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1 Introduction

This document provides design requirements for a new industry standard focused on single rail power supplies that will meet the existing mechanical size for power supplies while providing the opportunity for higher platform power efficiency. Multi-rail power supply design existed for many decades but as computers are evolving a new single main power rail input power is needed to increase efficiency of the power supply.

These single rail power supplies are primarily intended for use with desktop system designs. The key parameters that define mechanical fit across a common set of platforms does not change with existing power supply designs.

This Single Rail Power Supply Design Guide is intended to work for a majority of desktop computer designs. The multi-rail *Intel Desktop Power Supply Design Guide* (# [336521](#)), includes criteria for many different varieties of desktop computers. This document only details what needs to be included in the Single Rail Power Supply Industry standard. The REQUIRED sections are intended to be followed for all systems. The RECOMMENDED sections could be modified based on system design. Lastly there is a few section labels as OPTIONAL which would not be intended for all design but is helpful to some designs.

The specification name for this Power Supply Design is ATX12VO which stands for ATX 12V Only. If the mechanical size of the power supply is different than ATX, for example SFX then it would be SFX12VO.

1.1 Power Supplies – Alternative Low Power Mode

Computers are continuing to change and introducing new power states. One of these new power states is generically called an Alternative Low Power Mode (ALPM). Some examples of Alternative Low Power Modes are Microsoft* Modern Standby or Google* Chrome* Lucid Sleep. These low power states have created new requirements for power supplies. Below is a summary of these requirements as they are mentioned throughout the document. All ALPM features are required in this Single Rail Desktop Power Supply Design Guide.

- Section [3.2.4](#)
 - [Table 3-4](#) shows that ALPM requirements are at the 230 mA and 625 mA load levels.
- Section [3.3](#)
 - [Table 3-8](#) "Required" timing values of T1 and T3 support ALPM. Multi rail power supply design guide has the Required T1 and T3 timing values as recommended for ALPM.
- Section [9.2](#)
 - The number of times a PSU toggles on and off is expected to increase.

1.2 References

The following documents are referenced in various sections of this design guide. For guidelines not specifically mentioned here, refer to the appropriate document.



Document Description	Document Number / Source
IEEE Guide on the Surge Environment in Low-Voltage (1000 V and Less) AC Power Circuits	ANSI C62.41.1-2002
IEEE Guide on the Surge Environment in Low-Voltage (1000 V and Less) AC Power Circuits	ANSI C62.41.1-2002
IEEE Guide on Surge Testing for Equipment Connected to Low-Voltage AC Power Circuits	ANSI C62.45-2002
European Association of Consumer Electronics Manufacturers (EACEM*) Hazardous Substance List / Certification	AB13-94-146
American National Standard for Methods of Measurement of Radio-Noise Emissions from Low-Voltage Electrical and Electronic Equipment in the Range of 9 kHz to 40 GHz for EMI testing	ANSI C63.4-2014
IEC/UL/CSA 62368-1 IEC/UL/CSA 60950-1 EN 60950-1 EU Low Voltage Directive (2014/35/EU) GB-4943 (China) CNS 14336 (Taiwan BSMI) CISPR32/EN55032 (Electromagnetic compatibility of multimedia equipment - Emission requirements) EU EMC Directive (2014/30/EU) CISPR35/EN55035 (Electromagnetic compatibility multimedia equipment Immunity requirements) FCC Part 15 Class B (Radiated and Conducted Emissions)	

1.3 Terminology

The below table defines the acronyms, conventions, and terminology that are used throughout the design guide.

Table 1-1: Terminology

Acronym/ Convention/Term	Description
ALPM / ASM	Alternative Low Power Mode (ALPM)/Alternative Sleep Mode (ASM) replaces the traditional Sleep Mode (ACPI S3) and sometime Long Idle [Idle (S0) Display off] with a new lower power mode. An example of ALPM / ASM is Microsoft* Modern Standby or Lucid Sleep with Google* Chrome*
AWG	American Wire Gauge
BA	Declared sound power, LwAd. The declared sound power level shall be measured according to ISO 7779 for the power supply and reported according to ISO 9296.



Acronym/ Convention/Term	Description
CFM	Cubic Feet per Minute (airflow).
Monotonically	A waveform changes from one level to another in a steady fashion, without oscillation.
MTBF	Mean time between failure.
Noise	The periodic or random signals over frequency band of 0 Hz to 20 MHz.
Non-ALPM	Computers that do not use Alternative Low Power Mode use traditional Sleep Mode (ACPI S3).
Overcurrent	A condition in which a supply attempts to provide more output current than the amount for which it is rated. This commonly occurs if there is a "short circuit" condition in the load attached to the supply.
PFC	Power Factor Correction.
p-p	Peak to Peak Voltage Measurement.
PWR_OK	PWR_OK is a "power good" signal used by the system power supply to indicate that the +5VDC, +3.3 VDC and +12VDC outputs are above the under-voltage thresholds of the power supply.
Ripple noise	The periodic or random signals over a frequency band of 0 Hz to 20 MHz.
Rise Time	Rise time is defined as the time it takes any output voltage to rise from 10% to 90% of its nominal voltage.
SELV	Safety Extra Low Voltage - UL 60950-1 states that a SELV circuit is a "secondary circuit which is so designed and protected that under normal and single fault conditions, its voltages do not exceed a safe value." A "secondary circuit" has no direct connection to the primary power (AC mains) and derives its power via a transformer, converter or equivalent isolation device
Surge	The condition where the AC line voltage rises above nominal voltage.
VSB or Standby Voltage	An output voltage that is present whenever AC power is applied to the AC inputs of the supply.

Table 1-2: Support Terminology

Category	Description
Optional	The status given to items within this design guide, which are not required to meet design guide, however, some system applications may optionally use these features. May be a required or recommended item in a future design guide.
Recommended	The status given to items within this design guide, which are not required to meet design guide, however, are required by many system applications. May be a required item in a future design guide.
Required	The status given to items within this design guide, which are required to meet design guide and a large majority of system applications.



2 Processor Configurations

2.1 Recommended Configurations

The below table shows various processor configurations for 12V2 current recommendation.

Table 2-1: Processor Configurations – 12V2 Current

PSU 12V2 Capability Recommendations		
Processor TDP	Continuous Current	Peak Current
165 W	37.5 A	40 A
125 W	26 A	34 A
65 W	23 A	30 A
35 W	13 A	16.5 A

All future processor power / PSU Current requirements will be defined in a document titled *ATX12VO and ATX12V PSU Design Guide Addendum* (# [621484](#)) that will apply to both Single Rail and Multi Rail ATX Power Supplies.

The above Table 2-1 is associated with different power level requirements of the [10th Generation Intel Core Processor Family Datasheet](#) for 35W, 65W and 125W skus. The 165W sku is associated with Intel® Core™ X-Series Processors.

- Peak Power called ICCMax 10 ms Max (PL4) for -S Processors
- Continuous Power called PL2 Level for -S Processors

Reference Equation for 12V2 Capability Calculation:

12V2 Peak Current = (SOC Peak Power / VR efficiency) / 11.4V

12V2 Continuous Current = (SOC PL2 power / VR efficiency) / 11.4V

NOTES:

1. PSU rail voltage is 11.4V, 12V2 should be able to supply peak current for 10 ms.
2. Motherboard VR efficiency is 85% at TDC and 80% at SOC peak power (AKA IccMax)
3. Motherboard plane resistance is 1.1 mohm.
4. If the power supply supports the 240VA Energy Hazard protection requirement then Current levels for the 12 Volt rail above 20 Amps would have to be split into multiple 12V rails.

2.2 High End Desktop Market Processor Considerations

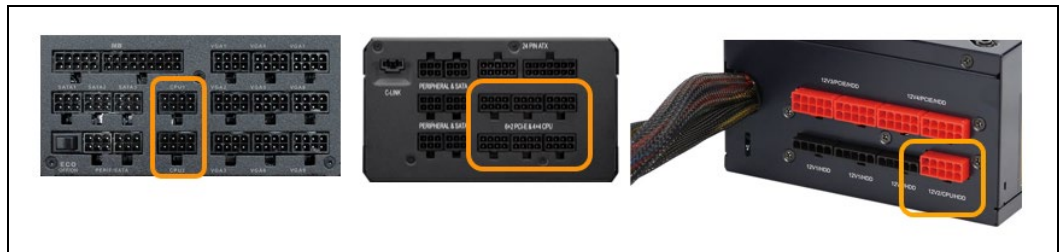
The High End Desktop market requires power supplies with higher power levels than the mainstream market. A Single Rail power supply can meet the needs of High End Desktop Computers. There can be unique needs for the High End Desktop market compared to the mainstream desktop market. Here in the Desktop Single Rail Power Supply design guide we are including higher power levels to incorporate these higher performance desktop computers.

