



# Seagate® BarraCuda™ 510 SSD

## Product Manual

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256 GB	ZP256CM30011	ZP256CM30031
512 GB	ZP512CM30011	ZP512CM30031
250 GB	ZP250CM30001	N/A
500 GB	ZP500CM30001	N/A
1000 GB	ZP1000CM30001	N/A

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## Support

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# 1. Introduction

The Seagate® BarraCuda™ 510 SSD is a versatile NVMe SSD with a wide range of application utilities. It is up to 6 x faster than SATA SSDs and comes with TCG security to keep data safe and secure.

**Table 1 The BarraCuda 510 SSD Features**

Feature	Description	
<b>Capacity (User)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 256 GB, 512 GB, 250 GB, 500 GB, 1000 GB</li> </ul>	
<b>Certifications, Eco-Compliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ CE, UL, FCC, BSMI, KCC, Microsoft WHQL, VCCI, CB</li> <li>■ RoHS</li> </ul>	
<b>Dimensions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Length, Max (mm/in): 80.15 mm/3.156 in</li> <li>■ Width, Max (mm/in): 22.15 mm/0.872 in</li> <li>■ Height, Max (mm/in): 2.23 mm/0.088 in</li> </ul>	
<b>Form Factor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ M.2 2280-S2-M</li> </ul>	
<b>Weight</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 256 GB: 6.5g</li> <li>■ 512 GB: 6.9g</li> <li>■ 250 GB: 8.7</li> <li>■ 500 GB: 8.7</li> <li>■ 1000 GB: 8.7</li> </ul>	
<b>Endurance</b>	Total Bytes Written <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 256 GB: 160 TB</li> <li>■ 512 GB: 320 TB</li> <li>■ 250 GB: 160 TB</li> <li>■ 500 GB: 320 TB</li> <li>■ 1000 GB: 640 TB</li> </ul>	See <a href="#">Section 2.5, Reliability/Endurance</a> .
<b>Interface Compliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ NVMe 1.3</li> <li>■ PCI Express Base 3.1</li> </ul>	
<b>NAND</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 3D TLC</li> </ul>	
<b>Operating Systems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Windows® 7 (64 bit), 8.1 (64 bit), and Windows 10 (64 bit)</li> <li>■ Ubuntu 18.04</li> <li>■ CentOS versions 6 and 7</li> </ul>	
<b>Performance Random</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Read: Up to 600,000 IOPS</li> <li>■ Write: Up to 600,000 IOPS</li> </ul>	Actual performance might vary depending on use conditions and environment. See <a href="#">Section 2.2, Performance</a> .
<b>Performance Sequential</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Read: Up to 3400MB/s</li> <li>■ Write: Up to 3000MB/s</li> </ul>	Actual performance might vary depending on the capacity, use conditions and environment. See <a href="#">Section 2.2, Performance</a> .
<b>Power Consumption</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Active Power (W): &lt;6.2</li> <li>■ Idle Power PS3 (mW): &lt;20</li> <li>■ Low Power L1.2 PS 4 (mW): &lt;2</li> </ul>	See <a href="#">Section 2.3, Power Consumption</a> .
<b>Power Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Supports ActiveStatePower Management (ASPM)</li> <li>■ Supports Autonomous Power StateTransition (APST)</li> <li>■ Supports L1.2</li> </ul>	
<b>Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ TCG Pyrite supported on standard models</li> <li>■ AES-256 and TCG Opal 2.0 IEEE1667 supported on SED models</li> </ul>	

Table 1 The BarraCuda 510 SSD Features (continued)

Feature	Description	
<b>Reliability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ End-to-end data path protection</li> <li>■ MTBF: 1.8 million hours</li> <li>■ UBER: 1 error in <math>10^{16}</math> bits read</li> </ul>	
<b>Shock and Vibration</b>	Shock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Non-Operating: 1,500 G, at 0.5 ms</li> </ul>	<b>See Section 2.4, Environmental Conditions.</b>
	Vibration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Non-Operating: 1.52 G<sub>RMS</sub>, (20 to 80 Hz, Frequency)</li> </ul>	
<b>Temperature Range</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Operating: 0°C to 70°C</li> <li>■ Non-operating: -40°C to 85°C</li> </ul>	
<b>Voltage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 3.3 V±5%</li> </ul>	
<b>Warranty</b>	Five years, or when the device reaches Host TBW, whichever happens first. Endurance rating valid for SSD Life Remaining > 1%.	

