux OSes:

- RHEL OS images
- SuSE OS images

Use the following command to determine the type of OS installed on a Linux system:

```
# lsb_release -a
```

Note: The following instructions assume you are installing the packages from the RHEL or SuSE repositories; if not, refer to [11.2. Using the Installation DVD as the Repository](#).

RHEL OS Images

The instructions below apply to the following RHEL OS images:

- Red Hat® Enterprise Linux 7.4, 7.3, 7.2, 7.1, 7.0 (64-bit only)
- Red Hat® Enterprise Linux 6.9, 6.8, 6.7, 6.6 (64-bit only)

To install the SmartPQI driver from source for RHEL-based OS images:

1. Build the driver from the source using the following command: `$ sudo su`
Note: You must have administrator privileges to perform the installation steps.
2. Install the following driver dependency packages and reboot the system if necessary: `# yum install kernel kernel-devel kernel-headers gcc`
3. Extract the driver source code from the `source tar.bz2` file by using the following command: `# tar -jxvf smartpqi-1.1.2-125.tar.bz2`
4. Compile the `smartpqi.ko` file by using the following command:

```
# cd smartpqi-1.1.2
# make -f Makefile.alt
```

Note: After the compilation you will get a `smartpqi.ko` driver file, which is the driver module.

5. Use the following command to backup the existing inbox driver:

```
# mv /lib/modules/`uname -r`/kernel/drivers/scsi/smartpqi/smartpqi.ko \
/lib/modules/`uname -r`/kernel/drivers/scsi/smartpqi/smartpqi.ko.org
```

6. Copy the `smartpqi.ko` driver file to the destination by using the following command: `# cp ./smartpqi.ko /lib/modules/`uname -r`/kernel/drivers/scsi/smartpqi`
7. Use the following command to rebuild `initramfs` process with the newly installed `smartpqi` driver: `# dracut -v -f --add-drivers smartpqi`
Note: RHEL provides `dracut` command to place the newly installed `smartpqi.ko` driver modules into the `initramfs` file to include them in the Linux kernel.
8. Reboot the system to load the new `initramfs`, which will contain the newly installed `smartpqi.ko` driver.

SuSE OS Images

The instructions below apply to the following SuSE OS images:

- SuSE Linux Enterprise Server 12, SuSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP1, SP2, SP3 (64-bit only)

- SuSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 SP3, SP4 (64-bit only)

To install the SmartPQI driver from source for SuSE OS images:

1. Build the driver from the source using the following command: `$ sudo su`
Note: You must have administrator privileges to perform the installation steps.
2. Install the following driver dependency packages and reboot the system if necessary: `# zypper install kernel-devel gcc make`
3. Extract the driver source code from the `source_tgz` file by using the following command: `# tar -jxvf smartpqi-1.1.2-125.tar.bz2`
4. Compile the `smartpqi.ko` file by using the following command:

```
# cd smartpqi-1.1.2
# make -f Makefile.alt
```

Note: After the compilation you will get a `smartpqi.ko` driver file, which is the driver module.

5. Backup the already existing inbox driver.

```
# mv /lib/modules/`uname -r`/kernel/drivers/scsi/smartpqi/smartpqi.ko \
/lib/modules/`uname -r`/kernel/drivers/scsi/smartpqi/smartpqi.ko.org
```

6. Copy the kernel driver file to the destination by using the following command: `# cp ./smartpqi.ko /lib/modules/`uname -r`/kernel/drivers/scsi/smartpqi`
7. Use the following command to rebuild `initramfs` process with the newly installed `smartpqi` driver: `# mkinitrd -v -m smartpqi`
Note: SLES provides `mkinitrd` command to place the newly installed `smartpqi.ko` driver modules into the `initramfs` file to include them in the Linux kernel.
8. Reboot the system to load the new `initramfs`, which will contain the newly installed `smartpqi.ko` driver.

11.2 Using the Installation DVD as the Repository

Follow the instructions in this section to install the packages required to compile the driver modules using the OS installation DVD as the repository. In these procedures, the DVD is used as the package repository.

Installing Packages on a RHEL-based OS

The following steps install the packages required to compile the driver modules from source on a RHEL-based OS.

1. Execute the following command to become a super user to edit and make changes to various system files:
`$ sudo -i`
Note: Super user rights are required to edit and make changes in various system files.
2. Get the name of the installation DVD entry in `/dev` directory. The DVD is visible as `/dev/srX`. Use the following command to list all the scsi devices on the system.
`# ls SCSI`
3. Once the DVD name is confirmed, create a location to mount the DVD, for example:
`# mkdir /media/iso`
4. Mount the DVD to the `/media/iso` directory by using the following command:
`/dev/srX /media/iso udf,iso9660 noauto,user,ro 0 0`
5. Use the following command to mount the DVD, once the entry is placed in `/etc/fstab`:
`# mount /dev/srX`

6. Create a `dvd.repo` to use the packages from the mounted DVD location:

```
[dvd]
name=Red Hat Enterprise Linux Installation
DVD baseurl=file:///media/iso enabled=1
```

7. Import the GPG keys for YUM to authenticate the RPM packages in the DVD:

```
# rpm --import /media/iso/RPM-GPG*
```

8. Run the following commands to enable the DVD repository:

```
# yum repolist
# yum install
```

Installing Packages on a SuSE-based OS

The following steps install the packages required to compile the driver modules from source on a SuSE-based OS.

