

Enclosure Management Cabling Guide for Intel® C200 and C600 Series Chipset Based Server Systems with Hot-Swap Drive Enclosures

Cabling Guide for:

- Intel[®] C200 or C600 Series Chipset based Server Boards and Systems
- Intel[®] RAID Controllers RS25AB080, RS25DB080, RT3WB080, RS2VB080, RS2VB040, RS2SG244, RS2WG160, RS2BL080, RS2BL080DE, RS2BL040, RS2MB044, RS2WC080, RS2WC040, SRCSASJV, SRCSASRB, SRCSASLS4I, SRCSATAWB, SRCSASBB8I
- Intel[®] Integrated RAID Module RMS25PB080, RMS25PB040, RMT3PB080, RMS25CB080, RMS25CB040, RMT3CB080, RMS25KB080, RMS25KB040, RMS25JB080, RMS25JB040, RMS2MH080, RMS2AF080, RMS2AF040, RMS2LL080, RMS2LL040
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1. Enclosure Management Cabling List

This section introduces the cabling from server boards' onboard RAID options, and from RAID add-in cards or RAID modules. Below table covers possible hardware configurations with selected server board, chassis, and backplane.

Note: Rack server systems' cables from server boards' onboard RAID options have been defined in rack server systems' Technical Product Specifications, Service Guide or Quick Installation Guide, and won't be discussed in this document.

Note: The **On-board SATA/SAS Capable Controller**'s SAS/SATA ports number 4~7 are disabled by default. Only ports number 0~3 work by default. Refer to *Intel® RAID Quick Reference Guide*, or *Intel® RAID C600 Upgrade Key – Installation Guide* from <u>http://www.intel.com</u> to get more details of how to enable SCU SAS/SATA ports number 4~7.

Note: The **On-board SATA/SAS Capable Controller** ports, if connected to backplanes or drives through expander devices, cannot support booting from these drives in RSTe mode.

AHCI Capable SATA Controller Cabling Details

| Boards | Backplane | Cabling from AHCI Capable SATA Controller |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Boards which have all six SATA ports for their AHC capable SATA Controller | I FUP4X35HSBP or ER1304HSBP | Use SATA-to-SATA cable, & SGPIO cable (G22461-00x) |

Note: The six AHCI ports are numbered as Ports 0 – 5. Port 2 connect to backplane slot 0. Port 3 to slot 1. Port 4 to slot 2. Port 5 to slot 3. Port 0 and 1 are capable of 6Gb/s and are primarily for optical drives or direct attached drives.

Ports 0 and 1 can be connected to a backplane in sequence after ports 2-5 if desired. That means, port 0 to slot 4, port 1 to slot 5. However, fault LED on Port 0 and Port 1 will not be functional.

| Boards | chassis | backplane | Cabling from AHCI Capable SATA Controller | Cabling from RAID add-in card or RAID module |
|----------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| | D 4204 | No backplane: 4 fixed 3.5" drives | SATA-to-SATA cable | miniSAS-to-SATA cable without SGPIO header (G30800-00x) – For SATA devices; Or miniSAS-to-SAS cable without SGPIO header – For SAS devices. |
| S1200DTI | P4304 | FUP4X35HSBP | SATA-to-SATA cable; & SGPIO cable (G22461- 00x) | AXXCBL740MS7P; If RMS2AF0x0 or RMS2LL0x0 are used, use SATA-to-SATA cable & SGPIO cable (G10943- 00x) |
| S1200BTL | R1304 (21 inch length) | No backplane: 4 fixed 3.5" drives | n/a | miniSAS-to-SATA cable without SGPIO (G30800- 00x) – For SATA devices; miniSAS-to-SAS cable without SGPIO header – For SAS devices. |
| | _ | FR1304HSBP | n/a | AXXCBL740MS7P |
| | R1304 (15 inch length) | No backplane: 2 fixed 3.5" drives | n/a | SATA-to-SATA cable |
| | P4304 | No backplane: 4 fixed 3.5" drives | SATA-to-SATA cable | SATA-to-SATA cable |
| S1200BTS | R1304 (21 inch length) | No backplane: 4 fixed 3.5" drives | n/a | SATA-to-SATA cable |

