

Microsemi Adaptec® SmartHBA 2100 Series: 2100-24i/8i/4i4e

12 Gbps PCIe Gen3 SAS/SATA Host Bus Adapter with Basic Hardware RAID

Smart Storage, Connectivity, and Hardware RAID

Today's data centers and enterprises need storage solutions that can keep pace with rapid data expansion. The SmartHBA 2100 Series is the newest product in the Smart Storage solutions family, forged through the convergence of Microsemi SAS/SATA protocol controller expertise, more than 30 years of Microsemi board innovation, and the new Smart Storage stack.

The SmartHBA 2100 Series, available in three different 12 Gbps configurations with up to 24 ports, uniquely combines the capabilities of a full-featured host bus adapter (HBA) like the HBA 1100 with those of a basic RAID adapter using hardware RAID. With an optimal mix of resiliency, efficiency, and ease of use, it adds the robustness of true host-offloading hardware RAID, offers open-source driver compatibility, and comes with a full set of storage management tools. The SmartHBA 2100 Series offers the flexibility of internal and external connectivity in a low-profile/MD2 form factor.

Resiliency, Efficiency, and Data Availability

The SmartHBA 2100 is an ideal solution for server-based storage systems that require maximum bandwidth and I/O connectivity, low power consumption, high reliability, plus options for data availability. The Smart Software stack even allows a combination of RAID and raw devices. This is useful in SDS environments where hardware RAID significantly increases OS boot reliability, but full HBA features and performance are otherwise needed. The SmartHBA 2100 also provides enhanced enclosure management capabilities to both RAID and raw devices, and enables enclosure services by providing a virtual SEP to software stacks if needed.¹

The SmartHBA 2100 offers over 40 percent power savings compared to prior generations and significant power advantages versus competing solutions, giving it the lowest total cost of ownership (TCO) for an HBA/basic RAID solution. It delivers a robust and scalable solution that can handle the toughest system workloads and configurations, from an array of high-performance SSDs to high-capacity HDDs. The 2100 can be used with or without SAS expanders.

Maximum Performance

The SmartHBA 2100 Series provides the highest levels of storage performance and scalability for next-generation data centers. The SmartHBA 2100 provides connectivity to large numbers of storage devices, including HDDs, SSDs, and SMR drives. These storage devices can aggregate the performance of devices to the limits of the PCIe Gen3 host bus at 6.6 Gbps, and achieve up to 1.7M IOPS and 60 percent higher IOPS performance with SATA devices without additional overhead or latency.²

Entry-Level RAID Functionality

The SmartHBA 2100 combines uncompromised HBA functionality with basic RAID support in hardware using the Microsemi PM8222 SmartIOC 2100 silicon. Robust RAID support is the same for all platforms and operating systems, providing a consistent user experience. Metadata compatibility with SmartRAID 3100 products allows customers to upgrade to a full-featured hardware RAID solution with caching for acceleration if needed. The SmartHBA 2100 supports up to 32 hard disk drives or SSDs in RAID configurations using RAID levels 0, 1, 10, or even RAID 5, and can simultaneously use RAID arrays and raw devices in mixed mode.

Unified Microsemi Storage Management Utilities

maxView provides both server and remote administration, including proactive failure notification, and supports all Microsemi HBA, SmartHBA, and SmartRAID products, including backward compatibility. This browser-based tool suite supports all standard browsers, and is also available as an offline USB boot image. maxView adapter management components include the maxView GUI, an ARCCONF command-line tool, an event monitor for logging and email alerts, a CIM provider, and a vSphere plugin.



