

SSD7580C Storage Adapter User Guide

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Overview

The SSD7580C is the latest member of our PCIe Gen4 NVMe RAID AIC product family, and a superset of the 7580 series of high-density U.2/U.3 host controllers.

The SSD7580C's 8 independent device channels are backed by a dedicated PCIe 4.0 x16 host interface, industry leading PCIe switch technology, and our field-proven NVMe RAID stack, and are capable of supporting over 200TB of hot-swappable U.2/U.3 NVMe storage while delivering 28,000MB/s of sustained transfer throughput. The AIC's compact, half-height (low-profile) form factor can be easily installed into nearly any industry standard PC-based server, workstation and rackmount platform running a Linux or Windows based operating system.

The SSD7580C offers advanced Hot-Plug & Hot-Swap features, allowing for the addition, removal, or replacement of SSDs and RAID arrays without shutting down the host platform. This enhances efficiency in professional server and workstation environments. The device uses a "Synthetic Hierarchy" to maintain system stability during PCIe topology changes, employing virtual placeholders for NVMe device channels that remain active and can be replaced with physical disks as needed. Additionally, the SSD7580C ensures smooth operation through Downstream Port Containment and Read Tracking when drives are removed. The HighPoint RAID Management interface includes an "Unplug" command, facilitating safe removal of drives without data loss and reactivating virtual placeholders for future use.

This guide describes the SSD7580C key features, hardware description, hardware installation and cable and cabling configuration.

Key Features

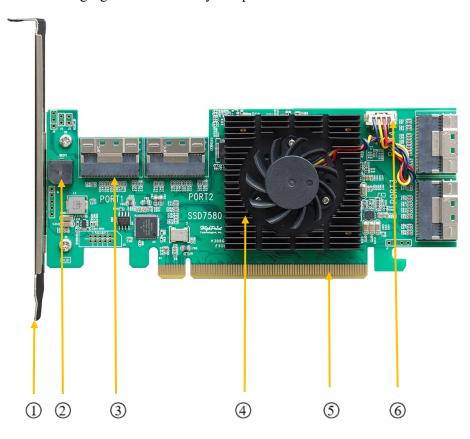
- Ultra-High Density NVMe RAID Solution
- Dedicated PCIe 4.0 x16 host interface
- Performance-Focused PCIe Switching Architecture
- 8x Dedicated U.2 NVMe Device Channels
- Supports U.2/U.3 NVMe SSDs of any capacity or performance level
- Supports RAID 0, 1, 10 and Single-Disk Configurations
- HighPoint SafeStorage Encryption Solution
- True NVMe Hot-Plug & Hot-Swap Capability
- Comprehensive Management Suite with Real-Time SSD TBW and temperature monitoring solution
- For Linux and Windows platforms

SSD7580C Hardware Description

SSD7580C Layout

SSD7580C Layout (with heat sink)

The following figure shows the key components of the SSD7580C.



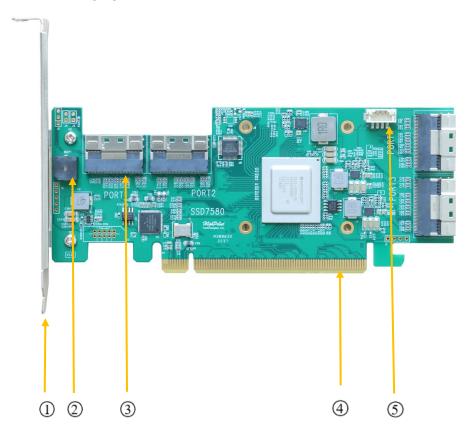
The following table describes the key components on the SSD7580C.

Number	Туре	Description
1	Bracket	Full-Height bracket (optional Low-Profile bracket included)
		The SSD7580C is secured to the chassis by a bracket.
2	Beeper	Audible alarm. It will activate in the event of a disk related failure.
3	Storage Interface	Four SFF-8654 internal connectors
		Connect the adapter by cable to the storage devices.
4	Cooling Fan	Anodized aluminum heatsink with a built-in Low- Decibel fan
		Used to dissipate heat from electronic components that are prone to

		heat generation.
(5)	PCIe Host Interface	The interface between the storage adapter and the host system. With the PCIe interface, this connector provides power to the board.
6	J7	4-pin connectors
		Connects the adapter to a Cooling Fan module.