S1200BTL / S1200BTS cabling

S2600GL / S2600GZ cabling

| Boards | chassis | backplane | Cabling from On-board SATA/SAS Capable Controller | Cabling from Mezzanine ROC add-in card | Cabling from RAID add-in card or PCIe ROC module |
|----------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| | R1304; | FR1304HSBP | AXXCBL1030MR7R | AXXCBLMS7R | AXXCBLMS7R |
| | R1208 (all with 27 inch length) | F1U8X25HSBP | AXXCBL730MRMR, & AXXCBL550MRMR | AXXCBL585MSMR | AXXCBL585MSMR & AXXCBL770MSMR |
| | | FXX8X25HSBP in Bay 1 | AXXCBL730MSMS | AXXCBL600MSMS & AXXCBL500MSMS | AXXCBL650MSMS & AXXCBL730MSMS |
| | R2208; R2216; R2224; R2308; R2312 (all with 27 inch length) | FXX8X25HSBP in Bay 2 | n/a | AXXCBL500MSMS | AXXCBL650MSMS & AXXCBL730MSMS |
| | | FXX8X25HSBP in Bay 3 | n/a | AXXCBL600MSMS & AXXCBL730MSMS | AXXCBL730MSMS |
| S2600GL | | 2 x FXX8X25HSBP (to expander) | AXXCBL600MSMS & AXXCBL730MSMS | AXXCBL500MSMS | AXXCBL730MSMS |
| and S2600GZ | | 2 x FXX8X25HSBP (Expander to HSBP) | Use cables in Expander Kit | Use cables in Expander Kit | Use cables in Expander Kit |
| | | 3 x FXX8X25HSBP (to expander) | Use cables in Expander Kit | Use cables in Expander Kit | Use cables in Expander Kit |
| | | 3 x FXX8X25HSBP (Expander to HSBP) | Use cables in Expander Kit | Use cables in Expander Kit | Use cables in Expander Kit |
| | | F2U8X35HSBP | AXXCBL730MSMS | AXXCBL550MRMR & AXXCBL650MSMS | AXXCBL730MSMS |
| | | F2U12X35HSBP | AXXCBL185MSMS | AXXCBL185MSMS | AXXCBL500MSMS |
| l | | (needs PCIe expander | AXXCBL600MSMS | AXXCBL600MSMS | AXXCBL600MSMS |
| l | | - RES2SV240) | AXXCBL650MSMS | AXXCBL650MSMS | AXXCBL650MSMS |
| | | - KES2S V 240) | AXXCBL730MSMS | AXXCBL730MSMS | AXXCBL730MSMS |

Note: The onboard ESRT2 doesn't support expander.

Note: Booting from RSTe of SAS/SATA Capable Controller (also called Storage Controller Unit, or SCU) through expanders is not supported in legacy mode.

| System or Backplane names. | P4308CP4MHEN | P4308CP4MHGC | P4208CP4MHGC | No backplane (Fixed drives) |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Cabling from RAID add- in card or ROC module | AXXCBL650MSMS | AXXCBL650MSMS | AXXCBL650MSMS | AXXCBLMS7R |

2. Cabling Overview of Major Hardware Configuration Types

This section provides an overview of how to make cabling with different RAID controllers, backplanes, with or without expander.

Note: Before any cabling operation, please choose the target choice from the configurations below, then refer to the corresponding steps to make the successful cabling.

Note: Intel® C200 series chipset based server board's onboard RAID controller only supports SATA devices. It doesn't support SAS devices (SAS drives, expander, etc)

Note: Intel® C600 series chipset based server boards' onboard RAID controller need proper Intel® C600 Chipset RAID upgrade key to support SAS devices. Otherwise, the RAID controller only supports SATA devices and doesn't support SAS devices (SAS drives, expander, etc). Refer to the Intel® C600 Chipset RAID upgrade key's User Guide to know which key enables SAS support.

Note: Choose SAS/SATA cables with a proper SAS/SATA header shape (either straight or with a 90 degree angle), to fit the mechanical needs for different backplanes.

