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Serial ATA Flash Drive

SFD25M5-M Product Specifications

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Features:

- **Compliance with SATA Revision 3.1**
 - Serial ATA Revision 3.1
 - SATA 6.0 Gbps interface
 - Backward compatible with SATA 1.5 and 3.0 Gbps interfaces
 - ATA-8 command set
- **Capacities**
 - 8, 16, 32, 64, 128 GB
- **Performance***
 - Interface burst read/write: 600 MB/sec
 - Sustained read: up to 375 MB/sec
 - Sustained write: up to 165 MB/sec
- **Flash Management**
 - Built-in hardware ECC, enabling up to 40 bit correction per 1K bytes
 - Static/dynamic wear leveling
 - Flash bad-block management
 - S.M.A.R.T.
 - Power Failure Management
 - ATA Secure Erase
 - TRIM
- **NAND Flash Type: MLC**
- **Temperature ranges**
 - Operating:
 - Standard: 0°C to 70°C
 - Enhanced: -25°C to 85°C
 - Extended: -40°C to 85°C
 - Storage: -40°C to 100°C
- **Supply voltage**
 - 5.0 V \pm 5%
- **Power consumption (typical)***
 - Active: 415 mA
 - Idle: 130 mA
- **Form factor**
 - Half-size of SATA 2.5"
 - Dimensions (70.00x48.66x9.25, unit: mm)
- **Connector**
 - 7-pin SATA signal connector
 - 15-pin SATA power connector
- **Shock & Vibration****
 - Shock: 1500 G
 - Vibration: 15 G
- **SATA Power Management**
- **Device Sleep mode (optional)**
- **RoHS compliant**

*Varies from capacities. The values addressed here are typical and may vary depending on settings and platforms.

**Non-operating

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1. Product Description

1.1 Introduction

Apacer's SFD25M5-M is a well-balanced solid-state disk (SSD) drive with compact form factor and great performance. Designed in SATA 6.0 Gbps interface, the SSD is able to deliver exceptional read/write speed, making it the ideal companion for heavy-loading industrial or server operations. In regard of reliability, the drive comes with various implementations including powerful hardware ECC engine, power saving modes, wear leveling, flash block management, S.M.A.R.T., TRIM, and power failure management.

1.2 Capacity Specification

Table 1-1 Capacity specification

| Capacity | Total Bytes | Cylinders | Heads | Sectors | Max LBA |
|----------|-----------------|-----------|-------|---------|-------------|
| 8 GB | 8,012,390,400 | 15,525 | 16 | 63 | 15,649,200 |
| 16 GB | 16,013,942,784 | 16,383 | 16 | 63 | 31,277,232 |
| 32 GB | 32,017,047,552 | 16,383 | 16 | 63 | 62,533,296 |
| 64 GB | 64,023,257,088 | 16,383 | 16 | 63 | 125,045,424 |
| 128 GB | 128,035,676,160 | 16,383 | 16 | 63 | 250,069,680 |

Notes:

Display of total bytes varies from file systems.

Cylinders, heads or sectors are not applicable for these capacities. Only LBA addressing applies.

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.

1.3 Performance

Table 1-2 Performance

| Capacity \ Performance | 8 GB | 16 GB | 32 GB | 64 GB | 128 GB |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Sustained Read (MB/s) | 100 | 200 | 365 | 375 | 375 |
| Sustained Write (MB/s) | 12 | 23 | 43 | 85 | 165 |

Note: Performance varies from flash configurations or host system settings.

1.4 Pin Assignments

Table 1-3 describes the SFD signal segment, and Table 1-4 for power segment.

