

RoHS Compliant

PCI Express Flash Drive

Industrial PT250-M280 BiCS5 Product Specifications



May 6, 2024 Version 1.8



Apacer Technology Inc.

1F, No.32, Zhongcheng Rd., Tucheng Dist., New Taipei City, Taiwan, R.O.C Tel: +886-2-2267-8000 Fax: +886-2-2267-2261 www.apacer.com

Specifications Overview:

- PCle Interface
 - Compliant with PCI Express 4.0
 - Compliant with NVMe 2.0
 - Compatible with PCIe Gen4 x4 interface
- Capacity
 - 64, 128, 256, 512 GB
 - 1, 2 TB
- Performance¹
 - Interface burst read/write: 8 GB/sec
 - Sequential read: up to 3,700 MB/sec
 - Sequential write: up to 3,485 MB/sec
 - Random read (4K): up to 570,000 IOPS
 - Random write (4K): up to 677,000 IOPS
- Flash Management
 - Low-Density Parity-Check (LDPC) Code
 - Global Wear Leveling
 - Flash bad-block management
 - Flash Translation Layer: Page Mapping
 - DataDefender[™]
 - S.M.A.R.T.
 - TRIM
 - Hyper Cache Technology
 - SMART Read Refresh[™]
 - NVMe Secure Erase
- NAND Flash Type: 3D TLC (BiCS5)
- MTBF: >3,000,000 hours
- Endurance (in drive writes per day: DWPD)
 - 64 GB: 2.36 DWPD
 - 128 GB: 2.10 DWPD
 - 256 GB: 2.10 DWPD
 - 512 GB: 1.99 DWPD
 - 1 TB: 1.69 DWPD
 - 2 TB: 1.66 DWPD

- Temperature Range
 - Operating (Tc): 0°C to 70°C
 - Storage (Ta): -55°C to 100°C
- Supply Voltage
 - $3.3V\pm5\%$
- Power Consumption¹
 - Active mode (Max.): 1,280 mA
 - Idle mode: 305 mA
- Power Management
 - Supports APST
 - Supports ASPM L1.2
- NVMe Features²
 - Supports HMB (Host Memory Buffer)
- Security
 - AES 256-bit hardware encryption
 - Trusted Computing Group (TCG) Opal 2.0 (optional)³
- Reliability
 - Thermal Sensor
 - Thermal Throttling
 - Sidefill
 - End-to-End Data Protection
 - CoreGlacier[™]
- Connector Type
 - 75-pin M.2 module pinout

Physical Characteristics

- Form factor: Double-sided M.2 2280-M
- Dimensions: 22.00 x 80.00 x 4.08_(max.), unit: mm

1

- Net weight: 7.3g \pm 5%
- LED Indicators for Drive Behavior
- RoHS Compliant
- 1. Varies from capacities. The values for performances and power consumptions presented are typical and may vary depending on flash configurations or platform settings.
- 2. Windows 10 (version 1703) onwards supports the HMB (Host Memory Buffer) function.

3. Not supported on 64GB

Notes:

Table of Contents

1. General Description	4
2. Functional Block	4
3. Pin Assignments	5
4. Product Specifications	8
4.1 Capacity	8
4.2 Performance	8
4.3 Environmental Specifications	9
4.4 Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF)	9
4.5 Certification and Compliance	9
4.6 Endurance	
4.7 LED Indicator Behavior	
5. Flash Management	11
5.1 Error Correction/Detection	11
5.2 Bad Block Management	11
5.3 Global Wear Leveling	11
5.4 DataDefender™	11
5.5 TRIM	11
5.6 Flash Translation Layer – Page Mapping	
5.7 Hyper Cache Technology	
5.8 SMART Read Refresh [™]	12
5.9 NVMe Secure Erase	12
6. NVMe Support Features	13
6.1 Host Memory Buffer	13
7. Security and Reliability Features	14
7.1 Advanced Encryption Standard	14
7.2 TCG Opal (optional)	14
7.3 Thermal Sensor	14
7.4 Thermal Throttling	14
7.5 Sidefill	15
7.6 End-to-End Data Protection	15
7.7 CoreGlacier [™]	15

