



Up to 2750MB/s real-world speed



Up to 128TB



SATA/SAS¹ U.2/M.2²



Thunderbolt 3



Mac

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Dual Thunderbolt 3 | USB-C | USB 3.2 | DisplayPort 1.4 | SD & CFexpress Card Reader | Mac

Industry-First Thunderbolt 3 Storage, Docking, and PCIe Expansion Media Workflow Solution

Never before has there been such a highly configurable innovation that saves time and money for content creators and video pros. The ThunderBay Flex 8 is a groundbreaking solution that accelerates performance, capacity, and efficiency in digital imaging, VFX, video production, and video editing workflows.

Its eight drive bays support a mix of SATA/SAS¹ and U.2/M.2² NVMe drives for up to 128TB of storage capacity, and that's only the beginning. You can saturate the Thunderbolt 3 speed threshold with real-world read/write speeds up to 2750MB/s. Connect A/V mixers, digital cameras, and desktop essentials, while charging mobile devices via Thunderbolt 3, USB-C and USB-A ports. Ingest hi-res video and photo files at speeds up to 985MB/s with front-side SD 4.0 and CFexpress card readers. Or add a video or audio card to the PCIe slot to ingest multi-stream large format footage or record high-quality tracks.

Key Features

- (8) bays support a mix of SATA/SAS¹ and U.2/M.2² NVMe drives
- PCle slot for expansion cards
- Front-side SD 4.0 and CFexpress card readers with up to 985MB/s speed
- Second Thunderbolt 3 port $\!\!^{3}$ for daisy chaining devices or additional display(s)
- Create, manage, and monitor advanced RAID sets with SoftRAID
- DisplayPort 1.4 for connecting up to an 8K display $\!\!^4$
- (1) USB-C and (2) USB-A 10Gb/s ports for peripherals and mobile devices
- Thunderbolt certified for Mac
- Up to 5 Year OWC Limited Warranty with 1 Year Level 1 data recovery







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ThunderBay Flex 8 **Tech Specs**

Interface

- Storage
- (8) Drive bays supporting 3.5-inch and/or 2.5-inch HDDs and SSDs
- (4) Upper bays for SATA, or SAS1, U.2 NVMe, M.2 NVMe2 drives
- (4) Lower bays for SATA or SAS1 drives
- Docking and Connectivity
 - Thunderbolt 3 port (Thunderbolt 2/Thunderbolt backward compatible)³ with 85W power delivery
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 - Type-C USB 3.2 Gen 2 (10Gb/s)
- Type-A USB 3.2 Gen 2 (10Gb/s)
- SD 4.0 (UHS-II) card reader
- CFexpress card reader (Type B)
- DisplayPort 1.44
- PCle Expansion
 - PCIe x16 slot (x16 physical, x4 electrical) for half-length, full-height, and single slot card
 - PCle card must operate with no driver or have a Thunderbolt-aware driver
 - GPUs are not supported

Software RAID Modes

- JBOD independent
- RAID 0, 1, 4, 5 and 1+0 (10) via SoftRAID engine

System Requirements

- Works with any Thunderbolt-equipped Mac
 - Mac: macOS 10.14 or later

Power Supply

- Internal, UL-listed, universal auto-switching
- AC input: 100 \sim 240V, 50/60Hz
- DC output: 12V 42A
- Total Wattage: 500W

Data Transfer Rate

Up to 2750MB/s

Operating Environment

- Environmental (Non-Operating)
- Temperature (°F): -40° to 149°
- Temperature (°C): -40° to 65°
- Environmental (Operating)
- Temperature (°F): 50° to 95°
- Temperature (°C): 10° to 35°

Includes

- OWC ThunderBay Flex 8
- Thunderbolt 3 cable
- External power cable
- Keys for front panel lock
- Hex key
- Quick start guide
- SoftRAID software bundle

Warranty

- Drives included Up to 5 Year OWC Limited Warranty
- Enclosure only 1 Year OWC Limited Warranty

Enclosure Dimensions

- 5.9 in (W) x 13.7 in (H) x 15.4 in (D)
- 14.9 cm (W) x 34.9 cm (H) x 39.0 cm (D)

Enclosure Weight (empty)

- 20.3 lb (9.2 kg)

Box Dimensions

- 10.2 in (W) x 20.2 in (H) x 17.9 in (D)
- 26 cm (W) x 51.3 cm (H) x 45.5 cm (D)

Box Weight

- 24.0 lb (10.9 kg)

Master Carton Dimensions - 1 piece

- 11.2 in (W) x 21.1 in (H) x 18.6 in (D)
- 28.5 cm (W) x 53.8 cm (H) x 47.3 cm (D)

Master Carton Weight

- 27.1 lb (12.3 kg)



1. Hoquires SAS arrive controller.

2. Requires MS to U2 adapter (so U2 adapter (so U2 adapter (sold separately)). This configuration provides data transfer at up to 23Gbb sub drose not support notebook charging.

4. Full DisplayPort 1.4 capabilities depends on host computer support of DisplayPort 1.4 specification through its Thunderbolt 3 connection, host computer GPU capabilities, and connecting cable capabilities.