• Configuration 1: RAID controller, backplane, drives

- RAID controller refers to one of below parts:
 - Intel® Server Board's onboard RAID controller
 - ♦ Intel® RAID controller
 - ♦ Intel® RAID module
- Backplane is listed in Hot-Swap Backplane Overview in Section 2
- Drives refer to SAS drives and SATA drives

Step 1: Choose a proper SAS/SATA cable between RAID controller and backplane.

| Item | SAS/SATA port type on RAID controller | SAS/SATA port type on backplane | SAS/SATA cables type | SAS/SATA cable shape |
|------|--|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| 1 | SATA | SATA | SATA to SATA cable | 2 DE |
| 2 | Mini-SAS | SATA | Mini-SAS to SATA cable with 5-pin SGPIO (G17758- xxx in the integrated system, or AXXCBL740MS7P) | |
| 3 | SATA | Mini-SAS | SATA to mini-SAS cable (G14989-xxx, with 5-pin SGPIO) | |
| 4 | Mini-SAS | Mini-SAS | Mini-SAS to mini-SAS cable | |

Step 2: Choose a proper drive fault LED management cable between RAID controller and backplane.

| Item | SAS/SATA port type on RAID controller | SAS/SATA port type on backplane | SGPIO Cables selected | Cable shape |
|------|--|------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| 5 | SATA | SATA | SGPIO Y cable (G10943- xxx: 5-pin header on one end. 5-pin and 4-pin headers on the other end. For use with RMS2AF0x0,RMS2LL0x0, or onboard RAID.) SGPIO cable (G22461-xxx: 5-pin headers on both ends. For use with onboard | |
| | | | RAID.) Mini-SAS to SATA cable | |
| 6 | Mini-SAS | SATA | (G17758-xxx: with 5-pin SGPIO) | |
| 7 | SATA | Mini-SAS | SATA to mini-SAS cable (G14989-xxx, with 5-pin SGPIO) | |
| 8 | Mini-SAS | Mini-SAS | Mini-SAS to mini-SAS cable | |

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• Configuration 2: RAID controller, expander, backplane, drives

- RAID controller refers to one of below parts:
 - Intel® Server Board's onboard RAID controller
 - Intel® RAID controller
 - ♦ Intel® RAID module
- Expander refers to Intel® RAID Expander Card RES2SV240
- Backplane is listed in Hot-Swap Backplane Overview in Section 2
- Drives refer to SAS drives and SATA drives

Step 1: Choose a proper SAS/SATA cable between RAID controller and expander.

| Item | SAS/SATA port type on RAID controller | SAS/SATA cables type | SAS/SATA cable shape |
|------|--|---|----------------------|
| 9 | SATA | SATA to mini-SAS cable (G14989-xxx, with 5-pin SGPIO) | |
| 10 | Mini-SAS | Mini-SAS to mini-SAS cable | |

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Step 2: Choose a proper SAS/SATA cable between expander and backplane.

| Item | SAS/SATA port type on backplane | SAS/SATA cables type | SAS/SATA cable shape |
|------|------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 11 | SATA* | Mini-SAS to SATA cable (G17758-xxx: with 5-pin SGPIO) | |
| 12 | Mini-SAS | Mini-SAS to mini-SAS cable | |

Note *: Only 1U rack 4 x 3.5' backplane and Pedestal 4 x 3.5' backplane have SATA ports. It's not recommended to use expander between RAID controller and either backplane.

Step 3: Choose a proper drive fault LED management cable between expander and backplane.

| Item | SAS/SATA port type on backplane | SGPIO Cables selected | Cable shape |
|------|------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| 13 | SATA* | Mini-SAS to SATA cable (G17758-xxx: with 5-pin SGPIO) SGPIO Y cable (G10943- xxx: 5-pin header on one end. 5-pin and 4-pin headers on the other end. For use with RMS2AF0x0,RMS2LL0x0, or onboard RAID.) | |
| 14 | Mini-SAS | Use SGPIO pins inside the Mini-SAS to mini-SAS cable | |

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Note *: Only 1U rack 4 x 3.5' backplane and Pedestal 4 x 3.5' backplane have SATA ports. It's not recommended to use expander between RAID controller and either backplane.

• Configuration 3: RAID controller, drives, no backplane

- *Note*: No drive fault LED function is supported in this configuration.
 - RAID controller refers to one of below parts:
 - Intel® Server Board's onboard RAID controller
 - Intel® RAID controller
 - Intel® RAID module
 - Drives refer to SAS drives and SATA drives

Step 1*: Choose a proper SAS/SATA cable between RAID controller and drive.

| Item | SAS/SATA port type on RAID controller | Drive type | SAS/SATA cables type | SAS/SATA cable shape |
|------|--|------------|--|----------------------|
| 15 | SATA | SATA | SATA to SATA cable | |
| 16 | Mini-SAS | SATA | Mini-SAS to SATA cable (G30800-xxx ,no SGPIO) | |
| 17 | SATA | SAS | SATA to SAS cable (E66563-xxx) | |

| 18 | Mini-SAS | SAS | Mini-SAS to SAS cable | |
|----|----------|-----|-----------------------|--|
|----|----------|-----|-----------------------|--|

Note *: Server system in this configuration needs to have power supply headers for SATA or SAS drives.