2.2.1 Modular Power Supply Connectors

For power supplies to be made for multiple end user applications it is recommended to use a modular design with multiple cable options for the end user to decide how they want to use power. The CPU connectors on the motherboard are either a 4 pin (2x2) or 8 pin (2x4) connector, detailed in Section 4.2.2.3 [+12V CPU Power Connector](#). The graphics card connector is either a 6 pin (2x3) or 8 pin (2x4) connector detail in Section 4.2.2.4 [PCI-Express \(PCI-E\) Graphics Card Connector](#). Both of these connectors use the 12V rail to power the component, but use different pin locations and keying so they are not interchangeable. Therefore, a modular design is recommended for multiple end user possibilities.

The end user might decide to use the power supply with a lower power or non-overclocked CPU and multiple graphics cards in the system and need more power cables for the graphics cards. Another option is to use a higher power CPU that might be overclocked and require more power connectors and less graphics cards in that system. The connectors on the power supply provide 12V power and then the end user can decide which cable to plug in to provide 12V power in their computer.

Here are some example modular designs. The orange box in each picture shows that the connector on the power supply that provides 12V power rails.



Based on the amount of current that is needed to support a specific current (power) level the guideline to follow is 6-8 Amps per pin. This is based on 18 AWG wire and a solid connector pin. Based on this recommendation, here is how this can be applied to the CPU power connectors:

- 12-16A support for 2x2 (4pin) connector
- 18-24A support for 2x3 (6pin) connector
- 24-32A support for 2x4 (8pin) connector



This recommendation is based on common design practice. PSU and system designer may design or use differently and should be responsible for designing the PSU to meet all electrical, thermal, safety and reliability requirements based on the application of the PSU.

2.2.2 Overclocking Recommendations

The power levels listed in Section [2.1](#) are for processors that follow the Plan Of Record (POR) power levels that include Turbo Mode. If the processor is overclocked then power levels will be increased. If the power supply is expected to support end users who desire to overclock then the 12V power rail to the processor will need to be higher than what is listed in [Table 2-1](#).

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3 Electrical

The following electrical requirements are required and must be met over the environmental ranges as defined in Chapter 6 (unless otherwise noted).

3.1 AC Input (Required)

The below table lists AC input voltage and frequency requirements for continuous operation. The power supply shall be capable of supplying full-rated output power over two input voltage ranges rated 100-127 VAC and 200-240 VAC rms nominal. The correct input range for use in a given environment may be either switch-selectable or auto-ranging. The power supply shall automatically recover from AC power loss. The power supply must be able to start up under peak loading at 90 VAC.

Note: [OPTIONAL] 115 VAC or 230 VAC only power supplies are an option for specific geographical or other requirements.

Table 3-1: AC Input Line Requirements

Parameter	Minimum	Nominal ¹	Maximum	Unit
V _{in} (115 VAC)	90	115	135	VAC _{rms}
V _{in} (230VAC)	180	230	265	VAC _{rms}
V _{in} Frequency	47	-	63	Hz

NOTE:

- Nominal voltages for test purposes are considered to be within ± 1.0 V of nominal.

3.1.1 Input Over Current Protection (Required)

The power supply is required to incorporate primary fusing for input over current protection to prevent damage to the power supply and meet product safety requirements. Fuses should be slow-blow-type or equivalent to prevent nuisance trips.

3.1.2 Inrush Current (Required)

Maximum inrush current from power-on (with power-on at any point on the AC sine) and including, but not limited to, three line cycles, shall be limited to a level below the surge rating of the AC switch if present, bridge rectifier, and fuse components. Repetitive ON/OFF cycling of the AC input voltage must not damage the power supply or cause the input fuse to blow.

3.1.3 Input Under Voltage (Required)

The power supply is required to contain protection circuitry such that the application of an input voltage below the minimum specified in Table 3-1, must not cause damage to the power supply.



3.2 DC Output (Required)

The Single Rail Desktop Power Supply will use +12V for all main power to the computer with a +12VSB that will be used in Sleep, ALPM, or Off type modes. The +12V power can be split into multiple 12V rails to comply with 240VA safety requirements or be one large 12V rail depending on power supply and system manufacturing needs.

3.2.1 DC Voltage Regulation (Required)

The DC output voltages are required to remain within the regulation ranges shown in the below table, when measured at the load end of the output connectors under all line, load, and environmental conditions specified in Chapter 6.

Table 3-2: DC Output Voltage Regulation

Output	Range	Min	Nom	Max	Unit
+12V1DC ¹	±5%	+11.40	+12.00	+12.60	V
+12V2DC ²	±5%	+11.40	+12.00	+12.60	V
+12VSB	±5%	+11.40	+12.00	+12.60	V

NOTES:

1. At +12V1DC peak loading as defined in Table 2-1, regulation at the +12V1DC and +12V2DC outputs can go to ±5%.
2. At +12V2DC peak loading as defined in Table 2-1, regulation at the +12V1DC and +12V2DC outputs can go to ±5%.
3. Voltage tolerance is required at all connectors

3.2.2 DC Output Current (Required)

The below table summarizes the expected output transient step sizes for each output. The transient load slew rate is = 1.0 A/μs. All items in the below table are REQUIRED, unless specifically called out as RECOMMENDED.

Table 3-3: DC Output Transient Step Sizes

Output	Maximum Step Size (% of Rated Output Amps)	Maximum Step Size (A)
+12V1DC	40% (Required) 70% (Recommended)	-
+12V2DC	85%	-
+12V3/4	80% (Recommended)	
+12VSB	-	0.5

NOTES:

1. The numbers are based on the 10th gen Intel Core Desktop CPU family, subject to change. Contact your Intel representative for the up to date CPU electrical specification max step size of the CPUs that will be assembled for system integration.



2. 12V3/V4 rails are typically used for PCIe* Graphic card connectors. Some power supplies use one large 12V rail or other configurations. This recommendation comes from Graphics card recommendations and should be applied to the amount of current of the 12V rails associated with the graphic card connections. This is not an Intel requirement and so it will be treated as a recommendation during testing.

Output voltages should remain within the regulation limits of [Table 3-2](#), for instantaneous changes in load as specified in [Table 3-3](#) and for the following conditions:

- Simultaneous load steps on the +12 VDC output (all steps occurring in the same direction)
- Load-changing repetition rate of 50 Hz to 10 kHz
- AC input range as per Section [2.1](#) and Capacitive loading as per [Table 3-6](#)

3.2.3 Remote Sensing (Optional)

Remote sensing is optional. Remote sensing can accurately control motherboard loads by adding it to the PSU connector. The default sense should be connected to pin 10 of the main power connector. Refer to Section [4.2.2.1](#). The power supply should draw no more than 10 mA through the remote sense line to keep DC offset voltages to a minimum.

3.2.4 Other Low Power System Requirements (Required)

To help meet the Blue Angel* system requirements, RAL-UZ 78, US Presidential executive order 13221, ENERGY STAR*, ErP Lot6 requirements, CEC Computers Standard and other low Power system demands, it is recommended that the +12VSB standby supply power consumption should be as low as possible. In order to meet the 2013 ErP Lot 6 requirements and 2014 ErP Lot 3 requirements, and if any Computers use an Alternative Low Power Mode (ALPM) then the 5V standby efficiency should be met as shown in [Table 3-4](#) which is measured with the main outputs off (PS_ON# high state).



Table 3-4: Required System DC and AC Power Consumption

12VSB Load Target	12VSB Actual Load	Efficiency Target (Both 115V and 230V Input)	Remark
Max / Label	1.5A / Label	75%	Recommend
0.625 A		75%	ALPM and ErP* Lot 3 2014
400 mA		75%	Recommend
230 mA		75%	ALPM and ErP* Lot 3 2014
38 mA		55%	Recommended
19 mA		45%	ErP* Lot 6 2013

3.2.5 Output Ripple Noise (Required)

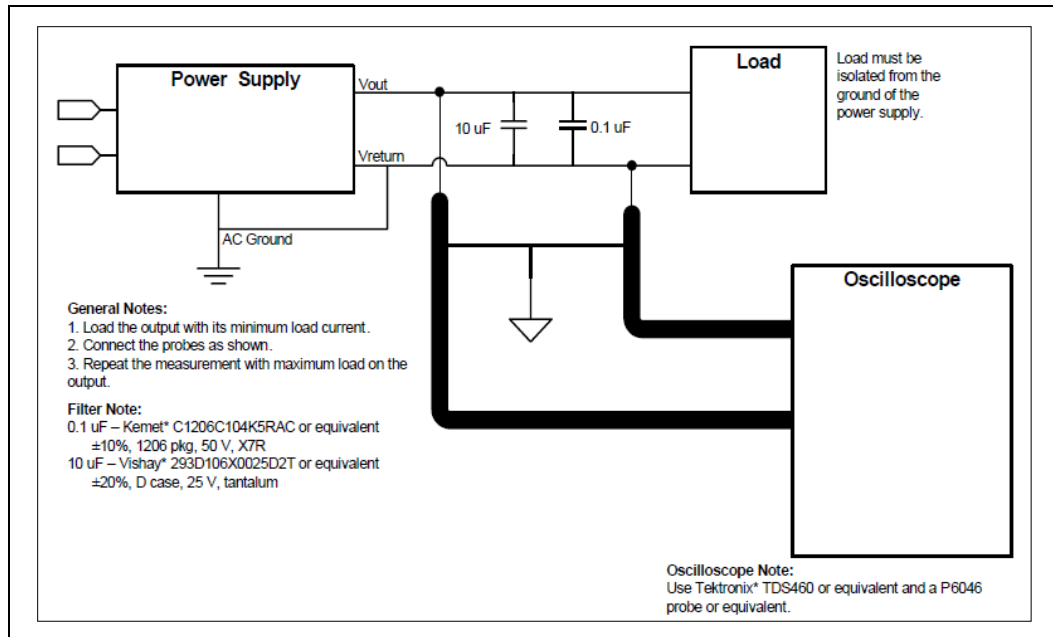
The output ripple and noise requirements listed in the below table must be met throughout the load ranges specified for the appropriate form factor and under all input voltage conditions as specified in [Table 3-1](#).