Figure - SATA Connectors

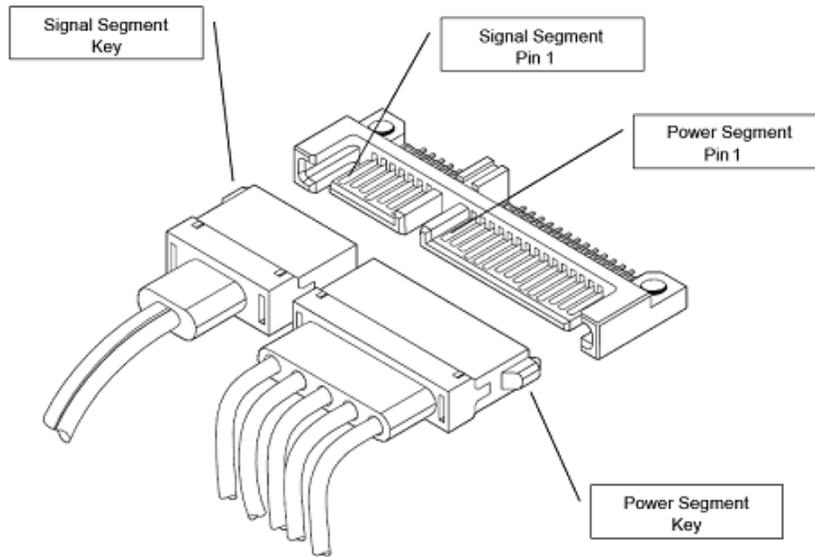


Table 1-3: Signal segment

| Pin | Type | Description |
|-----|------|--------------------------------|
| S1 | GND | |
| S2 | RxP | + Differential Receive Signal |
| S3 | RxN | - Differential Receive Signal |
| S4 | GND | |
| S5 | TxN | - Differential Transmit Signal |
| S6 | TxP | + Differential Transmit Signal |
| S7 | GND | |

Table 1-4: Power segment

| Pin | Signal/Description |
|-------|-------------------------|
| Pin1 | Unused (3.3V) |
| Pin2 | Unused (3.3V) |
| Pin3 | Unused or Device Sleep* |
| Pin4 | Ground |
| Pin5 | Ground |
| Pin6 | Ground |
| Pin7 | 5V |
| Pin8 | 5V |
| Pin9 | 5V |
| Pin10 | Ground |
| Pin11 | DAS |
| Pin12 | Ground |
| Pin13 | Unused (12V) |
| Pin14 | Unused (12V) |
| Pin15 | Unused (12V) |

*P3 can be configured as Device Sleep trigger by option

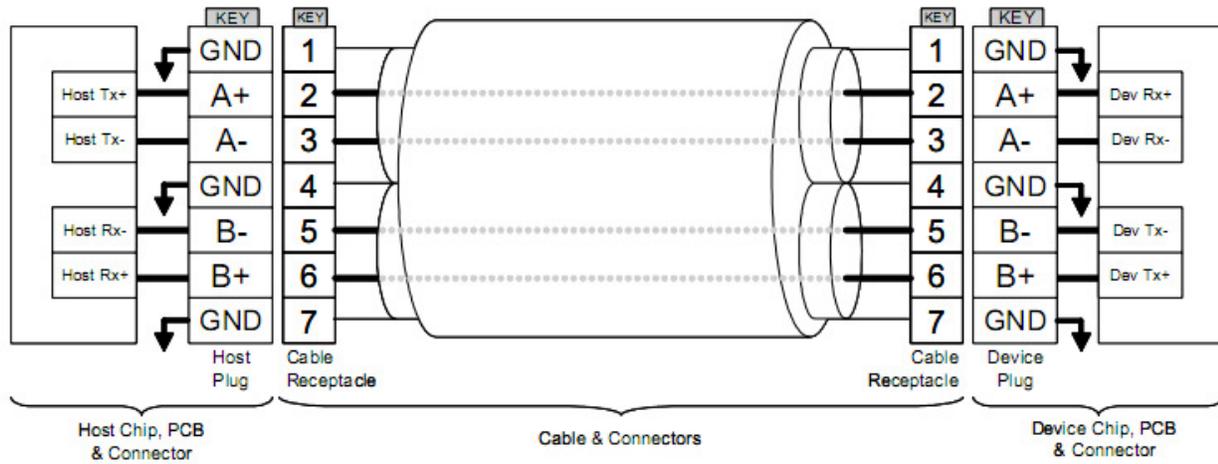


Figure 1-3 SATA Cable/Connector Connection Diagram

The connector on the left represents the Host with TX/RX differential pairs connected to a cable. The connector on the right shows the Device with TX/RX differential pairs also connected to the cable. Notice also the ground path connecting the shielding of the cable to the Cable Receptacle.

2. Software Interface

2.1 Command Set

Table 2-1 summarizes the ATA commands supported by SFD25M5-M.