• Configuration 4: RAID controller, expander, drives, no backplane

- *Note*: No drive fault LED function is supported in this configuration.
 - RAID controller refers to one of below parts:
 - ♦ Intel® Server Board's onboard RAID controller
 - ♦ Intel® RAID controller
 - Intel® RAID module
 - Expander refers to Intel® RAID Expander Card RES2SV240
 - Drives refer to SAS drives and SATA drives
- Step 1: Choose a proper SAS/SATA cable between RAID controller and expander.

| Item | SAS/SATA port type on RAID controller | SAS/SATA cables type | SAS/SATA cable shape |
|------|--|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 19 | SATA | SATA to mini-SAS cable | |
| 20 | Mini-SAS | Mini-SAS to mini-SAS cable | |

Step 2*: Choose a proper SAS/SATA cable between expander and drive.

| Item | SAS/SATA port type on RAID controller | Drive type | SAS/SATA cables type | SAS/SATA cable shape |
|------|--|------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | |

| 21 | Mini-SAS | SATA | Mini-SAS to SATA cable (G30800-xxx ,no SGPIO) | |
|----|----------|------|--|--|
| 22 | Mini-SAS | SAS | Mini-SAS to SAS cable | |

Note *: Server system in this configuration needs to have power supply headers for SATA or SAS drives.

3. Hot-Swap Backplane Overview

Note: Before any cabling operation, please refer to the respective RAID module or RAID controller *Tested Hardware and Operating System lists*, in order to confirm their compatible Intel[®] Server Boards or Systems.

| Supported Chassis | Backplane P/N | Description | Disk drive slot view Cabling connector view |
|----------------------|------------------|--|--|
| 2U | F2U8X35HSBP | A: 8 x 3.5' drive slots.B: 2 x SFF8087 connectors including sideband SGPIO. | |
| | | C: I2C 5-pin header (not for SES enclosure management) | |
| 2U | F2U12X35HSBP | A: 12 x 3.5' drive slots. B: 3 x SFF8087 connectors including sideband SGPIO. C: I2C 5-pin header (not for SES enclosure management) | |
| | | | |

| 1U | F1U8X25HSBP | A: 8 x 2.5' drive slots. B: 2 x SFF8087 connectors including sideband SGPIO. C: I2C 5-pin header (not for SES enclosure management) | |
|-------------------|-------------|--|--|
| 1U | FR1304HSBP | A: 4 x 3.5' drive slots. B: I2C 5-pin header (not for SES enclosure management)* C: SGPIO 5-pin header D: 4 x SATA connectors | |
| 2U or Pedestal | FXX8X25HSBP | A: 8 x 2.5' drive slots. B: I2C 5-pin header (not for SES enclosure management)* C: 2 x SFF8087 connectors including sideband SGPIO. | |

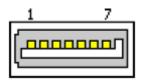
| | A: 4 x 3.5' drive | |
|-------------------|---|--|
| pedestal FUP4X35H | slots. B: 4 x SATA connectors | |
| pedestal FUP8X35H | A: 8 x 3.5' drive slots. B: 2 x SFF8087 connectors including | |

Note:* The I2C 5-pin headers on the backplanes listed in below table only support backplane firmware update function. They don't support Enclosure Management features such as Drive Fault LED management through I2C headers. FR1304HSBP, FXX8X25HSBP or FUP4X35HSBP has a pair of I2C 5-pin headers. One is input header and the other is output header. When multiple FR1304HSBP,

FXX8X25HSBP or FUP4X35HSBP are present in one server chassis, user can use daisy chain topology to connect the I2C cables to these backplanes, so as to ensure a successful backplane firmware update among all the present backplanes at a time.