## 2. Specifications

### 2.1 Models and Capacity

**Table 2 Models and Capacity**

User Capacity	Standard (TCG Pyrite) M.2 2280-S2-M	SED (TCG Opal) M.2 2280-S2-M
256 GB	ZP256CM30011	ZP256CM30031
512 GB	ZP512CM30011	ZP512CM30031
250 GB	ZP250CM30001	N/A
500 GB	ZP500CM30001	N/A
1000 GB	ZP1000CM30001	N/A

**NOTE** About capacity:

- Sector Size: 512 Bytes
- User-addressable LBA count = (97696368) + (1953504 x (Desired Capacity in Gb-50.0)) From International Disk Drive Equipment and Materials Association (IDEMA) (*LBA1-03\_standard.doc*)

### 2.2 Performance

**Table 3 Random and Sequential Read and Write Performance**

Parameter	1000 GB	512 GB	500 GB	256 GB	250 GB
Sequential Read (Max, MB/s), 128KB	3400	3400	3400	3100	3100
Sequential Write (Max, MB/s), 128KB	3000	2180	2400	1050	1050
Random Read (Max, IOPS), 4KB QD32 T8	600,000	350,000	410,000	180,000	180,000
Random Write (Max, IOPS), 4KB QD32 T8	600,000	530,000	540,000	260,000	260,000

**NOTE** About performance:

- Fresh out of box (FOB) performance obtained on newly formatted drive. Performance may vary based on the SSD's firmware version, system hardware, and configuration.
- CrystalDiskMark 6.0.2, 1GB range, QD=32, Thread=1, 1GB range, QD=32, Thread=8 (random)
- Sequential Read/Write is measured while testing 1000 MB five times by CrystalDiskMark.

## 2.3 Power Consumption

**Table 4 Power Consumption**

	1000 GB	512 GB	500 GB	256 GB	250 GB
Max. Average Read (mW)	6200	5270	5210	5010	4810
Max. Average Write (mW)	5300	4150	4600	2970	3000
Idle PS3 (mW)	20	16.5	16	16.5	16
L1.2 (mW)	2	2	2	2	2

**NOTE**

About power consumption:

- The average value of power consumption is based on 100% conversion efficiency.
- The measured power voltage is 3.3 V.
- Measured under ambient temperature.
- Power Consumption can differ according to flash configuration and platform.
- Power consumption is measured during the sequential read and write (128KB) operations performed by Linux FIO3.7

## 2.4 Environmental Conditions

**Table 5 Temperature, Humidity, Shock**

Specification	Value
Temperature Operating (case temperature at specific airflow) Non-operating	0°C to 70°C -40°C to 85°C
Humidity Operating Non-operating (storage)	90% 93%
Shock Non-operating	1,500 G, duration 0.5 ms
Vibration Non-operating	1.52 G <sub>RMS</sub> , (20Hz to 80Hz, Frequency)

**NOTE**

**Temperature** is measured without condensation. Operating mode temperature is measured by temperature sensor, SMART Attribute.

**Airflow** is suggested. Airflow allows the device to be operated at the appropriate temperature for each component during heavy workloads environments.

**Storage:** The drive can be stored for a maximum of 180 days in the original unopened Seagate shipping package or 60 days, unpackaged, in the defined non-operating limits. Storage can be extended to 1 year packaged or



unpackaged under optimal environmental conditions (<40°C, <40% relative humidity non-condensing, and non-corrosive environment).

**Shock and vibration** results assume that the SSD is mounted securely with the input vibration applied to the SSD mounting. These specifications do not cover connection issues that may result from testing at this level. The measured specification is in root mean square (RMS) form.