8. Software Interface	16
8.1 Command Set	
8.2 S.M.A.R.T.	
9. Electrical Specifications	19
9.1 Operating Voltage	
9.2 Power Consumption	
10. Mechanical Specifications	20
11. Product Ordering Information	
11.1 Product Code Designations	
11.2 Valid Combinations	

1. General Description

Apacer PT250-M280 is the fastest SSD designed with M.2 2280 mechanical dimensions, providing full compliance with PCIe Gen4 x4 interface and NVMe 2.0 specifications. This enables it to operate in power management modes and significantly reduce power consumption. Equipped with a powerful PCIe controller supporting on-the-module ECC and an efficient wear-leveling scheme, PT250-M280 delivers exceptionally low latency and outstanding performance in data transfer, achieving speeds of up to 570,000/677,000 IOPS and 3,700/3,485 MB/s in sequential read/write operations. With its compact size and high-speed storage capabilities, PT250-M280 is the ideal choice for larger, faster hosts deployed in a wide range of applications that demand exceptional performance.

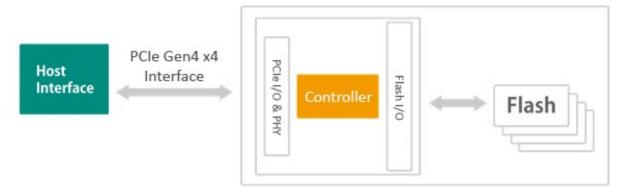
Utilizing 3D NAND technology for higher capacities up to 2TB and offering superior power efficiency compared to 2D NAND, PT250-M280 is equipped with advanced features to optimize performance and reliability. It incorporates an LDPC (Low Density Parity Check) ECC engine to enhance SSD endurance and data reliability. Additionally, it features a built-in thermal sensor that monitors SSD temperature through S.M.A.R.T commands and employs thermal throttling to dynamically adjust frequency scaling, ensuring sustained performance while preventing overheating.

PT250-M280 also includes CoreGlacier technology to maintain low temperatures while delivering high-speed performance. To enhance product durability and resilience against thermal and mechanical stresses, it integrates Sidefill technology, enabling it to operate smoothly even in environments with high vibration and extreme temperature fluctuations. For demanding applications, PT250-M280 provides End-to-End Data Protection, which safeguards data integrity at multiple points along the data transfer path, enabling dependable delivery of data transfers.

In terms of security, Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) and Trusted Computing Group (TCG) Opal (optional) ensure data security and provide users with peace of mind knowing their data is safeguarded against unauthorized use at all times. PT250-M280 also adopts the latest page mapping file translation layer and comes with various implementations including flash block management, DataDefender, TRIM, power saving modes, Hyper Cache technology, SMART Read Refresh, and NVMe secure erase.

With exceptional performance, trustable reliability, and enhanced data protection, PT250-M280 is definitely the ideal storage or cache solution for a variety of applications ranging from industrial, imaging, computing to enterprise markets.

2. Functional Block



Note: The actual number of NAND flash used on Apacer PT250-M280 varies from capacities. The illustration is for reference only.

Figure 2-1 Functional Block Diagram

3. Pin Assignments

This connector does not support hot plug capability. There are a total of 75 pins. 12 pin locations are used for mechanical key locations; this allows such a module to plug into Key M connectors.

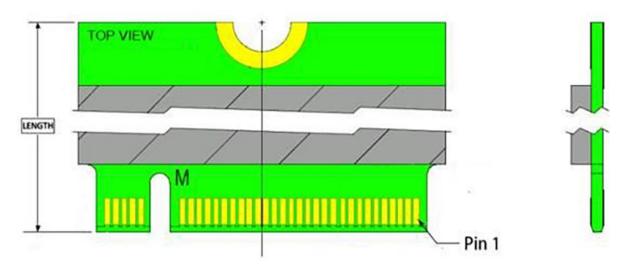




Table	3-1	Pin	Assignments
-------	-----	-----	-------------

Pin No.	Туре	Description
1	GND	Ground
2	3.3 V	3.3V source
3	GND	Ground
4	3.3 V	3.3V source
5	PETn3	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
6	PWRDIS (I)(0/1.8/3.3V)	No connect
7	PETp3	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
8	PLN# (I)(0/1.8/3.3V)	No connect
9	GND	Ground
10	LED1#	Open drain, active low signal. These signals are used to allow the add-in card to provide status indicators via LED devices that will be provided by the system.
11	PERn3	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
12	3.3 V	3.3V source
13	PERp3	PCIe RX Differential signals defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
14	3.3 V	3.3V source
15	GND	Ground
16	3.3 V	3.3V source
17	PETn2	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
18	3.3 V	3.3V source
19	PETp2	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec

Pin No.	Туре	Description
20	NC	No connect
21	GND	Ground
22	VIO 1.8 V	No connect
23	PERn2	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
24	NC	No connect
25	PERp2	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
26	NC	No connect
27	GND	Ground
28	NC	No connect
29	PETn1	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
30	PLA_S3# (O)(0/1.8/3.3V)	No connect
31	PETp1	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
32	GND	Ground
33	GND	Ground
34	USB_D+	No connect
35	PERn1	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
36	USB_D-	No connect
37	PERp1	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
38	GND	Ground
39	GND	Ground
40	SMB_CLK (I/O)(0/1.8V)	No connect
41	PETn0	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
42	SMB_DATA (I/O)(0/1.8V)	No connect
43	PETp0	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
44	ALERT# (O)(0/1.8V)	No connect
45	GND	Ground
46	NC	No connect
47	PERn0	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
48	NC	No connect
49	PERp0	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
50	PERST# (I)(0/1.8V/3.3V)	PE-Reset is a functional reset to the card as specification. defined by the PCIe Mini CEM
51	GND	Ground
52	CLKREQ# (I/O)(0/1.8V/3.3V)	Clock Request is a reference clock request signal as defined by the PCIe Mini CEM specification; Also used by L1 PM Substates.
53	REFCLKn	PCIe Reference Clock signals (100 MHz) spec. defined by the PCI Express M.2
54	PEWAKE# (I/O)(0/1.8V/3.3V)	No connect
55	REFCLKp	PCIe Reference Clock signals (100 MHz) spec. defined by the PCI Express M.2
56	Reserved for MFG_DATA	Reserved for Apacer use only ¹
57	GND	Ground
58	Reserved for MFG_CLOCK	Reserved for Apacer use only ¹

Table 3-1 Pin Assignments

7

Pin No.	Туре	Description	
59	Module Key M	Module Key	
60	Module Key M	Module Key	
61	Module Key M	Module Key	
62	Module Key M	Module Key	
63	Module Key M	Module Key	
64	Module Key M	Module Key	
65	Module Key M	Module Key	
66 Module Key M Module Key		Module Key	
67	NC	Reserved for Apacer use only ¹	
68	68 SUSCLK (I)(0/1.8V/3.3V) No connect		
69	PEDET	No connect	
70	3.3 V	3.3V source	
71	71 GND Ground		
72	72 3.3 V 3.3V source		
73	VIO_CFG (O)	CFG (O) Ground	
74	3.3 V	3.3V source	
75	GND	Ground	

Table 3-1 Pin Assignments

Note: 1. Reserved by Apacer, please do not connect to a host.

4. Product Specifications

4.1 Capacity

Capacity specifications of PT250-M280 are available as shown in Table 4-1.

Capacity	Total bytes	Total LBA
64 GB	60,022,480,896	117,231,408
128 GB	120,034,123,776	234,441,648
256 GB	240,057,409,536	468,862,128
512 GB	480,103,981,056	937,703,088
1 TB	960,197,124,096	1,875,385,008
2 TB	1,920,383,410,176	3,750,748,848

Table 4-1 Capacity Specifications

Notes:

• Display of total bytes varies from operating systems.

1 GB = 1,000,000,000 bytes; 1 sector = 512 bytes.

• LBA count addressed in the table above indicates total user storage capacity and will remain the same throughout the lifespan of the device. However, the total usable capacity of the SSD is most likely to be less than the total physical capacity because a small portion of the capacity is reserved for device maintenance usages.

4.2 Performance

Performance of PT250-M280 is listed below in Table 4-2.

