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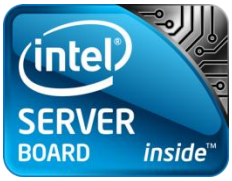
Intel® Server Board S2400GP Family, Intel® Server System P4000GP Family



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Revision History

Date	Modifications
May, 2012	Initial release.
June, 2012	No Update.
July, 2012	Update item #17 and added items #18 - #23.
August, 2012	No Update.
September, 2012	Update item#4,7,8,9,12,13,14,15,16,22; added erratum 24,25.

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Preface

This document is an update to the specifications contained in the *Intel® Server Board S2400GP Family and Intel ® Server System P4000GP Family Technical Product Specification*. It is intended for hardware system manufacturers and software developers of applications, operating systems, or tools. It will contain specification changes, specification clarifications, errata, and document changes.

1. Nomenclature

Specification Changes are modifications to the current published specifications for Intel® server boards. These changes will be incorporated in the next release of the specifications.

Specification Clarifications describe a specification in greater detail or further highlight a specification's impact to a complex design situation. These clarifications will be incorporated in the next release of the specifications.

Documentation Changes include typos, errors, or omissions from the current published specifications. These changes will be incorporated in the next release of the specifications.

Errata are design defects or errors. Errata may cause the server board behavior to deviate from published specifications. Hardware and software designed to be used with any given processor stepping must assume that all errata documented for that processor stepping are present on all devices.

2. Product Scope

The following specific boards, BIOS and components are covered by this update:

Product Code	Baseboard PBA Revision	BIOS Revision	BMC Revision	FRU/SDR Revision	ME Revision
S2400GP2	G31611-205	01.02.2002	1.002812	09	02.01.05.069
S2400GP4	G24197-205	01.02.2002	1.002812	09	02.01.05.069

Summary Tables of Changes

The following tables provide an overview of known errata and known document changes that apply to the specified Intel Server Products. The tables use the following notations:

Doc: Intel intends to update the appropriate documentation in a future revision.

Fix: Intel intends to fix this erratum in the future.

Fixed: This erratum has been previously fixed.

No Fix: There are no plans to fix this erratum.

Shaded: This erratum is either new or has been modified from the previous specification update.

Table 1. Errata Summary

No.	Plans	Description of Errata
1.	Fix	Linux Operating Systems are not supported on RSTe mode
2.	Fix	UEFI Windows Server 2008* R2 SP1 installation on SCU ports may fail under RSTe RAID mode
3.	Fix	UEFI Operating System installation is not supported on ESRT2 mode
4.	Fixed	HDD status LEDs do not function under specific configuration
5.	Fix	RSTe GUI installation may fail if there are no devices attached to any onboard AHCI ports
6.	Fixed	BMC continuously sends RAID volume rebuild event in RSTe mode of the SCU controller
7.	Fixed	System may halt under specific BIOS configurations
8.	Fixed	Microsoft Windows 2003* x86 installation failure under Pass-through mode of SCU controller
9.	Fixed	System may halt under unsupported configuration in ESRT2 mode
10.	Fixed	Extra events may be seen in the System Event Log (SEL) during system global reset
11.	Fixed	System may continuously report a faulty or assert/deassert log when having blank HDD carriers or un-configured HDDs
12.	Fixed	Integrated BMC Web Console – Power Statistics page – Minimum wattage reads as zero
13.	Fixed	Integrated BMC Web Console – Power Control page – Perform Action button not functional.
14.	Fixed	IPMI Get Chassis Status command returns incorrect Chassis Identify State
15.	Fixed	The BIOS and ME Firmware can't be updated successfully via Intel® One Boot Flash Update Utility(OFU) under SuSE Linux Enterprise Server 11* (64-bit) with SP2
16.	Fixed	BMC continuously sends HDD assert/de-assert event during HDD RAID rebuild under ESRT2 mode of the SCU controller
17.	Fix	High CPU utilization may occur when installing or running Microsoft* Windows* Server 2008 R2 or Microsoft* Windows* 7 with default NIC driver
18.	Fixed	Intel® RAID C600 Upgrade Key replacement Issue
19.	Fixed	Intel® LAN driver installation failure on Windows* 7
20.	Fix	Hard drives connected through SAS expander can’t be detected in legacy mode
21.	Fixed	System will boot from on-board video although install add-in video card
22.	Fixed	On-board VGA cannot be set to the highest resolution (1920x1080 and higher)
23.	Fix	Hard drive locate LED may not instantly respond to the locate command if backplane is connected through SAS expander to a RAID controller

No.	Plans	Description of Errata
24.	Fix	Integrated BMC web console – sensor readings page – memory throttling sensor status will stay "Critical" once triggered
25.	Fix	WOL (Wake on LAN) may not function under Red Hat* Linux 6.2 64bit OS

Table 2. Documentation Changes

No.	Plans	Document Name	Description of Documentation Change
1.	Update	*S2400GP Quick Start User Guide*	In the back, ATX I/O Shield in the Accessories and Order Codes table should be AXX2IOS for S2400GP2 and AXX4IOS for S2400GP4 instead of AXXTIO
2.			
3.			