Ripple and noise are defined as periodic or random signals over a frequency band of 10 Hz to 20 MHz. Measurements must be made with an oscilloscope with 20 MHz of bandwidth. Outputs should be bypassed at the connector with a 0.1µF ceramic disk capacitor and a 10 µF electrolytic capacitor to simulate system loading. Refer to the below figure for the differential noise measurement setup.

Table 3-5: DC Output Noise/Ripple

Output	Maximum Ripple and Noise (mV p-p)
+12V1DC	120
+12V2DC	120
+12VSB	120

Figure 3-1: Differential Noise Test Setup



3.2.6 Capacitive Load (Recommended)

The power supply should be able to power up and operate within the regulation limits defined in [Table 3-2](#), with the following capacitances simultaneously present on the DC outputs.

Table 3-6: Output Capacitive Loads

Output	Capacitive Load (μF)
+12V1DC	3,300
+12V2DC	3,300
+12VSB	3,300

3.2.7 Closed Loop Stability (Required)

The power supply shall be unconditionally stable under all line/load/transient load conditions including capacitive loads specified in Section [3.2.6](#). A minimum of 45 degrees phase margin and 10 dB gain margin is recommended at both the maximum and minimum loads.

3.2.8 Multiple 12V Rail Power Sequencing (Required)

If the power supply has multiple +12VDC rails all output rails must reach its minimum in-regulation level (11.4V) within 20 ms of when the first +12VDC rail reaches its minimum in-regulation level (11.4V).

3.2.9 Voltage Hold-Up Time (Required)

The power supply shall maintain output regulations per Table 3-2 despite a loss of input power at the low-end nominal range-115 VAC / 47 Hz or 230 VAC / 47 Hz – at maximum continuous output load as applicable for a minimum of 17ms (T5+T6).

3.3 Timing, Housekeeping, and Control (Required)

Figure 3-2: Power on Timing

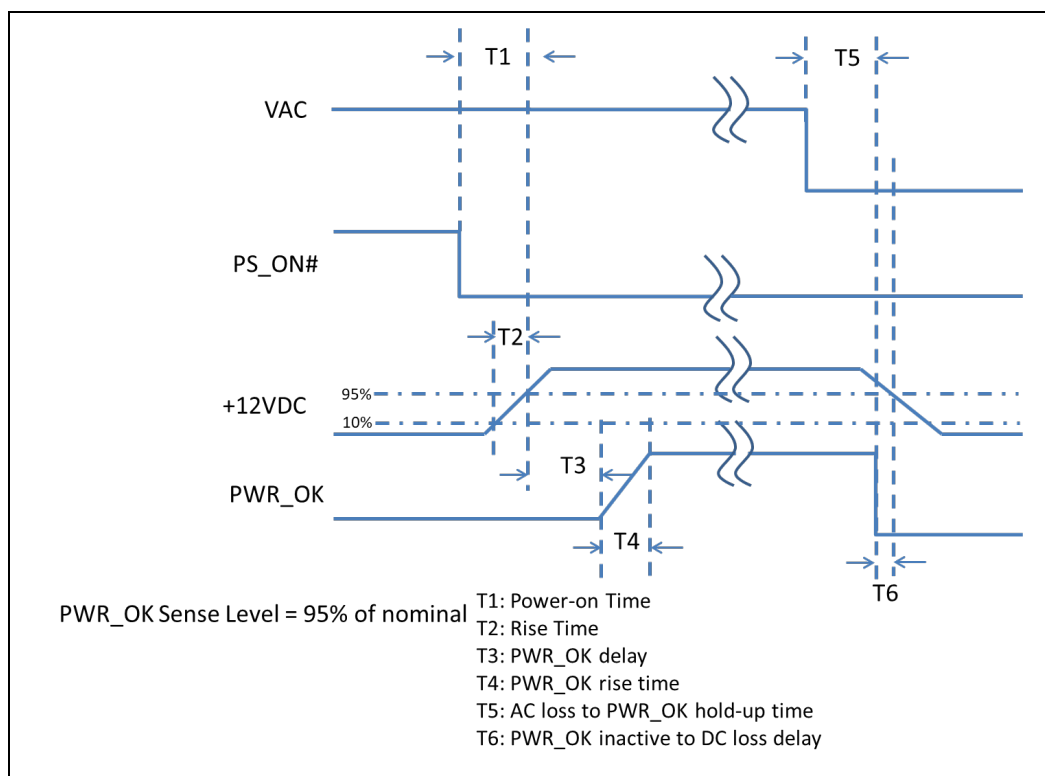


Table 3-7: Power Supply Timing

Parameter	Description	Value	
		Required	Recommended
T0	AC power on time ⁴	<2s	
T1	Power-on time ³	<150ms ¹	<100ms
T2	Rise time	0.2 – 20 ms	
T3	PWR_OK delay ³	1ms – 150ms ¹	1-100ms
T4	PWR_OK rise time	< 10 ms	
T5	AC loss to PWR_OK hold-up time ³	> 16 ms ²	



Parameter	Description	Value	
		Required	Recommended
T6	PWR_OK inactive to DC loss delay	> 1 ms	

NOTES:

1. T1 and T3 required values are set to meet timing requirement for computers that use ALPM.
2. T5 to be defined for both max/min load condition.
3. PSUs are recommended to label or indicate the timing value for system designer and integrator reference for T1 and T3. This allows system designers to optimize “turn on” time within the system.
4. T0 is shown in Section [3.3.3](#), [Figure 4](#).

3.3.1 PWR_OK (Required)

PWR_OK is a “power good” signal. This signal shall be asserted high by the power supply to indicate that the +12 VDC output are within the regulation thresholds listed in [Table 3-2](#) and that sufficient mains energy is stored by the converter to guarantee continuous power operation within the specification for at least the duration specified in Section [3.2.9](#). Conversely, PWR_OK shall be de-asserted to a low state when any of the +12 VDC output voltages falls below its voltage threshold, or when mains power has been removed for a time sufficiently long enough, such that power supply operation cannot be guaranteed. The electrical and timing characteristics of the PWR_OK signal are given in the below table.

Table 3-8: PWR_OK Signal Characteristics

Signal Type	+5 V TTL compatible
Logic Level Low	< 0.4 V while sinking 4 mA
Logic Level High	Between 2.4 V and 5 V output while sourcing 200 μ A
High State Output Impedance	1 k Ω from output to common
Max Ripple/Noise	400 mV p-p

3.3.2 PS_ON# (Required)

PS_ON# is an active-low, TTL-compatible signal that allows a motherboard to remotely control the power supply in conjunction with features such as soft on/off, Wake on LAN, or wake-on-modem. When PS_ON# is pulled to TTL low, the power supply shall turn on the main DC output rail: +12 VDC. When PS_ON# is pulled to TTL high or open-circuited, the DC output rails should not deliver current and should be held at zero potential with respect to ground. PS_ON# has no effect on the +12VSB output, which is always enabled whenever the AC power is present. The below table lists PS_ON# signal characteristics.

The power supply shall provide an internal pull-up to TTL high. The power supply shall also provide de-bounce circuitry on PS_ON# to prevent it from oscillating on/off at



startup when activated by a mechanical switch. The DC output enable circuitry must be SELV-compliant in case a human touches the PS_ON# pin.

The power supply shall not latch into a shutdown state when PS_ON# is driven active by pulses between 10 ms to 100 ms during the decay of the power rails.

