

4 Port PCIe SATA III 6Gbps RAID Controller Card with Heatsink

PFXSAT34RH



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Introduction

The PEXSAT34RH 4 Port PCI Express SATA III Controller Card adds 4 AHCI SATA III ports to a computer through a PCIe slot (x2), providing an internal 6Gbps connectivity solution from a single card.

Compliant with SATA revision 3.0, our PCI Express SATA controller provides up to 6Gbps of data bandwidth to utilize the speeds of high performance hard drives and solid state drives (SSD), along with Port Multiplier (PM) support on each port which allows for multiple SATA drives to be connected over a single cable.

Also, this PCI Express SATA RAID card includes an onboard heatsink to help keep the card running cool, supports RAID 0, 1, and 1+0, and can handle up to 7 SATA drives total when using Port Multiplier.

This PCIe SATA 6g card is backed by a 2-year StarTech.com warranty and free lifetime technical support.

Packaging Contents

- 1x PCIe SATA Controller Card
- 1x Low Profile Bracket
- 1x Driver CD
- 1x Instruction Manual

System Requirements

- PCI Express enabled computer with an available PCI Express x2 slot
- Windows® XP (32/64-bit)/ Server 2003(32/64-bit)/ Vista (32/64-bit)/ 7 (32/64-bit)/ Server 2008 R2/8 (32/64-bit), or Apple® Mac OS® 10.6/10.7/10.8, or Linux®



Product Diagram



Installation

Hardware Installation

WARNING! PCI Express cards, like all computer equipment, can be severely damaged by static electricity. Be sure that you are properly grounded before opening your computer case or touching your PCI Express card. StarTech.com recommends that you wear an anti-static strap when installing any computer component. If an anti-static strap is unavailable, discharge yourself of any static electricity build-up by touching a large grounded metal surface (such as the computer case) for several seconds. Also be careful to handle the PCI Express card by its edges and not the gold connectors.

- Turn your computer off and any peripherals connected to the computer (i.e. Printers, external hard drives, etc.). Unplug the power cable from the rear of the power supply on the back of the computer and disconnect all peripheral devices.
- Remove the cover from the computer case. See documentation for your computer system for details.
- 3. Locate an open PCI Express x2 slot and remove the metal cover plate on the rear of the computer case (Refer to documentation for your computer system for details).

NOTE: This card will work in PCI Express slots of additional lanes (i.e.x4, x8, or x16 slots).

4. Gently insert the card into the open PCI Express slot and fasten the bracket to the rear of the case.

NOTE: If installing the card into a small form factor/low profile system, replacing the pre-installed full profile bracket with the included low profile installation bracket may be necessary.

- Connect SATA cables from the ports on the card to the SATA devices inside the computer.
- 6. Place the cover back onto the computer case.
- 7. Insert the power cable into the socket on the power supply and reconnect all other connectors removed in Step 1.

Driver Installation

Windows XP

NOTE: The latest driver is available from www.startech.com.

- 1. Once the computer has started and the operating system is fully loaded, insert the provided Driver CD into the computer's CD/DVD drive.
- AutoPlay should give you the option to browse the files on the CD or automatically open the CD.



If AutoPlay does not start, go into "My Computer" and access the CD/DVD drive that the CD is in.



3. Open the folder "SATA6G_M9128". Run the file 'drvSetup.exe'. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the driver installation.

Windows Vista/7/8

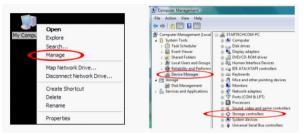
The driver is natively supported by newer Operating Systems. The driver should automatically install through Windows Update.



Verifying Installation

Windows

From the main desktop, right-click on "My Computer" ("Computer" in Vista/7/8), then select Manage. In the new Computer Management window, select Device Manager from the left window panel.



Under the "SCSI and RAID Controllers" category ("Storage Controllers" in Vista or later), should be a "Marvell 92xx" device. Right-click on the device and select "Properties" to make sure it is installed and working correctly.

For Windows 7 and 8, if using the native drivers, the card will instead be listed under the "IDE ATA/ATAPI Controller" category as a "Standard AHCI" device.

How to Use

RAID Configuration

To setup a RAID array using the drives connected to the SATA controller card, the BIOS level configuration menu must be accessed. To access the configuration menu, during POST (computer startup), the status display for the controller card will display. When prompted, pressing [CTRL] + [m] will enter the configuration menu. From the configuration menu, the detected drives can be configured into any of the supported RAID modes by following the on screen prompts.



Specifications

Host Interface	PCI Express 2.0 SATA Revision 3.0
Form Factor	Full/Low Profile
Chipset ID	Marvell 9230
Internal Connectors	4x 7-pin SATA plug
Maximum Transfer Rate	SATA: 6Gbps
RAID Support	RAID 0, 1, 1+0
Port Multiplier	Yes*
Operating Temperature	5°C ~ 50°C (41°F ~ 122°F)
Storage Temperature	-25°C ~ 70°C (-13°F ~ 158°F)
Humidity	20% ~ 80% RH
Dimensions (LxWxH)	80mm x 120mm x 20mm
Weight	50g
Compatible Operating Systems	Windows XP(32/64-bit)/ Server 2003(32/64-bit)/ Vista(32/64-bit)/ 7(32/64-bit)/ Server 2008 R2/ 8(32/64- bit), Mac OS 10.6/ 10.7/ 10.8, Linux

^{*}Port Multiplier is not supported in Mac OS

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