Adaptec 71605 in 4U Chassis

Adaptec 71605 with straight mini SAS HD cable connector in a generic 4U chassis with storage bays for 2.5” or 3.5” drives with backplanes with SATA connectors and sideband

Requirements:
4U Chassis with SATA backplanes for 2.5” or 3.5” drives are one of the most flexible configurations because of the larger form factor of this chassis enclosure. This can still present some challenges for RAID adapter cards with respect to:

1. Limited performance of a PCIe Gen 3 RAID card with only 8 ports
2. Cables with straight connectors
3. Expander modules / Expander backplanes

Adaptec by PMC Series 7 RAID Solution:

- The Adaptec 16-port RAID adapter, an MD2, Low Profile card, easily plugs in to a PCI Gen3 slot, with 200 LFM airflow, in a 4U chassis and delivers maximum performance for up to 16 drives.
- Adaptec is the only PCIe Gen3, low profile RAID card available today with 16 native SAS/SATA ports. The 16 native ports take full advantage of the PCI Gen3 capabilities (16 x 6Gb/s SAS ports = 9.6 Gb/s) versus the overhead and cost of using two 8-port adapters or expanders.
- Adaptec’s straight connector mini SAS HD cables are ideal if there is a second card in the next slot. Right angle connector cables can also be used in this configuration. For more information on SAS HD cables visit: www.adaptec.com/cables

The illustration above is specific to an Adaptec 71605 with 16 internal ports connected to 8 drive bays. With a second card in the slot next to it, a mini SAS HD cable with a straight connector is recommended. If there is no card occupying the next slot a right-angle cable may also be use. If only 8 storage devices are needed, the Adaptec 7805 may also be used in this configuration.