



ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller
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3. Remove signal cables from connectors.
4. Remove all cables from devices.

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Chapter 1: Overview

1.1 ServeRAID M5210 Controller Description

The ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA controller is a PCI-Express 3.0, half-size, half-height RAID controller based on the LSI SAS3108 PCI Express-SAS/SATA I/O Processor chip.

The controller controls eight internal SAS/SATA ports through two SFF-8643 4i internal mini-SAS HD connectors. The controller integrates eight high-performance SAS/SATA PHYs and a PCI Express bus master DMA core. Each of the eight PHYs is capable of 12.0 Gb/s SAS link rates and 6.0 Gb/s SATA III link rates.

The controller brings 12.0 Gb/s SAS and 6.0 Gb/s SATA performance to host controller, workstation, and server designs. The controller supports internal storage devices, which allows you to use a system that supports enterprise-class SAS drives, and desktop-class SATA drives. The controller can connect to drives directly. Simplified cabling between devices is an additional benefit.

The LSI SAS3108 ROC device increases system performance and provides fault-tolerant data storage. The LSI SAS3108 supports data striping across multiple disks, which reduces disk access time because multiple disks simultaneously read or write data. In addition, the LSI SAS3108 ROC device backs up data with either data mirroring or a parity block. Either backup method enables you to recover lost data in the event of a disk failure. You can select the data backup method that best suits your needs. A hardware RAID assist exclusive-OR (XOR) engine speeds parity generation and checking and reduces system-access times.

The controller supports the SAS protocol as described in the Serial Attached SCSI Standard, version 3.0, and the SATA III protocol defined by the Serial ATA Revision 3.0 Specification.



NOTE You cannot mix SAS drives and SATA drives within the same virtual drive.

Each port on the controller supports SAS devices and/or SATA devices using the following:

- SAS Serial SCSI Protocol (SSP), which enables communication with other SAS devices
- SATA, which enables communication with other SATA devices
- Serial Management Protocol (SMP), which communicates topology management information directly with an attached SAS expander device
- Serial Tunneling Protocol (STP), which enables communication with a SATA device through an attached expander

1.1.1 Controller Guidelines

before you install the controller, read the following guidelines:

- You can connect only one device per SAS PHY unless you use an expander
- Cables have to meet the SAS specification
- You cannot mix SAS drives and SATA drives in the same virtual drive
- You cannot mix SAS Solid State Drives (SSDs) or SATA SSDs and existing mechanical drives (SAS or SATA) in the same virtual drive
- You cannot mix Solid State SAS drives and Solid State SATA drives in the same virtual drive

See [Section 3.2.4, "Power Supply Requirements for the ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller"](#) for information about the power requirements, and [Section 3.2.5, "Operating and Non-operating Conditions"](#) for information about the minimum and the maximum temperature ranges.

1.2 Integrated MegaRAID Mode and MegaRAID mode

The ServeRAID M5210 controller can run in either integrated MegaRAID (iMR) mode natively or in MegaRAID (MR) mode with the addition of a transportable memory module.

iMR is a highly integrated, low-cost RAID solution made possible by Fusion-MPT architecture. Integrated MegaRAID is a processor-based, hardware RAID solution designed for system environments requiring redundancy and high availability where a full-featured RAID implementation is not required or might be cost prohibitive.

The major advantage of iMR is that it provides RAID at the processor level, so it does not burden the CPU, which allows for more efficient operation. iMR mode is native to the ServeRAID M5210 controller and does not require a transportable memory module.

The major advantage of MR mode is that it supports more RAID levels than iMR mode. iMR mode supports RAID levels 0, 1, 5, 10, and 50 and supports 64k stripe size only. MR mode supports RAID levels 0, 1, 5, 6, 10, 50, and 60 and supports 64k to 1M stripe size.



NOTE iMR mode RAID 5 requires purchase of the Feature on Demand upgrade.



NOTE MR mode RAID 5/50 requires a transportable memory module (4 options).



NOTE MegaRAID RAID 6/60 requires a transportable memory module (4 options) and the Feature on Demand upgrade.

See [Section 1.2.1, "Supported RAID Level Upgrades"](#) for information about these upgrades.

See [Section 1.2.2, "Summary of RAID Levels"](#) for information about the supported RAID levels.

1.2.1 Supported RAID Level Upgrades

To use RAID levels 5, 6, 50, or 60 with this controller, you need to install a Feature on Demand upgrade and/or a transportable memory module, depending on the RAID level.

This controller supports iMR RAID levels 5 and 50 with the following installed Feature on Demand upgrade:

- ServeRAID M5200 Series Zero Cache/RAID 5 Upgrade for IBM System x

This controller supports MegaRAID RAID levels 5 and 50, with any of the following installed transportable memory modules:

- ServeRAID M5200 Series 1GB Cache/RAID 5 Upgrade for IBM System x
- ServeRAID M5200 Series 1GB Flash/RAID 5 Upgrade for IBM System x
- ServeRAID M5200 Series 2GB Flash/RAID 5 Upgrade for IBM System x
- ServeRAID M5200 Series 4GB Flash/RAID 5 Upgrade for IBM System x

This controller supports MegaRAID RAID levels 6 and 60 with the ServeRAID M5200 Series RAID 6 Upgrade for IBM System x

1.2.2 Summary of RAID Levels

RAID levels describe a system for ensuring the availability and redundancy of data stored on large disk subsystems.

RAID 0 uses striping to provide high data throughput, especially for large files in an environment that does not require fault tolerance.

RAID 1 uses mirroring so that data written to one drive is simultaneously written to another drive. This is good for small databases or other applications that require small capacity but complete data redundancy.

RAID 5 uses disk striping and parity data across all drives (distributed parity) to provide high data throughput, especially for small random access.