4. Connector Pinout Definition

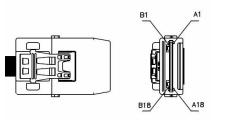
SATA Connector Shape



SATA connector can support both SAS and SATA devices through backplanes. Below signal names are with respect to the host; the device connected to the host reverses the signal names. Transmit pins connect to receive pins on the other device. The SAS/SATA connector is keyed at pin 1.

| Pin # | Signal | Description | |
|--------|--------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1 | GND | Ground | |
| 2 | TX0+ | Transmitter differential pair | |
| 3 | TX0- | Transmitter differential pair | |
| 4 | GND | Ground | |
| 5 | RXD- | Receiver differential pair | |
| 6 RXD+ | | Receiver differential pair | |
| 7 GND | | Ground | |

SATA Connector Pin-out



On Intel[®] C200 or C600 Series Chipset based Server Boards and Systems, all MiniSAS (SFF8087) internal connectors are 36pin which includes 8pin SGPIO signals. The miniSAS-to-miniSAS and miniSAS-to-SATA cables must include the 8pin SGPIO signals, otherwise cannot support RAID enclosure management function.

| Controller Connector Pin-out | | Backplar | ne Connector Pin-out | Port |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------------------|--------|
| SFF-8087 Pin # | Pin Definition | Pin # | Pin Definition | |
| A1 | GND | 7 | GND | Port 0 |
| A2 | RX0+ | 6 | TX+ | |
| A3 | RX0- | 5 | TX- | |
| B1 | GND | 4 | GND | |
| B2 | TX0+ | 2 | RX- | |
| B3 | ТХ0- | 3 | RX+ | |
| B4 | GND | 1 | GND | |
| A4 | GND | 7 | GND | Port 1 |
| A5 | RX1+ | 6 | TX+ | |
| A6 | RX1- | 5 | TX- | 7 |
| A7 | GND | 4 | GND | |
| B5 | TX1+ | 2 | RX- | |
| B6 | TX1- | 3 | RX+ | _ |
| B7 | GND | 1 | GND | - |
| B8 | SB0/SCLK/SCL | 1 | SCLK | SGPIO |
| B9 | SB1/SLOAD/SDA | 2 | SLOAD | - |
| B10 | SB2/GND | 4 | GND | - |
| A9 | SB3/GND | | | _ |
| A10 | SB4/SDATA_OUT/RST | 3 | SDATAOUT0 | - |
| A11 | SB5/SDATA_IN/ADDR | | | - |
| A8 | SB7/BP_TYPE | | | - |
| B11 | SB6/CTLR_TYPE | | | - |
| A12 | GND | 7 | GND | Port 2 |
| A13 | RX2+ | 6 | TX+ | - |
| A14 | RX2- | 5 | TX- | |
| B12 | GND | 4 | GND | |
| B13 | TX2+ | 2 | RX- | |
| B14 | TX2- | 3 | RX+ | |
| B15 | GND | 1 | GND | |
| A15 | GND | 7 | GND | Port 3 |
| A16 | RX3+ | 6 | TX+ | |
| A17 | RX3- | 5 | TX- | - |

36pin MiniSAS (SFF8087) Internal Connector with one SGPIO Connector Pin-out

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| Controlle | er Connector Pin-out | Backplane (| Connector Pin-out | Port |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|------|
| SFF-8087 Pin # | Pin Definition | Pin # | Pin Definition | |
| A18 | GND | 4 | GND | |
| B16 | TX3+ | 2 | RX- | |
| B17 | TX3- | 3 | RX+ | |
| B18 | GND | 1 | GND | |

When SAS/SATA devices are directly connected to RAID controllers without backplanes, the RAID enclosure management feature is not supported. Thus, those miniSAS-to-miniSAS and miniSAS-to-SATA cables either with or without 8pin SGPIO signals inside are OK to be used.

24pin MiniSAS (SFF8087) Internal Connector (without SGPIO Connector) Pin-out

| Contro | oller Pinout | Backplan | e Pinout | Port |
|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| SFF8087 | Pin Definition | SATA Connector | Pin Definition | |
| A1 | GND | 7 | GND | Port 0 |
| A2 | RX0+ | 6 | TX+ | |
| A3 | RX0- | 5 | TX- | |
| B1 | GND | 4 | GND | |
| B2 | TX0+ | 3 | RX- | |
| B3 | TX0- | 2 | RX+ | |
| B4 | GND | 1 | GND | |
| A4 | GND | 7 | GND | Port 1 |
| A5 | RX1+ | 6 | TX+ | |
| A6 | RX1- | 5 | TX- | |
| A7 | GND | 4 | GND | |
| B5 | TX1+ | 3 | RX- | |
| B6 | TX1- | 2 | RX+ | |
| B7 | GND | 1 | GND | |
| B8 | Sideband 0 | | | |
| B9 | Sideband 1 | | | |
| B10 | Sideband 2 | | | |
| A9 | Sideband 3 | 1 | | |
| A10 | Sideband 4 | 1 | | |
| A11 | Sideband 5 | 1 | | |
| A8 | Sideband 6 | 1 | | |
| B11 | Sideband 7 | 1 | | |