Capacity 64 GB 128 GB 256 GB 512 GB 1 TB 2 TB Performance Sequential Read (MB/s) 770 1,570 3,130 3,635 3,700 3,700 Sequential Write (MB/s) 270 850 1,615 3,150 3,475 3,485 4K Random Read (IOPS) 25,000 44,000 88,000 348,000 570,000 550,000 4K Random Write (IOPS) 61,000 168,000 283,000 590,000 677,000 642,000

Table 4-2 Performance Specifications

Notes:

• Results may differ from various flash configurations or host system setting.

Sequential read/write is based on CrystalDiskMark 8.0.4 with file size 1,000MB.

• Random read/write is measured using IOMeter with Queue Depth 128.

4.3 Environmental Specifications

Environmental specifications of PT250-M280 are shown in Table 4-3.

Table 4-3	Environmental	Specifications
-----------	---------------	-----------------------

Parameter	Туре	Specifications
Tomporaturo	Operating (Tc)	0°C to 70°C
Temperature	Non-operating (Ta)	-55°C to 100°C
Vibration	Operating	7.69 GRMS, 20~2000 Hz/random (compliant with MIL-STD-810G)
VIDIATION	Non-operating	4.02 GRMS, 15~2000 Hz/random (compliant with MIL-STD-810G)
Shock	Operating	Acceleration, 50(G)/11(ms)/half sine (compliant with MIL-STD-202G)
SHOCK	Non-operating	Acceleration, 1500(G)/0.5(ms)/half sine (compliant with MIL-STD-883K)

Notes:

 This Environmental Specification table indicates the conditions for testing the device. Real world usages may affect the results.

 Tc: case temperature; Ta: ambient temperature. The operating temperature is determined by the case temperature. Adequate airflow is advisable as it enables the device to maintain optimal temperatures, especially in environments with heavy workloads.

4.4 Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF)

Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF) is predicted based on reliability data for the individual components in PT250-M280. The prediction result for PT250-M280 is more than 3,000,000 hours.

Note: The MTBF is predicated and calculated based on "Telcordia Technologies Special Report, SR-332, Issue 3" method.

4.5 Certification and Compliance

PT250-M280 complies with the following standards:

- CE
- UKCA
- FCC
- RoHS
- MIL-STD-810G
- UL

4.6 Endurance

The endurance of a storage device is predicted by Drive Writes Per Day based on several factors related to usage, such as the amount of data written into the drive, block management conditions, and daily workload for the drive. Thus, key factors, such as Write Amplifications and the number of P/E cycles, can influence the lifespan of the drive.

Table 4-4 Endurance Specifications

Capacity	Drive Writes Per Day
64 GB	2.36
128 GB	2.10
256 GB	2.10
512 GB	1.99
1 TB	1.69
2 TB	1.66

Notes:

 This estimation complies with JEDEC JESD-219, enterprise endurance workload of random data with payload size distribution.

• Flash vendor guaranteed 3D NAND TLC P/E cycle: 3K

• WAF may vary from capacity, flash configurations and writing behavior on each platform.

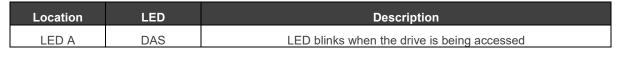
• 1 Terabyte = 1,024GB

DWPD (Drive Writes Per Day) is calculated based on the number of times that user overwrites the entire capacity of an SSD per day of its lifetime during the warranty period. (3D NAND TLC warranty: 3 years)

4.7 LED Indicator Behavior

The behavior of the PT250-M280 LED indicators is described in Table 4-5.

Table 4-5 LED Behavior





5. Flash Management

5.1 Error Correction/Detection

PT250-M280 implements a hardware ECC scheme, based on the Low Density Parity Check (LDPC). LDPC is a class of linear block error correcting code which has apparent coding gain over BCH code because LDPC code includes both hard decoding and soft decoding algorithms. With the error rate decreasing, LDPC can extend SSD endurance and increase data reliability while reading raw data inside a flash chip.

5.2 Bad Block Management

Current production technology is unable to guarantee total reliability of NAND flash memory array. When a flash memory device leaves factory, it comes with a minimal number of initial bad blocks during production or out-of-factory as there is no currently known technology that produce flash chips free of bad blocks. In addition, bad blocks may develop during program/erase cycles. Since bad blocks are inevitable, the solution is to keep them in control. Apacer flash devices are programmed with ECC, page mapping technique and S.M.A.R.T to reduce invalidity or error. Once bad blocks are detected, data in those blocks will be transferred to free blocks and error will be corrected by designated algorithms.