RAID 6 uses distributed parity, with two independent parity blocks per stripe, and disk striping. A RAID 6 virtual drive can survive the loss of two drives without losing data. A RAID 6 drive group, which requires a minimum of three drives, is similar to a RAID 5 drive group. Blocks of data and parity information are written across all drives. The parity information is used to recover the data if one or two drives fail in the drive group.

RAID 10, a combination of RAID 0 and RAID 1, consists of striped data across mirrored spans. A RAID 10 drive group is a spanned drive group that creates a striped set from a series of mirrored drives. RAID 10 allows a maximum of eight spans. You must use an even number of drives in each RAID virtual drive in the span. The RAID 1 virtual drives must have the same stripe size. RAID 10 provides high data throughput and complete data redundancy but uses a larger number of spans.

RAID 50, a combination of RAID 0 and RAID 5, uses distributed parity and disk striping. A RAID 50 drive group is a spanned drive group in which data is striped across multiple RAID 5 drive groups. RAID 50 works best with data that requires high reliability, high request rates, high data transfers, and medium-to-large capacity.

RAID 60, a combination of RAID 0 and RAID 6, uses distributed parity, with two independent parity blocks per stripe in each RAID set, and disk striping. A RAID 60 virtual drive can survive the loss of two drives in each of the RAID 6 sets without losing data. It works best with data that requires high reliability, high request rates, high data transfers, and medium-to-large capacity.



NOTE Having virtual drives of different RAID levels, such as RAID 0 and RAID 5, in the same drive group is not allowed. For example, if an existing RAID 5 virtual drive is created out of partial space in an array, the next virtual drive in the array has to be RAID 5 only.

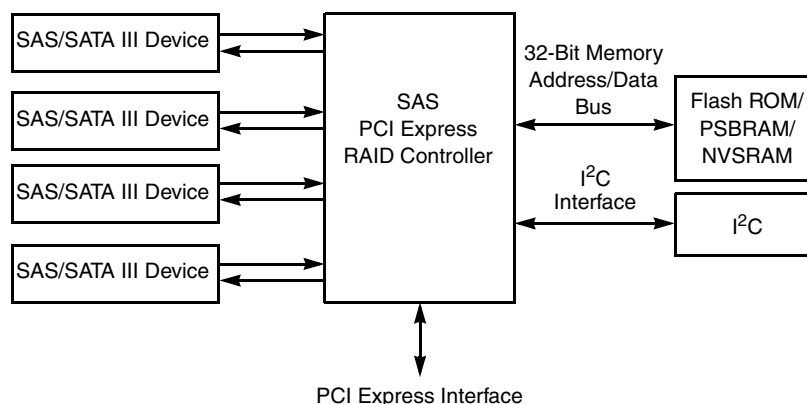
1.3 Configuration Scenarios

There are two main scenarios in which you can use this ServeRAID controller:

- **Low-end, internal SATA configuration:** In this configuration, use the ServeRAID controller as a high-end SATA compatible controller that connects to several SATA disks. This type of configuration is mostly for low-end or entry level servers. Enclosure management is provided through out-of-band I2C bus. Side bands of both types of internal SAS connectors support the SFF-8485 and SFF-8448 (SGPIO) interface.
- **Midrange, internal SAS configuration:** This configuration is like the internal SATA configuration, but with high-end disks. This type of configuration is more suitable for low-range to midrange servers.

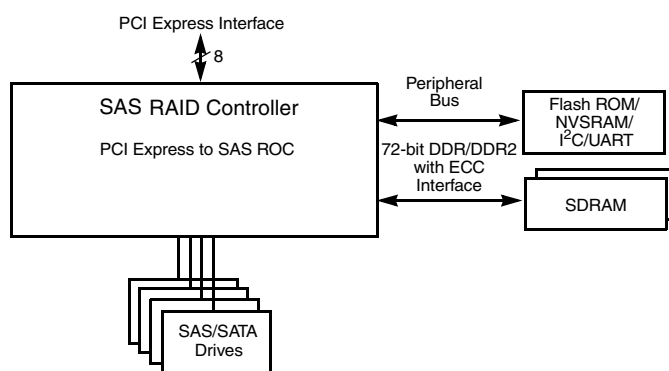
The following figure shows a direct-connect configuration. The Inter-IC (I2C) interface communicates with peripherals. The external memory bus provides a 32-bit memory bus, parity checking, and chip select signals for pipelined synchronous burst static random access memory (PSBRAM), nonvolatile static random access memory (NVS RAM), and Flash ROM.

Figure 1 Example of a SAS Direct Connect Application



The following figure shows an example of a ServeRAID controller configured with an expander that is connected to SAS disks, SATA disks, or both.

Figure 2 Example of a ServeRAID Controller Configured with an Expander



1.3.1 Number of Physical Disks Supported

Your configuration planning for your ServeRAID controller depends in part on the number of physical disks that you want to use in a RAID array. The number of drives in an array determines the RAID levels that can be supported by this controller. Only one RAID level can be assigned to each virtual disk. [Table 1](#) shows the minimum number and the maximum number of drives required for each RAID level.

Table 1 Physical Devices Required for each RAID Level

Raid Level	Minimum # of Physical Devices	Maximum # of Physical Devices
0	1	32
1	2	2
5	3	32
6	3	32
10	4	32
50	6	32
60	6	32

1.4 Benefits of the SAS Interface

SAS is a serial, point-to-point, enterprise-level device interface that leverages the proven SCSI protocol set. SAS combines the advantages of SATA, SCSI, and Fibre Channel, and is the future mainstay of the enterprise and high-end workstation storage markets. SAS offers a higher bandwidth per pin than parallel SCSI, and it improves signal and data integrity.

The SAS interface uses the proven SCSI command set to ensure reliable data transfers, while providing the connectivity and flexibility of point-to-point serial data transfers. The serial transmission of SCSI commands eliminates clock-skew challenges. The SAS interface provides improved performance, simplified cabling, smaller connectors, lower pin count, and lower power requirements when compared to parallel SCSI.

The ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA controller leverages a common electrical and physical connection interface that is compatible with Serial ATA technology. The SAS protocols and SATA protocols use a thin, 7-wire connector instead of the 68-wire SCSI cable or 26-wire ATA cable. The SAS/SATA III connector and cable are easier to manipulate, allow connections to smaller devices, and do not inhibit airflow. The point-to-point SATA III architecture eliminates inherent difficulties created by the legacy ATA master-slave architecture, while maintaining compatibility with existing ATA firmware.

1.4.1 PCI Express Architecture

PCI Express is a local bus system designed to increase data transfers without slowing down the central processing unit (CPU). You can install your ServeRAID M5210SAS/SATA controller in PCI Express computer systems with a standard bracket type. With this controller in your system, you can connect SCSI devices and SATA devices over the bus.

PCI Express goes beyond the PCI specification in that it is intended as a unifying I/O architecture for various systems: desktops, workstations, mobile, server, communications, and embedded devices.

1.4.2 Operating System Support

To check for the latest list of supported operating systems and to download the device drivers for those operating systems, see <http://www.ibm.com/systems/support/>.

The ServeRAID M5210 controller uses Fusion-MPT architecture for all major operating systems, thinner device drivers, and better performance.

1.5 Benefits of the ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller

This section provides a summary of the features and the benefits of the ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA controller. It contains information on SAS features, SATA features, PCI performance, integration, usability, and flexibility.

The controller offers the following features:

- PCI Express x8 lane width
- PCI Express performance up to 8 GT/s (1 GB/s) per lane
- Two internal connectors
- Support for RAID levels 0, 1, 5, 10, and 50 in iMR mode
- Support for RAID levels 0, 1, 5, 6, 10, 50, and 60 in MR mode

To use RAID levels 5/50/6/60 with this controller, you need to install a Feature on Demand upgrade and/or a transportable memory module. See [Section 1.2.1, "Supported RAID Level Upgrades"](#) for information about these upgrades.

- Advanced array configuration and management utilities
- Online RAID level migration
- Drive migration
- Drive roaming
- Media scan
- No reboot necessary after expansion
- More than 200 Qtags per array
- User-specified rebuild rate
- 32-Kbyte nonvolatile random access memory (NVRAM) for storing RAID system configuration information; the MegaRAID SAS firmware is stored in flash ROM for easy upgrade.

1.5.1 SAS Features

The following list describes the SAS features of the ServeRAID M5210 controller:

- Provides eight fully independent PHYs
- Supports 12.0 Gb/s SAS data transfers per PHY
- Supports SSP to enable communication with other SAS devices
- Supports SMP to communicate topology management information
- Provides a serial, point-to-point, enterprise-level storage interface
- Simplifies cabling between devices
- Supports wide ports consisting of 2, 3, or 4 PHYs within a single quad port
- Supports narrow ports consisting of a single PHY
- Transfers data using SCSI information units

1.5.2 SAS Array Limitations

This section describes the array limitations of the controller. These include limitations such as the number of physical disks supported, the maximum number of disks per controller, and the maximum number of virtual disks allowed per controller.

[Table 2](#) lists the array limitations for the ServeRAID M5210 controller.

Table 2 ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller Array

Specification	ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller
Maximum virtual disks per controller	64
Maximum arrays per controller	128
Maximum virtual disks per array	16
Maximum physical devices per array	32
Maximum physical devices per controller	128
	NOTE Can support up to 64 devices, but only 16 can be used in a RAID configuration.

Table 2 ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller Array

Specification	ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller
Maximum hot spares per controller	128
Maximum spans per virtual disk	8
Maximum Ports	2



NOTE The maximum number of hot spares per array is equal to the maximum number of device drivers per array.

The controller supports 64-bit logical block addressing (LBA), which makes it possible to connect a large number of drives to the RAID controller, directly and through expanders. However, the actual number of drives that you can attach depends on the limits listed in [Table 1](#) rather than by the actual RAID volume capacity.

The maximum drive numbers in [Table 2](#) depend on how many physical devices you have connected to the controller. For example, the maximum number of arrays per controller is equal to the number of physical disks supported by the controller up to the limit of 128 arrays per controller. In addition, though you can have up to 16 virtual disks per array, and up to 128 arrays per controller, there is a limit of 64 virtual disks per controller.

1.5.3 SATA III Features

The following list describes the SATA III features of the ServeRAID M5210 controller:

- Supports SATA III data transfers of 6.0 Gb/s
- Supports STP data transfers of 3.0 Gb/s
- Provides a serial, point-to-point storage interface
- Simplifies cabling between devices
- Eliminates the master-slave construction used in parallel ATA
- Allows addressing of multiple SATA III targets through an expander
- Allows multiple initiators to address a single target (in a fail-over configuration) through an expander
- Displays activity and fault indicators for each PHY
- Supports Port Selector (for dual-port drives)
- Each port on the controller supports SAS devices, SATA devices, or both using SSP, SMP, STP, and SATA. SSP enables communication with other SAS devices.
- Enables the controller to communicate with other SATA devices.
- Supports staggered spin-up
- Supports hot plug

1.5.4 PCI Express Performance

The following list describes the PCI Express performance features of the ServeRAID M5210 Controller:

- Provides a PCI Express 3.0 interface that:
 - Supports a dedicated PCI Express bus
 - Supports x8 lane configuration
 - Supports transfer rates of up to 8 GT/s (1 GB/s) per lane
 - Complies with the PCI Express Specification, Revision 3.0
- Provides unequalled performance through the Fusion-MPT architecture
- Provides high throughput and low CPU utilization to off load the host processor

1.5.5 Usability Features

The following list describes the usability features of the ServeRAID M5210 controller:

- Simplifies cabling with point-to-point, serial architecture
- Supports smaller, thinner cables that do not restrict airflow
- Provides drive spin-up sequencing control
- Provides up to two LED signals for each PHY to indicate link activity and faults
- Provides an I2C interface for enclosure management
- Supports the external SAS Sideband signal SFF-8485 and SFF-8448 (SGPIO) standards.

