Industrial Temp **CFast ArmourDrive™** MX Series



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Features

Industry Standard SATA Host Interface

- SATA 1.5Gb/s, 3Gb/s and 6Gb/s
- SATA Revision 3.2
- ATA/ATAPI-8 compliant
- Supports 48-bit address feature set
- Native Command Queuing (NCQ) up to 32 commands

Performance

- Sequential data read: Up to 410 MB/s
- Sequential data write: Up to 115 MB/s (measured using 128KB transfer size)

Power Management

- 3.3V power supply
- Host initialized power management (HIPM)
- Device initialized power management (DIPM)

Power Consumption

- Active mode:
- 64GB: Up to 1980mW
- 32GB: Up to 1540mW
- 16GB: Up to 1200mW
- Idle / Standby mode: <355mW
- DevSleep mode: <70mW

Reliability

Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF):
2 million hours*

Expanded Data Protection

- Added data security through user-selectable protection zones
- Secure Erase (data sanitization)

• 20-Byte Serial Number

- Factory pre-programmed unique ID
- User-programmable 10-Byte ID
- Supports TRIM and SMART Commands
- Robust Built-in ECC
- Thermal Throttling
- NAND Configuration
 - 2 bits per cell (3D MLC NAND)

Endurance

Program/Erase (P/E) Cycles: 5K

Operating Temperature Range

Industrial: -40°C to 85°C

CFast Card Form Factor

- 36.40mm x 42.80mm x 3.60mm
- All Devices are RoHS Compliant

Product Description

The GLS91CA016G2 / 032G2 / 064G2 Industrial Temperature CFast ArmourDrive™ MX Series (referred to as "CFast ArmourDrive" in this factsheet) are high-reliability storage cards. They include a 16, 32 or 64 GByte SATA NANDrive™ in the standard CFast card form factor.

CFast ArmourDrive is ideal for applications that require hot-swappable, small form factor data storage with high shock-resistance. CFast cards are widely used in transportation systems, industrial automation, vending and gaming machines, medical computing, professional video and photo cameras, set-top boxes and point-of-sales (POS) equipment. These removable storage products surpass traditional hard disk drives (HDD) in their security, reliability, ruggedness and low power consumption.

The NAND flash controller with built-in advanced NAND management firmware communicates with the host through the standard SATA protocol. It does not

require any additional or proprietary software such as the Flash File System (FFS) and Memory Technology Driver (MTD). The firmware effectively optimizes the use of NAND flash memory's program/erase (P/E) cycles and minimizes write amplification.

CFast ArmourDrive is pre-programmed with a 10-Byte unique serial ID and has the option of programming an additional 10-Byte serial ID for even greater system security.

CFast ArmourDrive's advanced NAND management technology improves endurance, enhances data security and helps prevent data corruption during unexpected power failure events. This innovative technology combines robust NAND flash controller hardware error correction capabilities with advanced wear-leveling algorithms and bad block management to improve data reliability and significantly extend the life of the product.

^{*}Estimate based on preliminary component reliability data

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1.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Each CFast ArmourDrive contains a NANDrive multi-chip package, which integrates a SATA NAND flash controller with discrete NAND flash die, in a standard CFast card form factor housing. Refer to Figure 2-1 for the CFast ArmourDrive block diagram.

1.1 Optimized CFast ArmourDrive

The heart of CFast ArmourDrive is the SATA NAND flash controller, which translates standard SATA signals into flash media data and control signals. The following components contribute to CFast ArmourDrive's operation.

1.1.1 Microcontroller Unit (MCU)

The MCU translates SATA commands into data and control signals required for flash media operation.

1.1.2 Internal Direct Memory Access (DMA)

CFast ArmourDrive uses internal DMA allowing instant data transfer from/to buffer to/from flash media. This implementation eliminates microcontroller overhead associated with the traditional, firmware-based approach, thereby increasing the data transfer rate.

1.1.3 Power Management Unit (PMU)

The PMU controls the power consumption of CFast ArmourDrive. The PMU dramatically reduces the power consumption of CFast ArmourDrive by putting the part of the circuitry that is not in operation into sleep mode.

The Flash File System handles inadvertent power interrupts and has auto-recovery capability to ensure CFast ArmourDrive firmware integrity. For regular power management, the host must send an IDLE_IMMEDIATE command and wait for command ready before powering down CFast ArmourDrive.

1.1.4 Embedded Flash File System

The embedded flash file system is an integral part of CFast ArmourDrive. It contains MCU firmware that performs the following tasks:

- Translates host side signals into flash media writes and reads
- Provides flash media wear leveling to spread the flash writes across all memory address space to increase the longevity of flash media
- 3. Keeps track of data file structures

1.1.5 Error Correction Code (ECC)

The ECC technology uses advanced algorithms to detect and correct errors, ensuring data integrity and extending the SSD lifespan.

1.1.6 Multi-tasking Interface

The multi-tasking interface enables fast, sequential write performance by allowing concurrent Read, Program and Erase operations to multiple flash media.

