

Overview

HPE Synergy Virtual Connect SE 32Gb FC Module

The HPE Virtual Connect SE 32Gb FC Module for HPE Synergy is a Storage Area Network (SAN) interconnect with a wire-once change-ready technology. The Fibre Channel (FC) module in conjunction with Synergy composer powered by HPE OneView allows workloads to be moved or managed without modifying the network. HPE OneView provides an intuitive management console for seamless connectivity between virtualized Synergy Compute Modules and 32Gb FC SAN fabrics.

For high performance enterprise datacenter environments, the HPE VC SE 32Gb FC module or the alternative, Brocade 32Gb FC SAN Switch Module for HPE Synergy, are the best choices for applications demanding low-latency high I/O performance, i.e. flash storage. The QSFP ports significantly simplify cabling infrastructure, reduce cabling from four to one, and help reduce power attributed to optics transceivers 2.5x.

If deployment costs are a concern, by adopting the Synergy frame and Gen 6 32Gb FC technology, you can reduce costs and simplify connections to SANs, consolidate your network connections and enable administrators to add, replace and recover compute modules resources on-the-fly. The integrated Synergy design frees up rack space, reduces power and cooling requirements.

The HPE Synergy VC SE 32Gb FC Module is protected by HPE Services 3-Years Next Business Day 9x5 Hardware Support.



HPE Synergy VC SE 32Gb FC Module Front View

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| 1. Q1 QSFP+ ports | 3. Q2 QSFP+ ports |
| 2. 1-8 SFP+ ports | |

Models

HPE Virtual Connect SE 32Gb Fibre Channel Module for Synergy

876259-B21

Standard Features

Compatibility

The HPE Synergy Virtual Connect SE 32Gb Fibre Channel Module interoperates with the following HPE Synergy hardware also housed in the Synergy Frame.

HPE Synergy Compute Modules

HPE Synergy 480 Gen11 Configure-to-order Compute Module	P39531-B21
HPE Synergy 480 Gen11 TAA-compliant Configure-to-order Compute Module	P39531-B22
HPE SY480 Gen12 CTO Configure-to-order Compute Module	P68217-B21

Fibre Channel Host Bus Adapters (HBA)

HPE Synergy 5830C 32Gb Fibre Channel Host Bus Adapter	777456-B21
HPE Synergy 5330C 32Gb Fibre Channel Host Bus Adapter	870828-B21
HPE Synergy 5331C 32Gb Fibre Channel Host Bus Adapter	P76653-B21

Notes: Consult individual compute module TechSpecs for specific adapter support

HPE 12000 Synergy Frame

Notes: For ease of representation and understanding paired Interconnect Bay (ICB) are shown adjacent rather than vertically as in the real-frame. Interconnect frames are formed between ICB 1 with ICB 4, ICB 2 with ICB 5, and ICB 3 with ICB 6. Hence the below representation.

Interconnect Module Configurations				Compute Module Network Adapters Used	
Frame Table 1					
[ICB 1]	HPE VC SE 32Gb	->	HPE VC SE 32Gb	[ICB 4]	HPE Synergy 32Gb HBA
[ICB 2]	Empty/Interconnect	->	Empty/Interconnect	[ICB 5]	Empty/Adapter
[ICB 3]	Empty/Interconnect	->	Empty/Interconnect	[ICB 6]	Empty/Adapter

Frame Table 2					
[ICB 1]	Empty/Interconnect	->	Empty/Interconnect	[ICB 4]	Empty/Adapter
[ICB 2]	HPE VC SE 32Gb	->	HPE VC SE 32Gb	[ICB 5]	HPE Synergy 32Gb HBA
[ICB 3]	Empty/Interconnect	->	Empty/Interconnect	[ICB 6]	Empty/Adapter

Frame Table 3					
[ICB 1]	Empty/Interconnect	->	Empty/Interconnect	[ICB 4]	Empty/Adapter
[ICB 2]	Empty/Interconnect	->	Empty/Interconnect	[ICB 5]	HPE Synergy 32Gb HBA
[ICB 3]	HPE VC SE 32Gb	->	HPE VC SE 32Gb	[ICB 6]	HPE Synergy 32Gb HBA

Frame Table 4					
[ICB 1]	HPE VC SE 32Gb	->	HPE VC SE 32Gb	[ICB 4]	HPE Synergy 32Gb HBA
[ICB 2]	HPE VC SE 32Gb	->	HPE VC SE 32Gb	[ICB 5]	HPE Synergy 32Gb HBA
[ICB 3]	Empty/Interconnect	->	Empty/Interconnect	[ICB 6]	Empty/Adapter