The following sections provide in-depth descriptions of each erratum/documentation change indicated in the tables above. The errata and documentation change numbers referenced in the following sections correspond to the numbers in the tables above.

Errata

1. Linux* Operating Systems are not supported on RSTe mode

Problem Intel® RSTe mode is not supported on Red Hat* Linux and SUSE* Linux.

Implication User may not able to install Red Hat* Linux and SUSE* Linux on Intel® C600 Series Chipset based Server Boards under Intel® RSTe mode

Status This issue may be fixed in future driver or BIOS releases.

Workaround None.

2. UEFI Windows Server 2008* R2 SP1 installation on SCU ports may fail under RSTe RAID mode

Problem System may encounter blue screen when installing Windows Sever 2008* R2 SP1 under UEFI with below configurations:

1. Intel® C600 RAID Upgrade Key is installed and SAS HDDs are used on SCU ports.

2. BIOS options “EFI Optimized Boot” and “Use Legacy Video for EFI OS” are enabled.

3. Under RSTe RAID mode.

Implication User may not able to install UEFI Windows Server 2008* R2 SP1 on Intel® C600 Series Chipset based Server Boards with mentioned configuration.

Status This issue may be fixed in a future BIOS release.

Workaround None.

3. UEFI Operating System installation is not supported on ESRT2 mode

Problem UEFI OS installation of Windows*, Red Hat* Linux or SUSE* Linux may fail on AHCI or SCU controller when “EFI Optimized Boot” and “Use Legacy Video for EFI OS” are both enabled.

Implication User may not be able to install UEFI OS under ESRT2 mode on Intel® C600 Series Chipset based Server Boards

Status This issue may be fixed in a future BIOS revision.

Workaround None.

4. HDD status LEDs do not function under specific configuration

Problem If drives are connected through expander to SCU ports and configured under RSTe mode, the HDD status LEDs may not function properly.

Implication HDD status LED may not show the HDD locate, HDD fault or RAID rebuild message.

Status This issue was fixed in RSTe driver 3.2.0.1134 and later version.

Workaround None.

5. RSTe GUI installation may fail if there are no devices attached to any onboard AHCI ports

Problem When Microsoft Windows 2008* R2 is installed on SCU ports, the installation of RSTe drivers and the Graphic User Interface (GUI) in Windows 2008* R2 will fail, if the AHCI controller is enabled while no device is attached to the AHCI SATA ports.

Implication User may not be able to install RSTe GUI under mentioned configuration when the AHCI controller is enabled and no devices are attached to the AHCI SATA ports.

Status This issue may be fixed in a future RAID driver.

Workaround The workaround is to either plug a SATA device into one of the AHCI SATA ports, or disable the onboard AHCI controller in BIOS.

6. BMC continuously sends RAID volume rebuild event in RSTe mode of the SCU controller

Problem When RSTe RAID is in degraded mode and a drive is inserted to start the RAID rebuild, System Event Log (SEL) records drive plug and rebuild events and then continuously sends a rebuild event message.

Implication User may see the SEL flooded with RAID volume rebuild event entries.

Status This issue was fixed in BMC 1.04.

Workaround None.

7. System may halt under specific BIOS configurations

Problem Once BIOS options “EFI Optimized Boot” and “Memory Mapped I/O Above 4GB” are both enabled, and RSTe mode is selcted, system may halt during the system POST.

Implication User may see system hang with mentioned configuration.

Status This issue is fixed in Bios release R01.03.0002.

Workaround None.

8. Microsoft Windows 2003* x86 installation failure under Pass-through mode of SCU controller

Problem Microsoft Windows Server 2003* x86 installations on SCU RSTe pass-through mode fail.

Implication User may not able to install Microsoft Windows Server 2003* x86 on mentined BIOS configuration.

Status This issue is fixed in RSTe driver release 3.0.0.3020-3 and later version.

Workaround None.