1.5.6 Flexibility Features

These features increase the flexibility of the ServeRAID M5210 controller:

- Supports a Flash ROM interface, a nonvolatile static RAM (NVS RAM) interface, and a pipelined synchronous burst SRAM (PSBRAM) interface
- Offers a flexible programming interface to tune I/O performance
- Allows mixed connections to SAS targets or SATA III targets
- Leverages compatible connectors for SAS connections and SATA III connections
- Allows grouping of up to four PHYs in a single quad port to form a wide port
- Allows programming of the World Wide Name

1.5.7 CacheCade

CacheCade is an advanced software option that is designed to accelerate the performance of hard disk drive (HDD) arrays with only an incremental investment in SSD technology. The MegaRAID CacheCade software utilizes SSDs as a dedicated pool of high-performance cache in front of HDDs to maximize I/O performance for transaction intensive applications. The key benefits of this software option include:

- Accelerated performance of existing HDD arrays with a small up-front investment
- Read and Write caching of hot spot data for significant reduction in I/O latency
- Optimized for real-world workloads of transaction-intensive applications
- Simple, intuitive management tools to assign and manage CacheCade SSD pool

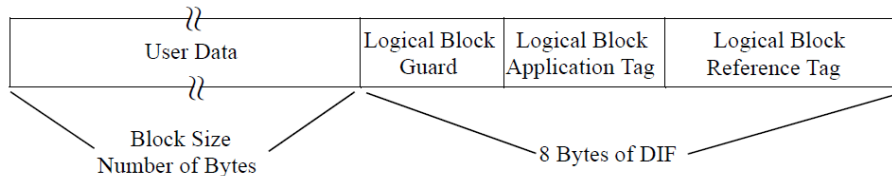
These features help reduce latency bottlenecks for server-based HDD volumes. Applications are often constrained by the performance limitations of their existing HDDs. With this type of storage infrastructure already in place, a switch to a new array based purely on SSDs is cost prohibitive. Although SSDs are capable of many more transactions per second than HDDs, SSDs have a very high cost per gigabyte and are not suited for heavy, large file workloads. You can accelerate the performance of existing HDD arrays without making substantial investments in new hardware by deploying LSI MegaRAID CacheCade software, which leverages SSDs in front of HDD volumes to create high-capacity, high-performance controller cache pools.

1.5.8 Protection Information (T10-DIF)

The T10 Technical Committee of the INCITS standardized the basic requirements to implement a data protection model for end-to-end data protection. This model protects your data within a storage system from various sources of corruption that historically have gone undetected. Examples of corruption sources include hardware data path errors (such as FIFO overruns and underruns), firmware errors (such as arithmetic overflow or incorrect pointer usage), and external agents overwriting the data in memory.

A fundamental component of the T10 data protection model is the addition of 8 bytes of extra protection information transferred with each block of user data in the storage system, as shown in the following figure. Although not specifically named in the T10 standards, this collection of 8 bytes is commonly referred to as the DIF. The DIF contains three distinct values: a 2-byte logical block guard, a 2-byte logical block application tag, and a 4-byte logical block reference tag. The T10 specification defines four types of usage models of data protection: Type 0, Type 1, Type 2, and Type 3 (refer to the most current revision of INCITS T10/1799-D for further information)

Figure 3 T10 Data Integrity Field for MegaRAID Protection Information



1.5.9 Drive Roaming

Drive roaming occurs when the physical disks are changed to different ports on the same controller. When the drives are placed on different channels, the controller detects the RAID configuration from the configuration data on the drives.



NOTE In a clustering environment, drive roaming is supported within the same channel only.

Configuration data is saved in both the NVRAM on the RAID controller and on the drives attached to the controller. This action maintains the integrity of the data on each drive, even if the drives have changed their target ID.



NOTE If you move a drive that is being rebuilt, the rebuild operation restarts; it does not resume from where the rebuild operation stopped.

Follow these steps to use drive roaming:

1. Turn off the power to the server and all physical disks, enclosures, and system components. Disconnect the power cords from the system.
2. Remove the server cover by following the instructions in the host system technical documentation.
3. Move the drives to different positions on the backplane to change the targets.
4. Determine the SAS target requirements.
5. Perform a safety check.
6. Make sure that the drives are inserted correctly.
7. Reinstall the server cover.
8. Reconnect the power cords to the system.
9. Turn on the power to the system.
10. The controller then detects the RAID configuration from the configuration data on the drives.

1.5.10 Drive Migration

Drive migration is the transfer of a set of drives in an existing configuration from one controller to another. The drives must remain on the same channel and must be reinstalled in the same order as in the original configuration. The controller to which you migrate the drives cannot have an existing configuration.



NOTE Only whole virtual disks can be migrated automatically; partial virtual disks can be migrated manually.



NOTE Drive roaming and drive migration cannot be supported at the same time.

Follow these steps to migrate drives:

1. Make sure that you clear the configuration on the system to which you migrate the drives, to prevent a configuration data mismatch between the drives and the NVRAM.



NOTE When you migrate drives, move only the disks that make up the virtual disk (not all of the physical disks in an array), so that you do not have an NVRAM mismatch error (providing a configuration is on the destination controller). The NVRAM mismatch error appears only if you move all of the drives to the other controller.