SSD7580C Layout (without heat sink)

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PCIe Host Interface

The SSD7580C's PCIe 4.0 host interface provides maximum transmission.

Other PCIe host interface features include the following:

- 16-lane PCIe host interface
- Support of x16 link width
- Link transfer rate of 16 GT/s
- Sixteen-lane aggregate bandwidth of up to 28,000 MB/s

Storage Interface

PCIe 4.0 x16 (NVMe)

- PCIe (NVMe) interface features:
 - Supports up to eight NVMe devices (up to x4 lanes, U.2/U.3 media)
 - Data transfer at 16 GT/s

Basic Specifications

Board Dimension

The SSD7580C AIC measures 6.5" in length, 2.71" in height, and 0.91" in width (depth). The component height on the top and bottom of the SSD7580C complies with the PCIe specification.

Operating Temperature

• Work Temperature: $+5^{\circ}\text{C} \sim +55^{\circ}\text{C}$

• Storage Temperature: $-20^{\circ}\text{C} \sim +80^{\circ}\text{C}$

Power Supply Requirements

All power is supplied to the SSD7580C through the PCIe 3.3V rails and the 12V rail.

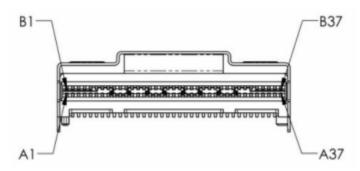
The SSD7580C's power consumption is limited to 13.72W.

Cable and Cabling Configuration

SFF-8654 Pin Designations

The connector signal assignments for the internal adapter follow the SFF-8654 standard. According to the SFF-8654 specification, each x8 connector is designated as A and B.

The following figure shows the x8 SFF-8654 pinouts.



SFF-8654 Connector Pinout

The following table defines the SSD7580C's SFF-8654 connector pinouts.

Pin	Name	Pin	Name
A1	GND	B1	GND
A2	PERp0	B2	РЕТр0
A3	PERn0	В3	PETn0
A4	GND	B4	GND
A5	PERp1	B5	PETp1
A6	PERn1	В6	PETn1
A7	GND	В7	GND
A8	NC	B8	U0_SCL
A9	NC	В9	U0_SDA
A10	GND	B10	GND
A11	SFF8654_LCK1_P	B11	PE_RESET#
A12	SFF8654_LCK1_N	B12	U0_CWAKE#
A13	GND	B13	GND
A14	PERp2	B14	PETp2

A15	PERn2	B15	PETn2
A16	GND	B16	GND
A17	PERp3	B17	PETp3
A18	PERn3	B18	PETn3
A19	GND	B19	GND
A20	PERp4	B20	PETp4
A21	PERn4	B21	PETn4
A22	GND	B22	GND
A23	PERp5	B23	PETp5
A24	PERn5	B24	PETn5
A25	GND	B25	GND
A26	NC	B26	U1_SCL
A27	NC	B27	U1_SDA
A28	GND	B28	GND
A29	SFF8654_LCK2_P	B29	PE_RESET#
A30	SFF8654_LCK2_N	B30	U1_CWAKE#
A31	GND	B31	GND
A32	PERp6	B32	PETp6
A33	PERn6	B33	PETn6
A34	GND	B34	GND
A35	PERp7	B35	PETp7
A36	PERn7	B36	PETn7
A37	GND	B37	GND

Backplane Connector

The SSD7580C's SFF-8654 connectors can interface with a wide range of NVMe backplanes via HighPoint cabling accessories.

Backplanes that use OCuLink connectors should follow the PCI Express OCuLink Specification.

The SSD7580C supports the following backplane connectors:

- SFF-8639 connector
- SFF-8643 connector
- SFF-8654 connector
- SFF-8611 connector
- MCIO connector

Cable Accessories

A wide selection of flexible cabling options are available for the SSD7580C, which enable the AIC to host both RAID, non-RAID, and mixed configurations of U.2/U.3 or M.2 NVMe SSDs, via SFF-8639, SFF-8643, SFF-8654, SFF-8611 and MCIO connectors.

The following sections indicate the cable pinout and cable connections diagram for supported cable accessories.

TS8i-8639-060

SFF-8654 Host to U.2 SFF-8639 Device cable with a 15-pin SATA power connector. Each cable supports two U.2 NVMe SSDs. Length 0.6M.