| Controller Pinout | | Backplane Pinout | | Port |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|--------|
| SFF8087 | Pin Definition | SATA Connector | Pin Definition | |
| A12 | GND | 7 | GND | Port 2 |
| A13 | RX2+ | 6 | TX+ | |
| A14 | RX2- | 5 | TX- | |
| B12 | GND | 4 | GND | |
| B13 | TX2+ | 3 | RX- | |
| B14 | TX2- | 2 | RX+ | |
| B15 | GND | 1 | GND | |
| A15 | GND | 7 | GND | Port 3 |
| A16 | RX3+ | 6 | TX+ | |
| A17 | RX3- | 5 | TX- | |
| A18 | GND | 4 | GND | |
| B16 | TX3+ | 3 | RX- | |
| B17 | TX3- | 2 | RX+ | |
| B18 | GND | 1 | GND |] |

Note: Intel® RAID Expander Card RES2SV240 has twenty-four independent ports supporting 6Gb/s, 3 Gb/s, or 1.5Gb/s SAS and SATA data transfers using six SFF-8087 mini-SAS connectors. This controller supports 4 inputs and 20 outputs configuration, or 8 inputs and 16 outputs configuration. Refer to Figure 4 in *Intel® RAID Expander Card RES2SV240 Hardware User's Guide (E93121-0xx)* for more details of the cabling.

5. Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does AHCI Capable SATA Controller support SAS device?

Answer: No. The AHCI Capable SATA Controller only supports SATA device.

2. Does the AHCI Capable SATA Controller support expander device?

Answer: No. Expander is a SAS device, which cannot be supported by AHCI Capable SATA Controller.

3. Does On-board SATA/SAS Capable Controller support SAS device?

Answer: Yes, but user needs to install one of below Intel® RAID C600 Upgrade Keys to enable the support for SAS device: RKSAS4, RKSAS4R5, RKSAS8, RKSAS8R5. For more details, please refer to *Intel® RAID Quick Reference Guide (G46033-0xx)*.

4. Why ports number 4-7 of my On-board SATA/SAS Capable Controller doesn't recognize any device?

Answer: In order to enable ports number 4-7 of the **On-board SATA/SAS Capable Controller**, user needs to install one of below Intel® RAID C600 Upgrade Keys to enable the support for SAS device: RKSATA8, RKSATA8R, RKSAS8, RKSAS8R5. For more details, please refer to *Intel*® *RAID Quick Reference Guide (G46033-0xx)*.

5. Does On-board SATA/SAS Capable Controller support SAS RAID 5?

Answer: Yes. The ESRT2 mode of **On-board SATA/SAS Capable Controller** supports SAS RAID 5 when one of below Intel® RAID C600 Upgrade Keys is installed: RKSAS4R5, RKSAS8R5. For more details, please refer to *Intel® RAID Quick Reference Guide* (G46033-0xx).

6. Does RSTe mode of On-board SATA/SAS Capable Controller support SAS RAID 5?

Answer: No. This hasn't been planned. User can choose ESRT2 mode to support SAS RAID 5. For more details, please refer to *Intel® RAID Quick Reference Guide (G46033-0xx).*

7. Why SATA devices cannot make RAID 5 in RSTe mode of **On-board SATA/SAS Capable Controller** ?

Answer: When **On-board SATA/SAS Capable Controller** SAS function is enabled by one of below Intel® RAID C600 Upgrade Keys: RKSAS4, RKSAS4R5, RKSAS8, RKSAS8R5, RSTe RAID 5 is disabled.

8. Why cannot I boot from disks or RAID arrays in RSTe mode of **On-board SATA/SAS Capable Controller**?

Answer: Check whether the targeted boot disks are connected through expander devices to the ports of **On-board SATA/SAS Capable Controller**. When Drives or RAID arrays in RSTe mode are connected through expander devices, they cannot act as boot devices, but still can be recognized under operating systems, if system boots from other devices and RSTe driver is loaded under operating system.