Table 2-1: Command set

| Code | Command | Code | Command |
|-----------|------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| E5h | Check Power Mode | F6h | Security Disable Password |
| 90h | Execute Diagnostics | F3h | Security Erase Prepare |
| E7h | Flush Cache | F4h | Security Erase Unit |
| ECh | Identify Device | F5h | Security Freeze Lock |
| E3h | Idle | F1h | Security Set Password |
| E1h | Idle Immediate | F2h | Security Unlock |
| 91h | Initialize Device Parameters | 7xh | Seek |
| C8h | Read DMA | Efh | Set Features |
| 25h | Read DMA EXT | C6h | Set Multiple Mode |
| 60h | Read FPDMA Queued | E6h | Sleep |
| 47h | Read Log DMA EXT | B0h | S.M.A.R.T. |
| 2Fh | Read Log EXT | E2h | Standby |
| C4h | Read Multiple | E0h | Standby Immediate |
| 20 or 21h | Read Sector(s) | Cah | Write DMA |
| 40 or 41h | Read Verify Sector(s) | 35h | Write DMA EXT |
| 10h | Recalibrate | 61h | Write FPDMA Queued |
| 57h | Write Log DMA EXT | 3Fh | Write Log EXT |
| C5h | Write Multiple | 30h or 31h | Write Sector(s) |

2.2 S.M.A.R.T.

S.M.A.R.T. is an abbreviation for Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology, a self-monitoring system that provides indicators of drive health as well as potential disk problems. It serves as a warning for users from unscheduled downtime by monitoring and displaying critical drive information. Ideally, this should allow taking proactive actions to prevent drive failure and make use of S.M.A.R.T. information for future product development reference.

Apacer devices use the standard SMART command B0h to read data out from the drive to activate our S.M.A.R.T. feature that complies with the ATA/ATAPI specifications. S.M.A.R.T. Attribute IDs shall include initial bad block count, total later bad block count, maximum erase count, average erase count, power on hours and power cycle. When the S.M.A.R.T. Utility running on the host, it analyzes and reports the disk status to the host before the device reaches in critical condition.

Note: attribute IDs may vary from product models due to various solution design and supporting capabilities.

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Apacer memory products come with S.M.A.R.T. commands and subcommands for users to obtain information of drive status and to predict potential drive failures. Users can take advantage of the following commands/subcommands to monitor the health of the drive.

| Code | SMART Subcommand |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| D0h | READ DATA |
| D1h | READ ATTRIBUTE THRESHOLDS |
| D2h | Enable/Disable Attribute Autosave |
| D4h | Execute Off-line Immediate |
| D5h | Read Log (optional) |
| D6h | Write Log (optional) |
| D8h | Enable Operations |
| D9h | Disable operations |
| Dah | Return Status |

General SMART attribute structure

| Byte | Description |
|-------|-------------|
| 0 | ID (Hex) |
| 1 – 2 | Status flag |
| 3 | Value |
| 4 | Worst |
| 5*-11 | Raw Data |

*Byte 5: LSB

SMART attribute ID list

| ID (Hex) | Attribute Name |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| 9 (0x09) | Power-on hours |
| 12 (0x0C) | Power cycle count |
| 163 (0xA3) | Max. erase count |
| 164 (0xA4) | Avg. erase count |
| 166 (0xA6) | Total later bad block count |
| 167 (0xA7) | SSD Protect Mode (vendor specific) |
| 168 (0xA8) | SATA PHY Error Count |
| 175 (0xAF) | Bad Cluster Table Count |
| 192 (0xC0) | Unexpected Power Loss Count |
| 194 (0xC2) | Temperature |
| 241 (0xF1) | Total sectors of write |

3. Flash Management

3.1 Error Correction/Detection

SFD25M5-M implements a hardware ECC scheme, based on the BCH algorithm. It can detect and correct up to 40 bits error in 1K bytes.

3.2 Flash 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. When host performs program/erase command on a block, bad block may appear in Status Register. Since bad blocks are inevitable, the solution is to keep them in control. Apacer flash devices are programmed with ECC, block 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.

3.3 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. Wear leveling is an important mechanism that level out the wearing of blocks so that the wearing-down of blocks can be almost evenly distributed. This will increase the lifespan of SSDs. Commonly used wear leveling types are Static and Dynamic.

