



NVMe SSD 960 PRO/EVO

Experience the power of performance unleashed with NVMe PCle Gen 3.0 X 4, packaged in an M.2 form factor with maximum storage capacity. The Samsung SSD 960 PRO and 960 EVO deliver performance beyond and SSD you're ever experienced, enabling you to do more than ever before.

Up to 3500 MB/s sequential reads | Up to 2TB capacity | Up to 1.2 Petabytes written

The ultimate in performance, reliability and capacity

Overview

Samsung started the NVMe era in 2015 with the launch of the 950 PRO and continues to accelerate the innovation to address the evolving PC environment across laptops and desktops. These hardware options have fully matured for NVMe adoption with chipset, operating system, as well as motherboard support for PCI Express® (PCIe) Gen 3x4 lanes in an M.2 slot. Now Samsung is expanding the NVMe SSD market with the introduction of the 3rd-generation V-NAND and a two tier lineup.

Packed with more technology and innovation than ever, the 960 PRO and 960 EVO are designed for users who seek smaller and faster storage solutions. These SSDs deliver higher bandwidth and lower latency for processing massive amounts of data, for everything from gaming and graphics, to 4K video rendering, data analytics and more, on ultra-thin notebooks and PCs.

Samsung NVMe SSD Lineup: 960 PRO and 960 EVO



960 **PRO**

Designed for tech enthusiasts and professionals seeking unprecedented workstation and PC performance for CAD engineering or data simulations.



960 **EVO**

The smart choice for entry-level NVMe SSD users who want to discover next-generation PC performance for gaming and graphics.

Key benefits

Ultimate performance

- NVMe accelerates data processing with enhanced bandwidth
- 960 PRO achieves a 40% performance gain over 950 PRO.*
- Intelligent TurboWrite accelerates sequential write speeds for 960 EVO
 - * Comparison of sequential read speeds for 512 GB models

Solid reliability

- DTG (Dynamic Thermal Guard) helps prevent overheating
- Heat-spreading label dissipates heat quickly to sustain optimal performance
- Five-year warranty or up to 1.2 PBW (Petabytes Written) is provided for 960 PRO

World's largest capacity in M.2

 3rd generation V-NAND and PoP (package-on-package) technology enables spacious storage up to 2 TB in M.2 (2280) form factor ideal for ultra-thin notebooks and PCs.

Innovations exceeding expectations

Accelerating PC experiences

Both the 960 PRO and 960 EVO use the Peripheral Component Interconnect Express (PCIe) Gen.3 x4 lane interface. As a result, NVMe interface SSD can deliver fast read and write speeds without bottlenecks, up to 32 Gbps.

Raising the bar for SSD

Samsung's innovations with the following features have enabled the 960 PRO and 960 EVO boast industry leading performance:



The 960 PRO delivers peak sequential read and write speeds of 3,500 MB/s and 2,100 MB/s, respectively. The 960 EVO delivers sequential read and write speeds that reach peaks of 3,200 MB/s and 1,900MB/s respectively.

The new Intelligent TurboWrite technology makes its debut in the 960 EVO and accelerates the sequential write speed by creating a SLC write buffer in the SSD. This technology intelligently measures user's workloads, and in case the workload exceeds the buffer size, the buffer is adjusted accordingly up to 42 GB.

Samsung's exclusive 5-core Polaris controller is optimized for NVMe-based SSDs for more efficient data processing performance. While one core is dedicated to process from the host system and the controller resulting in faster data processing, the other four cores are allocated to the NAND.



Thermal control

The 960 PRO and 960 EVO provide a more reliable thermal dissipation solution with an improved Dynamic Thermal Guard (DTG) and a new heat spreader – a thin, copper film-layered label. This feature automatically drops the temperature of the SSD when it reaches a certain threshold, protecting the data and the drive.



Capacity

The new 48-layer Samsung V-NAND and the four NAND package landing design offer optimal layout for the single M.2(2280) form factor, achieving the world's first 2TB NVMe M.2(2280) SSD in the 960 PRO. It also includes a PoP design that integrates the DRAM and Polaris controller into a single package, allowing more space for NAND.