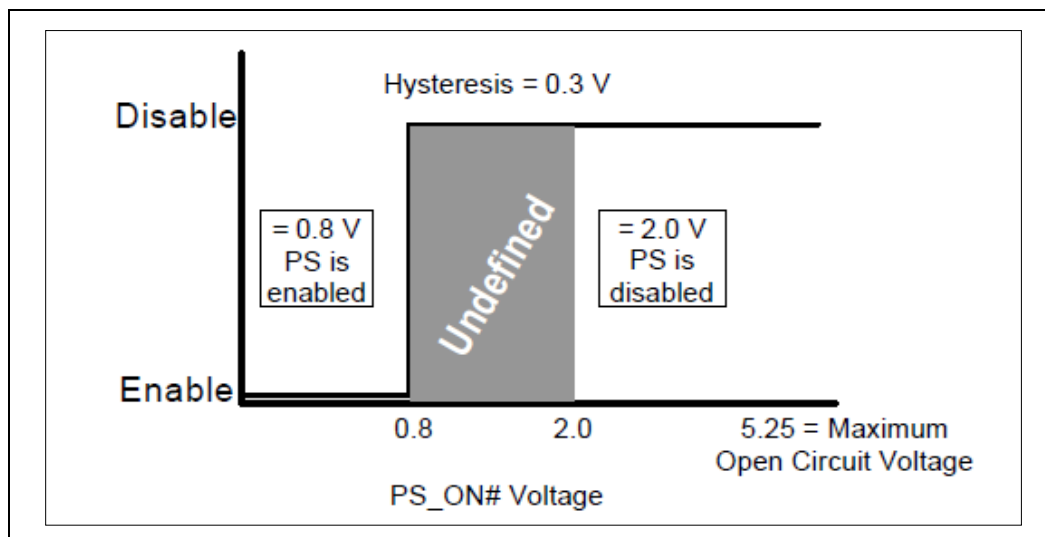
Table 3-9: PS_ON# Signal Characteristics

Parameter	Minimum	Maximum
V_{IL}	0	0.8 V
I_{IL} ($V_{IN} = 0.4$ V)	-	-1.6 mA ¹
V_{IH} ($I_{IN} = 200$ μ A)	2.0 V	-
V_{IH} open circuit	-	-5.25 V
Ripple / Noise		400 mV p-p

NOTES:

1. Negative current indicates that the current is flowing from the power supply to the motherboard.
2. Due to PS_ON# toggle on/off frequently, system and PSU components reliability should be considered based on the days, months or years of claimed warranty listed on product specification. Refer to Section 9.2 covers this topic in more detail.

Figure 3-3: PS_ON# Signal Characteristics



3.3.3 +12VSB (Required)

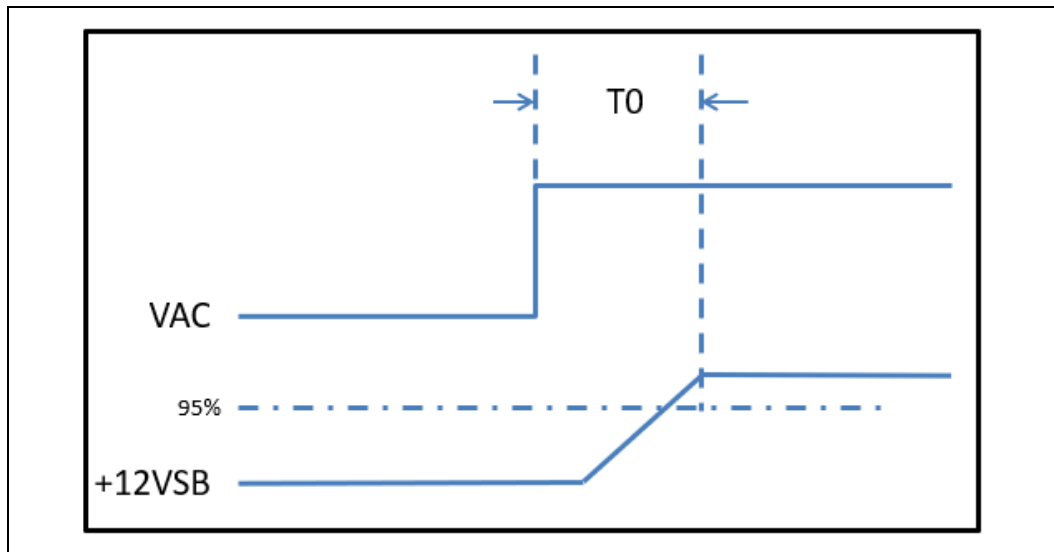
+12VSB is a standby supply output that is active whenever the AC power is present. This output provides a power source for circuits that must remain operational when the main 12V DC output rails are in a disabled state. Example uses include soft power control, Wake on LAN, wake-on-modem, intrusion detection, Alternative Low Power Modes (ALPM) or suspend state activities.

The power supply must be able to provide the required power during a “wake up” event. If an external USB device generates the event, there may be peak currents around 2.0 A or higher, lasting no more than 500ms.

Over current protection is required on the +12VSB output regardless of the output current rating. This ensures the power supply will not be damaged if external circuits draw more current than the supply can provide.

With new modes of operation for computers like Alternative Low Power Modes (ALPM) the continuous current rating of the 12VSB rail is recommended to be at least 1.5 A (18 Watts). Some scenarios like USB Power Charging in Sleep or ALPM could require more current on the 12VSB rail like 2.0 Amps or more depending on the design.

Figure 3-4: +12VSB Power on Timing versus VAC



3.3.4 Power-On Time (Required)

The power-on time is defined as the time from when PS_ON# is pulled low to when the +12 VDC output is within the regulation ranges specified in [Table 3-2](#). The power-on time shall be less than 150 ms ($T1 < 150$ ms).

+12VSB shall have a power-on time of two second maximum after application of valid AC voltages as shown in the above figure. The 12VSB power on time is T0 as listed in Section [3.3.3](#).

3.3.5 Rise Time (Required)

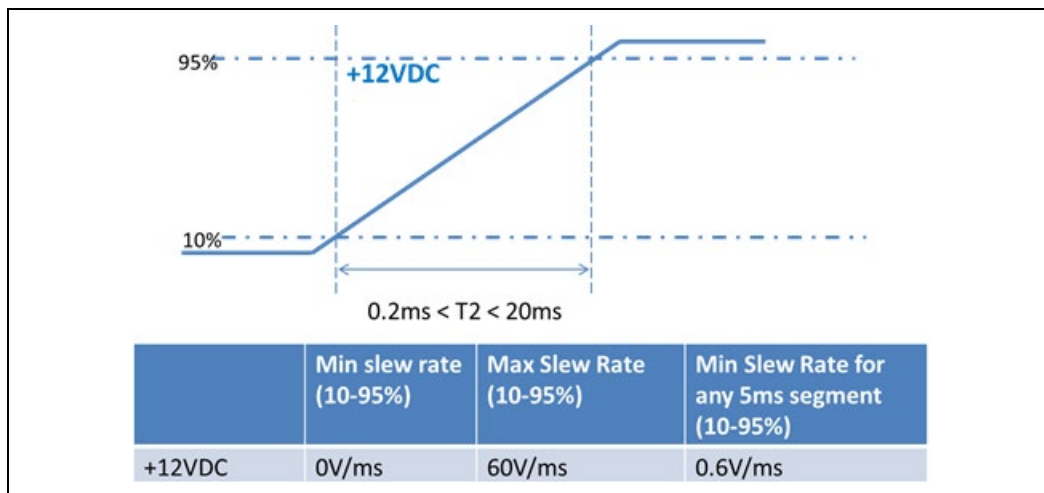
The output voltages shall rise from 10% of nominal to within the regulation ranges specified in [Table 3-2](#) within 0.2 ms to 20 ms ($0.2 \text{ ms} \leq T2 \leq 20 \text{ ms}$). The total time for Rise time of each voltage is listed in [Table 3-7](#) as T2.

There must be a smooth and continuous ramp of each DC output voltage from 10% to 95% of its final set point within the regulation band, while loaded as specified.



The smooth turn-on requires that, during the 10% to 95% portion of the rise time, the slope of the turn-on waveform must be positive and have a value of between 0 V/ms and $[V_{out, nominal} / 0.2]$ V/ms. Also, for any 5 ms segment of the 10% to 95% rise time waveform, a straight line drawn between the end points of the waveform segment must have a slope $\geq [V_{out, nominal} / 20]$ V/ms.

Figure 3-5: Rise Time Characteristics



3.3.6 Overshoot at Turn-On/Turn-Off (Required)

The output voltage overshoot upon the application or removal of the input voltage, or the assertion/de-assertion of PS_ON#, under the conditions specified in [Table 3-2](#), shall be less than 10% above the nominal voltage. No voltage of opposite polarity shall be present on any output during turn-on or turn-off.

3.4 Reset After Shutdown

If the power supply latches into a shutdown state because of a fault condition on its outputs, the power supply shall return to normal operation only after the fault has been removed and the PS_ON# has been cycled OFF/ON with a minimum OFF time of one second.