2. Turn off the power to the server and all physical disks, enclosures, and system components. Disconnect the power cords from the systems.
3. Open the host system, following the instructions in the host system technical documentation.
4. Remove the SAS cable connectors from the internal drives that you want to migrate.
5. Make sure that pin 1 on the cable matches pin 1 on the connector.
6. Make sure that the SAS cables conform to all SAS specifications.
7. Remove the physical disks from the first system, and insert them into drive bays on the second system.
8. Connect the SAS cables to the physical disks in the second system.
9. Determine the SAS target requirements.
10. Perform a safety check.
11. Make sure that all of the cables are attached correctly.
12. Make sure that the RAID controller is installed correctly.
13. Reinstall the server cover.
14. Reconnect the power cords to the system.
15. Turn on the power to the system.
16. The controller detects the RAID configuration from the configuration data on the drives.

1.5.11 New Drives Attached to a ServeRAID Controller

In the Integrated RAID mode, when you insert a new drive with valid metadata into a ServeRAID system, the drive state of the new drive is either foreign or unconfigured bad.

The specific drive state depends on the Maintain PD Fail History setting, and whether the drive had been inserted in the system before. The Maintain PD Fail History setting, when enabled, maintains the history of all drive failures.

A foreign configuration is a storage configuration that already exists on the new drive that you install in the system. The configuration utilities allow you to import the foreign configuration to the controller, or to clear the configuration so you can create a new configuration using the new drive.



NOTE See the ServeRAID-M Software User's Guide for the procedures used to import a foreign configuration or change a drive state from unconfigured bad to unconfigured good.

1.5.12 Automatic Rebuilds on New Drives

Automatic rebuilds occur when the drive slot status changes. For example, an automatic rebuild occurs when you insert a new drive or when you remove a drive and a hot spare replaces the removed drive.

1.5.13 System (JBOD) Drives

The iMR mode supports drives in pass-through mode, which are identified as "system" drives. These drives are also known as JBOD (Just a Bunch of Disks) drives. When a drive without valid metadata is inserted in a system, if the drive has a drive state of unconfigured good, it is identified as unconfigured good; otherwise, the drive is marked as a system drive.

System drives are exposed directly to the operating system. The host system can read data from and write data to the system drives; however, you cannot use system drives in a RAID configuration.

You can change system drives into unconfigured good drives (you can also change unconfigured good drives into system drives). When a system drive is changed to an unconfigured good drive, the unconfigured good drive state of the drive is maintained after reboot, drive removal, or drive insertion.

You can use system drives as bootable drives. iMR supports up to 63 system drives and up to 16 unconfigured good drives.

1.6 Hardware Specifications

You can install your ServeRAID M5210 controller in a computer with a mainboard that has a PCI Express slot. Table 1.3 describes the hardware configuration features of the controller.

Table 3 ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller

RAID Levels	iMR Mode: 0, 1, 5, 10, and 50 MR Mode: 0, 1, 5, 6, 10, 50, and, 60 NOTE To use certain RAID levels with this controller, you need to install a Feature on Demand upgrade and/or a transportable memory module. See Section 1.3.1 for more information
Devices Supported per Port	Up to 8 SAS devices or 8 SATA devices (such as drives and expanders)
Ports	Eight Internal
Data Transfer Rate	Up to 12Gb/s per phy
Bus	PCI Express 3.0
Cache Function	No. See the note at the bottom of this table

Table 3 ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller

Multiple Virtual Disks per Controller	Yes. Up to 64 virtual disks per controller
Multiple Arrays per Controller	Yes. Up to 64 virtual disks per controller
Online Capacity Expansion	Yes
Dedicated and Global Hot Spares	Yes
Hot Swap Devices Supported	Yes
Non-Disk Devices Supported	Yes
Mixed Capacity Physical Disks Supported	Yes
Number of Internal Connectors	Two SFF-8643 4i internal mini-SAS HD connectors
Hardware Exclusive OR (XOR) Assistance	Yes
Direct I/O	Yes
Architecture	Fusion-MPT
<p>NOTE In MR mode, the ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA controller supports cache policy, which includes write-back, write-through, adaptive read ahead, non-read ahead, read ahead, cache I/O, and direct I/O settings. However, in iMR mode, the controller does not support these cache policy settings. See Section 1.2, "Integrated MegaRAID Mode and MegaRAID mode" for more information about MR mode and iMR mode.</p>	

1.7 Technical Support

For information about the technical support available for this product, see [Appendix A](#):

Chapter 2: ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller for IBM System x User's Guide

2.1 Requirements

The following items are required for installation:

- A ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA controller
- A host system with an available PCI Express expansion slot
- The ServeRAID M Documentation CD containing the documentation
- The necessary internal cables
- SAS physical disks or SATA physical disks (Disk drives or Solid State Devices, SSDs)



NOTE For optimal performance, use an un-interruptible power supply.

2.2 Hardware installation

This section provides detailed instructions for installing a ServeRAID M5210 controller.

1. Unpack the Controller

Unpack and remove the controller. Inspect it for damage. If it appears damaged, or if any of the following items are missing, contact your place of purchase. The controller is shipped with the following items:

- A CD containing an electronic version of this User's Guide and other related documentation
- Warranty information

2. Turn off the Power to the System

Review all safety information provided with the server; then, turn off the power to the server, unplug the power cords from the power supplies, disconnect the server from the network, and remove the server cover. See the documentation provided with the server for instructions. Before you install the controller, make sure that the server is disconnected from the power and from any networks.

3. Review the Controller Connectors

Refer to [Chapter 3: ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller Characteristics](#) for a diagram of the ServeRAID M5210 controller with its connectors.

4. Review the Controller Limitations

Review [Section 1.1.1, "Controller Guidelines,"](#) before you install the controller in the system.

5. Install the Controller

Select a PCI Express slot and align the controller's PCI Express bus connector to the slot. Press down gently but firmly to ensure that the controller is correctly seated in the slot. Secure the bracket to the server chassis.

[Figure 1](#) shows the installation of the ServeRAID M5210 controller in a PCI Express slot.