Frame Table 5					
[ICB 1]	HPE VC SE 32Gb	->	HPE VC SE 32Gb	[ICB 4]	HPE Synergy 32Gb HBA
[ICB 2]	Empty/Interconnect	->	Empty/Interconnect	[ICB 5]	Empty/Adapter
[ICB 3]	HPE VC SE 32Gb	->	HPE VC SE 32Gb	[ICB 6]	HPE Synergy 32Gb HBA



Standard Features

Frame Table 6

[ICB 1]	Empty/Interconnect	->	Empty/Interconnect	[ICB 4]	Empty/Adapter
[ICB 2]	HPE VC SE 32Gb	->	HPE VC SE 32Gb	[ICB 5]	HPE Synergy 32Gb HBA
[ICB 3]	HPE VC SE 32Gb	->	HPE VC SE 32Gb	[ICB 6]	HPE Synergy 32Gb HBA

Notes: These configurations are only applicable for single frame, not for multi-frame

Product Features

Performance

- (12) 8/16/32Gb Auto-negotiating Fibre Channel uplinks connected to external SAN switches
- (12) 32Gb Fibre Channel downlink ports provide maximum HBA performance
- HBA Aggregation on uplinks ports using ANSI T11 standards-based N_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV) technology
- Allows up to 255 virtual machines running on the same physical compute modules to access separate storage resources
- Extremely low latency throughput provides switch-like performance.

Management

- Storage management is no longer constrained to a single physical HBA on a compute module
- Managed with composer based HPE OneView
- Does not add to SAN switch domains or require traditional SAN management
- Appears as a pass-thru device to the SAN Manager

Virtual server profiles

- Provisioned storage resource is associated directly to a specific virtual machine - even if the virtual server is re-allocated within the Synergy Frame
- Ability to pre-configure compute module I/O connections
- Ability to move, add, or change compute modules on the fly
- Once defined, SAN Administrators don't have to be involved in compute modules changes



Related Options

Transceivers

HPE B-series 4x32Gb QSFP28 Short Wave 100m 1-pack Secure Transceiver	R6B20A
HPE B-series 32Gb SFP28 Short Wave 1-pack Secure Transceiver	R6B12A
HPE B-series 32Gb SFP28 Short Wave 8-pack Secure Transceiver	R6W26A
HPE B-series 4x16 Short Wave QSFP Transceiver	K2Q87A
HPE B-series 16Gb SFP+ Short Wave 1-pack Secure Transceiver	R6B10A
HPE B-series 16Gb SFP+ Short Wave 8-pack Secure Transceiver	R6W28A

Notes: 2, 32Gb SFP+ transceivers are included with HPE Synergy Virtual Connect SE 32Gb FC Module, 876259-B21.

Cables

HPE Multi Fiber Push On to 4 x Lucent Connector 5m Cable	K2Q46A
HPE Multi Fiber Push On to 4 x Lucent Connector 15m Cable	K2Q47A
HPE Premier Flex MPO/MPO Multi-mode OM4 12 Fiber 10m Cable	QK729A
HPE Premier Flex MPO/MPO Multi-mode OM4 8 Fiber 50m Cable	QK731A
HPE Premier Flex MPO/MPO OM4 100m Cable	H6Z30A
HPE Premier Flex LC/LC Multi-mode OM4 2 Fiber 1m Cable	QK732A
HPE Premier Flex LC/LC Multi-mode OM4 2 Fiber 2m Cable	QK733A
HPE Premier Flex LC/LC Multi-mode OM4 2 Fiber 5m Cable	QK734A
HPE Premier Flex LC/LC Multi-mode OM4 2 Fiber 15m Cable	QK735A
HPE Premier Flex LC/LC Multi-mode OM4 2 Fiber 30m Cable	QK736A
HPE Premier Flex LC/LC Multi-mode OM4 2 Fiber 50m Cable	QK737A
HPE LC to LC Multi-mode OM3 2-Fiber 0.5m 1-Pack Fiber Optic Cable	AJ833A
HPE LC to LC Multi-mode OM3 2-Fiber 1.0m 1-Pack Fiber Optic Cable	AJ834A
HPE LC to LC Multi-mode OM3 2-Fiber 2.0m 1-Pack Fiber Optic Cable	AJ835A
HPE LC to LC Multi-mode OM3 2-Fiber 5.0m 1-Pack Fiber Optic Cable	AJ836A
HPE LC to LC Multi-mode OM3 2-Fiber 15.0m 1-Pack Fiber Optic Cable	AJ837A
HPE LC to LC Multi-mode OM3 2-Fiber 30.0m 1-Pack Fiber Optic Cable	AJ838A
HPE LC to LC Multi-mode OM3 2-Fiber 50.0m 1-Pack Fiber Optic Cable	AJ839A