Benefits

- Ideal for high-performing I/O solutions supporting SAS/SATA HDDs and SSDs requiring maximum connectivity
- Combines full HBA functionality with basic hardware RAID
- Offers basic RAID functionality for up to 32 devices supporting RAID levels 0, 1, 10, and 5 in conjunction with full HBA functionality for up to 238 devices
- Broad operating system support through highly efficient, low-latency PQIDriver driver (fully open-source for Linux/FreeBSD)
- Performance of up to 1.7M random read IOPS with extremely low-latency 4 KB I/Os

Highlights

- Up to 24 native SAS/SATA ports; low-profile MD2 form factor
- 12 Gbps SAS data rates using mini-SAS HD connectors
- Basic hardware RAID plus full-featured high-performance HBA in the same solution
- Significant power savings delivers lowest total cost of ownership versus competing solutions
- The unified maxView management tools and drivers across the Microsemi HBA, RAID, and expander solutions enable easy manageability across the entire product line
- Proven compatibility with existing Microsemi Adaptec solutions, multiple operating systems, servers, enclosures, SSDs, HDDs, and LTO tape drives
- Uses the latest 28 nm SmartIOC 2100 SAS/SATA protocol controller to drive efficiency and performance while also having the industry's lowest power consumption
- Quality and reliability through the unified, hardened Smart Storage stack, which is deployed in over 30M servers

¹Provides a virtual SES processor to the host OS/SDS stack for passive backplanes with SGPIO/IBPI support.

²16- and 24-port adapters can achieve 1.7M random read IOPS for 4 KB I/Os. Adapters with 8 ports and fewer are capable of 1.5M IOPS.

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Parameters

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Key software features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for up to 256 SAS/SATA target devices (238 SSD/HDDs maximum support and remainder are reserved for expanders and enclosure management) Support for up to 32 drives in RAID arrays Hardware RAID level 0, 1, 10, 5 support Multi-LUN support SAS expander support TLR SATA NCQ Hot plug drive support S.M.A.R.T. MPIO support Multi-initiator (host)/clustering for SAS (HBA devices only) Enclosure management SES-2, SES-3 SFF-8485, SGPIO SFF-8489, IBPI BMC support
Management utilities	<div> maxView Storage Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web-based GUI management utility OS support: Windows, Linux, Solaris </div> <div> VMware <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remote configuration, monitoring, and notification Remote firmware updates SMI-S support SMTTP </div> <div> ARCCONF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Command-line interface SMI-S support for VMware </div> <div> BIOS Configuration Utility (CTRL+A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legacy configuration utility Flashable BIOS support </div> <div> uEFI BIOS Configuration Utility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HII-based configuration utility Flashable BIOS support </div> <div> Event Monitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lightweight event monitoring and logging tool Distributes adapter events and notifies user </div>
Operating systems	Microsoft Windows, Red Hat, SuSE, CentOS, Ubuntu, VMware ESXi, FreeBSD, Solaris, Citrix Xen Server, and open-source Linux drivers. The latest drivers and OS support are at storage.microsemi.com/en-us/support/start
Physical dimensions	2.535" H x 6.6" L (64 mm x 167 mm)
Operating temperature	50 °C ambient and 55 °C with 200 LFM airflow. Note: This adapter contains a powerful I/O processor that requires adequate airflow to operate reliably. Please install this card only into server or PC chassis with at least 200 LFM airflow. Temperature measured 1 inch from adapter.
Regulatory certification	CE, FCC, UL, C-tick, VCCI, KCC, CNS
Environmental compliance	RoHS
Warranty	3 years
Accessories	Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) cables (www.microsemi.com/product-directory/storage-boards/3686-cables-accessories)

Ordering Information

SmartHBA 2100 Series	Part Number	Host Interface	Form Factor	SAS/SATA Ports	Connectors	MTBF	RAID Levels	Caching
SmartHBA 2100-24i	2301600-R	x8 Gen3 PCIe	Low-profile, MD2	24 internal	6 (x4) SFF-8643	2.73M hours	0, 1, 10, 5	N/A
SmartHBA 2100-8i	2290400-R			8 internal	2 (x4) SFF-8643	1.36M hours		
SmartHBA 2100-4i4e	2292200-R			4 internal/ 4 external	1 (x4) SFF8644/ 1 (x4) SFF-8643	>1.4M hours		



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