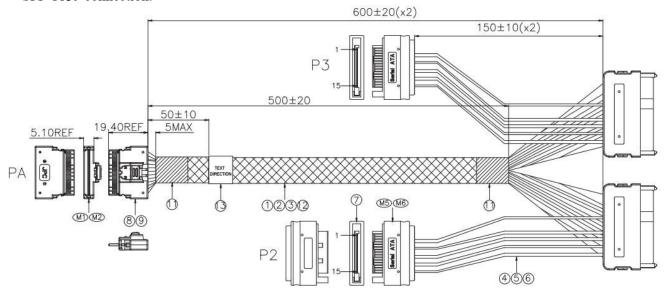
Cable Diagram

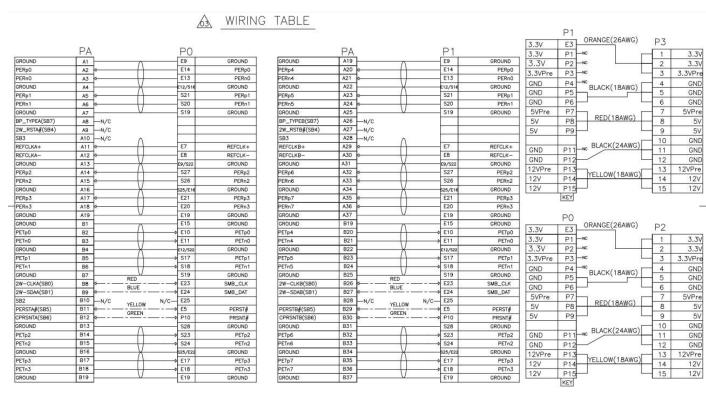
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Cable Drawings and Pinouts

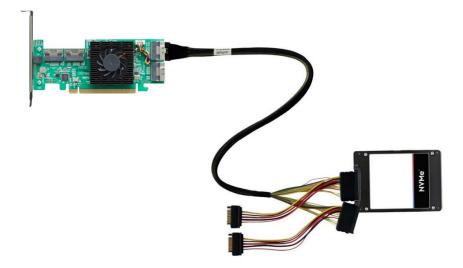
The following figure shows the pinout for the HighPoint TS8i-8639-060 cable, an x8 SFF-8654 to 2 x4 SFF-8639 connection.





Cable Connection

The following figure shows the connection of a U.2~SSD to the SSD7580C using the TS8i-8639-060 cable.



8654-8643-210

SFF-8654 Host to SFF-8643 Device cable. Each cable can host up to 2x NVMe SSDs. Length 1M.

Cable Diagram

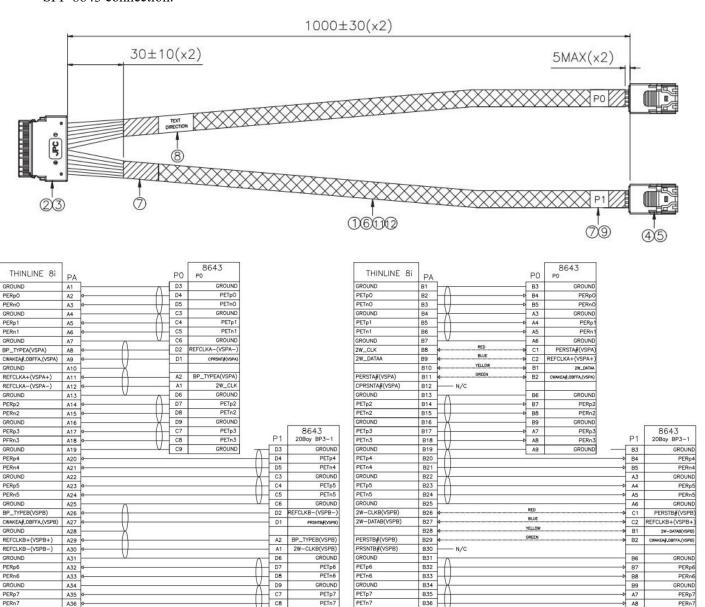


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Cable Drawings and Pinouts

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The following figure shows the pinout for the HighPoint 8654-8643-210 cable, an x8 SFF-8654 to 2 x4 SFF-8643 connection.