9. System may halt under unsupported configuration in ESRT2 mode

Problem If no Intel® C600 RAID upgrade key (any of RKSAS4, RKSAS4R5, RKSAS8, RKSAS8R5) is installed to enable SAS support capablity under ESRT2 mode while SAS drivers are used, the system may halt at the boot stage.

Implication User may see a system halt with no RAID keys installed with SAS drivers used and ESRT2 enabled.

Status This issue is fixed in BIOS 1.3.0002 or later.

Workaround None.

10. Extra events may be seen in the System Event Log (SEL) during system global reset

Problem The BMC may sporadically log extra reset event during a system DC reset (global reset). These events may appear as there is an extra reset during BIOS POST.

The following SEL entries indicate two resets in a POST process:

Informational event: Pwr Unit Status reports the power unit is powered off or being powered down.

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Implication The SEL log may indicate that system has an occasional reset in a normal POST during DC cycle test (global reset).

Status This issue was fixed in BMC 1.04.

Workaround None.

11. System may continuously report a faulty or assert/deassert log when having blank HDD carriers or un-configured HDDs

Problem With ESRT2 SATA RAID 5 config with 3 HDDs, put the 4th HDD in drive carrier and set it to either unconfigured or global hot spare. System event log may be flooded with HDD faulty entries.

With ESRT2 SAS RAID 1 with 2 HDDs, put 3rd HDD and set to unconfigured or global hot spare. System event log may be flooded flood with HDD faulty entries.

Implication User may see the SEL flooded with HDD faulty entries when either of the two scenarios above are used.

Status This issue was fixed in BMC 1.04.

Workaround None.

12. Integrated BMC Web Console – Power Statistics page – Minimum wattage reads as zero.

Problem On some systems the Integrated BMC Web Console Power Statistic page may display the Minimun wattage as zero (0W) after the system has been powered. This reading will stay at zero until the next power cycle of the system.

Implication This is an incorrect reading only and does not affect operation.

Status This issue is fixed in BMC release 1.10.r3560 and later version

Workaround None.

13. Integrated BMC Web Console – Power Control page – Perform Action button not functional.

Problem After performing a Graceful shutdown from the Integrated BMC Web Console Power Control page the Perform Action button gets grayed out and cannot be pressed to request another action.

Implication You cannot perform a power on of the system.

Status This issue is fixed in BMC release 1.10.r3560 and later version

Workaround Select another page in the Integrated BMC Web Console and then return to the Power Control Page. The Perform Action button will then be available.

14. IPMI Get Chassis Status command returns incorrect Chassis Identify State.

Problem When a Get Chassis Status command is issued, after the Chassis Identify LED has been forced on, the status of off (00b) is returned for Chassis Identify State (response data byte 4 – bits [5:4]).

Implication Unable to correctly read when the Chassis Identify LED is on.

Status This issue is fixed in BMC release 1.10.r3560 and later version

Workaround None.

15. The BIOS and ME Firmware can't be updated successfully via Intel® One Boot Flash Update Utility(OFU) under SuSE Linux Enterprise Server 11* (64-bit) with SP2

Problem OFU will fail to update BIOS & ME under SuSE Linux Enterprise Server 11* (64-bit) with SP2 Operating System.

Implication If the system is running SuSE Linux Enterprise Server 11* (64-bit) with SP2 Operating System, using OFU to update System Firmware Update Package(SFUP) will fail.

Status This issue is fixed in OFU Version 11.0 Build 8 and later version.

Workaround Update System Firmware Update Package(SFUP) from EFI environment using iFlash32, FWPIAUpdate and FRUSDR Utility

16. BMC continuously sends HDD assert/de-assert event during HDD RAID rebuild under ESRT2 mode of the SCU controller

Problem HDD fault will keep asserting and de-asserting frequent during RAID rebuild under ESRT2

Implication During HDD ESRT2 RAID rebuild, there's flood HDD fault assert/deassert(SAS RAID) or Rebuild/remap (SATA RAID) logs into SEL.

Status This issue is fixed in ESRT2 driver release 15.00.0528.2012.

Workaround None.

17. High CPU utilization may occur when installing or running Microsoft* Windows* Server 2008 R2 or Microsoft* Windows* 7 with default NIC driver for Intel® Gigabit ET Dual Port Server Adapter E1G42ET and Intel® Gigabit ET Quad Port Server Adapter E1G44ET

Problem There has been high CPU load observed when installing or running Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 or Microsoft Windows 7 with default NIC (Network Interface Card) driver for Intel® Gigabit ET Dual Port Server Adapter E1G42ET and Intel® Gigabit ET Quad Port Server Adapter E1G44ET.