- **Non-operating Shock.** The limits of non-operating shock applies to all conditions of handling and transportation. This includes both isolated SSD and integrated SSDs. Shock may be applied in the X, Y, or Z-axis.
- **Non-Operating Vibration.** The limits of non-operating vibration shall apply to all conditions of handling and transportation. This includes both isolated SSD and integrated SSDs. Vibration may be applied in the X, Y, or Z-axis.

## 2.5 Reliability/Endurance

**Table 6 Reliability/Endurance**

Specification	Value
Mean time between failures (MTBF)	1.8 million hours
Bit Error Rate	1 error in 10 <sup>16</sup> bits read
Endurance	Total Bytes Written <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 1000 GB 640</li> <li>■ 512 GB: 320 TB</li> <li>■ 500 GB: 320 TB</li> <li>■ 256 GB: 160 TB</li> <li>■ 250 GB: 160 TB</li> </ul>

**NOTE**

About endurance:

- The SSD achieves the specified MTBF in an operational environment that complies with the operational temperature range specified in this manual. Operating temperatures are measured by temperature sensor.
- Endurance rating valid for SSD Life Remaining > 1%.
- Endurance is characterized while running Client JESD219A workload (per JESD218A specification).

### 3. Mechanical Information

- Weight:** 6.5 g (256 GB), 6.9 g (512 GB)  
8.7 g (250 GB, 500 GB, 1000 GB)
- Height:** 3.5 mm±0.08 mm
- Width:** 22 mm±0.15 mm
- Length:** 80 mm±0.15 mm