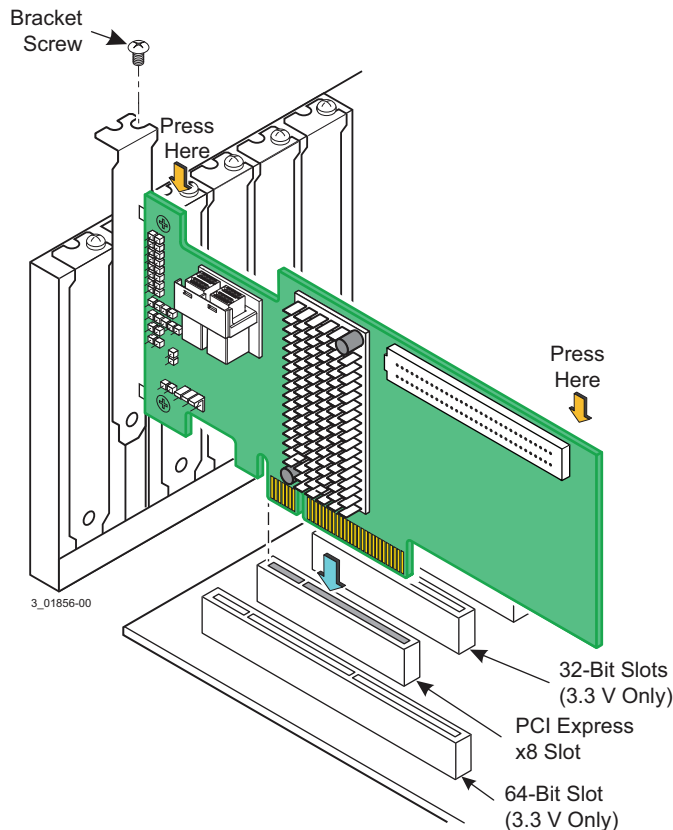


NOTE Some PCI Express slots support PCI Express graphics cards only. If a RAID controller is installed in one of those slots, the controller does not function.



ATTENTION To avoid damage to the server, always remove the controller from the PCI Express slot before you relocate or ship the server.

Figure 1 ServeRAID M5210 Controller Installation in a PCI Express Slot



6. Connect SAS cables between the controller and the SAS backplane or any other SATA or SAS devices (if applicable)

Connect serial cables between the controller and a drive backplane or any other SATA or SAS devices. The preceding figure shows the locations of the controller connectors. The controller uses two internal x4 mini-SAS HD (SFF-8643) connectors to connect to internal devices. You may use other cables appropriate for your usage scenario as long as they conform to the controller specifications and limitations as outlined in N2115 SAS/SATA HBA for IBM System x User's Guide.

Refer to [Section 2.3, "Connecting a ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller to a Drive Backplane on an Enclosure,"](#) for details about connecting the controller to the enclosure.

7. Replace the cover and any power cords, and power up the system

Reinstall the server cover and reconnect the AC power cords; then, turn on the power to the server.

Make sure that the power is turned on to the SAS devices and the SATA III devices before or at the same time as the host server. If the power is turned on to the server before it is turned on to the devices, the server might not recognize the devices.

For the Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI), no BIOS message displays. Press F1 to enter System Setup. Refer to your system user's guide for specific configuration information.

Under other interfaces or operating systems, a BIOS message appears during boot. The firmware takes several seconds to initialize. The configuration utility prompt times out after several seconds. The second portion of the BIOS message displays the controller number, firmware version, and cache SDRAM size. The numbering of the controller follows the PCI slot scanning order used by the host system board.

8. Install the Operating System Device Driver

The controller can operate under various operating systems. To operate under these operating systems, you must install the software device drivers. You can find and download the latest device drivers at <http://www.ibm.com/support/>. For updates, click Downloads and device drivers.

Device driver updates are made available periodically. To ensure that you have the current version of the device driver, download the latest device driver at <http://www.ibm.com/support/>. See the readme file that accompanies the device driver for any updated information.

For details on installing the device driver, refer to the ServeRAID-M Device Driver Installation User's Guide on the ServeRAID matrix website at this link:

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Be sure to use the latest Service Packs provided by the operating system manufacturer and to review the readme file that accompanies the device driver.

2.3 Connecting a ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller to a Drive Backplane on an Enclosure

This section describes how to connect the ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA controller by cable to the drive backplane on an enclosure. The enclosure can contain SAS drives and SATA drives.

Both the SAS protocols and the SATA protocols use a thin, 7-wire connector instead of the 68-wire SCSI cable or 26-wire ATA cable. An iPass™ cable with an internal x4 mini-SAS HD 4i (SFF-8643) connector at each end is used to connect the controller to the drive backplane of an enclosure containing SAS drives and/or SATA drives.



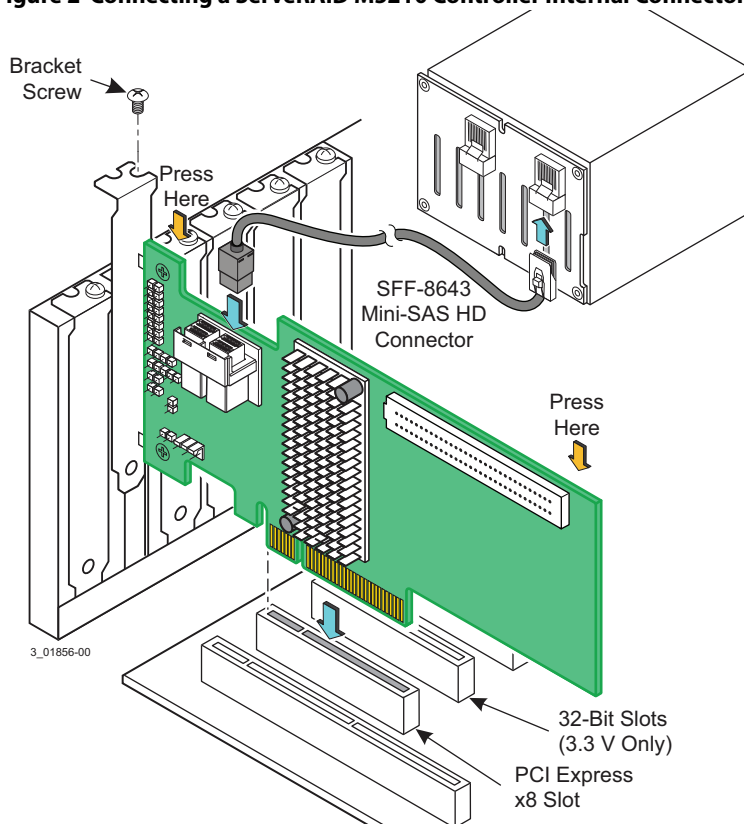
NOTE Use only straight SAS cables, not cross-over SAS cables.

