HP SATA/SAS hard drive and Solid State Drive installation

This document describes how to install Serial ATA (SATA) and Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) hard drives or Solid State Drives (SSD) in an internal hard drive bay. Throughout this document, all references to hard drives include solid state drives.

**IMPORTANT:** SATA 6 gigabit per second (Gb/s) drives are currently only supported on the HP Z210 CMT (Convertible Minitower) and HP Z210 SFF (Small Form Factor) Workstations. They should not be installed or used in workstation products that do not support SATA 6 Gb/s drives.

**Kit contents**

- A SATA or SAS hard drive or SSD
- Multiple SATA cables (each of a different length and with different connector orientation combinations)
- SAS-to-SATA adapter or SAS-to-SATA cable (included with SAS hard drives)
- Four 6-32 guide screws
- Installation instructions (this document)
- Warranty information

**Tools required**

The following may be required to install the hard drive:

- T-15 Torx screwdriver or flat-bladed screwdriver

Your responsibilities

You are responsible for determining whether the product is appropriate for your use and will interface with other equipment without malfunction or damage. You are also responsible for backing up data before installing any product and for regularly backing up data after installing the product. HP is not liable for any damage to equipment or data loss resulting from the use of any product. To determine the compatibility of this product with your computer or workstation, view QuickSpecs at http://www.hp.com/go/productbulletin.

Warnings and cautions

⚠️ **WARNING!** ⚠️ Any surface or area of the equipment marked with this symbol indicates the presence of a hot surface or hot component. If this surface is contacted, the potential for injury exists. To reduce the risk of injury from a hot component, enable the surface to cool before touching.

⚠️ **WARNING!** ⚠️ Any surface or area of the equipment marked with this symbol indicates the presence of an electrical shock hazard. To reduce the risk of injury from electrical shock, do not open any enclosed area marked with this symbol.

⚠️ **WARNING!** ⚠️ To reduce the risk of electric shock or damage to your equipment:
  — Do not disable the power cord grounding plug. The grounding plug is an important safety feature.
  — Plug the power cord in a grounded (earthed) outlet that is easily accessible at all times.
  — Disconnect power from the equipment by unplugging the power cord from the electrical outlet.

⚠️ **WARNING!** ⚠️ To reduce the risk of serious injury, read the Safety & Comfort Guide. It describes proper computer setup, posture, health, and work habits for computer users, and provides important electrical and mechanical safety information. This guide is located at http://www.hp.com/ergo and on the documentation CD (if one is included with the product).

⚠️ **WARNING!** ⚠️ If a product is shipped in packaging marked with this symbol, the product must always be lifted by two persons to avoid personal injury due to product weight.

⚠️ **CAUTION:** ⚠️ Static electricity can damage the electronic components of the computer. Before beginning these procedures, be sure you discharge static electricity by briefly touching a grounded metal object.

⚠️ **CAUTION:** ⚠️ To prevent damage to the computer, observe the following Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) precautions while performing the system parts removal and replacement procedures:
  — Work on a static-free mat.
  — Wear a static strap to ensure that any accumulated electrostatic charge is discharged from your body to the ground.
  — Create a common ground for the equipment you are working on by connecting the static-free mat, static strap, and peripheral units to that piece of equipment.
NOTE: HP accessories are for use in HP computer products. They have been extensively tested for reliability and are manufactured to high quality standards.

Step 1—Preparing for component installation

NOTE: Computer models vary. All illustrations are examples only.

Accessing the internal components of the computer

1. If you need help preparing the computer for this installation, consult the removal and replacement procedures in the service guide for your computer at [http://www.hp.com/support/manuals](http://www.hp.com/support/manuals).
2. Power down the computer, and then disconnect the power cord.
3. Power down all external devices, and then disconnect them from the computer.
4. Remove the side access panel.

Precautions for handling the drive

- Do not move the drive during operation.
- Avoid placing the drive in a location that is subject to extreme temperatures or mechanical vibration.
- Keep the original packing materials for future transportation of the drive.
- If any object or liquid falls into the cabinet, immediately unplug the computer and have it checked by an authorized service provider.

Step 2—Preparing and installing the hard drive

Identify your installation type from among the four types of internal hard drive installations detailed in the following sections.

1. Computers with drive carriers that provide blind-mate docking.
2. Computers with carrier rails that snap onto the hard drive.
3. Computers that use guide screws installed in the hard drive.

Throughout this document, all references to hard drives include solid state drives.