Figure 1 BarraCuda 510 SSD Top Side View

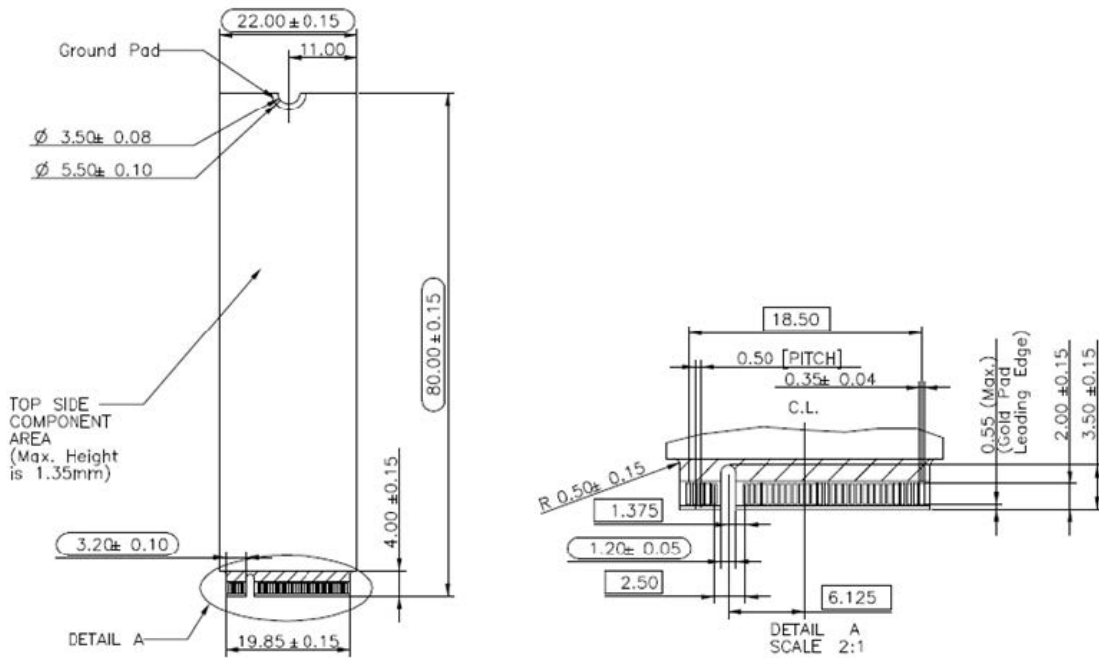


Figure 2 BarraCuda 510 SSD Bottom Side View

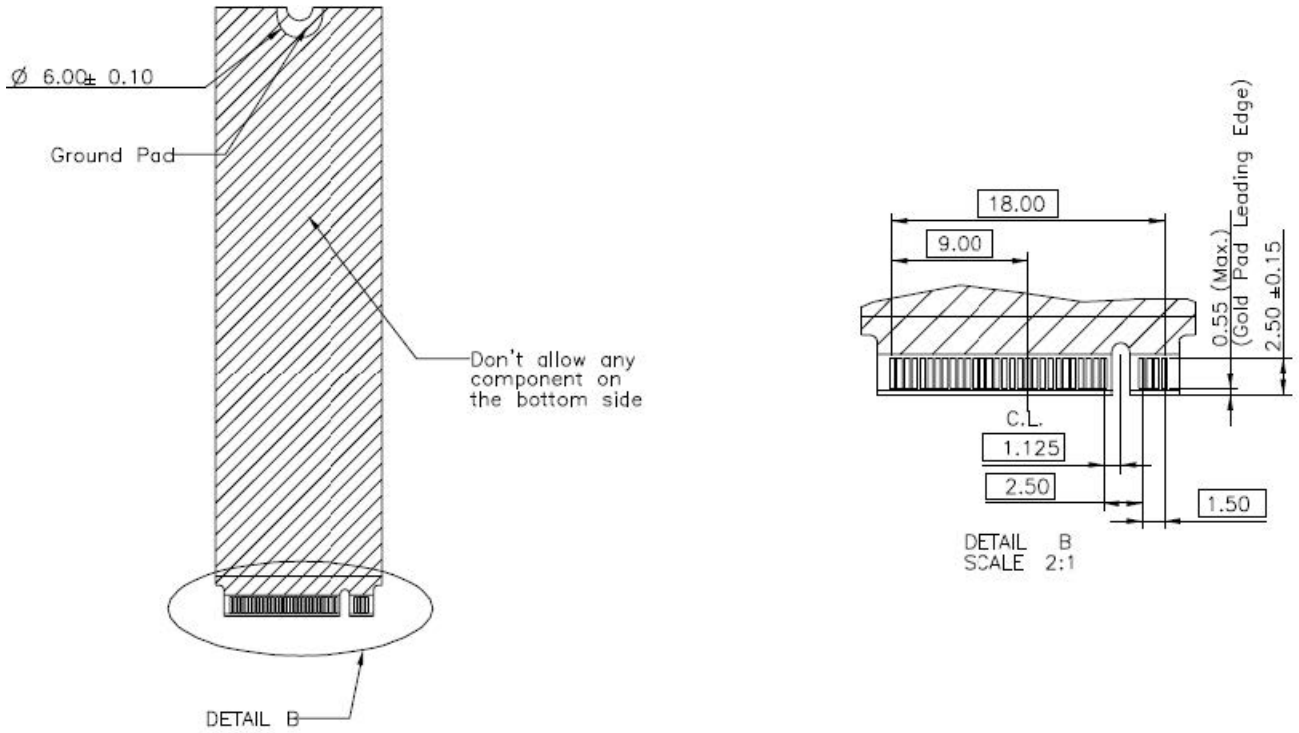
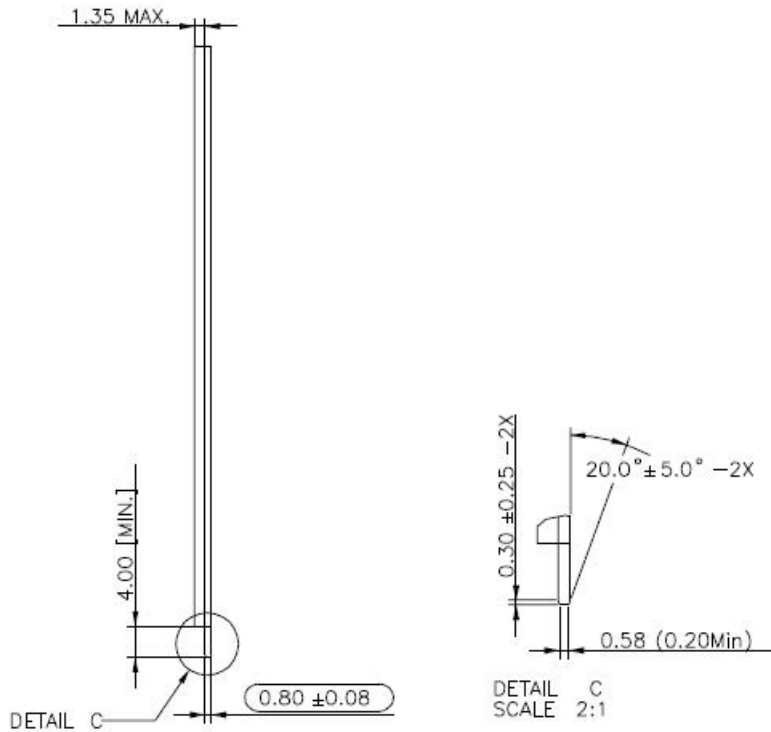