1. Execute the following command to become a super user:

```
$ sudo su
```

Note: Super user rights are required to edit and make changes in various system files.

2. Get the name of the installation DVD entry in `/dev` directory. The DVD is visible as `/dev/srX`. Use the following command to list all the scsi devices on the system.

```
# ls SCSI
```

3. Once the DVD name is confirmed, create a location to save the DVD image, for example:

```
# mkdir /var/iso
```

4. Create an ISO image from the installation disk. Once the DVD image is saved, zypper uses the ISO as an installation service and install the packages from it by using the following command:

```
# dd if=/dev/srX of=/var/iso/sles.iso
```

5. Once the installation disk is saved as an ISO image, set it as an installation service by using the following command:

```
# zypper sa "iso:/*iso=/var/iso/sles.iso" "SLES xy spz"
```

Where, xy z is the SLES distribution ID eg 10 sp1.

6. Run the following command after adding the ISO image as an installation service:

```
# zypper sl
```

12. Safety Information

To ensure your personal safety and the safety of your equipment:

- Keep your work area and the computer clean and clear of debris.
- Before opening the system cabinet, unplug the power cord.

12.1 Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)



ESD can damage electronic components when they are improperly handled, and can result in total or intermittent failures. Always follow ESD-prevention procedures when removing and replacing components.

To prevent ESD damage:

- Use an ESD wrist or ankle strap and ensure that it makes skin contact. Connect the equipment end of the strap to an unpainted metal surface on the chassis.
- Avoid touching the adapter against your clothing. The wrist strap protects components from ESD on the body only.
- Handle the adapter by its bracket or edges only. Avoid touching the printed circuit board or the connectors.
- Put the adapter down only on an antistatic surface such as the bag supplied in your kit.
- If you are returning the adapter to Microchip Product Support, put it back in its antistatic bag immediately.

If a wrist strap is not available, ground yourself by touching the metal chassis before handling the adapter or any other part of the computer.

13. Technical Specifications

13.1 Environmental Specifications

Note: HBA 1200 Series adapters require adequate airflow to operate reliably. Forced airflow is **required**. See the Recommended Airflow table below for more information.

Ambient temperature with forced airflow	0 °C to 55 °C
Relative humidity	20% to 80%, non-condensing
Altitude	Up to 3,000 meters

Note: Ambient temperature is measured 1" from the HBA processor.

Table 13-1. Recommended Airflow

Controller	Recommended Airflow/Linear Feet per Minute (LFM)
Adaptec HBA 1200-8i	250 LFM
Adaptec HBA 1200-16i	250 LFM
Adaptec HBA Ultra 1200-16i	300 LFM
Adaptec HBA Ultra 1200-16e	330 LFM
Adaptec HBA Ultra 1200-32i	200 LFM

13.2 DC Power Requirements

Bus Type	Description	Requirements
PCIe	DC voltage	3.3 V ± 9%, 12 V ± 8%, 3.3 V ± 9% (auxiliary power from PCIe slot)

13.3 Current and Power Requirements

Adapter Model	Typical Power	Typical Current
Adaptec HBA 1200-8i	15.6 W	0.09 A at 3.3 VDC; 1.28 A at 12 VDC
Adaptec HBA 1200-16i	19.6 W	0.09 A at 3.3 VDC; 1.61 A at 12 VDC
Adaptec HBA Ultra 1200-16i	25 W	0.15 A at 3.3 VDC; 2.04 A at 12 VDC
Adaptec HBA Ultra 1200-16e	25 W	0.15 A at 3.3 VDC; 2.04 A at 12 VDC
Adaptec HBA Ultra 1200-32i	31.3 W	0.15 A at 3.3 VDC; 2.56 A at 12 VDC

Note: Smart adapters with a x16 PCIe interface require a x16 PCIe expansion slot that can supply 75 watts of power.

14. Revision History

Table 14-1. Revision History

Revision	Date	Description
E	06/2023	Updated for SR 3.3.0 release.
D	03/2023	Updated for SR 3.2.4 release. Added Managed SED section.
C	06/2022	Updated for SR 3.1.8 release.
B	08/2021	Updated for SR 3.1.4 release.
A	06/2021	Document created.

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