3.4 Power Failure Management

Power Failure Management plays a crucial role when experiencing unstable power supply. Power disruption may occur when users are storing data into the SSD. In this urgent situation, the controller would run multiple write-to-flash cycles to store the metadata for later block rebuilding. This urgent operation requires about several milliseconds to get it done. At the next power up, the firmware will perform a status tracking to retrieve the mapping table and resume previously programmed NAND blocks to check if there is any incompleteness of transmission.

3.5 ATA Secure Erase

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

3.6 TRIM

TRIM is a SATA command that helps improve the read/write performance and efficiency of solid-state drives (SSD). The command enables the host operating system to inform SSD controller which blocks contain invalid data, mostly because of the erase commands from host. The invalid will be discarded permanently and the SSD will retain more space for itself.

3.7 SATA Power Management

By complying with SATA 6.0 Gb/s specifications, the SSD supports the following SATA power saving modes:

- ACTIVE: PHY ready, full power, Tx & Rx operational
- PARTIAL: Reduces power, resumes in under 10 μ s (microseconds)
- SLUMBER: Reduces power, resumes in under 10 ms (milliseconds)
- HIPM: Host-Initiated Power Management
- DIPM: Device-Initiated Power Management
- AUTO-SLUMBER: Automatic transition from partial to slumber.
- Device Sleep (DevSleep or DEVSLP): PHY powered down; power consumption \leq 5 mW; host assertion time \leq 10 ms; exit timeout from this state \leq 20 ms (unless specified otherwise in SATA Identify Device Log).

Note:

1. The behaviors of power management features would depend on host/device settings.
2. Device Sleep mode is optional, depending on product ordering selections.

4. Environment Specifications

4.1 Environmental

SFD25M5-M environmental specifications follow the US military standards, shown in the table below.

Table 4-1 SFD25M5-M environmental specifications

| Environment | Specification |
|-------------|---|
| Temperature | 0 °C to 70 °C (standard) / -25 °C to 85 °C (enhanced) / -40 °C to 85 °C (extended) |
| | -40 °C to 100 °C (Non-operating) |
| Vibration | Non-operating : Sine wave, 15(G), 10~2000(Hz), Operating : Random, 7.69(Grms), 20~2000(Hz) |
| Shock | Non-operating: Acceleration, 1,500 G, 0.5 ms Operating: Peak acceleration, 50 G, 11 ms |

4.2 Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF)

Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF) is predicted based on reliability data for the individual components in SFD drive. The prediction result for the SFD25M5-M is more than 1,000,000 hours.

Notes about the MTBF: The MTBF is predicated and calculated based on “Telcordia Technologies Special Report, SR-332, Issue 2” method.

4.3 Certification and Compliance

SFD25M5-M complies with the following standards:

- CE
- FCC
- RoHS
- MIL-STD-810F

4.4 Endurance

The endurance of a storage device is predicted by TeraBytes Written 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.

| Capacity | TeraBytes Written |
|----------|-------------------|
| 8 GB | 17 |
| 16 GB | 34 |
| 32 GB | 68 |
| 64 GB | 136 |
| 128 GB | 272 |

Notes:

- The measurement assumes the data written to the SSD for test is under a typical and constant rate.
- The measurement follows the standard metric: 1 TB (Terabyte) = 1000 GB.

5. Electrical Characteristics

5.1 Operating Voltage

Table 5-1 lists the supply voltage for SFD25M5-M.

Table 5-1 SFD25M5-M operating voltage

| Parameter | Conditions |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Supply voltage | 5V \pm 5% (4.75-5.25 V) |