3.4.1 +12VSB at Power-Down (Required)

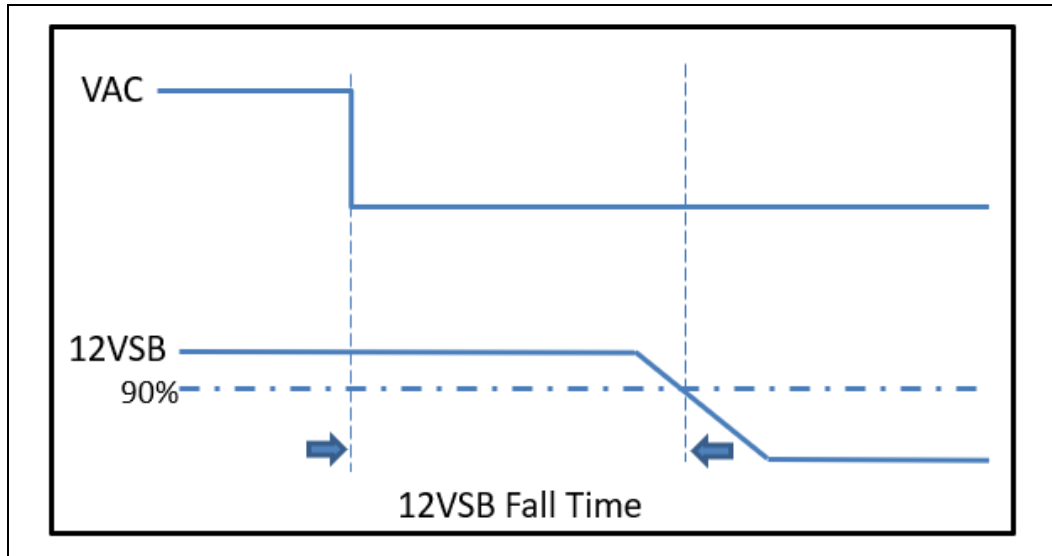
After AC power is removed, the +12VSB standby voltage output shall remain at its steady state value for the minimum hold-up time specified in [Section 3.2.9](#) until the output begins to decrease in voltage. The decrease shall be monotonic in nature, dropping to 0.0 V. There shall be no other disturbances of this voltage at or following removal of AC power.

3.4.2 +12VSB Fall Time (Recommendation)

Power supply 12VSB is recommended to go down to low level within 2 seconds under

any load condition after AC power is removed as shown in the below figure. Intel test plan will test at Light 20% Load. If system requires specific +12VSB fall time, the PSU design is recommended to support it.

Figure 3-6: 12VSB Fall Time



3.5 Output Protection

3.5.1 Over Voltage Protection (OVP) (Required)

The over voltage sense circuitry and reference shall reside in packages that are separate and distinct from the regulator control circuitry and reference. No single point fault shall be able to cause a sustained over voltage condition on any or all outputs. The supply shall provide latch-mode over voltage protection as defined in the below table.

Table 3-10: Over Voltage Protection

Output	Minimum (V)	Nominal (V)	Maximum (V)
+12 VDC (or 12V1DC and 12V2DC)	13.4	15.0	15.6
+12VSB ¹	13.4	15.0	15.6

NOTE:

- Over voltage protection is RECOMMENDED but not REQUIRED for this output. While over voltage protection is not required for this output, system damage may occur in the case of an over voltage event.



3.5.2 Short Circuit Protection (SCP) (Required)

An output short circuit is defined as any output impedance of less than 0.1 ohms. The power supply shall shut down and latch off for shorting +12V DC rails to return. The +12V1 DC and 12V2 DC should have separate short circuit and over current protection. Shorts between main output rails and +12VSB shall not cause any damage to the power supply. The power supply shall either shut down and latch off or fold back for shorting the negative rails. +12VSB must be capable of being shorted indefinitely. When the short is removed, it is recommended that the power supply shall recover automatically or by cycling PS_ON#. Optionally, the power supply may latch off when a +12VSB short circuit event occurs. The power supply shall be capable of withstanding a continuous short circuit to the output without damage or overstress to the unit (for example, to components, PCB traces, and connectors) under the input conditions specified in [Table 3-1](#).

3.5.3 No-Load Situation (Required)

No damage or hazardous condition shall occur with all the DC output connectors disconnected from the load. The power supply may latch into the shutdown state.

3.5.4 Over Current Protection (OCP) (Required)

Current protection shall be designed to limit the current to operate within safe operating conditions.

Over current protection schemes, where only the voltage output that experiences the over current event is shut off, may be adequate to maintain safe operation of the power supply and the system; however, damage to the motherboard or other system components may occur. The recommended over current protection scheme is for the power supply to latch into the shutdown state. PSU connectors, cables and all other components should not be melted or damaged prior reaching to the OCP trigger.

3.5.5 Over Temperature Protection (OTP) (Required)

The power supply shall include an over-temperature protection sensor, which can trip and shut down the power supply at a preset temperature point. Such an overheated condition is typically the result of internal current overloading or a cooling fan failure. If the protection circuit is non-latching, then it should have hysteresis built in to avoid intermittent tripping. PSU connectors, cables and all other components should not be melted or damaged prior reaching to the OCP trigger.

3.5.6 Output Bypass (Required)

The output return shall be connected to the power supply chassis and will be connected to the system chassis by the system components.

3.5.7 Separate Current Limit for 12V2 (Recommended)

The 12 V rail on the 2x2 power connector should be a separate current limited output to meet the requirements of UL and EN 60950.



3.5.8 Overall Power Supply Efficiency Levels

The efficiency of the power supply should be tested at nominal input voltage of 115 VAC input and 230 VAC input, under the load conditions defined in the *Generalized Test Protocol for Calculating the Energy Efficiency of Internal Ac-Dc and Dc-Dc Power Supplies* document. This document defines how to determine full load criteria based on the label of each rail of the power supply. The loading condition for testing efficiency represent fully loaded systems, typical (50%) loaded systems, and light (20%) loaded systems.

One of the main reasons to move to a Single Rail Desktop Power Supply design is the opportunity to increase overall efficiency. With that the Efficiency requirements are equivalent to 80 Plus Bronze levels with the 80 Plus program. The Efficiency requirements listed below are applicable to AC Input voltage of 115V.

Table 3-11: Efficiency versus Load Minimum Requirements

Loading	Full Load (100%)	Typical Load (50%)	Light Load (20%)
REQUIRED Minimum Efficiency	82%	85%	82%

Low Load Efficiency:

Computers have decreased Idle power greatly since 2005, to where PSU loss is a big concern for overall AC power of a computer in Idle Mode. The lowest DC load for computers at this Idle Mode is determined to be 10 Watts for PSU designs. Computers with PSU larger than 500 Watts are also expected to have more components and therefore the Idle Mode will be at a higher DC Load. The PSU above 500 Watts will use the Low Load Efficiency set at the 2% level.

Low Load Efficiency is another significant advantage for Single Rail Desktop Power Supplies. Therefore, the Low Load Efficiency requirements are aggressive to help computers meet Energy Regulations that require a very low Idle Power.

Low Load Efficiency requirements are based on overall DC power output. These values are shown in the below table.

Table 3-12: Low Load Efficiency Requirements' Dependency on Overall PSU Size

DC Output Rating (W)	10W Load	2% Load
<400W	>75%	
400W – 500W	>72%	
>500W	-	>72%

The 10 Watt testing load conditions are defined as:

Table 3-13: 10W Load Condition in Amps for PSU Less Than 500 Watts

Load	+12VSB	+12V
10W	0.04 A	0.80 A



3.5.9 Power Supply Efficiency for Energy Regulations - ENERGY STAR* and CEC PC Computers with High Expandability Score (Recommended)

The efficiency of the power supply should be tested at nominal input voltage of 115 VAC input and 230 VAC input, under the load conditions defined in the form factor specific sections, and under the temperature and operating conditions defined in Chapter 6. The loading condition for testing efficiency represent fully loaded systems, typical (50%) loaded systems, and light (20%) loaded systems. For systems being sold into the state of California that meets the High Expandability Computer definition (details at the referenced CEC website below) it is required to meet the efficiency target list in Table 3-15.

- Visit ENERGY STAR* Computers Ver.8 website for more details:
https://www.energystar.gov/products/spec/computers_version_8_0_pd
- Visit CEC* website for more details:
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/2019-AAER-01/>
or <https://energycodeace.com/content/reference-ace-t20-tool>, then select section "(v) Computers..."

Note: Visit ENERGY STAR* and CEC website for the latest specification update.