Follow these steps to connect the internal x4 mini-SAS HD 4i (SFF-8643) connector on the cable to the controller and the drive backplane:

1. Read the safety information that comes with the controller.
2. Turn off the server and peripheral devices and disconnect the power cords.
3. Slide the server out of the server rack (if applicable).
4. Remove the server cover.
5. Plug the internal x4 mini-SAS HD 4i (SFF-8643) connector on one end of the cable into the x4 SAS port 0-3 connector on the controller, as shown in the following figure.
6. Plug the internal x4 mini-SAS HD 4i (SFF-8643) connector on the other end of the cable into the port connector on the drive backplane.

You can use another cable to connect the other internal x4 mini-SAS HD 4i (8643) connector on the controller to the other port connector on the drive backplane.

Figure 2 Connecting a ServeRAID M5210 Controller Internal Connector to a Drive Backplane



7. Replace the server cover.
8. Slide the server into the rack.
9. Reconnect the power cords and any cables that you removed.
10. Turn on the peripheral devices and the server.

2.4 After Installing the Controller

After you install the controller, you must configure it and install the operating system device driver. The ServeRAID-M Software User's Guide instructs you on the configuration options and how to set them on your controller. The ServeRAID-M Device Driver Installation User's Guide provides detailed installation instructions for operating system device drivers.

Chapter 3: ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller Characteristics

3.1 Board Layout and Connector Information

This subsection provides the board layout and connector information for the controller. The following subsections provide graphics and connector information for the controller.

The following figure displays the connectors on the controller, which are described on [Table 1](#). Pin 1 on each connector is highlighted in red

Figure 1 Card Layout for the ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller

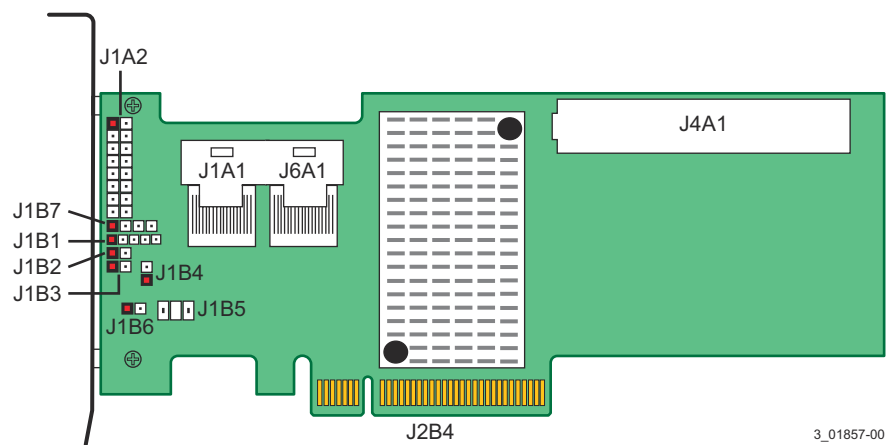


Table 1 Controller Connectors

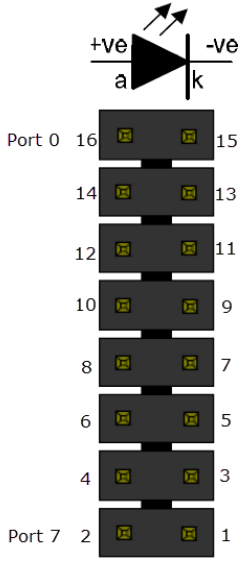
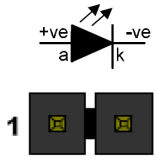
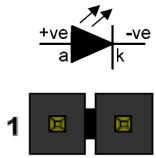
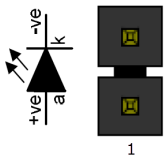

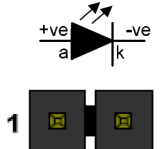
Connector	Description	Type	Comments
J1A1	x4 mini-SAS HD Connector (2)	SFF-8643 mini-SAS 4i Internal Connector	Connect the controller by cable to SAS drives or SATA III drives.
J1A2	Individual Drive Fault LED Header 	2-pin Connector	Connects to a range of LEDs that will indicate which connected drive has faulted.
J1B2	Global Drive Activity LED Header 		A connected LED will blink indicating that there is activity occurring in any of the connected drives.
J1B3	Write Pending LED Header 	2-pin Connector	A connected LED will indicate that a write command is pending by turning the LED on. This feature is used with the write-back feature.
J1B4	SBR Defaults Load Jumper 	2-pin Connector	When shunted provides the ability to bypass loading the Bootstrap configuration from external SBR EEPROM device and load the default system values within the ROC. This will allow the hardware to recover the blank or corrupted SBR device using Mega RAID software utilities. Default mode of operation is to not have a shunt on this jumper and load the Bootstrap configuration from external SBR EEPROM device.
J1B5	RAID Upgrade Key Connector		Allows a connection to a RAID upgrade key to allow additional RAID level capabilities.

