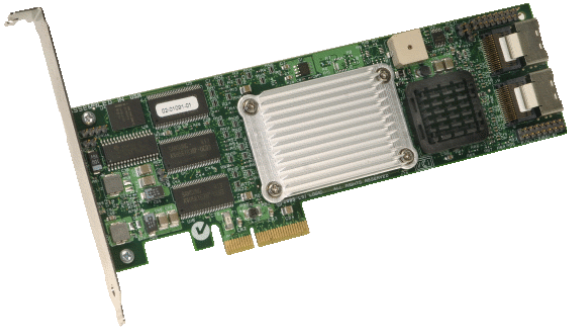


MegaRAID[®] SAS 8308ELP RAID Controller

Quick Installation Guide

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Thank you for purchasing the MegaRAID[®] SAS (Serial Attached SCSI/Serial ATA II) 8308ELP (PCI Express low-profile) RAID Controller. Please take a few minutes to read this quick installation guide before you install the controller. If you need more information about any topic covered in this guide, refer to the related documents on your *MegaRAID Universal Software Suite* CD.

- Note:** This is a PCI Express x4 card, so it fits only in a PCI Express x4 or greater slot.
- Note:** SATA II is the only type of SATA supported by the SAS 8308ELP.

You can use the intelligent Battery Backup Unit 01 (LSIIBBU01) with the SAS 8308ELP. For more information about this battery, refer to the *MegaRAID Battery Backup Unit User's Guide* on the *MegaRAID Universal Software Suite* CD.

MegaRAID SAS 8308ELP RAID CONTROLLER INSTALLATION



CAUTION

Make a backup of your data before you change your system configuration. Otherwise, you may lose data.

Step 1 Unpack the MegaRAID SAS 8308ELP RAID Controller

Unpack the controller in a static-free environment. Remove it from the antistatic bag and inspect it for damage.

If the controller appears to be damaged, or if the *MegaRAID Universal Software Suite* CD is missing, contact LSI Logic or your MegaRAID OEM support representative.

The CD contains utility programs, device drivers for various operating systems, and the following documentation:

- *MegaRAID SAS Storage Adapters User's Guide*
- *MegaRAID SAS Software User's Guide*
- *MegaRAID SAS Device Driver Installation User's Guide*
- Software license agreement

Step 2 Prepare the Computer

Turn off the computer and unplug the power cord(s) from the back of the power supply. Remove the cover from the computer.



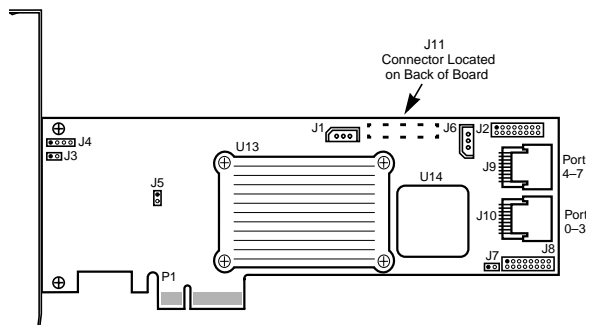
CAUTION

Make sure the computer is disconnected from the power and from any networks before installing the controller.

Step 3 Review the Jumpers and Connectors

Figure 1 shows the location of the jumpers and connectors on the SAS 8308ELP. The jumpers are set at the factory and you usually do not need to change them.

Figure 1 MegaRAID SAS 8308ELP RAID Controller Card Layout



Note: J11, the battery backup connector, is located on the back side of the SAS 8308ELP.



The following table describes the jumpers and connectors on the controller.

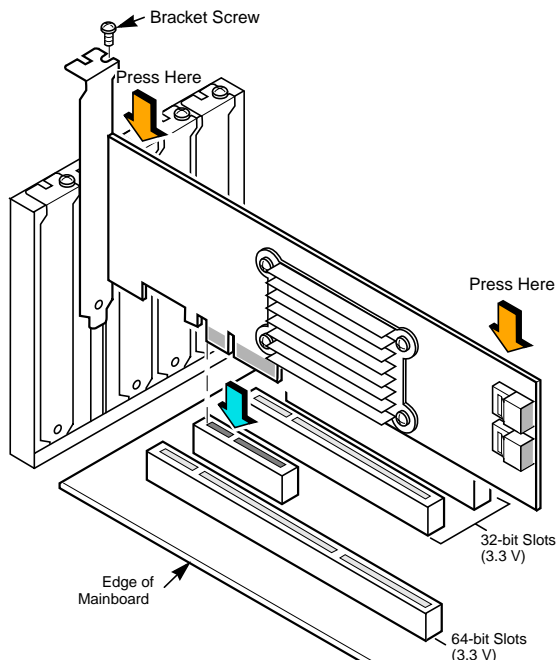
Jumper/ Connector	Type	Description
J1	IPMI-style I ² C Debug header (Intelligent Platform Management Interface)	3-pin connector. Used for diagnostic purposes.
J2	Individual Activity LED header for all eight ports	16-pin (8x2) header. Provides LED interface individually to eight SAS ports. The LED indicates activity on particular ports.
J3	Debugger	2-pin jumper. Used for diagnostic purposes.
J4	Serial header for debug use	4-pin header. Used for diagnostic purposes. The serial port is not RS232 voltage level compliant.
J5	Mode Select	2-pin connector. If the firmware flashed onto the board is corrupted, you need to jumper J5 (this holds the CPU core in reset), so you can flash the firmware. Remove the jumper after you flash the new firmware. No jumper: This is the setting during normal operation (Mode 3). This is the default. Jumper: This holds the CPU core in reset (Mode 0). Note: The card does not function as a RAID controller if this jumper is mounted.
J6	IPMI-style SMBus (System Management) I ² C header	3-pin connector. Provides enclosure management support.
J7	Cache Write Pending LED	2-pin header. Connector for enclosure LED. Provides a signal that indicates when the on-board cache contains data and a write from the cache to the hard drives is pending. Optional.
J8	LED Drive Fault Connector Interface	16-pin (8x2) connector. Provides LED interface individually to eight SAS ports. The LED indicates a drive fault on particular ports.
J9	SAS 8308ELP Ports	Ports 4–7. The ports connect the cables from the adapter to SAS or SATA II physical drives, or a port multiplier.
J10	SAS 8308ELP Ports	Ports 0–3. The ports connect the cables from the adapter to SAS or SATA II physical drives, or a port multiplier.
J11	Battery Backup Connector (located on the back side of the RAID controller)	20-pin connector. Provides interface to the remote battery pack.