5.2 Power Consumption

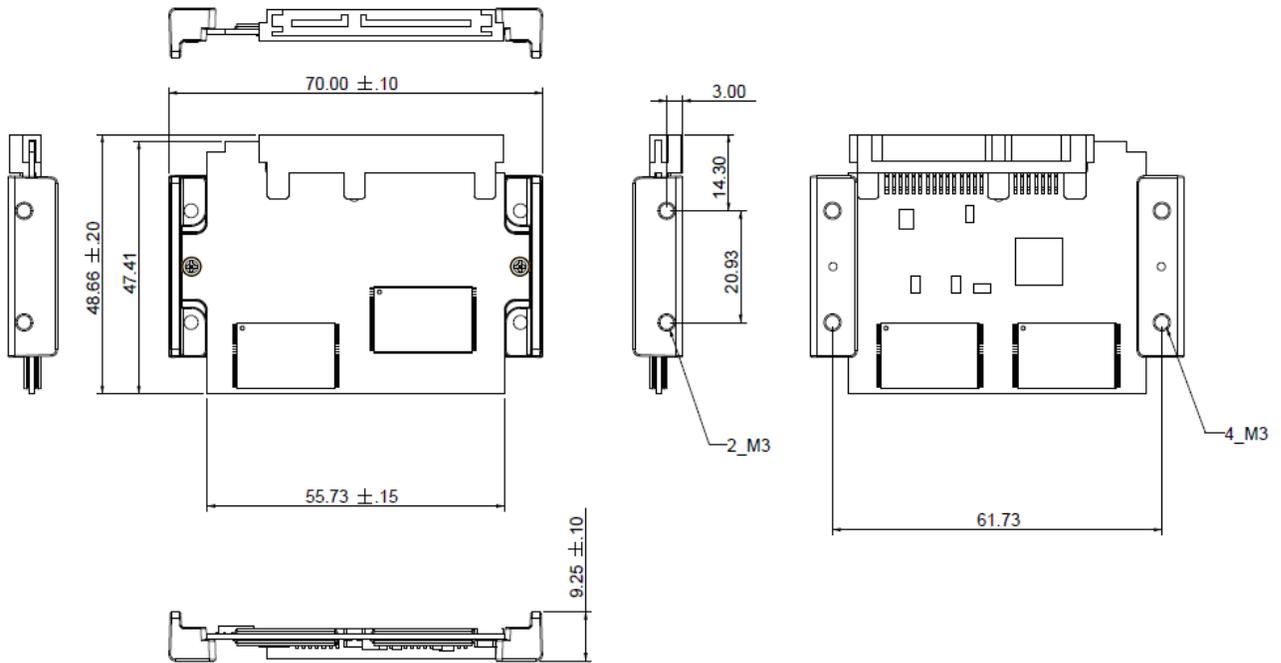
Table 5-2 Power consumption

| Mode \ Capacity | 8 GB | 16 GB | 32 GB | 64 GB | 128 GB |
|-----------------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Active (mA) | 155 | 185 | 235 | 280 | 415 |
| Idle (mA) | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 |

