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## PCIe Solid State Drives for HP Workstations



### Introduction

Storage technology with NAND media is outgrowing the bandwidth limitations of the SATA bus. New high performance Storage solutions will connect directly to the PCIe bus for revolutionary performance improvements. These components will be available in a variety of form factors and performance levels, designed specifically for certain market segments, and ultimately the costs will continue to decline as the technology evolves.

### Performance

#### HP Z Turbo Drive

The HP Z Turbo Drive features a PCIe connected SSD, and this enables performance levels greater than 1GB/s. This performance is available at a price that is at parity with today's comparable SATA SSDs. This will enable the highest price/performance ratio for client grade SSDs.

The HP Z Turbo Drive will be supported on desktop platforms of HP Z Workstations. It will support storage configurations as a Boot device and as a Data device. The performance gains are significant when connecting to the PCIe bus. The sequential read and write performance is roughly twice as fast as today's SATA SSD products.

#### HP Z Turbo Drive 256GB SSD

256GB SSD

NAND Type: MLC

Read Bandwidth (128KB): 1.08GB/s

Write Bandwidth (1MB): 800 MB/s

Random Read IOPS (4KB): 120K

Random Write IOPS (4KB): 60K

Endurance (Total Bytes Written): 146 TB

Weight: 1.8oz (51g)

Form Factor: Half-height, half-length\*

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#### HP Z Turbo Drive 512GB SSD

512GB SSD

NAND Type: MLC

Read Bandwidth (128KB): 1.17GB/s

Write Bandwidth (1MB): 930 MB/s

Random Read IOPS (4KB): 122K

Random Write IOPS (4KB): 72K

Endurance (Total Bytes Written): 292 TB

Weight: 1.8oz (51g)

Form Factor: Half-height, half-length\*

The HP Z Turbo Drive is supported on all current desktop workstation platforms, including Z230, Z420, Z620, Z820, and Z440, Z640, Z840. It is supported as a boot device and a data device(s). It is also supported by our current offering of Operating Systems, including Linux, and does not require a separate driver. It does require a BIOS update for any system shipped prior to the Z Turbo Drive launch. It can be configured with additional hard drives, both SATA and SAS, and with multiple Z Turbo drives per system. All supported configurations are not available as factory options in all regions.

Support for OPAL hardware encryption: No

Support for Secure Erase: Yes

Supported in HP Performance Advisor: yes (includes wear gauge)

Approved PCIe slots :

Recommended slot order for Z820

1. Slot 1
2. Slot 6
3. Slot 3 (Requires 2nd CPU)
4. Slot 4 (Requires 2nd CPU)

Z620 - Slot 4, Slot 5

Z420 - Slot 4, Slot 5

Z230 - Slot 4

Recommended slot order for Z840

1. Slot 1
2. Slot 6
3. Slot 3 (Requires 2nd CPU)
4. Slot 4 (Requires 2nd CPU)

Z640 - Slot 4, Slot 5, Slot 3 (in order of preference)

Z440 – Slot 4, Slot 5, Slot 3 (in order of preference)

For RAID support, there are some specific differences and thus restrictions as compared to SATA/SAS HDDs or SSDs. Software RAID is used, as there is not a good solution today for hardware based RAID.

- Windows RAID with Boot Configuration: Limited support for RAID 1\*, No support for RAID 0, 5, 10
- Windows RAID with Data Configuration: Support for RAID 0, 1; No support for RAID 5, 10
- Linux RAID with Boot Configuration: Functional for RAID 0, 1\*; No support for RAID 5, 10
- Linux RAID with Data Configuration: Functional for RAID 0, 1, 5, 10\*\*

\* RAID 1 can be set up, yet will not provide complete, redundant protection as the boot partition is not replicated on both drives. An OS boot partition cannot be protected by software RAID 1.