5.3 Global Wear Leveling

Flash memory devices differ from Hard Disk Drives (HDDs) in terms of how blocks are utilized. For HDDs, when a change is made to stored data, like erase or update, the controller mechanism on HDDs will perform overwrites on blocks. Unlike HDDs, flash blocks cannot be overwritten and each P/E cycle wears down the lifespan of blocks gradually. Repeatedly program/erase cycles performed on the same memory cells will eventually cause some blocks to age faster than others. This would bring flash storages to their end of service term sooner. Global wear leveling is an important mechanism that levels out the wearing of all blocks so that the wearing-down of all blocks can be almost evenly distributed. This will increase the lifespan of SSDs.

5.4 DataDefender[™]

Apacer's DataDefender is an advanced technology of power failure management which combines both firmware and hardware mechanisms to ensure data integrity. When power disruption occurs, the low voltage detector will be triggered. When this happens, the SSD's protection mechanism is activated and cuts off data transmission from the host. Once the power supply is resumed, the firmware protection mechanism will ensure the integrity of the firmware as well as the data already written into the NAND flash media.

5.5 TRIM

TRIM is a feature which helps improve the read/write performance and speed of solid-state drives (SSD). Unlike hard disk drives (HDD), SSDs are not able to overwrite existing data, so the available space gradually becomes smaller with each use. With the TRIM command, the operating system can inform the SSD which blocks of data are no longer in use and can be removed permanently. Thus, the SSD will perform the erase action, which prevents unused data from occupying blocks all the time.

5.6 Flash Translation Layer – Page Mapping

Page mapping is an advanced flash management technology whose essence lies in the ability to gather data, distribute the data into flash pages automatically, and then schedule the data to be evenly written. Page-level mapping uses one page as the unit of mapping. The most important characteristic is that each logical page can be mapped to any physical page on the flash memory device. This mapping algorithm allows different sizes of data to be written to a block as if the data is written to a data pool and it does not need to take extra operations to process a write command. Thus, page mapping is adopted to increase random access speed and improve SSD lifespan, reduce block erase frequency, and achieve optimized performance and lifespan.

5.7 Hyper Cache Technology

Apacer proprietary Hyper Cache technology uses a portion of the available capacity as SLC (1bit-percell) NAND flash memory, called Hyper cache mode. When data is written to SSD, the firmware will direct the data to Hyper Cache mode, providing excellent performance to handle various scenarios in industrial use.

5.8 SMART Read Refresh[™]

Apacer's SMART Read Refresh plays a proactive role in avoiding read disturb errors from occurring to ensure health status of all blocks of NAND flash. Developed for read-intensive applications in particular, SMART Read Refresh is employed to make sure that during read operations, when the read operation threshold is reached, the data is refreshed by re-writing it to a different block for subsequent use.

5.9 NVMe Secure Erase

NVMe Secure Erase is an NVMe drive sanitize command currently embedded in most of the storage drives. Defined in NVMe specifications, NVMe Secure Erase is part of Format NVM command that allows storage drives to erase all user data areas. The erase process usually runs on the firmware level as most of the NVMe-based storage media currently in the market are built-in with this command. NVMe Secure Erase can securely wipe out the user data in the drive and protects it from malicious attack.

6. NVMe Support Features

6.1 Host Memory Buffer

Host Memory Buffer (HMB) allows HOST to allocate system memory for SSD's exclusive use in order to provide better performance and endurance, especially for DRAMless solutions.

7. Security and Reliability Features

7.1 Advanced Encryption Standard

Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) is a specification for the encryption of electronic data. AES has been adopted by the U.S. government since 2001 to protect classified information and is now widely implemented in embedded computing applications. The AES algorithm used in software and hardware is symmetric so that encrypting/decrypting requires the same encryption key. Without the key, the encrypted data is inaccessible to ensure information security.

Notably in flash memory applications, AES 256-bit hardware encryption is the mainstream to protect sensitive or confidential data. The hardware encryption provides better performance, reliability, and security than software encryption. It uses a dedicated processor, which is built inside the controller, to process the encryption and decryption. This enormously shortens the processing time and makes it efficient.