NOTE: When installing SATA/SAS/SSD 2.5" drives, refer to the instructions [Installing a SATA/SAS/SSD drive into a Western Digital (WD) carrier on page 10](http://www.hp.com/support/manuals).
Computers with drive carriers that provide blind-mate docking

1. If a card support interferes with access to the system board connectors, remove it.
2. Remove the drive carrier from the highest empty internal hard drive bay:
   a. Open the handle at the green touch-point (1).
   b. Slide the hard drive carrier out of the bay (2).

   **Figure 1** Removing the hard drive carrier

3. Install the hard drive in the carrier:
   a. Position the carrier with the handle end down.
   b. Position the hard drive with the connectors on the back of the drive facing upward.
   c. Separate the rails at (1), carefully seating the pins in the small holes on the drive.
d. Separate the rails at the top (2).
e. Pivot the drive into the carrier (3), and snap the pins on the rails securely into the drive.

*Figure 2* Attaching the hard drive to the drive carrier

4. Slide the drive carrier firmly into the hard drive bay, rotating the handle to snap it closed.

5. Power and data connectors are pre-installed at the back of the bay. SAS-to-SATA adapters or cables or additional power and data connections are not required.

- The blind-mate data cables might require adjustment at the system board, based on the computer drive configuration. Verify that the blind-mate cable from the applicable hard drive bay is connected to an appropriate connector in the system board.

**IMPORTANT:** The pre-installed blind-mate data cables for workstations with both SATA and SAS connectors on the system board are factory-configured according to the following rules:

- The primary hard drive is connected to the system board connector labeled SATA-0 or SAS-0, depending on hard drive type.
- SATA hard drives are plugged into SATA ports, starting with SATA-0.
- SAS hard drives are plugged into SAS ports, starting with SAS-0.
- SAS or SATA hard drives supporting 6 Gb/s connection rates are plugged into corresponding SAS or SATA ports with 6 Gb/s capacity. Refer to *Table 1 Hard drive to system board port assignments on page 11* to determine the correct ports, if any, for your workstation.
- If the LAST HDD is SATA, cables from empty HDD bays are plugged into SATA ports. If the LAST hard drive is SAS, cables from empty hard drive bays are plugged into SAS ports.
- When mixing SATA and SAS hard drive types, verify that the hard drive data cable is connected to the system board in a manner consistent with the drive type and stated rules.
Computers with carrier rails that snap onto the hard drive

1. Select an empty hard drive bay.

2. To remove the green rails from the empty bay, squeeze the green tabs and slide the rails out of the bay.

3. To attach the rails to the hard drive:
   a. Gently open the rails (1).
   b. The connectors on the rear of the drive should face toward the tabs on the carrier rails. Lower the drive into the rails (2).
   c. Align the four carrier pins with the holes in the hard drive, and snap the rails into place (3).

   Figure 3 Installing the hard drive in the rails

4. Push the drive into the bay until it snaps into place.

5. Continue with Step 3—Connecting the power and data cables on page 10.

Computers that use guide screws installed in the hard drive

1. If a card support interferes with access to the system board connectors, remove it.

**NOTE:** In some computers, such as the HP Z200 SFF or HP Z210 SFF Workstations, you may need to temporarily remove the optical drive to install the hard drive. See the service guide for your workstation at [http://www.hp.com/support/manuals](http://www.hp.com/support/manuals).
2. Install four guide screws into the holes near the corners on the sides of the hard drive.

**NOTE:** Spare guide screws designated for this purpose may be found installed in the sheet metal of the drive bay structure, or behind the front bezel.

- Some computers, such as the HP Z200, HP Z210 CMT, and HP Z400 series Workstations, use four vibration isolation guide screws (screws with blue grommets).
- Some computers, such as the HP Z200 SFF, Z210 SFF, and xw4000 series Workstations, use four 6-32 screws.

**Figure 4** Installing the guide screws

3. Slide the hard drive into the selected bay until it snaps into place.

4. Continue with Step 3—Connecting the power and data cables on page 10.

**Computers that use a DX115 removable hard drive**

Some computers have a DX115 unit installed in an optical bay and require that you install a hard drive in the DX115 carrier.

**CAUTION:** Insert or remove the carrier (with a disk drive) only when the workstation is shut down. Other procedures may result in system hangs, data loss, or even drive damage. The component supplier’s user guide describes a procedure for inserting or removing the carrier (with drive) while the workstation is booted and then powering the drive using the power switch on the enclosure. Microsoft Windows XP and Windows Vista do not support this action.