\*\* Limited testing has been done with Linux to confirm RAID support and performance characteristics

#### HP Z Turbo Drive G2

The new HP Z Turbo Drive G2 features the next generation PCIe SSD. This M.2 form factor device uses PCIe Gen3 x4 which enables performance levels greater than 2GB/s, which is roughly 4x greater than SATA SSDs. The Random Read performance is significantly improved also, due to the NVMe controller technology used on the device. This performance is available at a price that is comparable to commercial SATA SSDs.

The HP Z Turbo Drive G2 will be supported on desktop platforms of HP Z Workstations including Z240, Z440, Z640 and Z840. It will support storage configurations as a Boot device and as a Data device. It also can be configured with other storage components including SATA and SAS drives and controllers. Not all configurations are available from the factory.

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#### HP Z Turbo Drive G2 128GB SSD

128GB SSD

PCIe Gen3 x4 architecture

NVMe Controller

NAND Type: MLC

Read Bandwidth (128KB): 2000 MB/s

Write Bandwidth (1MB): 650 MB/s

Random Read IOPS (4KB): 300K

Random Write IOPS (4KB): 83K

Endurance (Total Bytes Written): 73 TB

Weight: 3.9oz (111g)

Form Factor: Half-height, half-length\*

#### HP Z Turbo Drive G2 256GB SSD

256GB SSD

PCIe Gen3 x4 architecture

NVMe Controller

NAND Type: MLC

Read Bandwidth (128KB): 2260 MB/s

Write Bandwidth (1MB): 1260 MB/s

Random Read IOPS (4KB): 300K

Random Write IOPS (4KB): 100K

Endurance (Total Bytes Written): 146 TB

Weight: 3.9oz (111g)

Form Factor: Half-height, half-length\*

#### HP Z Turbo Drive G2 512GB SSD

512GB SSD

PCIe Gen3 x4 architecture

NVMe Controller

NAND Type: MLC

Read Bandwidth (128KB): 2260 MB/s

Write Bandwidth (1MB): 1550 MB/s

Random Read IOPS (4KB): 300K

Random Write IOPS (4KB): 100K

Endurance (Total Bytes Written): 292 TB

Weight: 4.0oz (113g)

Form Factor: Half-height, half-length\*

#### HP Z Turbo Drive G2 1TB SSD

1TB SSD

PCIe Gen3 x4 architecture

NVMe Controller

NAND Type: MLC

Read Bandwidth (128KB): 2500 MB/s

Write Bandwidth (1MB): 1550 MB/s

Random Read IOPS (4KB): 210K

Random Write IOPS (4KB): 130K

Endurance (Total Bytes Written): 600 TB

Weight: 4.0oz (113g)

Form Factor: Half-height, half-length\*

The HP Z Turbo Drive G2 is supported on the current desktop workstation platforms, including Z240, Z440, Z640, and Z840. It is supported as a boot device and a data device(s). It is also supported by our current offering of Operating Systems, including Linux, and may require a separate driver, depending on OS. It does require a BIOS update for any system shipped prior to the Z Turbo Drive G2 launch, minimum BIOS is 1.53. It can be configured with additional hard drives, both SATA and SAS, and with multiple Z Turbo drives per system. All supported configurations are not available as factory options in all

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regions.

NVMe devices require a driver for proper detection and operation. Microsoft Windows 8 and higher have an inbox NVMe driver. For Windows 7, HP recommends the Microsoft hotfix which provides an NVMe driver (listed below). In addition, the Samsung NVMe driver, version 1.4.7.6, can be used with specific Samsung M.2 devices. (available at <http://www.hp.com>). Also note that the new NVMe driver will not support the original HP Z Turbo Drive, which requires an AHCI driver.

KB2990941 (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/2990941>)  
KB3087873 (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/3087873>)

Operating System Support

Microsoft Windows 7 64-bit, Microsoft Windows 8.1 64-bit, Microsoft Windows 10 64-bit, RHEL 6,7; SUSE 11,12; Ubuntu 14.04.