HPE Synergy Services

Notes: See HPE Support Services Central for additional services at <https://ssc.hpe.com/portal/site/ssc/>

Deployment/Installation & Start-up Services

HPE Factory Express Synergy Initial Frame Package 4 Service	HA454A1-300
HPE Factory Express Synergy Add-on Frame Package 4 Service	HA454A1-301
HPE Synergy First Frame Startup Service	U8JM3E
HPE Synergy Additional Frame Startup Service	U8JM4E



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Technical Specifications

Physical Dimensions		
Shipping Dimensions	Length	19.45 in (494 mm)
	Width	15.55 in (395 mm)
	Height	5.75 in (154 mm)
Shipping Weight	1.497 kg (3.18 lbs)	

Product Specifications Hardware

Table 1	
Performance	32 Gb/sec line speed, full duplex Maximum frame size 2148 bytes (2112 byte payload)
Bandwidth	192Gbps, Full Duplex @ 8-Gbps
	384Gbps, Full Duplex @ 16-Gbps
	768Gbps, Full Duplex @ 32-Gbps
Fabric Latency (intra-switch)	700 nSec. Latency increases as input port speed is lower than the output port speed.
Number of Fibre Channel Ports	16 external 8/16/32-Gbps ports (Max 12 usable)
	12 internal 32-Gbps ports
External Port Type	Configured as Node port s (N_Port), 32, 16Gb, or 8Gb auto- negotiating SFP ports
Internal Port Type	Configured as Fabric port (F_Port), 32Gb
Classes of Service	Class 2 and Class 3 Fibre Channel services
Scalability	Does not contribute to the total switch limit. See the SAN Design Guide for latest supported configurations.
Buffer Credits	8 buffer credits per port, ASIC embedded memory
Connectors and Cabling	QSFP+ and SFP+ optical hot-pluggable transceiver with LC connector
Indicators	Port ID Indicator
	Module Status Indicator
	Port Link/Activity Indicator
	Module Locator (UID)
Dimensions	
Width	16.92 in (42.97 cm.)
Depth	11.05 in (28.07 cm.)
Height	1.08 in (2.75 cm.)
Weight	Approx 3.18 lbs – without media



Technical Specifications

Table 2

Environmental Ranges	Specification	10C to 35C (50F to 95F)
	Temperature Range	
	Operating	Inlet air temperature up to 43°C (109.4°F) at sea level with an altitude derating of 1.0°C per every 1000 feet of elevation above sea level to a maximum operating altitude. For example, the maximum inlet air temperature requirement at 5000 ft. above Sea level is 38°C.
	Non-operating	-40°C to 70°C (-40° to 158°F). Maximum rate of change is 20°C/Hr (36°F/Hr).
	Relative humidity (noncondensing)	
	Operating	5 to 95% relative humidity, 38.7°C maximum wet bulb temperature, and Non-condensing.
	Non-Operating	5 to 95% relative humidity (Rh), 38.7°C (101.7°F) maximum wet bulb temperature, non-condensing.
	Altitude	
	Operating	3050 m (10,000 ft.). This value may be limited by the type and number of options installed. Maximum allowable altitude change rate is 457 m/min (1500 ft./min).
	Non-operating	9144 m (30,000 ft.). Maximum allowable altitude change rate is 457 m/min (1500 ft. /min).
	Vibration	
	Operating	1 G, 10-500 Hz, 60 minutes per axis
	Non-Operating	9144 m (30,000 ft.). Maximum allowable altitude change rate is 457 m/min (1500 ft. /min).
	Shock	
	Operating	Half-sine-wave shock, 40 G, 2 ms duration, in each direction of three mutually perpendicular axes.
	Non-Operating	Half-sine-wave shock, 140 G, 2 ms duration, in each direction of three mutually perpendicular axes; and square-wave shock up to 80 G, 180 inches/s velocity change, in each direction of three mutually perpendicular axes.
Power Specification	12V @ 4.65A (56 W)	