Figure 3 BarraCuda 510 SSD Side View



Notes

Notes :

1.  = Max Component Height
2.  = No Component
3.  = No Component / Signal Vias / Signal Copper / Printing
4. General Tolerance  $\pm 0.15\text{mm}$
5.  are critical dimensions

## 4. Pin and Signal Descriptions

**Table 7 Pin Descriptions**

Pin No.	PCIe Pin	Description
1	GND	CONFIG_3 = GND
2	3.3V	3.3V source
3	GND	Ground
4	3.3V	3.3V source
5	PETn3	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
6	N/C	No connect
7	PETp3	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
8	N/C	No connect
9	GND	Ground
10	LED1#	Open drain, active low signal. These signals are used to allow the add-in card to provide status indicators via LED devices that will be provided by the system.
11	PERn3	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
12	3.3V	3.3V source
13	PERp3	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
14	3.3V	3.3V source
15	GND	Ground
16	3.3V	3.3V source
17	PETn2	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
18	3.3V	3.3V source
19	PETp2	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
20	N/C	No connect
21	GND	Ground
22	N/C	No connect
23	PERn2	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
24	N/C	No connect
25	PERp2	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
26	N/C	No connect
27	GND	Ground
28	N/C	No connect
29	PETn1	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
30	N/C	No connect

**Table 7 Pin Descriptions (continued)**

Pin No.	PCIe Pin	Description
31	PETp1	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
32	N/C	No connect
33	GND	Ground
34	N/C	No connect
35	PERn1	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
36	N/C	No connect
37	PERp1	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
38	N/C	No connect
39	GND	Ground
40	SMB_CLK (I/O)(0/1.8V)	SMBus Clock; Open Drain with pull-up on platform
41	PETn0	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
42	SMB_DATA (I/O)(0/1.8V)	SMBus Data; Open Drain with pull-up on platform.
43	PETp0	PCIe TX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
44	ALERT#(O) (0/1.8V)	Alert notification to master; Open Drain with pull-up on platform; Active low.
45	GND	Ground
46	N/C	No connect
47	PERn0	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
48	N/C	No connect
49	PERp0	PCIe RX Differential signal defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec
50	PERST#(I)(0/3.3V)	PE-Reset is a functional reset to the card as defined by the PCIe Mini CEM specification.
51	GND	Ground
52	CLKREQ#(I/O)(0/3.3V)	Clock Request is a reference clock request signal as defined by the PCIe Mini CEM specification; Also used by L1 PM Sub-states.
53	REFCLKn	PCIe Reference Clock signals (100 MHz) defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec.
54	PEWAKE#(I/O)(0/3.3V)	PCIe PME Wake. Open Drain with pull up on platform; Active Low.
55	REFCLKp	PCIe Reference Clock signals (100 MHz) defined by the PCI Express M.2 spec.
56	Reserved for MFG DATA	Manufacturing Data line. Used for SSD manufacturing only. Not used in normal operation. Pins should be left N/C in platform Socket.