**Note:** Not supported for 32-bit Microsoft Windows Operating Systems.

Support for OPAL hardware encryption: No  
Support for Secure Erase: Yes  
Supported in HP Performance Advisor: yes (includes wear gauge)  
Approved PCIe slots :  
Recommended slot order for Z840

- 1. Slot 1
- 2. Slot 6
- 3. Slot 3 (Requires 2nd CPU)
- 4. Slot 4 (Requires 2nd CPU)

Z640 - Slot 4, Slot 5, Slot 3 (in order of preference)  
Z440 - Slot 4, Slot 5, Slot 3 (in order of preference)  
Z240 - Native Motherboard slot first, then available PCIe Gen3 slot (either #1 or #4)

RAID support details are similar to the data listed above for HP Z Turbo Drive.

Models

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| HP Z Turbo Drive 256GB SSD                 | G3G88AA |
| HP Z Turbo Drive 512GB SSD                 | G3G89AA |
| HP Z Turbo Drive G2 128GB SSD              | Note 1  |
| HP Z Turbo Drive G2 256GB SSD              | M1F73AA |
| HP Z Turbo Drive G2 512GB SSD              | M1F74AA |
| HP Z Turbo Drive G2 1TB SSD                | T9H98AA |
| HP Z Turbo Drive Quad Pro 2x256GB PCIe SSD | N2M98AA |
| HP Z Turbo Drive Quad Pro 2x512GB PCIe SSD | N2M99AA |
| HP Z Turbo Drv G2 256GB PCIe SSD (Z240 MB) | T6U42AA |
| HP Z Turbo Drv G2 512GB PCIe SSD (Z240 MB) | T6U43AA |
| HP Z Turbo Drv G2 1TB PCIe SSD (Z240 MB)   | W6C19AA |
| HP Z Turbo Drive G2 256GB PCIe SSD (Z1 G3) | W5A06AA |
| HP Z Turbo Drive G2 512GB PCIe SSD (Z1 G3) | W5A07AA |
| HP Z Turbo Drive G2 1TB PCIe SSD (Z1 G3)   | T0K72AA |
| HP Z Turbo Drive Thermal Solution (Z1 G3)  | W0T85AA |

**NOTE 1:** not available today as After Market Option

Technical Specifications

|                       |  |                       |   |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| Storage / Hard Drives | HP Z Turbo Drive<br>256GB SSD                    | Capacity              | 256GB                                     |
|                       |  | Interface             | PCI Express 2.0 x4 electrical x4 physical |
|                       |  | Operating Temperature | 32° to 158° F (0° to 70° C)               |
|                       | HP Z Turbo Drive<br>512GB SSD                    | Capacity              | 512GB                                     |
|                       |  | Interface             | PCI Express 2.0 x4 electrical x4 physical |
|                       |  | Operating Temperature | 32° to 158° F (0° to 70° C)               |
|                       | HP Z Turbo Drive G2<br>128GB SSD                 | Capacity              | 128GB                                     |
|                       |  | Interface             | PCI Express 3.0 x4 electrical x4 physical |
|                       |  | Operating Temperature | 32° to 158° F (0° to 70° C)               |
|                       | HP Z Turbo Drive G2<br>256GB SSD                 | Capacity              | 256GB                                     |
|                       |  | Interface             | PCI Express 3.0 x4 electrical x4 physical |
|                       |  | Operating Temperature | 32° to 158° F (0° to 70° C)               |
|                       | HP Z Turbo Drive G2<br>512GB SSD                 | Capacity              | 512GB                                     |
|                       |  | Interface             | PCI Express 3.0 x4 electrical x4 physical |
|                       |  | Operating Temperature | 32° to 158° F (0° to 70° C)               |
|                       | HP Z Turbo Drive G2<br>1TB SSD                   | Capacity              | 1TB                                       |
|                       |  | Interface             | PCI Express 3.0 x4 electrical x4 physical |
|                       |  | Operating Temperature | 32° to 158° F (0° to 70° C)               |
|                       | HP Z Turbo Drive Quad<br>Pro 2x256GB PCIe SSD    | Interface             | PCI Express Gen3 x16                      |
|                       | HP Z Turbo Drv G2<br>256GB PCIe SSD (Z240<br>MB) | Capacity              | 256GB (one M.2 PCIe NVMe module)          |
|                       | HP Z Turbo Drv G2<br>512GB PCIe SSD (Z240<br>MB) | Capacity              | 512GB (one M.2 PCIe NVMe module)          |
|                       | HP Z Turbo Drv G2 1TB<br>PCIe SSD (Z240 MB)      | Capacity              | 1TB                                       |
|                       |  | Interface             | PCI Express 3.0 x4 electrical x4 physical |
|                       |  | Operating Temperature | 32° to 158° F (0° to 70° C)               |