7.2 TCG Opal (optional)

Developed by the Trusted Computing Group (TCG), an organization whose members work together to formulate industry standards, Opal is a set of security specifications used for applying hardware-based encryption to storage devices.

Hardware encryption has many advantages. First of all, it transfers the computational load of the encryption process to dedicated processors, reducing the stress on the host system's CPU. In addition, storage devices complying with Opal specifications are self-encryption devices. Opal specifications also feature boot authentication. When the drive is being accessed, the shadow MBR will request the drive password at boot. The drive will only unlock and decrypt if the correct password is supplied. The other feature is LBA-specific permissions. Users are assigned different permissions for LBA ranges created by the device administrator. Each LBA range is password-protected and can only be accessed by users with the correct key to perform permitted actions (read/write/erase).

7.3 Thermal Sensor

Apacer Thermal Sensor is a digital temperature sensor with serial interface. By using designated pins for transmission, storage device owners are able to read temperature data.

7.4 Thermal Throttling

Thermal throttling can monitor the temperature of the SSD equipped with a built-in thermal sensor via S.M.A.R.T. commands. This method can ensure the temperature of the device stays within temperature limits by drive throttling, i.e. reducing the speed of the drive when the device temperature reaches the threshold level, so as to prevent overheating, guarantee data reliability, and prolong product lifespan. When the temperature exceeds the maximum threshold level, thermal throttling will be triggered to reduce performance step by step to prevent hardware components from being damaged. Performance is only permitted to drop to the extent necessary for recovering a stable temperature to cool down the device's temperature. Once the temperature decreases to the minimum threshold value, transfer speeds will rise back to its optimum performance level.

7.5 Sidefill

Apacer's Sidefill technology strengthens the connections between solder joints and their board, making them more robust and vibration-resistant. It also allows for heat dissipation to offset thermal damage.

7.6 End-to-End Data Protection

End-to-End Data Protection is a feature implemented in Apacer SSD products that extends error control to cover the entire path from the host computer to the drive and back, and ensure data integrity at multiple points in the path to enable reliable delivery of data transfers. Unlike ECC which does not exhibit the ability to determine the occurrence of errors throughout the process of data transmission, End-to-End Data Protection allows SSD controller to identify an error created anywhere in the path and report the error to the host computer before it is written to the drive. This error-checking and error-reporting mechanism therefore guarantees the trustworthiness and reliability of the SSD.

7.7 CoreGlacier[™]

In many applications, SSDs are subject to challenging conditions. If the working environment is already hot, and the SSD's operation causes it to increase in temperature as well, the result could be damage to the hardware or corrupted data. In cases like this, leading industrial manufacturers know to turn to Apacer. Apacer developed CoreGlacier, a heatsink that distributes dissipation in isolated components with no thermal diffusion, to prevent heat-related damage from occurring.

8. Software Interface

8.1 Command Set

Table 8-1 summarizes the commands supported by PT250-M280.

Opcode	Command Description
00h	Delete I/O Submission Queue
01h	Create I/O Submission Queue
02h	Get Log Page
04h	Delete I/O Completion Queue
05h	Create I/O Completion Queue
06h	Identify
08h	Abort
09h	Set Features
0Ah	Get Features
0Ch	Asynchronous Event Request
10h	Firmware Commit
11h	Firmware Image Download
14h	Device Self-test

Table 8-1 Admin Commands

Table 8-2 Admin Commands – NVM Command Set Specific

Opcode	Command Description
80h	Format NVM
81h	Security Send
82h	Security Receive
84h	Sanitize

Note: 81h and 82h are only applicable to models with TCG Opal support.

Table 8-3 NVM Commands

Opcode	Command Description
00h	Flush
01h	Write
02h	Read
04h	Write Uncorrectable
05h	Compare
08h	Write Zeroes
09h	Dataset Management

8.2 S.M.A.R.T.

SMART, an acronym for Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology, is an open standard that allows a hard disk drive to automatically detect its health and report potential failures. When a failure is recorded by SMART, users can choose to replace the drive to prevent unexpected outage or data loss. Moreover, SMART can inform users of impending failures while there is still time to perform proactive actions, such as copy data to another device.