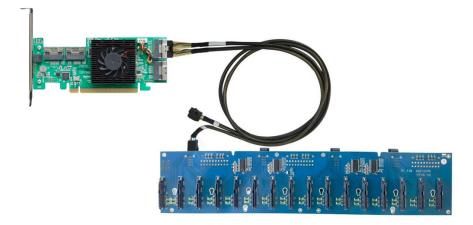
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Cable Connection

The following figure shows the connection of the backplane to the SSD7580C using the 8654-8643-210 cable.



8654-8611-205

SFF-8654 (host) to SFF-8611 OCuLink Device cable. Each cable can host up to 2x NVMe SSDs. Length 0.5M.

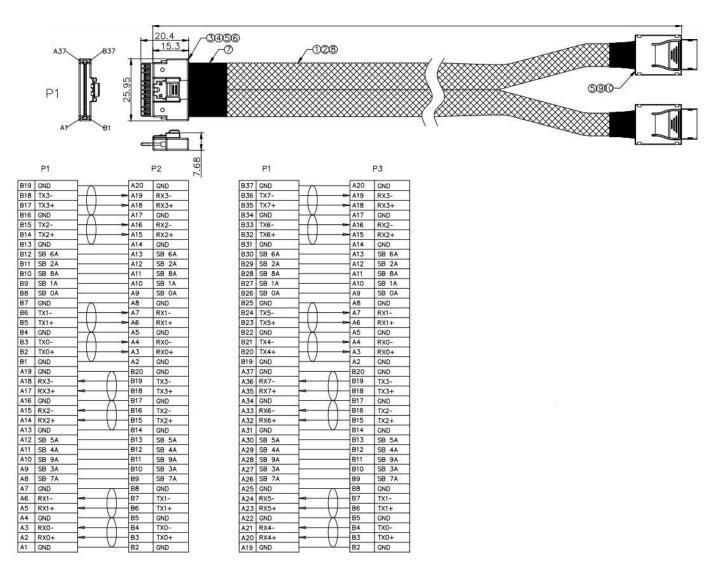
Cable Diagram



SFF-8654

Cable Drawings and Pinouts

The following figure shows the pinout for the HighPoint 8654-8611-205 cable, an x8 SFF-8654 to 2 x4 SFF-8611 connection.



Cable Connection

The following figure shows the connection of the disk box to the SSD7580C using the 8654-8611-205 cable.



8654-8654-110

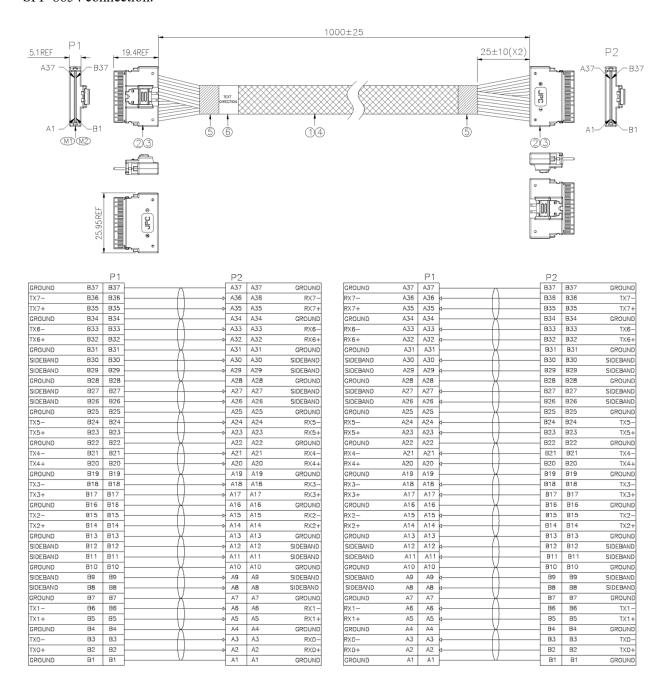
SFF-8654 to SFF-8654 cable. Each cable can host up to two NVMe SSDs. Length 1M.

Cable Diagram



Cable Drawings and Pinouts

The following figure shows the pinout for the HighPoint 8654-8654-110 cable, an x8 SFF-8654 to 1 x4 SFF-8654 connection.