Table 3-14: ENERGY STAR* - Efficiency versus Load

Loading	Full Load (100%)	Typical Load (50%)	Light Load (20%)	PFC @ 50% Load	Remarks
RECOMMENDED Minimum Efficiency	82%	85%	82%	≥ 0.9	ES v8 for 500W and below
RECOMMENDED Minimum Efficiency	87%	90%	87%	≥ 0.9	ES v8 for above 500W



Table 3-15: Efficiency versus Load for CEC PC Computers with High Expandability Computers¹

Loading	Full Load (100%)	Typical Load (50%)	Light Load (20%)	PFC
REQUIRED Minimum Efficiency for 115V PSU	87%	90%	87%	≥ 0.9 @ 50% load
REQUIRED Minimum Efficiency for 230V PSU	88%	92%	88%	≥ 0.9 @ 50% load

¹Details about High Expandability Computers definition check CEC computer regulation.

The RECOMMENDED minimum efficiency levels shown in [Table 3-14](#) are required for internal power supplies within the ENERGY STAR* for Computers Version 8.0 specification.

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4 Mechanical

This chapter contains mechanical guidelines that apply to desktop power supplies regardless of mechanical form factor. For mechanical form factor specific design guides refer to Chapter [10](#) through Chapter [14](#).

4.1 Labeling and Marking (Recommended)

The following is a non-inclusive list of suggested markings for each power supply unit. Product regulation stipulations for sale into various geographies may impose additional labeling requirements.

Manufacturer information: manufacturer's name, part number and lot date code, etc., in human-readable text and/or bar code formats.

Nominal AC input operating voltages (100-127 VAC and 200-240 VAC) and current rating certified by all applicable safety agencies.

DC output voltages and current ratings.

Access warning text ("Do not remove this cover. Trained service personnel only. No user serviceable components inside.") must be in English, German, Spanish, French, Chinese, and Japanese with universal warning markings.

Power Supplies are recommended to label or tag Power Supply Design Guide revision compliance level to reflect the timing supported. It is also recommended to include these timings in product documentation. There are two levels of timing for T1 and T3 a power supply can support as detailed in Table 3-7 . This will help system integrators and end users know the T1 and T3 timing that a power supply can support. `

4.2 Connectors (Required)

4.2.1 AC Connector

The AC input receptacle shall be an IEC 320 type or equivalent. In lieu of a dedicated switch, the IEC 320 receptacle may be considered the mains disconnect.

4.2.2 DC Connectors

[Table 4-2](#) shows pin outs and profiles for typical power supply DC harness connectors. The power supply requires an additional two-pin, power connector.

UL Listed or recognized component appliance wiring material rated min 85 °C, 300 VDC shall be used for all output wiring.

There are no specific requirements for output wire harness lengths, as these are largely a function of the intended end-use chassis, motherboard, and peripherals. Ideally, wires should be short to minimize electrical/airflow impedance and simplify manufacturing, yet they should be long enough to make all necessary connections without any wire tension (which can cause disconnections during shipping and handling). Minimum harness lengths for general-use power supplies is 150 mm for all wire harnesses. That is very short, and most power supplies need wire harness cables longer than 150mm, consider market conditions and chassis sizes for power supply



market wire harness lengths. Measurements are made from the exit port of the power supply case to the wire side of the first connector on the harness.

4.2.2.1 Main Power Connector (Required)

Main Power Connector for motherboard with control and standby rail connections are required. Smaller board sizes can only use this connector.

Table 4-1: 4.2 mm Power Header Main Power Connector Part Numbers

Company	Motherboard Connector Part Number	Cable Connector Part Number
CviLux Corp.*	CP0131013E-HC-NH-X22 (94V-0 black)	CP-01110031-X22 (94V-0 black)
JOINT TECH ELECTRONIC*	C4255WVA-F4-2X05PN0BT1NS3B	C4255HF-2X05PN0BNPNS3G
Amphenol*	10157976-1022BPLF	10158000-101LF
Lotes*	GAP-APOW0106-P001A01	GAP-ABA-WAF-903
Foxconn*	HMBA050-K3FF2-4H	
Wieson*	AC2211-0009-003-HH	AB9001-0009-005-HH

The mating pilers are unique to this design, refer to the figure below below. Note that connector color can be changed, work with connector companies to check what they provide. Motherboard connector color is recommended to be white to show that power into the board is different color than power going out of the board (3 mm SATA Power Connector), which is recommended to be black.

This connector may be provided by other connector companies beyond what is listed above. Contact the preferred connector provider for details. Below is the key for this connector, from motherboard connector view. 18 AWG is recommended for all wires. Connector needs to support 8 Amps per pin.

Figure 4-1: 4.2 mm Power Header 10 pin Main Power - Pin Locations

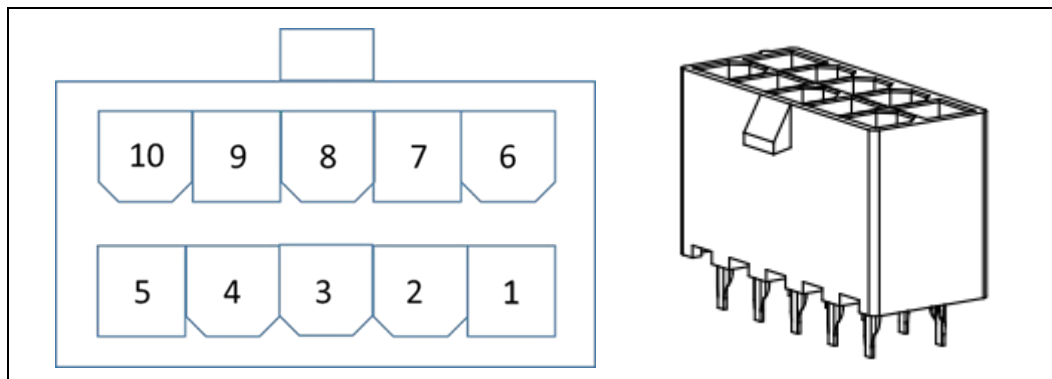
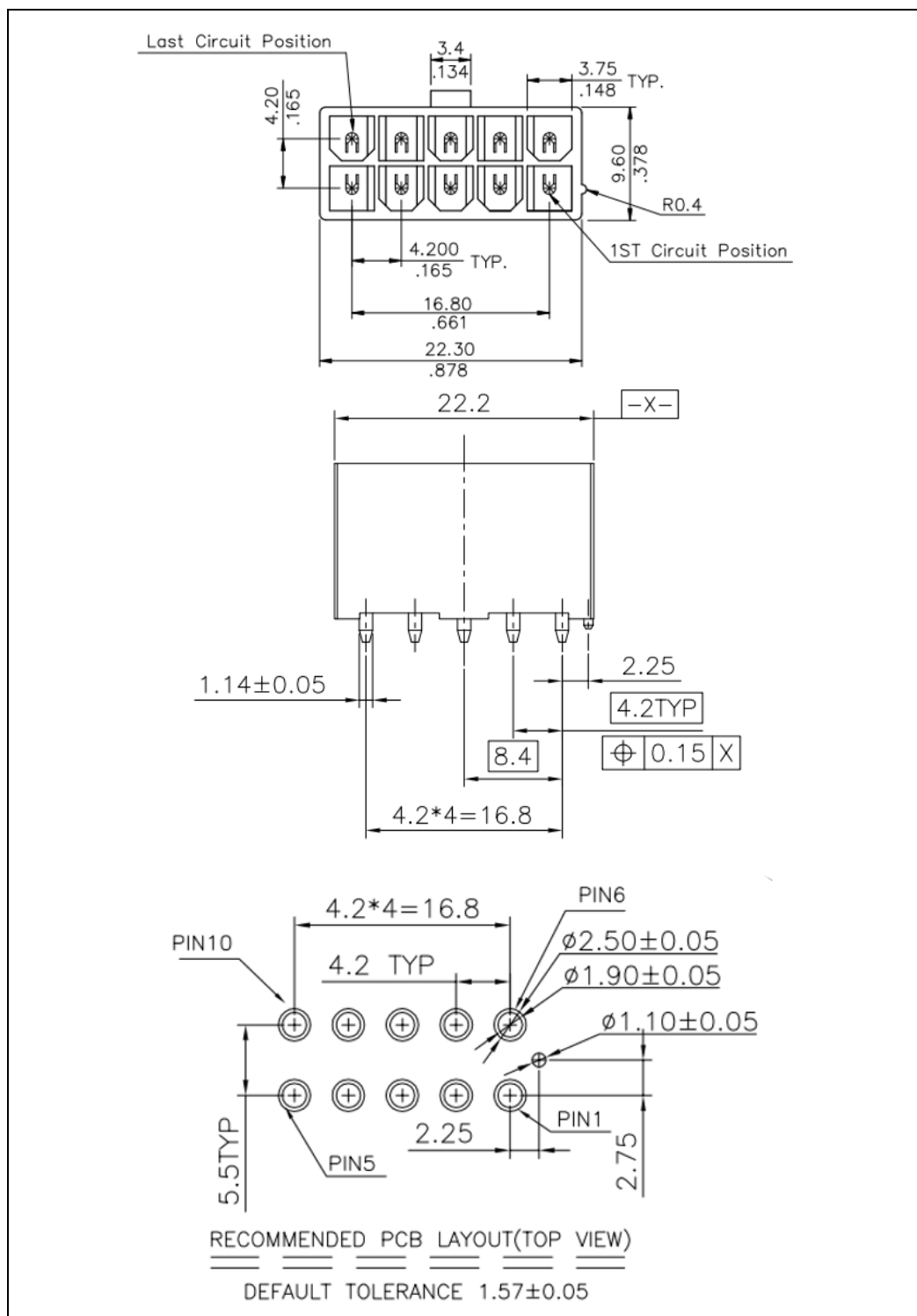