**Table 7 Pin Descriptions (continued)**

Pin No.	PCIe Pin	Description
57	GND	Ground
58	Reserved for MFG CLOCK	Manufacturing Clock line. Used for SSD manufacturing only.  Not used in normal operation.  Pins should be left N/C in platform Socket.
59	Module Key M	Module Key
60	Module Key M	
61	Module Key M	
62	Module Key M	
63	Module Key M	
64	Module Key M	
65	Module Key M	
66	Module Key M	
67	N/C	No connect
68	SUSCLK(32KHz) (I)(0/3.3V)	32.768 kHz clock supply input that is provided by the platform chipset to reduce power and cost for the module.
69	N/C	PEDET (NC-PCIe)
70	3.3V	3.3V source
71	GND	Ground
72	3.3V	3.3V source
73	GND	Ground
74	3.3V	3.3V source
75	GND	Ground

## 5. SMART Support

The BarraCuda 510 SSD 510 supports the SMART command set.

### 5.1 SMART Attributes

The following table lists SMART Attributes and Descriptions.

**Table 8 SMART Attributes (Log Identifier 02h)**

Bytes Index	Bytes	Description
[0]	1	Critical Warning
[2:1]	2	Composite Temperature
[3]	1	Available Spare
[4]	1	Available Spare Threshold
[5]	1	Percentage Used
[31:6]	26	Reserved
[47:32]	16	Data Units Read
[63:48]	16	Data Units Written
[79:64]	16	Host Read Commands
[95:80]	16	Host Write Commands
[111:96]	16	Controller Busy Time
[127:112]	16	Power Cycles
[143:128]	16	Power On Hours
[159:144]	16	Unsafe Shutdowns
[175:160]	16	Media and Data Integrity Errors
[191:176]	16	Number of Error Information Log Entries
[195:192]	4	Warning Composite Temperature Time
[199:196]	4	Critical Composite Temperature Time



## 6. Feature Details

### 6.1 Flash Management

#### 6.1.1 Error Correction Code (ECC)

Flash memory cells will deteriorate with use, which might generate random bit errors in the stored data. Thus, BarraCuda 510 SSD 510 applies the 340bit/2KB LDPC(Low Density Parity Check) of ECC algorithm, which can detect and correct errors that occur during read process, ensure data has been read correctly, as well as protect data from corruption.

#### 6.1.2 Wear Leveling

NAND flash devices can only undergo a limited number of program/erase cycles, and in most cases, the flash media are not used evenly. If some areas get updated more frequently than others, the lifetime of the device would be reduced significantly. Thus, Wear Leveling is applied to extend the lifespan of NAND Flash by evenly distributing write and erase cycles across the media.

Seagate provides advanced Wear Leveling algorithm, which can efficiently spread out the flash usage through the whole flash media area. Moreover, by implementing both dynamic and static Wear Leveling algorithms, the life expectancy of the NAND flash is greatly improved.

#### 6.1.3 Bad Block Management

Bad blocks are blocks that do not function properly or contain more invalid bits causing stored data to become unstable, and their reliability is not guaranteed. Blocks that are identified and marked as bad by the manufacturer are referred to as “Early Bad Blocks”. Bad blocks that are developed during the lifespan of the flash are named “Later Bad Blocks”. Seagate implements an efficient bad block management algorithm to detect the factory- produced bad blocks and manages bad blocks that appear with use. This practice prevents data being stored into bad blocks and further improves the data reliability.

#### 6.1.4 TRIM

TRIM is a feature which helps improve the read/write performance and speed of solid-state drives (SSD). Unlike hard disk drives (HDD), SSDs are not able to overwrite existing data, so the available space gradually becomes smaller with each use. With the TRIM command, the operating system can inform the SSD which blocks of data are no longer in use and can be removed permanently. Thus, the SSD will perform the erase action, which prevents unused data from occupying blocks all the time.

#### 6.1.5 SMART

SMART, an acronym for Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology, is an open standard that allows a hard disk drive to automatically detect its health and report potential failures. When a failure is recorded by SMART, users can choose to replace the drive to prevent unexpected outage or data loss. Moreover, SMART can inform users of impending failures while there is still time to perform proactive actions, such as copy data to another device.

