

### Overview

**\*\*For latest information on this product please use [HPE Smart Array Gen10 Controllers for HPE ProLiant Server Blades QuickSpecs](#)\*\***

### HPE Smart Array P204i-b SR Gen10 Controller

The HPE Smart Array P204i-b SR Gen10 Controller, supporting 12Gb/s SAS and PCIe 3.0, is ideal for maximizing performance while supporting advanced RAID levels with 1 GB flash-backed write cache (FBWC). This controller operates in Mixed Mode which combines RAID and HBA operations simultaneously. It has four internal SAS lanes, allowing connection to SAS or SATA drives, and provides enterprise-class storage performance, reliability, security and efficiency needed to address your evolving data storage needs. This controller offers enhanced security by encrypting data-at-rest on any drive with HPE Smart Array SR Secure Encryption.



### Models

HPE Smart Array P204i-b SR Gen10 (4 Internal Lanes/1GB Cache) 12G SAS Modular Controller

804367-B21

**NOTE:** Kit contents include P204i-b controller.

### Options Sold Separately

HPE 12W Smart Storage Battery (up to 3 Devices) for BladeSystem Server

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**NOTE:** The P204i-b controller requires the HPE Smart Storage Battery, which supports multiple devices and is sold separately.

## Standard Features

### Key Features

Storage interface (SAS/SATA)  
 4 SAS lanes across an internal SAS port  
 12Gb/s SAS, 6Gb/s SATA technology  
 Mix-and-match SAS and SATA drives to the same controller  
 1 GB Flash-Backed Write Cache (FBWC)  
 PCI Express 3.0 x8 link  
 RAID 0, 1, 5, 6, 10, 1 ADM (Advanced Data Mirroring)  
 Mixed Mode (RAID logic drives and HBA physical drives simultaneously)  
 VMware Virtual SAN certified  
 Legacy and UEFI boot operation  
 UEFI System Utilities (storage configuration)  
 Up to 238 physical drives  
 Up to 64 logical drives  
 HPE Smart Array SR Secure Encryption (optional license)  
 HPE SSD Smart Path  
 Rapid Parity Initialization (RPI)  
 Rapid rebuild  
 Drive Sanitize  
 Performance Optimization-Degraded Reads and Read Coalescing  
 Power efficiency  
 Seamless upgrades from HPE Smart Array Software RAID  
 FIPS 140-2 Level 1 Implementation Under Test (expected validation complete in 2018)

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**Ports** Internal: 4 SAS/SATA lanes across an internal SAS port

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**Form Factor** Type-b Modular Controller

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**Performance** 12Gb/s SAS (1200 MB/s theoretical bandwidth per SAS lane)  
 6Gb/s SATA (600 MB/s theoretical bandwidth per SAS lane)  
 PCI Express 3.0 x8 link width  
 1 GB 40-bit wide DDR4-2100 Flash-Backed Write Cache provides up to 8.4 GB/s maximum cache bandwidth  
 Read ahead caching  
 Write-back caching

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**Array Configuration Features** Expand Array  
 Heal Array  
 Move Drives  
 Re-Mirror Array  
 Shrink Array  
 Spare Management  
 Split Mirrored Array

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**Logical Drive Configuration Features** Extend Logical Drive  
 Instant Secure Erase  
 Migrate RAID/Stripe Size  
 Modifying Cache Write Policy  
 Move Logical Drive

## Standard Features

Re-enable Failed Logical Drive

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### Fault Prevention

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### HPE SSD Smart Path

The HPE SSD Smart Path feature included in the Smart Array software stack improves Solid State Disk (SSD) read performance by up to 4x. HPE SSD Smart Path chooses the optimum path to the SSD and accelerates reads for all RAID levels and RAID 0 writes.

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### HPE Smart Array SR Secure Encryption (optional license)

HPE Smart Array SR Secure Encryption is a Smart Array controller-based data encryption solution that protects sensitive, mission critical data. This is an enterprise-class encryption solution for data-at-rest on any drives attached to the HPE Smart Array controllers including data on the controller cache. Secure Encryption requires an optional license per server (see Related Options for more information on the license).

The solution is available for both local and remote key management mode deployments. Local Key Management Mode is focused on single server deployment where there is one Master key per controller that is managed by the user. Remote Key Management Mode is for enterprise wide deployments from just a few servers to thousands of servers.

For more information on please visit: <http://www.hpe.com/servers/secureencryption>

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### FIPS 140-2 Cryptographic Module Validation

FIPS provides a security assurance level validation for cryptographic modules. This HPE Smart Array SR Gen10 Controller is a cryptographic module that is currently on the Validation Program FIPS 140-2 Implementation Under Test List. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) issue the FIPS 140-2 requirements and standards for cryptography modules that include both hardware and software components.

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### Warranty

The warranty for this device is 3 years parts only.

#### Warranty Upgrade Options

Response - Upgrade on-site response from next business day to same day 4 hours.

Coverage - Extend hours of coverage from 9 hours x 5 days to 24 hours x 7 days.

Duration - Select duration of coverage for a period of 1, 3, or 5 years.