Figure 4-2: 4.2 mm Power Header 10 pin Main Power – Motherboard Connector, PC Board Layout with Dimensions



**Table 4-2: Main Power Connector Pin-Out**

Pin	Signal	Color	Pin	Signal	Color
1	PS_ON#	Green	6	PWR_OK	Gray
2	COM	Black	7	+12VSB	Purple
3	COM	Black	8	+12V1 DC	Yellow
4	COM	Black	9	+12V1 DC	Yellow
5	Reserved	TBD	10	+12V1 DC [12V Sensing Pin]	Yellow [Brown]

This power connector is designed as the main board connector and for smaller to medium size boards this is the only connector that is needed. This connector can provide up to 216 to 288 watts of power using the assumption that each pin can provide 6-8 Amps. Board designers need to figure out total board power and if this single connector provides enough power for each board.

Pin 10 is used for both main 12V Power and the optional Voltage Sensing wire. Voltage Sensing Pin details in Section [3.2.3](#).

4.2.2.2 Extra Board Connector (Required) (For PSU)

If board power requirements are higher than what can be provided by the 10 pin Main Board Connector, the Extra Board Power connector can be used. This connector can provide an additional 216-288 watts of power. Two connectors can also be used if 240VA requirements are needed per connector.

The Extra Board Connector is designed for larger motherboards that that have multiple PCIe* connectors, multiple USB, or other expansion slots.

This connector is the same as the PCIe* Graphics Card Connector.

Table 4-3: Extra Board Power Connector 6 Pin Connector Pin-out

Pin	Signal	Color ¹	Pin	Signal	Color ¹
1	+12V1	Yellow	4	COM	Black
2	+12V1	Yellow	5	COM	Black
3	+12V1	Yellow	6	COM	Black

NOTE:

- 18 AWG wire.

4.2.2.3 +12V CPU Power Connector (Required)

Connector: Molex* 0039012040 or equivalent.

Contact: Molex* 44476-1112 (HCS) or equivalent (Mating motherboard connector is Molex* 39-29-9042 or equivalent).

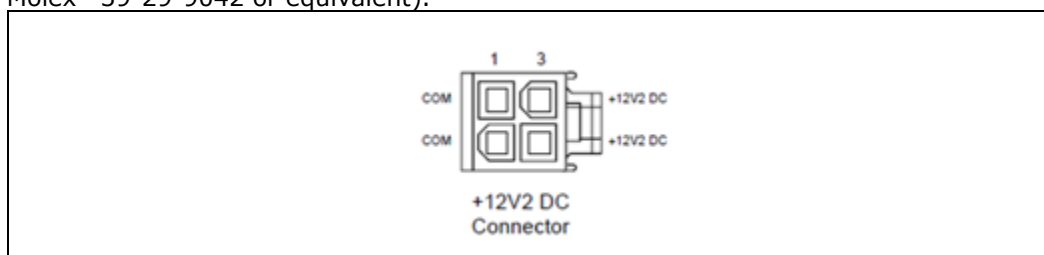


Table 4-4: +12V Power 4 Pin Connector Pin-out

Pin	Signal	Color ¹	Pin	Signal	Color ¹
1	COM	Black	3	+12V2 DC	Yellow
2	COM	Black	4	+12V2 DC	Yellow

NOTE:

5. 18 AWG wire.

Table 4-5: +12V Power 8 Pin Connector Pin-Out

Pin	Signal	Color ¹	Pin	Signal	Color ¹
1	COM	Black	5	+12V2 DC	Yellow
2	COM	Black	6	+12V2 DC	Yellow
3	COM	Black	7	+12V2 DC	Yellow
4	COM	Black	8	+12V2 DC	Yellow

NOTE:

6. 18 AWG wire.

4.2.2.4 PCI Express* (PCIe*) Graphics Card Connector (Recommended)

This is an optional connector for the power supply to support additional power needed by a discrete graphics card over 75 watts.

Table 4-6: PCIe* Graphics Card 6 Pin Connector Pin-out

Pin	Signal	Color ¹	Pin	Signal	Color ¹
1	+12V3/V4	Yellow	4	COM	Black
2	+12V3/V4	Yellow	5	COM	Black
3	+12V3/V4	Yellow	6	COM	Black

NOTE:

1. 18 AWG wire.

Table 4-7: PCIe* Graphics Card 8 Pin (6+2) Connector Pin-out

Pin	Signal	Color ¹	Pin	Signal	Color ¹
1	+12V3/V4	Yellow	5	COM	Black
2	+12V3/V4	Yellow	6	COM	Black
3	+12V3/V4	Yellow	7	COM	Black
4	COM	Black	8	COM	Black

NOTE:

2. 18 AWG wire.

4.2.2.5 Peripheral Connectors (Optional)

Recommended for PSU designed for High End Desktop and Gaming systems that might need 12V power for Fans, LEDs, or Liquid Cooling pumps. Only populate pins 1 and 2.

Connector: AMP* 1-480424-0 or Molex* 15-24-4048 or equivalent.

Contacts: AMP* 61314-1 or equivalent.

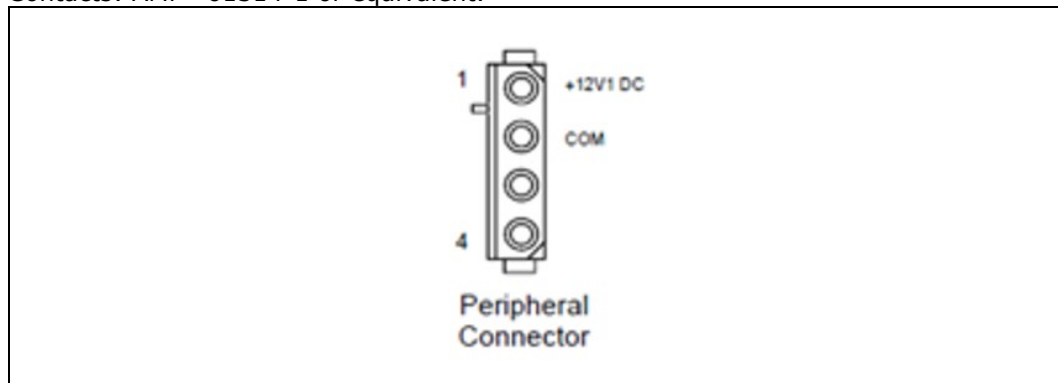




Table 4-8: Peripheral Connector Pin-out

Pin	Signal	Color ¹
1	+12V1 DC	Yellow
2	COM	Black
3	No connect	
4	No connect	

NOTE:

3. 18 AWG wire.

4.3 Connector from Motherboard to Storage Devices (Reference)

Other components that require both 12V and 5V power like SATA Storage and Optical drives will now need to get their power from the motherboard. The motherboard will provide the voltage regulator that converts 12V power into 5V. This connector needs to be **Black** for both the cable and board connector to easily identify that power is coming out of the power and is not a connector that needs power from the power supply.

This is included in the power supply design guide to provide an industry standard connection from motherboard to these Storage and/or other devices using these connectors.

4.3.1 Motherboard Connector

Motherboard needs to provide power for Storage devices because they need both 12V and 5V. The motherboard is recommended to provide power to either 4, 6, or 8 storage drives. Current and near future platforms support 6-8 SATA connections. Based on market, board size and cost considerations the amount of storage drives supported needs to be considered. Based on per storage drive max requirements of 12V @ 2-2.5 amps and 5V @ 1 amp, below are details for two options. If per drive power increases then number of drives per connector would also change.

Two connector options listed below to support 2 drives or 4 drives per connector based on motherboard need. Both connector options follow the **3 mm ATX12VO SATA Power Header** dual row vertical through hole product type. These connector must supports 5A per pin.

4.3.1.1 Supporting 2 SATA Drives with 4 Pin Connector Details

Table 4-9: 3 mm SATA Power 4 Pin Connector Part Numbers

Company	Motherboard Connector Part Number	SATA Power Cable Connector Part Number
Amphenol*	10157705-041B2GLF	10157706-04B20LF
Foxconn*	HMHA020-L2G31-4G	---
JOINT TECH ELECTRONIC*	2X02P: C3030WVF-F-2X02PNLBM1N00B	C3030HFF-2X02PN0BNPN00G
Lotes*	APOW0041-P001A01	ABA-WAF-895-P01
Wieson*	AC2211-0009-001-HH	AB9001-0009-001-00

More connectors options may exist. Contact your preferred connector company to verify if they can provide the connector described in this document.