Cable Connection



8654-CIO8-110

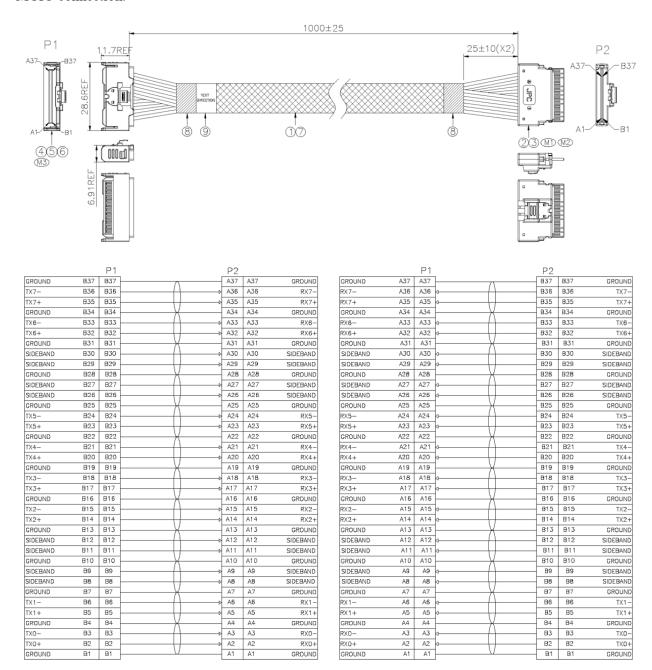
SFF-8654 Host to MCIO 8i Device cable. Each cable can host up to two NVMe SSDs. Length: 1M.

Cable Diagram



Cable Drawings and Pinouts

The following figure shows the pinout for the HighPoint 8654- CIO8-110 cable, an x8 SFF-8654 to 1 x4 MCIO connection.



Cable Connection



SSD7580C Installation

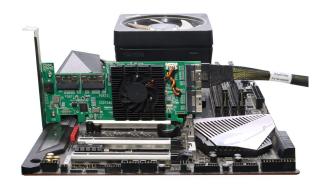
SSD7580C Installation Procedure:

- 1. Use a wired ESD wrist strap that is properly grounded.
- 2. Unpack and remove the SSD7580C, check the SSD7580C for damage. If the SSD7580C appears damaged, please contact HighPoint Technical Support.
- 3. Shut down the system, disconnect the AC power cord and remove the computer cover.
- 4. Insert the SSD7580C into one of the system's open PCIe $3.0/4.0/5.0 \times 16$ slots.



Note: If your system requires it, replace the Full-Height bracket on the SSD7580C with the included Low-Profile bracket.

5. Connect SFF-8654 port to SSD7580C.





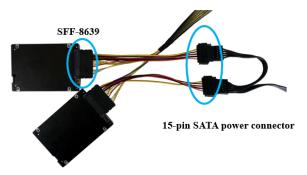
- 6. Configure and install the NVMe SSDs to the computer.
 - a). The following procedure explains how to connect U.2 NVMe SSDs directly to the SSD7580C using HighPoint TS8i-8639-060 NVMe cables.

SFF-8654



Note: The SSD7580C provides four device ports which utilize SFF-8654 connectors. These ports accept a variety of HighPoint Certified <u>Cable Accessories</u>.

b). Connect two pieces of NVMe SSDs with SFF-8639 port, and connect SFF-8654 port to SSD7580C. Connect the 15-pin SATA power connector to the system's power supply.



- 7. Connect the remaining NVMe SSDs to the SSD7580C as described above.
- 8. When finished, turn on the power to the system.

Notes:

Please make sure the cables are securely connected to the SSD7580C's device ports and the NVMe SSDs or backplane. Loose connections can lead to a variety of problems including instability, slower than expected performance and broken RAID arrays or dropped disks.

If you encounter any problems with damaged parts (e.g. fans, screws, etc.) during use, you need to contact our customer support team for professional help and guidance to avoid unexpected situations. You will be responsible for all the consequences of solving the problem by yourself.

Resources

A variety of manuals, guides and FAQs are available for the SSD7580C NVMe RAID AIC.

For Documentation and more information about this product, please visit the following website:

https://www.highpoint-tech.com/nvme1/ssd7580C

Certified Accessories:

https://www.highpoint-tech.com/nvme-accessories

FAQ & Troubleshooting:

FAQ - HighPoint Technologies, Inc. (helpjuice.com)

Technical Support Contacts

If you encounter any problems while utilizing the SSD7580C, or have any questions about this or any other HighPoint Technologies, Inc. product, feel free to contact our Customer Support Department.

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