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AD909A Converter Card

Performance & Burn In Test Rev. 1.0

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4. Summary

1. Overview

AD909A adapters, support 67pin B key type connector to convert M.2(NGFF) SSD into SATA III 7+15pin standard interface.

2. Tools and Results of Performance Measurement

2.1 Test Platform

M/B: ASUS **P8P67**

CPU: Intel **i5-2500**, 3.3MHz/ 6G Cache/ 5GT

Memory: Kingston KVR1333D3N9K2/4G, DDR3-1333MHz,4G(2GB DIMM*2)

ATX Power: TC START W500, 500W ATX,12V V2.2 Power Supplier

Graphic: MSI, R6700 / AMD HD 6700 Series
OS: Microsoft Windows 7 64bit OS

2.2 Test target: AD909A adapter and M.2 NGFF SSD(LITE-ON LGT-128M6G)







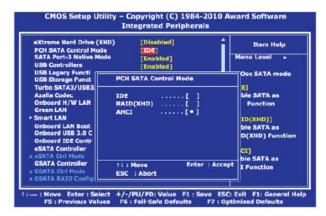
LITN-ON LGT-128M6G

2.3 Install Hardware

Insert M.2(NGFF) SSD(LITE-ON LGT-128M6G) into AD903D converter's M.2 67pin B key connector, and then with coppers, and screws to fix SSDs. Connect AD903D converter to SATA III Port of ASUS P8P67 motherboard.

2.4 BIOS & Windows 7 OS environment setup

2.4.1 In BIOS(Basic Input/Output Setup) – Change IDE Mode into AHCI Mode



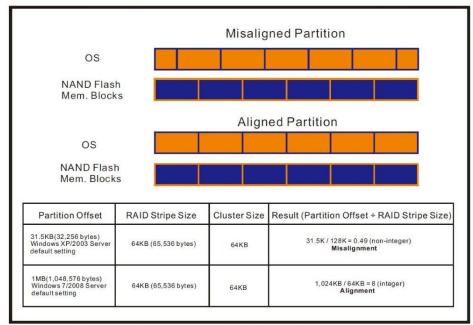


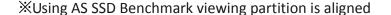
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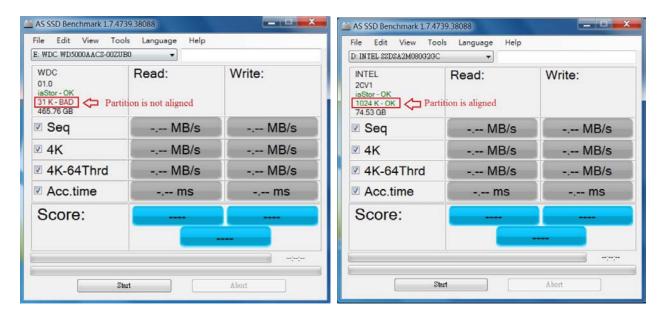
Windows XP and Windows Server 2000/2003 start partition offset at 31.5KB (32,256 bytes). Due to this misalignment, clusters of data are spread across physical memory block boundaries, incurring a read- modify-write penalty. As a result, the SSD controller must write up to 200% more data to the flash than is sent from the host to the drive.

When choosing a partition starting offset, Storage Systems recommends that system integrators correlate the partition offset with the RAID stripe size and cluster size to achieve optimal SSD I/O performance. As following Figure shows an example of a misaligned partition offset and an example of an aligned partition offset for Windows Server.

Misaligned Partition vs. Aligned Partition







XUsing AS SSD Benchmark to check vendor AHCI Drive is installed



- 2.4.3 In Windows 7, formatted SSD to NTFS Mode. Don't install any program. Because FAT32 previous versions do not support NCQ, recommended formatted NTFS file mode.
- 2.4.4 AHCI support Queue CommandAHCI queue command protocol allows each disk contains 32 commands. so QD(Queue Depth) is 32.
- 2.4.5 SSD Write Cache Setting enable the Write Cache setting in Windows 7.