Step 4 Install the MegaRAID SAS 8308ELP RAID Controller

Insert the SAS 8308ELP in a PCI-E slot on the mainboard, as shown in [Figure 2](#). Press down gently but firmly to seat the card properly in the slot. Secure the SAS 8308ELP to the computer chassis with the bracket screw.

Note: Refer to your mainboard guide for information about the PCI-E slot.

Figure 2 Installing the MegaRAID SAS 8308ELP RAID Controller



Step 5 Configure and Install SAS and/or SATA II Devices

Configure the SAS and SATA II devices and install them in the host system computer case. Refer to the documentation for the devices for any pre-installation configuration requirements.

Step 6 Connect the MegaRAID SAS 8308ELP RAID Controller to the SAS and/or SATA II Devices

Use SAS cables to connect the SAS 8308ELP to SAS and/or SATA II devices. Refer to [Figure 1](#) to view connector locations on the controller.

Refer to the *MegaRAID SAS Storage Adapters User's Guide* on the *MegaRAID Universal Software Suite* CD for detailed information about the SAS cables.

Step 7 Power-Up the Computer

Replace the computer cover and reconnect the power cord(s). Turn on power to the computer. Ensure that the SAS and SATA II devices are powered up before or at the same time as the host computer. If the computer is powered up before the devices, the devices might not be recognized.

During boot, a MegaRAID BIOS message similar to the following displays:

```
LSI LOGIC MEGARAID BIOS VERSION xxxx  
[date]
```

```
Copyright(c) 2005, LSI Logic Corp.
```

```
HA-1 (Bus x Dev y) LSI MegaRAID SAS  
8308ELP PCI-E
```

```
Standard FW xxxx DRAM=xxx MB(SDRAM)
```

The firmware takes several seconds to initialize. During this time the adapter scans the ports.

Step 8 Run the WebBIOS Configuration Utility

Run the WebBIOS Configuration Utility to configure the physical arrays and logical drives. When the message Press <Ctrl><H> for WebBIOS displays on the screen, press CTRL+H immediately to run the utility.

Note: Refer to the *MegaRAID SAS Software User's Guide* on the *MegaRAID Universal Software Suite* CD for detailed steps on configuring physical arrays and logical drives.

Step 9 Install the Operating System Driver

The SAS 8308ELP can operate under various operating systems. To operate under these operating systems, you must install software drivers.

The *MegaRAID Universal Software Suite* CD includes drivers for the supported operating systems, along with documentation. You can view the supported operating systems and download the latest drivers for RAID adapters on the LSI Logic web site at:

<http://www.lsillogic.com/downloads/main.do>.

Access the download center and follow the steps to download the driver.

Refer to the *MegaRAID SAS Device Driver Installation User's Guide* on the *MegaRAID Universal Software Suite* CD for details on installing the driver. Be sure to use the latest Service Packs provided by the operating system manufacturer and review the `readme` file that accompanies the driver.

SUPPORTED RAID LEVELS

The SAS 8308ELP supports disk arrays using the following RAID levels:

- **RAID 0 (Data striping):** Data is striped across all disks in the array, enabling very fast data throughput. There is no data redundancy. All data is lost if any disk fails.
- **RAID 1 (Disk mirroring):** Data is written simultaneously to two disks, providing complete data redundancy if one disk fails. The maximum array capacity is equal to the available size of the smaller of the two hard drives.
- **RAID 5 (Disk striping with distributed parity):** Data is striped across all disks in the array. Part of the capacity of each disk stores parity information that reconstructs data if a disk fails. Provides good data throughput for applications with high read request rates.
- **RAID 10 (RAID 1 and RAID 0 in spanned arrays):** Uses mirrored pairs of disks to provide complete data redundancy. Provides high data throughput rates.
- **RAID 50 (RAID 5 and RAID 0 in spanned arrays):** Uses both parity and disk striping across multiple disks to provide complete data redundancy. Provides high data throughput rates.

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