## 6.1.6 Over Provisioning

Over Provisioning refers to the inclusion of extra NAND capacity in a SSD, which is not visible and cannot be used by users. With Over Provisioning, the performance and IOPS (Input/output Operations per Second) are improved by providing the controller additional space to manage P/E cycles, which enhances the reliability and endurance as well. Moreover, the write amplification of the SSD becomes lower when the controller writes data to the flash.

## 6.1.7 Firmware Upgrade

Firmware can be considered as a set of instructions on how the device communicates with the host. Firmware upgrades are typically available with added features, fixed compatibility issues, and improved read/write performance.

## 6.1.8 Thermal Throttling

The purpose of thermal throttling is to prevent any components in a SSD from over-heating during read and write operations. The device is designed with an on-die and an on-board thermal sensor, and with its accuracy, firmware can apply different levels of throttling to achieve the purpose of protection efficiently and proactively via SMART reading.

**Table 9 Current version: Thermal Throttling 2.0**

Item	Content
Smart reporting temperature	Flash normalized case temperature
Reference of temp. reading	On-board thermal sensor, Controller on-die thermal sensor
tmt1 threshold	68°C per Smart reported
tmt2 threshold	70°C per Smart reported
Protect threshold	80°C per Smart reported
Protect controller threshold	110°C from on-die thermal sensor
Fatal threshold	120°C from on-die thermal sensor
Resume performance threshold	60°C per Smart reported
Temperature polling frequency	Every 1 sec
TMT1_state impact	±10% CE
TMT2_state impact	-20% CE

## 6.2 Advanced Device Security Features

### 6.2.1 NVMe format

Secure Erase is a standard NVMe format command and it writes all "0xFF" to fully wipe all the data on the SSDs. When this command is issued, the SSD controller erases its storage blocks and returns to its factory default settings.

### 6.2.2 Physical Presence SID (PSID)

The Physical Presence SID (PSID) is defined by TCG OPAL as a 32-character string and its purpose is to revert the SSD back to its manufacturing setting when the drive is set via TCG Opal (SED) or TCG Pyrite (non-SED). The PSID code is printed on the SSD's label. All user data will be erased when reverting the drive back to manufacturing settings.

### 6.2.3 Manufacturer's Secure ID (MSID)

The Manufacturer's Secure ID (MSID) is defined by TCG OPAL as a 32-character string and is assigned during the manufacturing process, which is a password that cannot be changed by the host system. MSID can be obtained electronically from the drive across the interface. On acquiring the SSD, the user must set a new password. If a new password is not set the SSD might be potentially taken control by anyone who can reset the MSID. Such an attack on the drive is known as Denial of Service (DoS) since the rightful owner has been locked out.

### 6.2.4 Sanitize Operation

The Sanitize feature is an alternative to the existing secure erase capabilities through the Format NVM command and makes a robust data security by ensuring the user data from the drive's media, caches and the Controller Memory Buffer are all wiped by the block erase operations, overwriting or destroying the encryption key. The following table illustrates the types of Sanitize Operations supported.

**Table 10 Supported Sanitize Operations**

Drive Security Type	Sanitize Operation			TCG Commands		IEEE 1667
	Overwrite	Block Erase	Crypto Erase	PSID Revert Process	Instant Security Erase	Windows eDrive
SED (TCG Opal)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-SED (TCG Pyrite)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No

**NOTE**

**Crypto Erase** is a feature that erases all the data of the AES encrypted data structure by resetting the cryptographic key of the disk. The previously encrypted data becomes nonrecoverable.

**Instant Security Erase** is a feature that erases all the data of the SED drive with the Opal-activated encrypted data structure by resetting the SSD with the PSID. Since the key is reset, the previously encrypted data cannot be accessed.

**IEEE 1667** is supported but needs to be activated by SeaChest\_Security tool when required to prevent unintended eDrive implementation and the following requirement of reverting by PSID before being able to re-install the Operation System.

**Sanitize Overwrite** command completion takes at least one hour per terabyte per pass. The number of passes is drive-selectable. The NVMe spec default is 16 passes. Contact Seagate Support for more detailed information.