Note: Power consumptions may vary depending on settings and platforms

6. Physical Characteristics

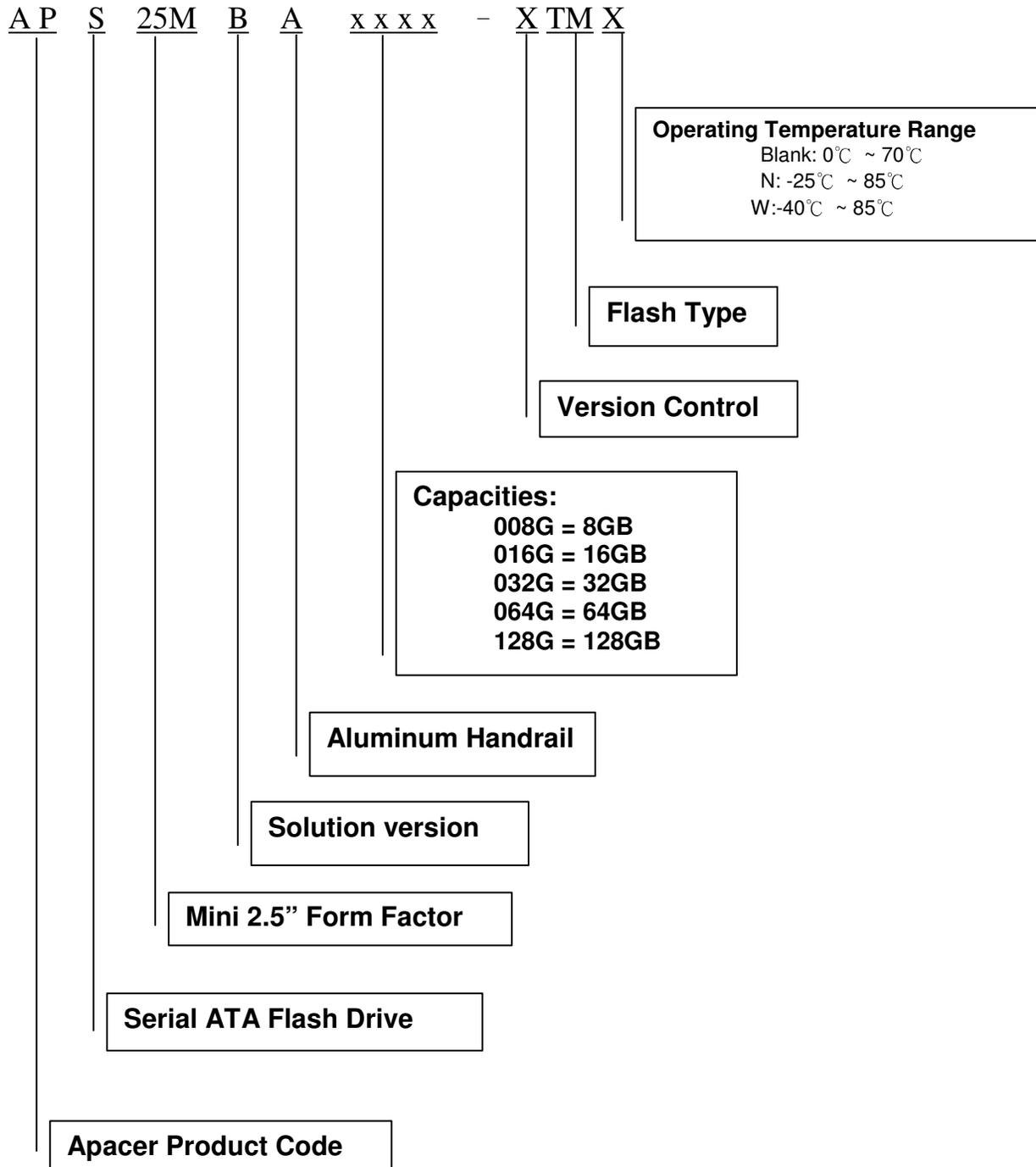
6.1 Dimensions



Unit: mm
Tolerance: ± 0.2

7. Product Ordering Information

7.1 Product Code Designations



7.2 Valid Combinations

7.2.1 Operating Temperature (0°C ~ 70°C)

| Capacity | NO DEVSLP | DEVSLP |
|----------|------------------|------------------|
| 8GB | APS25MBA008G-ATM | APS25MBA008G-BTM |
| 16GB | APS25MBA016G-ATM | APS25MBA016G-BTM |
| 32GB | APS25MBA032G-ATM | APS25MBA032G-BTM |
| 64GB | APS25MBA064G-ATM | APS25MBA064G-BTM |
| 128GB | APS25MBA128G-ATM | APS25MBA128G-BTM |

7.2.2 Operating Temperature (-25°C ~ 85°C)

| Capacity | NO DEVSLP | DEVSLP |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 8GB | APS25MBA008G-ATMN | APS25MBA008G-BTMN |
| 16GB | APS25MBA016G-ATMN | APS25MBA016G-BTMN |
| 32GB | APS25MBA032G-ATMN | APS25MBA032G-BTMN |
| 64GB | APS25MBA064G-ATMN | APS25MBA064G-BTMN |
| 128GB | APS25MBA128G-ATMN | APS25MBA128G-BTMN |

7.2.3 Operating Temperature (-40°C ~ 85°C)

| Capacity | NO DEVSLP | DEVSLP |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 8GB | APS25MBA008G-ATMW | APS25MBA008G-BTMW |
| 16GB | APS25MBA016G-ATMW | APS25MBA016G-BTMW |
| 32GB | APS25MBA032G-ATMW | APS25MBA032G-BTMW |
| 64GB | APS25MBA064G-ATMW | APS25MBA064G-BTMW |
| 128GB | APS25MBA128G-ATMW | APS25MBA128G-BTMW |

Note: Please consult with Apacer sales representatives for availabilities.

Revision History

| Revision | Description | Date |
|----------|---|------------|
| 1.0 | Official release | 04/21/2014 |
| 1.1 | Removed DRAM cache related information | 06/26/2014 |
| 1.2 | Added extended temperature specifications | 08/08/2014 |

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