Implication When the ports are not electrically "linked" and the embedded driver is loaded the DPC rate steadily increases until the system slows to the point where it is essentially unusable.

Status This issue may be fixed in a future driver release.

Workaround None.

18. Intel® RAID C600 Upgrade Key replacement Issue

Problem With Manageability Engine (ME) Firmware 02.01.05.069, the Intel® Server Board S2400GP and Intel® Server System P4000GP may detect the incorrect Storage Control Unit (SCU) Redundant Array of Inexpensive/Independent Disks (RAID) information after installing or replacing the RAID upgrade key. The board or system may still show the previous RAID information even if you replace the key with a new one.

Implication With the ME firmware 02.01.05.069, the system may not detect the new RAID activation key during the first time AC power on.

Status The issue is fixed with ME firmware 02.01.05.091.

Workaround Do a second AC power cycle to the system after the RAID upgrade key has been installed or replaced to ensure the correct type of key is identified.

19. Intel® LAN driver installation failure on Windows* 7

Problem The Intel® LAN driver version 16.8 and below may not be installed sucessfully on Windowns* 7 with the .bat installation scripts in the driver package.

Implication The LAN driver can not be installed by the .bat installation scripts in the driver package.

Status The issue is fixed in Intel® LAN driver version 17.1

Workaround Two workarounds are availalbe:

1. The LAN driver can be manually installed.
2. User can lower the “User Account Control” to “Never Notify”, then the driver can be installed with the .bat installation scripts.

20. Hard drives connected through SAS expander can’t be detected in legacy mode

Problem If hard drives are connected through expander to SCU ports and configured under RSTe mode, the hard drives can’t be detected by system in legacy mode (default BIOS setting).

Implication Users can’t use the hard drives connected through expander as boot device to install OS. But users can install OS to other hard drives which are not connected through expander and load RSTe driver to make the hard drives connected through expander visible to OS. Or users can change Boot Options -> EFI Optimized Boot to “Enabled” in BIOS Setup so that hard drives connected through expander can be detected by the system.

Status This issue may be fixed in a future BIOS release.

Workaround None.

21. System will boot from on-board video although install add-in video card

Problem When try to boot from add-in video card, system can not boot up.

Implication Bios video output policy by default was booting from onboard video although install the add-in video card.

Status This issue was fixed in Bios 01.02.0009 and changed video output to installed add-in video card by default.

Workaround Need to install internal video cable to boot up system first then disable on-board video option in Bios.

22. On-board VGA cannot be set to the highest resolution (1920x1080 and higher).

Problem The Graphics ID register in the on-board video controller is getting set incorrectly.

Implication The video cannot be set to the highest resolutions listed here:

[1920x1080,High 256 Color, 60 Hertz]
[1920x1200,High 256 Color, 60 Hertz]
[1920x1080,High Color(16bit), 60 Hertz]
[1920x1200,High Color(16bit), 60 Hertz]

Status The issue is fixed with ME firmware 02.01.05.091.

Workaround None

23. Hard drive locate LED may not instantly respond to the locate command if backplane is connected through SAS expander to a RAID controller

Problem If backplane is connected through SAS expander to a RAID controller, the hard drive locate LED may not instantly respond to the locate command from the RAID controller. The LED may blink after up to 2 minutes.

Implication The symptom doesn't happen if backplane is directly connected to the RAID controller. Root cause has been identified in the motherboard BMC.

Status This issue may be fixed in a future BMC release.

Workaround None.

24. Integrated BMC Web Console – Sensor Readings Page – Memory Throttling sensor status will stay "Critical" once triggered

Problem When Memory Throttling is triggered, the Memory "P1 MTT and/or P2 MTT" sensor status will stay at "Critical" status in the Integrated BMC Web Console even after throttling has stopped.

Implication You may observe Memory "P1 MTT and/or P2 MTT" status as "Critical" even when there is no throttling. No functional impact to the system.

Status This issue may be fixed in a future ME release.

Workaround Need a AC cycle or reset ME through IPMI to reset the MTT sensor status.

25. WOL (Wake on LAN) may not function under Red Hat* Linux 6.2 64bit OS

Problem With Intel® LAN driver version 17.1, WOL (Wake on LAN) may not function under Red Hat* Linux 6.2 64bit OS.

Implication You may not be able to wake system through onboard NIC port.

Status This issue may be fixed in a future LAN driver release.

Workaround None.

Documentation Changes

N/A