## 6.3 SSD Lifetime Management

### 6.3.1 Total Bytes Written (TBW)

TBW (Total Bytes Written) is a measurement of the SSDs' expected lifespan, which represents the amount of data written to the device. To calculate the TBW of a SSD, the following equation is applied:

$$TBW = [(NAND\ Endurance) \times (SSD\ Capacity)] / WAF$$

**NAND Endurance:** NAND endurance refers to the P/E (Program/Erase) cycle of a NAND flash. **SSD Capacity:** The SSD capacity is the specific capacity in total of a SSD.

**WAF:** Write Amplification Factor (WAF) is a numerical value representing the ratio between the amount of data that a SSD controller needs to write and the amount of data that the host's flash controller writes. A better WAF, which is near 1, guarantees better endurance and lower frequency of data written to flash memory.

TBW in this document is based on JEDEC 219 workload.

### 6.3.2 Media Wear Indicator

Actual life indicator reported by SMART Attribute byte index [5], Percentage Used, recommends User to replace drive when reaching to 100%.

### 6.3.3 Read Only Mode (End of Life)

When drive is aged by cumulated program/erase cycles, media worn-out may cause increasing numbers of later bad block. When the number of available spare is less the threshold(5%, SMART attribute log ID 02h Byte4), the drive will notify Host through AER event and Critical Warning to enter Read Only Mode to prevent further data corruption. User should start to replace the drive with another one immediately.

## **6.4 An Adaptive Approach to Performance Tuning**

### **6.4.1 Throughput**

Based on the available space of the disk, the drive will regulate the read/write speed and manage the performance of throughput. When there still remains a lot of space, the firmware will continuously perform read/write action. There is still no need to implement garbage collection to allocate and release memory, which will accelerate the read/write processing to improve the performance. Contrarily, when the space is being used up, the drive will slow down the read/write processing, and implement garbage collection to release memory. Hence, read/write performance will become slower.

### **6.4.2 Predict & Fetch**

Normally, when the Host tries to read data from the PCIe SSD, the PCIe SSD will only perform one read action after receiving one command. However, the drive applies Predict & Fetch to improve the read speed. When the host issues sequential read commands to the PCIe SSD, the PCIe SSD will automatically expect that the following will also be read commands. Thus, before receiving the next command, flash has already prepared the data. Accordingly, this accelerates the data processing time, and the host does not need to wait so long to receive data.

### **6.4.3 SLC Caching**

The firmware design of the device currently adopts dynamic caching to deliver better performance for better endurance and consumer user experience. The SLC caching size is set up to 24 GB across capacities.

## 7. Safety, Standards, and Compliance

Each Hard Drive and Solid State Drive ("device") has a product label that includes certifications that are applicable to that specific drive. The following information provides an overview of requirements that may be applicable to the drive.

**NOTE** The most up to date information on Safety, Standards, and Compliance for this product is available in the Seagate HDD and SSD Regulatory Compliance and Safety document. You can find this document on the Seagate Support page (Scroll down to the Compliance section.):  
<https://www.seagate.com/support/products/>

### 7.1 Regulatory Model Numbers

The following regulatory model numbers represent the models in the BarraCuda 510 Series:

- STA015 256 GB, 512 GB
- STA019 250 GB, 500 GB, 1000 GB

## 7.2 Reference Documents

In case of conflict between this document and the following reference document, this document takes precedence.

- PCIe Specifications
  - PCIe - PCI Express Electromechanical specification, revision 4.0
  - NVMe - Non Volatile Memory Express specification 1.3
  - PCIe CEM - PCI Express Card Electromechanical specification, revision 1.1
  - PCI Express M.2 Specification, revision 1.1
- Trusted Computing Group (TCG) Documents
  - Storage Work Group Security Subsystem Class: Opal, Version 2.00
- Solid State Drive Requirements and Endurance Test Methods
  - JESD218
  - JESD219
- Seagate Documentation
  - SeaTools™ SSD GUI User Guide - Publication Number: 100837824
  - SeaChest for SSD User Guide - Publication Number: 100847684



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