Table 1 Controller Connectors

Connector	Description	Type	Comments
J1B7	UART Header 	4-pin Connector	Provides access to an external UART dongle for serial communications access to each of the internal processors within the SAS3108 ROC. NOTE Signaling levels are +1.8Vdc and need a special angle for the correct interface. UART pins are clamped to +1.8Vdc on the controller to protect the ROC.
J4A1	Local Cache Offloader Connector	300-pin Board-to-Board Connector	Used to connect one of 4 transportable memory modules available for the ServeRAID M5210 controller.
J6A1	Global Drive Fault LED Header 	2-pin Connector	A connected LED that indicates a failure in an attached drive.

3.2 Characteristics of the ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller

Table 2 shows the general characteristics of the ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA controller

Table 2 SAS/SATA Controller Characteristics

Flash ROM	Serial EEPROM	SAS Data Transfers	SCSI Features	SCSI Termination
Yes	Yes	Up to 12 Gb/s per port	Plug and Play Scatter/Gather Activity LED	Active

The controller ensures data integrity by intelligently validating the compatibility of the SAS domain. The controller Fusion-MPT architecture allows for thinner device drivers and better performance.

3.2.1 Controller Specifications

Table 3 lists the specifications for the ServeRAID m5210 SAS/SATA controller.

Table 3 Controller Specifications

Specification	ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA
Processor (PCI Express Host Controller to PCI Secondary I/O Controller)	LSISAS3108 ROC device with Integrated PowerPC processor
Operating Voltage	+3.3 V, +12 V
Card Size	Low profile PCI Express controller card size (2.713" x 6.6")
Array Interface to Host	PCI Express Rev 3.0
Type of Drives Supported	Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) and Serial ATA (SATA)

Table 3 Controller Specifications

Specification	ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA
PCI Express Bus Data Transfer Rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 8 GT/s (1 GB/s) per lane x8 lane width Up to 2 GB/s per direction for SAS x4 cards (4 GB/s total)
Serial Port	3-pin RS232-compatible connector (for manufacturing use only)
SAS Controller(s)	One LSI SAS3108 Single SAS controller
SAS Bus Speed	12 Gb/s
SAS Ports	Two SAS connectors with four SAS ports each
Size of Flash ROM for Firmware	8 Mbytes
Nonvolatile Random Access Memory (NVRAM)	32 Kbytes for storing RAID configuration

3.2.2 Array Performance Features

Table 4 shows the array performance features for the ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA controller.

Table 4 Array Performance Features

Specification	ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller
PCI Express Host Data Transfer Rate	8 GT/s (1 GB/s) per lane
Drive Data Transfer Rate	12.0 Gb/s per lane
Maximum Scatter/Gathers	26 elements
Maximum Size of I/O Requests	6.4 Mbytes in 64 Kbyte stripes
Maximum Queue Tags per Drive	As many as the drive can accept
Stripe Sizes	8, 16, 32, or 64 Kbyte
Maximum Number of Concurrent Commands	255

3.2.3 Fault Tolerance

Table 5 Fault Tolerance Features

Specification	ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller
Support for SMART	Yes
Drive Failure Detection	Automatic
Drive Rebuild Using Hot Spares	Automatic
Parity Generation and Checking	Yes

3.2.4 Power Supply Requirements for the ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA Controller

All power is supplied to the controller through the PCI Express 3.3V rails and the 12V rail. Onboard switching regulator circuitry operating from the 3.3V rails and the 12V rail provide the necessary voltages. The following states determine the typical current consumption of the controller:

1. During a hard reset
2. During a disk stress test
3. While sitting idle at the DOS prompt
4. During a disk stress test and deeply discharged Supercap pack.

The supply voltages are 12V \pm 8 percent (from PCI edge connector only) and 3.3V \pm - 9 percent (from PCI edge connector only). [Table 6](#) lists the power supply for the controller for each of the three states at the different voltages.

Table 6 Power Supply

PCI Edge Connector	State1	State 2	State 3	State 4
3.3V Supply	0.540A	1.08	0.960A	1.08A
+12V Supply	0.780A	1.28A	1.06A	1.78A
3.3V Auxiliary Supply	0.010A	0.010A	0.010A	0.010A

3.2.5 Operating and Non-operating Conditions

The operating (thermal and atmospheric) conditions for the ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA controller are:

- Relative humidity range is 20 percent to 80 percent noncondensing
- Airflow must be at least 200 linear feet per minute (LFPM) to avoid operating the Intel IOP333 processor above the maximum ambient temperature
- Temperature range: +10 °C to +60 °C

The parameters for the non-operating (such as storage and transit) environment for the controller are:

- Relative humidity range is 5 percent to 90 percent noncondensing
- Temperature range: -30 °C to +80 °C

3.2.6 Safety Characteristics

The ServeRAID M5210 SAS/SATA controller meets or exceeds the requirements of UL flammability rating 94 V0. Each bare board is also marked with the supplier name or trademark, type, and UL flammability rating. The board is installed in a PCI Express bus slot, so all voltages are lower than the SELV 42.4 V limit.

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Generelle Informationen:

Das Gerät erfüllt die Schutzanforderungen nach EN 55024 und EN 55022 Klasse A.

Japan VCCI Class A statement

この装置は、クラス A 情報技術装置です。この装置を家庭環境で使用する
と電波妨害を引き起こすことがあります。この場合には使用者が適切な対策
を講ずるよう要求されることがあります。 VCCI-A

This is a Class A product based on the standard of the Voluntary Control Council for Interference (VCCI). If this equipment is used in a domestic environment, radio interference may occur, in which case the user may be required to take corrective actions.

Korea Communications Commission (KCC) statement

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Russia Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) Class A statement

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