Enhanced software

Samsung's newly upgraded Magician software provides ease of monitoring, managing and maintaining performance and reliability through an intuitive UI/UX. In addition, the Magician software introduces the new Secure File Erase and Magic Vault for data protection.

Built to last

The Samsung 960 PRO and 960 EVO are designed to thrive under heavy workloads. Built on our 3rd-generation V-NAND technology, the 960 PRO offers a 5-year warranty or up to 1.2 PBW (Petabytes Written)* for unmatched endurance. The 960 EVO quarantees a 3-year warranty or up to 400 TBW*.

- * Warranty or TBW will be guaranteed, whichever comes faster.
- ** 1 Petabyte is equal to 1,000 Terabytes.

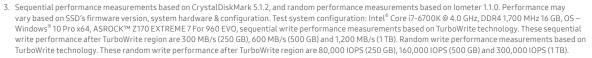
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Technical specifications

		960 PRO			960 EVO		
Usage application Interface		Client PCs PCle Gen 3.0 x4, NVMe 1.2					
Capacity ¹	512 GB	1 TB (1,024 GB)	2 TB (2,048 GB)	250 GB	500 GB	1 TB (1,000 GB)	
Controller	Samsung Polaris Controller						
NAND flash memory	Samsung V-NAND flash memory			Samsung V-NAND 3bit MLC flash memory			
DRAM cache memory	512 MB LP DDR3	1 GB LP DDR3	2 GB LP DDR3	512 MB	LP DDR3	1 GB LP DDR3	
Dimension			Max. 80.15 x 22.15 x 2.38 (mm)				
Form-factor	M.2 (2280) ²						
Performance (Max.)	Sequential read	3,500 MB/s			3,200 MB/s		
	Sequential write ³	2,100 MB/s			1,500 MB/s	1,800 MB/s	1,900 MB/s
	Random read (QD1, Thread1)	14K IOPS			14KIOPS		
	Random write (QD1, Thread1)	50K IOPS			50K IOPS		
	Random read (QD32, Thread4)	330K IOPS	440K IOPS	440K IOPS	330K IOPS	330K IOPS	380K IOPS
	Random write (QD32, Thread4)	330K IOPS	360K IOPS	360K IOPS	300K IOPS	330K IOPS	360K IOPS
Power consumption ⁴	Idle (Typ.)	40 mW			40 mW		
	Active read (Average, Typ.)	5.1 W	5.3 W	5.8 W	5.3 W	5.4 W	5.7 W
	Active write (Average, Typ.)	4.7 W	5.2 W	5.2 W	4.2 W	4.4 W	4.8 W
	DEVSLP (L1.2 mode, Typ.)	5 mW	5 mW	8 mW		5 mW	
Data security		AES 256-bit for user data encryption, TCG/Opal					
Supporting features		TRIM (Required OS support), Garbage Collection, S.M.A.R.T					
Temperature	Operating	0~70°C					
	Non-operating	-45 ~ 85°C					
Humidity		5% to 95%, no			n-condensing		
Shock	Non-operating	1,500G, duration: 0.5ms, 3 axis					
Vibration	Non-operating	20 ~ 2,000Hz, 20G					
Reliability	MTBF	1.5 million hours					
Weight (Max.)		8.3 g	8.5 g	9 g	7.7 g	8 g	8 g
Warranty	Total Bytes Written	400 TBW ⁵	800 TBW	1,200 TBW	100 TBW	200 TBW	400 TBW
	Period	5-year limited			3-year limited		

^{1. 1} GB=1,000,000,000 bytes by IDEMA. A certain portion of capacity may be used for system file and maintenance use, so the actual capacity may differ from what is indicated on the product label.





- $4. \ \ Power consumption \ measured \ with \ IOmeter 1.1.0 \ with \ Intel \ i7-5820 K @ 3.3 \ GHz, DDR48GB, ASUS @ x99-MWS/SE, OS-Windows10 \ Pro x64 \ and \ APST \ on. \ o$
- 5. TBW means Terabytes Written.

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