Technical Specifications

|  |                       |   |
|--|-----------------------|---|
| HP Z Turbo Drv G2 1TB PCIe SSD (Z240 MB)   | Capacity              | 1TB                                       |
|  | Interface             | PCI Express 3.0 x4 electrical x4 physical |
|  | Operating Temperature | 32° to 158° F (0° to 70° C)               |
| HP Z Turbo Drive G2 256GB PCIe SSD (Z1 G3) | Capacity              | 256GB                                     |
|  | Interface             | PCI Express 3.0 x4 electrical x4 physical |
|  | Operating Temperature | 32° to 158° F (0° to 70° C)               |
| HP Z Turbo Drive G2 512GB PCIe SSD (Z1 G3) | Capacity              | 512GB                                     |
|  | Interface             | PCI Express 3.0 x4 electrical x4 physical |
|  | Operating Temperature | 32° to 158° F (0° to 70° C)               |
| HP Z Turbo Drive G2 1TB PCIe SSD (Z1 G3)   | Capacity              | 1TB                                       |
|  | Interface             | PCI Express 3.0 x4 electrical x4 physical |
|  | Operating Temperature | 32° to 158° F (0° to 70° C)               |
| HP Z Turbo Drive Thermal Solution (Z1 G3)  | Capacity              | Heatsink accommodates 2 PCIe SSD modules  |



### Summary of Changes

| Date of change:   | Version History: |         | Description of change:  |
|-------------------|------------------|---------|---|
|                   | From v1 to v2    |         |   |
| June 11, 2014     | From v3 to v4    | Removed | Removed the Z Turbo Drives.   |
| September 2, 2014 | From v4 to v5    | Added   | Add slot recommendations for Z840, Z640, Z440, details for Boot, note for support of Secure erase, and Linux support                    |
| December 1, 2014  | From v5 to v6    | Changed | HP Z Turbo Drive compatibility  |
| February 1, 2015  | From v6 to v7    | Added   | Support for Z440, 640 and 840 Workstations  |
|                   |                  | Removed | third party tools support for Secure Erase  |
| April 1, 2015     | From v7 to v8    | Added   | Z Turbo Drives G2 256 and 512GB   |
|                   |                  | Removed | Fusion ioFX   |
| June 1, 2015      | From v8 to v9    | Added   | RAID Compatibility  |
|                   |                  | Changed | Messaging and Compatibility   |
| February 1, 2016  | From v9 to v10   | Added   | HP Z240 Workstations compatibility  |
|                   |                  | Changed | Z Turbo Drives and Z Turbo Drive Quad Pro Specs   |
| March 1, 2016     | From v10 to v11  | Changed | Z Turbo G2 NVMe devices comments and driver links   |
| April 1, 2015     | From v11 to v12  | Added   | HP Z Turbo Drive G2 1TB for all current platforms, 256,512GB and 1TB; Support Z240 and Z1 G3, HP Z Turbo Drive Thermal Solution (Z1 G3) |

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