Product Specifications Software

Industry Standard NPIV Support

The Virtual Connect Fibre Channel module works by aggregating multiple FC HBA ports over a single N-port uplink through the use of N_port_ID virtualization (NPIV). NPIV allows multiple distinguishable identities (multiple port WWNs and port IDs) over a single N-port connection. Most Fibre Channel SAN switch vendors have support for NPIV in their latest firmware release. By conforming to the NPIV standard, SAN equipment interoperability simplified. The Virtual Connect Fibre Channel Module Provides basic 4:1, 8:1, or 12:1 NPIV Fibre Channel concentration.



Technical Specifications

Data Center Connectivity

Each Virtual Connect Fibre Channel module supports up to 12 SAN fabrics and is typically connected to a Fibre Channel switch that has been configured to run in NPIV mode. The 12 uplink ports are speed selectable from 32, 16, or 8Gb/s.

The setup allows SAN administrators to name the fabric that servers will connect into and set the oversubscription rate. Fibre Channel boot parameters and WWN administration are configurable options that can be integrated into server profiles.

In an NPIV environment, there is an initial brief login function between the Virtual Connect Fibre Channel Module and the data center switch. Once completed, all HBA connections appear as though they are directly connected between the compute modules and the SAN switch. The Virtual Connect Fibre Channel Module appears as a pass-thru device to the SAN, yet cables are reduced as much as 12:1.

Management Features

Simple and intuitive Graphical User Interface (GUI) of composer based HPE OneView for defining, configuring, and managing all elements of the SAN.

Comprehensive administration, definition, and management of Ethernet Networks, Shared Uplink Sets using VLANs, SAN Fabric management, and Server Profiles

Management of user accounts, enclosure, Virtual Connect settings, and firmware updates

WWN Address Administration allows local administration of predefined WWN addresses ranges to allow pre-provisioning of SAN volumes.

Management and Standards Support

Standards

- ANSI T11 N_Port ID Virtualization
- FC-PH Rev. 4.3
- FC-PH-2
- FC-PH-3
- FC-AL Rev 4.6
- FC-AL-2 Rev 7.0
- FC-FLA
- FC-GS
- FC-GS-2
- FC-GS-3
- FC-FG
- FC-VI
- FC Element MIB RFC 2837
- Fibre Alliance MIB Version 4.0
- Fibre Channel Management MIB RFC4044

Safety and Compliance

Safety Certifications

- UL/CUL Recognition to UL/CSA 60950-1
- TUV to EN 60950-1
- CB report and certificate to IEC 60950-1 with all country deviations
- CE Marking



Technical Specifications

Electromagnetic Emissions Certifications FCC Part 15 Class A

- FCC Part 15 Class A
- EN 55022 Class A (CISPR22 Class A)
- VCCI Class A
- AS/NZS 3548 Class A or AS/NZS CISPR22 Class A
- MIC Class A
- CE Marking

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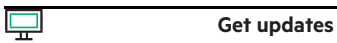
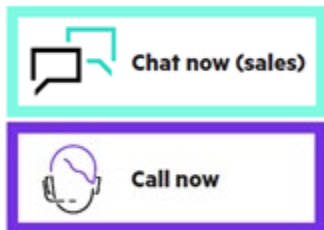
Summary of Changes

Date	Version History	Action	Description of Change
05-May-2025	Version 9	Changed	Added Gen12 compatibility information, missing compute module compatibility, and missing transceiver SKU Standard Features and Related Options sections were updated.
04-Dec-2023	Version 8	Changed	Service and Support section was updated
04-Oct-2021	Version 7	Changed	Related Options section was updated. Obsolete SKUs were removed
15-Sep-2021	Version 6	Changed	Related Options section was updated Obsolete SKUs were removed Services and Support Pointnext Tech Care and Complete Care information added
15-Feb-2021	Version 5	Changed	Rebranding applied to QuickSpecs.
18-Jan-2021	Version 4	Changed	Standard Features section was updated.
10-Aug-2020	Version 3	Changed	Overview, Standard Features, and Related Options sections were updated.
06-May-2019	Version 2	Changed	Overview, Related Options, Service and Support, and Technical Specifications sections were updated. SKU added in Overview section: 876259-B21 SKU deleted in Overview section: 876529-B21
02-Apr-2019	Version 1	Created	Document Created



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