Byte	Length	Description
0	1	Critical Warning
1-2	2	Composite Temperature
3	1	Available Spare
4	1	Available Spare Threshold
5	1	Percentage Used (Average Erase Count / P/E Cycle Count)
6-31	26	Reserved
32-47	16	Data Units Read
48-63	16	Data Units Written
64-79	16	Host Read Commands
80-95	16	Host Write Commands
96-111	16	Controller Busy Time
112-127	16	Power Cycles
128-143	16	Power On Hours
144-159	16	Unsafe Shutdowns
160-175	16	Media and Data Integrity Errors
176-191	16	Number of Error Information Log Entries
192-195	4	Warning Composite Temperature Time
196-199	4	Critical Composite Temperature Time
200-201	2	Temperature Sensor 1: Controller Temperature
202-203	2	Temperature Sensor 2: PCB Temperature
204-205	2	Temperature Sensor 3: NAND Flash Temperature
206-207	2	Temperature Sensor 4
208-209	2	Temperature Sensor 5
210-211	2	Temperature Sensor 6
212-213	2	Temperature Sensor 7
214-215	2	Temperature Sensor 8
216-511	296	Reserved

Table 8-4 SMART (02h)

Note: Temperature display of the Temperature Sensor from 1 to 8 (corresponding bytes from 200 to 215) is not supported if the return value is 0h.

Table 8-5 SMART (C0h)

Byte	Length	Description		
0-255	256	Reserved		
256-257	2	SSD Protect Mode		
258-261	4	Host Read UNC Count		
262-265	4	Reserved		
266-269	4	CRC Error Count		
270-273	4	Total Early Bad Block Count		
274-277	4	Total Later Bad Block Count		
278-281	4	Max Erase Count		
282-285	4	Average Erase Count		
286-289	4	Program Fail Count		
290-293	4	Erase Fail Count		
294-301	8	Flash Write Sector		
302-305	4	Total Spare Block		
306-309	4	Current Spare Block		
310-313	4	Read Retry Count		
314-511	210	Reserved		

9. Electrical Specifications

9.1 Operating Voltage

Table 9-1 lists the supply voltage for PT250-M280.

Table 9-1 Operating Range

Item	Range
Supply Voltage	3.3V ± 5%

9.2 Power Consumption

Table 9-2 lists the power consumption for PT250-M280.

Table 9-2 Power Consumption

Capacity Mode	Unit	64 GB	128 GB	256 GB	512 GB	1 TB	2 TB
Active (Max.)	mA	615	680	1,175	1,175	1,175	1,280
Idle	ΠA	300	235	305	305	305	305

Notes:

All values are typical and may vary depending on flash configurations or host system settings.

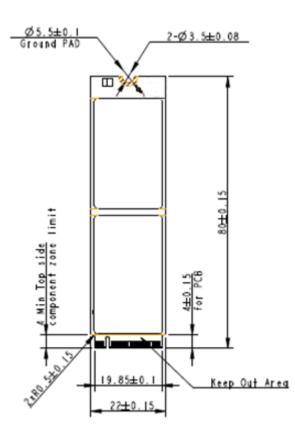
• Power consumption is measured using CrystalDiskMark 8.0.4 with file size 1,000MB.

10. Mechanical Specifications

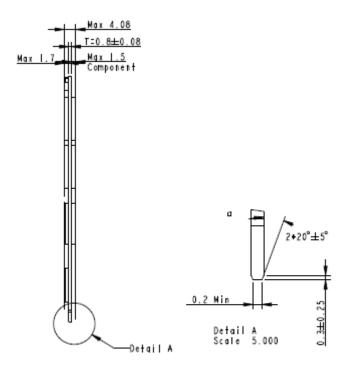
Parameter	Unit	64 GB	128 GB	256 GB	512 GB	1 TB	2 TB				
Length		80 ± 0.15									
Width	mm	22 ± 0.15									
Height (Max.)			4.08								
Weight	g ± 5%	5.9	5.87	6.2	6.2	7.3	7.3				

Table 10-1 Physical Information

Top View



Side View



Bottom View

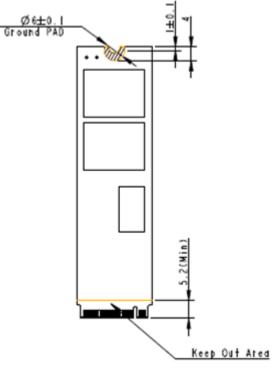


Figure 10-1 Physical Dimensions

11. Product Ordering Information

11.1 Product Code Designations

Apacer's PT250-M280 SSD is available in different configurations and densities. See the chart below for a comprehensive list of options for the PT250-M280 series devices.