To install the hard drive in the carrier:

1. Remove the locking screws from the sides of the carrier.

**Figure 5** Removing the locking screws
2. Remove the carrier cover by raising the front end of the cover (1) and pulling it away from the slot in the rear of the carrier (2).

Figure 6 Removing the cover

3. Orient the drive so that the data and power connectors face the rear of the carrier.

4. Place the drive into the front end of the carrier.

5. Slide the drive all the way to the rear end of the carrier so that the power and data connectors mate with the carrier adapter. Then secure the drive in the carrier with the four locking screws included with the drive.

Figure 7 Installing the drive
6. Replace the cover by aligning the tab on the rear of the cover with the slot on the rear of the carrier (1) and then rotating the front of the cover onto the carrier (2).

**Figure 8** Replacing the cover

7. Replace the locking screws in the sides of the carrier.

**Figure 9** Replacing the locking screws

8. With the workstation shut down, insert the carrier into the DX115 unit.
Installing a SATA/SAS/SSD drive into a Western Digital (WD) carrier

1. If installing a 2.5” drive with a SATA or SAS interface into a WD carrier, refer to Figure 1–10. Position the drive in the carrier between the cooling fins and slide it forward so the connector on the drive aligns with, and plugs into, the carrier’s SAS receptacle.

   **Figure 10** Install the drive into the WD carrier

2. Secure the drive in the WD carrier with the locking screws supplied with the drive (as shown in Figure 1–10).

3. Install the WD carrier into the computer using one of the four drive installation procedures previously detailed.

**Step 3—Connecting the power and data cables**

Follow the instructions for the correct type of drive being installed. SAS drives require installation of an adaptive interface before completing power and data connections.
If installing a SATA drive:

1. Connect the power cable (1) and data cable (2) to the hard drive.

   **Figure 11** Install power and data cables in SATA drive

   ![](image)

   **CAUTION:** Connect the power cable before connecting the data cable to reduce the risk of damage to the drive due to Electrostatic Discharge (ESD).

2. Connect the opposite end of the data cable to the system board or SATA/SAS RAID controller PCI card. Refer to **Table 1 Hard drive to system board port assignments** on page 11 for the required hard drive-to-system board connectors. Start with the primary hard drive connection to the system board slot labeled SATA 0.

   **NOTE:** Individual SATA ports and connectors on the system board are identified on the service label, located inside the computer side access panel.

   **Table 1 Hard drive to system board port assignments**

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   Asterisks (**) indicate 6 Gb/s transfer rate on that motherboard port.
If installing a SAS drive:

1. Use the following table to determine the correct adapter and cable configuration for your workstation platform. Figure 12 shows examples of adapter types A, B, and C.

**Figure 12** Install SAS-to-SATA adapter or cable in SAS drive

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<td>A</td>
<td>HP Z400, HP Z600, HP Z800</td>
<td>Internal and optical HDD bays</td>
<td>Plug in power cable (1) and right angle side of SATA cable (2) into adapter; plug opposite end (straight angle) of SATA cable into system board or SATA/SAS RAID controller PCI card</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>HP Z400, HP Z600, HP Z800</td>
<td>Optical HDD bays only</td>
<td>Plug in power cable (1) and right angle side of SATA cable (2) into adapter; plug opposite end (straight angle) of SATA cable into system board or SATA/SAS RAID controller PCI card</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>HP Z400</td>
<td>Internal HDD bays only</td>
<td>Plug in power cable (1) into four-wire portion of the SAS-to-SATA cable and the SATA data (2) portion of the SAS-to-SATA cable into system board or SATA/SAS RAID controller PCI card</td>
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2. Connect the power and data cables for your adapter type according to the instructions in Table 2.

**Figure 13** Install power and data cables in SAS drive

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**Step 4—Reassembling the computer**

1. Reinstall the card support, if applicable.
2. Reinstall the side access panel.
3. Reconnect power to the computer and all external devices.
4. Restore power to the computer and all external devices.

**Step 5—Configuring the computer**

When powering up the computer after installation, a new hard drive identifies itself as un-initialized storage. Consult the operating system documentation for information about how to set up the new drive.

**NOTE:** Some operating systems such as Microsoft® Windows Vista® automatically schedule defragmenting sessions. This offers no benefit for an SSD, therefore the user can remove the automatic scheduling. This will also save energy. Go into Control Panel, select Control Panel Home, and then select System and Maintenance. In the Administrative Tools area select Defragment your hard drive. Select Select Volumes and then uncheck the box for any SSD disks or volumes.
Regulatory notices

This product has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device of the FCC Rules. Refer to the documentation that came with the computer for additional regulatory information governing this product.

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