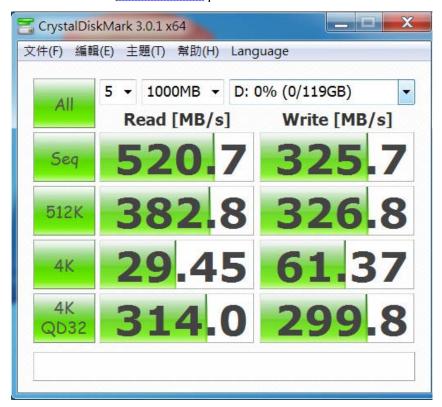
- 2.5 SSD I/O Performance impact factors
 - 2.5.1 SATA I/O performance -- depending on the SSD Controller IC
 - 2.5.2 SATA I/O performance -depending on the NAND Flash IC.
 - 2.5.2.1 Toggle DDR mode or ONFI synchronous NAND Flash IC, will show good performance
 - 2.5.2.2 Traditional asynchronous or SDR NAND Flash IC, will show poor performance

Suggestion:

Please use the motherboard containing native SATA 6Gb/s Port testing, can provide more correct I/O performance. (Such as Intel 6 Series chipsets or AMD 9 Series Chipsets). If you are using a motherboard plus SATA III host bus adapter, non-native 6Gb/s Port or SATA to PCI-e adapter provides 6Gb/s Port. I/O performance testing will be very much lower than the native SATA III Port.

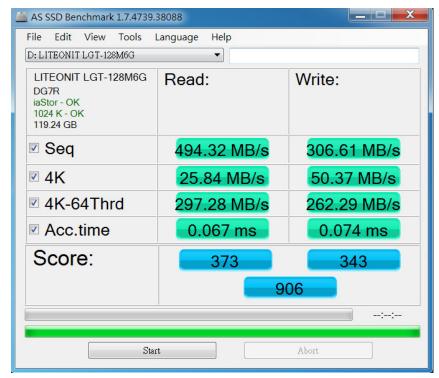
- 2.6 CrystalDiskMark 3.0.1 x64 performance test

 - 2.6.1 Used LITE-ON LGT-128M6G performance as below:



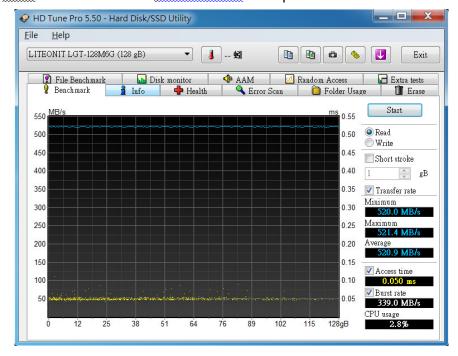
2.7 AS SSD Benchmark 1.7 performance test

Benchmark (Read & Write by MB/s, default block size = 16MB)



- 2.7.1 Used LITE-ON LGT-128M6G performance as below:
- 2.8 HD Tune Pro 5.5 performance test

 - 2.8.1 Used LITE-ON LGT-128M6G Read performance as below:



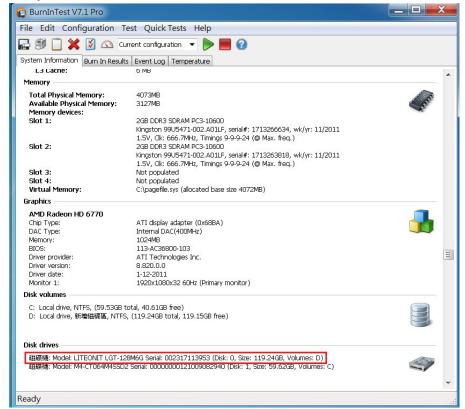
2.9 AnvilBenchmark V110 B337

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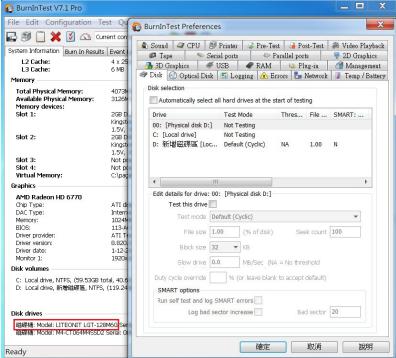


Burn In Tests and Results

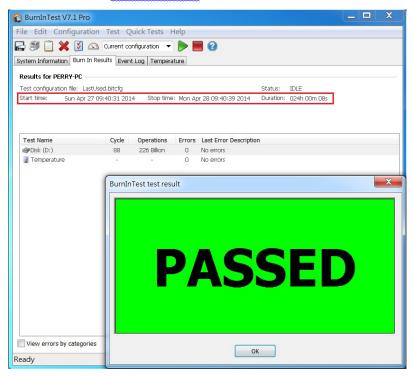
- 3.1 BurnInTest v7.1 Pro
 - 3.1.1 **system information** for LITE-ON **LGT-128M6G** as below:







3.1.3 show LITE-ON LGT-128M6G 24-hour Burn-in test PASSED



4. Summary

- 4.1 LITE-ON LGT-128M6G SSD is SATA III Interface, I/O speed, max. to 600MB/s.
- 4.2 AD903D adapter I/O performance is based on M.2(NGFF) SSD