Code	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Code	В	9	2		Х	Х	С	Х	G	U		0	0	1	Х	Х

Code 1-3 (Product Line & Form Factor)	PCIe M.2 2280
Code 5-6 (Model/Solution)	25: PT250-M280 A7: PT250-M280 with TCG Opal
Code 7-8 (Product Capacity)	CG: 64GB CH: 128GB CJ: 256GB CK: 512GB CL: 1TB CM: 2TB
Code 9 (Flash Type & Product Temp)	3D TLC Standard Temperature
Code 10 (Product Spec)	Double-sided M key with graphene sheet
Code 12-14 (Version Number)	Random numbers generated by system
Code 15-16 (Firmware Version)	35: Thermal Sensor (64GB)14: Thermal Sensor15: Thermal Sensor with TCG Opal

11.2 Valid Combinations

The following tables list the available models of the PT250-M280 series which are in mass production or will be in mass production. Consult your Apacer sales representative to confirm availability of valid combinations and to determine availability of new combinations.

11.2.1 Without TCG Opal

Capacity	Valid Combination
64GB	B92.25CGGU.00135
128GB	B92.25CHGU.00114
256GB	B92.25CJGU.00114
512GB	B92.25CKGU.00114
1TB	B92.25CLGU.00114
2ТВ	B92.25CMGU.00114

11.2.2 With TCG Opal

Capacity	Valid Combination
128GB	B92.A7CHGU.00115
256GB	B92.A7CJGU.00115
512GB	B92.A7CKGU.00115
1TB	B92.A7CLGU.00115
2ТВ	B92.A7CMGU.00115

Revision History

Revision	Description	Date
1.0	Initial release	4/28/2023
1.1	Added 2TB support	5/16/2023
1.2	Added NVMe secure erase support	5/30/2023
1.3	Added End-to-End Data Protection support	6/1/2023
1.4	Added CoreGlacier support	8/4/2023
1.5	Added UL to 4.5 Certification and Compliance	11/28/2023
1.6	 Added rear view of the product to the cover page Added TCG Opal support Updated Performance and Power Consumption on Specifications 	12/27/2023
1.7	Overview page and Table 4-2 and 9-2 - Added 128GB support - Added a note regarding temperature at Table 4-3	
1.8	Added 64GB support	5/6/2024

Global Presence

Taiwan (Headquarters)

Apacer Technology Inc. 1F., No.32, Zhongcheng Rd., Tucheng Dist., New Taipei City 236, Taiwan R.O.C. Tel: 886-2-2267-8000 Fax: 886-2-2267-2261 amtsales@apacer.com

Japan

Apacer Technology Corp. 6F, Daiyontamachi Bldg., 2-17-12, Shibaura, Minato-Ku, Tokyo, 108-0023, Japan Tel: 81-3-5419-2668 Fax: 81-3-5419-0018 jpservices@apacer.com

China

Apacer Electronic (Shanghai) Co., Ltd Room D, 22/FL, No.2, Lane 600, JieyunPlaza, Tianshan RD, Shanghai, 200051, China Tel: 86-21-6228-9939

Fax: 86-21-6228-9936 sales@apacer.com.cn

U.S.A. Apacer Memory America, Inc. 46732 Lakeview Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538 Tel: 1-408-518-8699 Fax: 1-510-249-9551 <u>sa@apacerus.com</u>

Europe

Apacer Technology B.V. Science Park Eindhoven 5051 5692 EB Son, The Netherlands Tel: 31-40-267-0000 Fax: 31-40-290-0686 sales@apacer.nl

India

Apacer Technologies Pvt Ltd, 1874, South End C Cross, 9th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore-560069, India Tel: 91-80-4152-9061/62 Fax: 91-80-4170-0215 sales_india@apacer.com