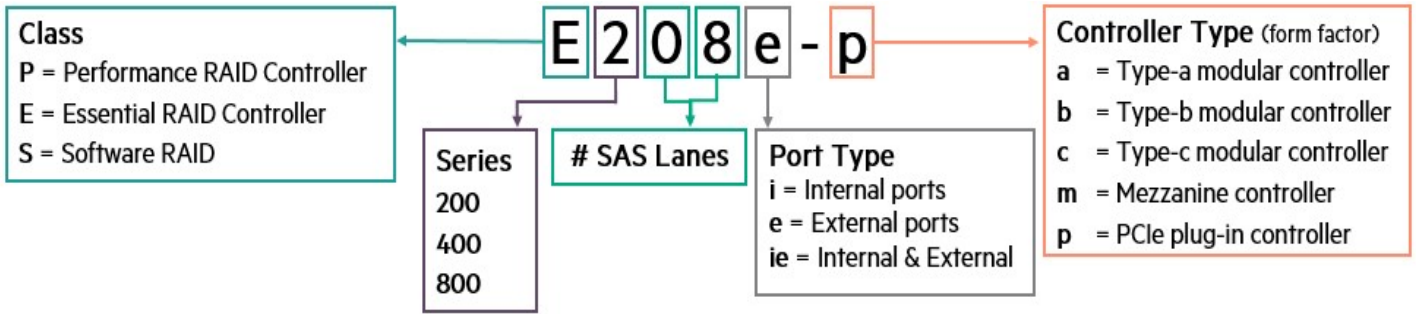
Warranty upgrade options can come in the form of Care Packs, which are sold at the HPE System level to which this product attaches.

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### Naming Framework

The Gen10 controller naming framework has been updated to simplify identification as depicted below. For a more detailed breakout of the available Gen10 Smart Array controllers visit the [HPE Smart Array Gen10 Controllers Data Sheet](#).

### Standard Features



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## Compatibility

**Server Support** HPE ProLiant BL460c Gen10 Server Blade

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**Operating Systems** Microsoft Windows Server  
Microsoft Windows Hyper-V Server  
VMware vSphere  
Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL)  
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES)  
CentOS

**NOTE:** HPE Smart Array controllers are supported by the server operating system. For more information on the HPE server operating systems and virtualization software, please visit: <http://www.hpe.com/info/ossupport>

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**Storage Management Software Suite** HPE Smart Storage Administrator (SSA) GUI  
HPE Smart Storage Administrator (SSA) CLI  
HPE Smart Storage Administrator (SSA) Scripting  
HPE Intelligent Provisioning  
UEFI System Utilities (storage configuration)  
UEFI Storage RESTful

**NOTE:** For additional information see the HPE Smart Array SR Gen10 Configuration Guide at: <http://www.hpe.com/info/SmartArrayGen10-docs>

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## Service and Support

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**NOTE:** \*HPE Proactive Care and HPE Proactive Care Advanced require that the customer connect their devices to make the most of these services and receive all the deliverables.

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**NOTE:** \*HPE Support Center Mobile App is subject to local availability

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**Parts and Materials**    Hewlett Packard Enterprise will provide HPE-supported replacement parts and materials necessary to maintain the covered hardware product in operating condition, including parts and materials for available and recommended engineering improvements.

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Parts and components that have reached their maximum supported lifetime and/or the maximum usage limitations as set forth in the manufacturer's operating manual, product quick-specs, or the technical product data sheet will not be provided, repaired, or replaced as part of these services.

The defective media retention service feature option applies only to Disk or eligible SSD/Flash Drives replaced by Hewlett Packard Enterprise due to malfunction.

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### Related Services

#### **HPE Server Hardware Installation**

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**HPE Installation and Startup Service** provides for the installation and startup of HPE technology including BladeSystems, C-Class enclosure, HPE ProLiant c-Class and Integrity server blades, storage blades, SAN switch blades, HPE Virtual Connect modules (Ethernet and Fibre Channel), Ethernet network interconnects, and InfiniBand, as well as the installation of one supported operating system type (Windows® or Linux).

**NOTE:** The Smart Array controller is covered under the HPE Service Contract applied to the HPE ProLiant Server. No separate HPE support services need to be purchased.

Warranty and Support Services will extend to include HPE options configured with your server or storage device. The price of support service is not impacted by configuration details. HPE sourced options that are compatible with your product will be covered under your server support at the same level of coverage allowing you to upgrade freely. Installation for HPE options is available as needed. To keep support costs low for everyone, some high value options will require additional support. Additional support is only required on select high value workload accelerators, fibre switches, InfiniBand and UPS batteries over 12KVA. See the specific high value options that require additional support [HERE](#).

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### For more information

Visit the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Service and Support [website](#).

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### Recommended Option

This controller is a Recommended Option. Offering the best combination of performance, value and availability, Recommended Options have been selected by HPE experts to provide the right technology for a range of workloads and market segments.

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### HPE Smart Array Supporting Documents

For additional support documents, including and configuration guide and user guides, please visit: <http://www.hpe.com/info/SmartArrayGen10-docs>.

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## Related Options

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<b>HPE Smart Array SR Secure Encryption</b>	HPE Smart Array SR Secure Encryption (Data at Rest Encryption/per Server Entitlement) E-LTU <b>NOTE:</b> HPE Smart Array SR Secure Encryption licensing is based on the number of servers requiring encryption for direct attached storage. <b>NOTE:</b> For more information visit: <a href="http://www.hpe.com/servers/secureencryption">http://www.hpe.com/servers/secureencryption</a>	Q2F26AAE

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## Summary of Changes

Date	Version History	Action	Description of Change
15-Oct-2018	Version 6	Changed	Overview were updated.
04-Jun-2018	Version 5	Changed	SKU description and Service and Support were updated.
05-Mar-2018	Version 4	Changed	Overview, Standard Features, Related Services were updated.
05-Feb-2018	Version 3	Changed	Replaced Secure Encryption SKU C9A82AAE with Q2F26AAE. Updated Service and Support. Replaced HPE Smart Storage Battery SKU.
25-Sep-2017	Version 2	Changed	VMware Virtual SAN certified; naming framework
11-Jul-2017	Version 1	Added	New QuickSpecs.



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