1.2 Advanced NAND Management

CFast ArmourDrive's controller uses advanced wear-leveling algorithms to substantially increase the longevity of NAND flash media. Wear caused by data writes is evenly distributed in all or select blocks in the device that prevents "hot spots" in locations that are programmed and erased extensively. This effective wear-leveling technique results in optimized device endurance, enhanced data retention and higher reliability required by long-life applications.



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2.0 FUNCTIONAL BLOCKS

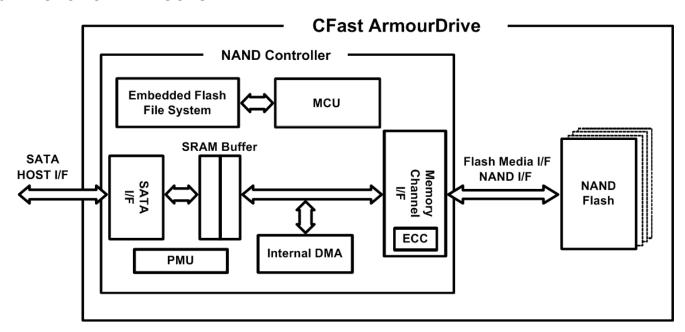


Figure 2-1: CFast ArmourDrive Block Diagram

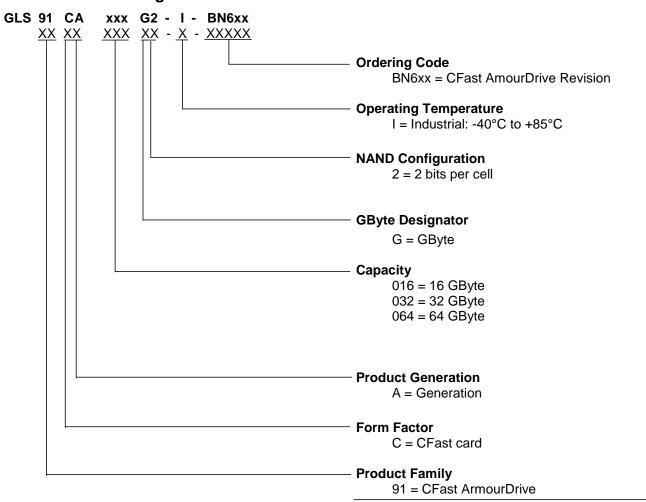
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3.0 APPENDIX

3.1 Product Ordering Information



Valid Combinations

Valid product combinations are those that are in the mass production or will be in the mass production. Consult your Greenliant sales representative to confirm availability of the valid combinations and to determine availability of new product combinations.

Table 3-1:

Capacity	Operating Temperature	Part Number	Form Factor
16GB	Industrial (-40°C to 85°C)	GLS91CA016G2-I-BN603	CFast Card
32GB	Industrial (-40°C to 85°C)	GLS91CA032G2-I-BN603	CFast Card
64GB	Industrial (-40°C to 85°C)	GLS91CA064G2-I-BN603	CFast Card



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3.2 Mechanical Diagrams

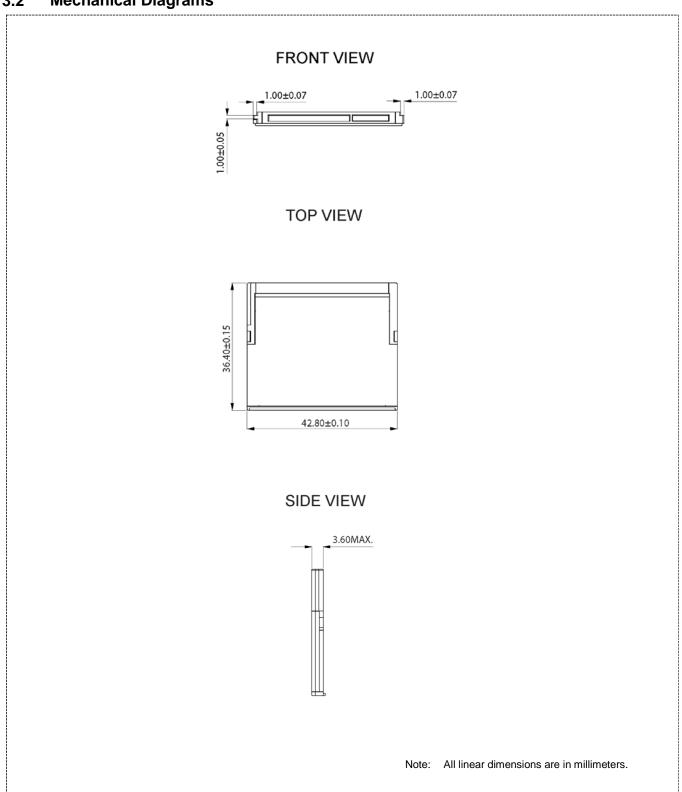


Figure 3-1: CFast ArmourDrive Dimensions

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Revision History

Revision	Description	Date
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