Table 4-10: SATA MB Power 4 Pin Connector Pin-out

Pin	Volts	Color	Max Amp Per SATA HDD	Amp Per Conn Pin to Support 2 SATA Devices
1	GND	Black	1.02	2.04
2	GND	Black	2.5	5
3	12	Yellow	2.5	5
4	5	Red	1.02	2.04

The motherboard connection for this part does have 1 post that provides a mechanical key for the connection next to the last circuit, just like the 6 pin connector does.

Figure 4-3: 3 mm SATA Power 4 Pin MB Header – Motherboard Connector Diagram (Pin Locations and Latch location)

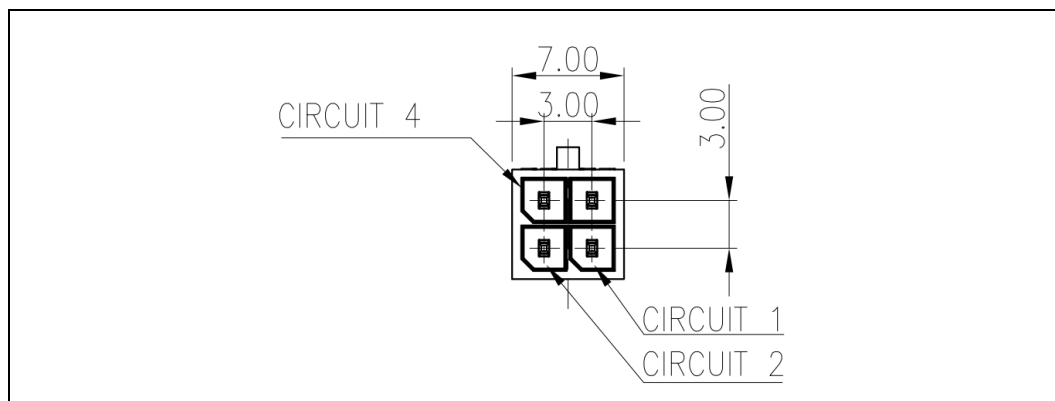
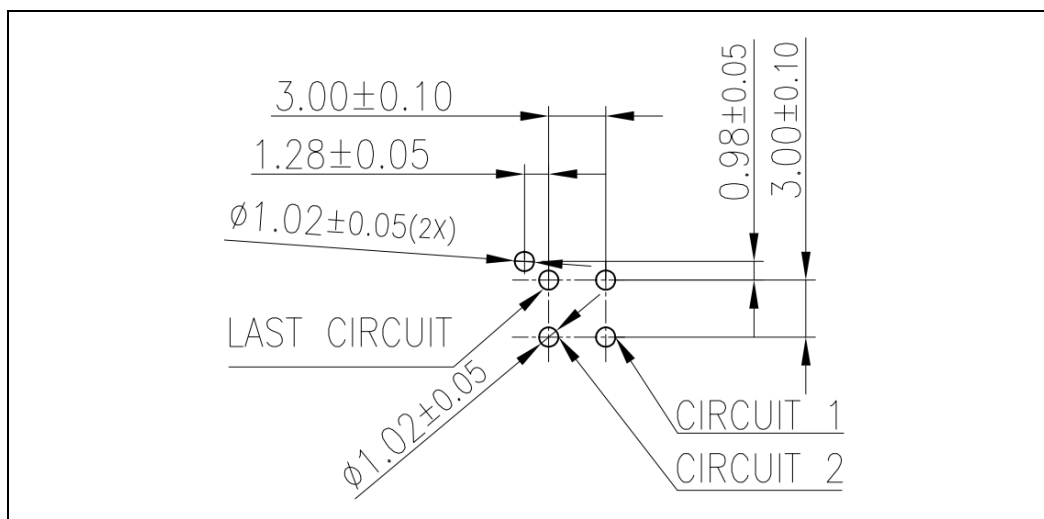


Figure 4-4: 3 mm SATA Power 4 Pin MB Header – Recommended PCB Layout (Top Layer View)



The 4 pin storage drive connector option recommended cable has 2 storage drive connections over the length of the cable.

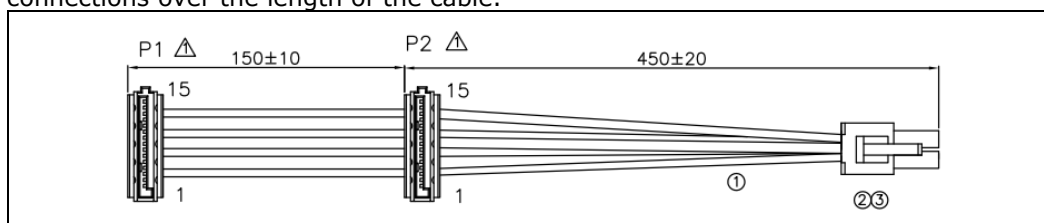
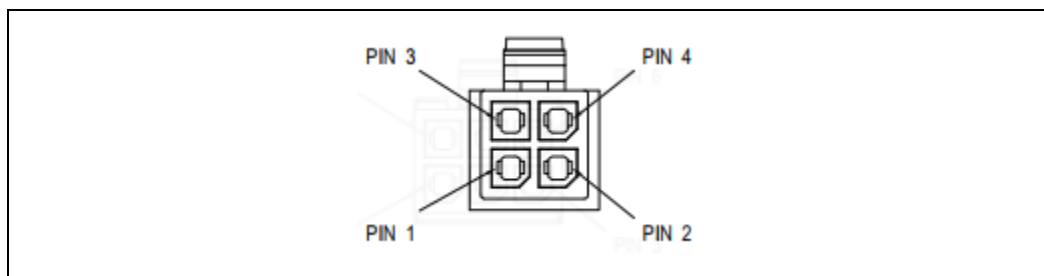


Figure 4-5: 3 mm SATA Power 4 pin Cable Connector – Key and Pin Locations



SATA - 4 pin power cable that supports 2 SATA drives per cable is available from the following companies.

**Table 4-11: 2 SATA Power Cable Part Numbers**

Company	2 SATA Drive Cable
JOINT TECH ELECTRONIC*	W30050
Wieson*	AB9980-0341-008-00

Other cable companies may also be able to manufacturer this cable. Contact your preferred connector and cable company to verify if they can provide the SATA power cable described in this document.

4.3.1.2 Supporting 4 SATA drives with 6 pin connector details

If a system designer needs to support more than 2 SATA devices per connector on the board a 6 pin storage drive power connector is defined. With a total of 6 pins the number of SATA devices that can be supports is 4 devices. The Micro Fit connector will only support 5 amps per pin, because of that the 12V wire can only support 2 drives in Series. To support more than 2 drives the cable would have to be in a "Y" shape with 2 drives on each leg of the "Y". The 5V current is more than half of the 12V current therefore the one 5V pin can be used to support 4 SATA devices.

Using the 6 pin motherboard connection with the key solutions provided below allows both the 6 pin (2x3 – supporting 4 drives) and 4 pin (2x2 – supporting 2 drive) cables to be plugged into the 6 pin (2x3) motherboard connector. Notice the 6 pin motherboard connector latch is wider to support the latch from both the 4 pin (2x2) and 6 pin (2x3) cable connector.

Table 4-12: 3 mm SATA Power 6 Pin Connector Part Numbers

Company	Motherboard Connector Part Number	SATA Power Cable Connector Part Number
Amphenol*	10157705-061B2GLF	10157706-06B20LF
Foxconn*	HMHA030-L2G31-4G	---
JOINT TECH ELECTRONIC*	2X02P: C3030WVF-F-2X02PNLBM1N00B	C3030HFF-2X02PN0BNPN00G
Lotes*	APOW0042-P001A01	ABA-WAF-896-P01
Wieson*	AC2211-0009-002-HH	AB9001-0009-001-00

More connectors options may exist. Contact your preferred connector company to verify if they can provide the connector described in this document.

Table 4-13: +12 V Power 6 Pin Connector Pin-out

Pin #	Volts	Color ¹	Max Amp Per SATA HDD	Amp Per Conn Pin to Support 3x SATA Devices	Amp Per Conn Pin to Support 4x SATA Devices
1	GND	Black	2.5	5	5
2	GND	Black	1.02	3.06	4.08
3	GND	Black	-	2.5	5
4	12	Yellow	2.5	5	5
5	5	Red	1.02	3.06	4.08
6	12	Yellow	-	2.5	5

Figure 4-6: 3 mm SATA Power 6 Pin MB Header – Recommended PCB Layout (Top Layer View)

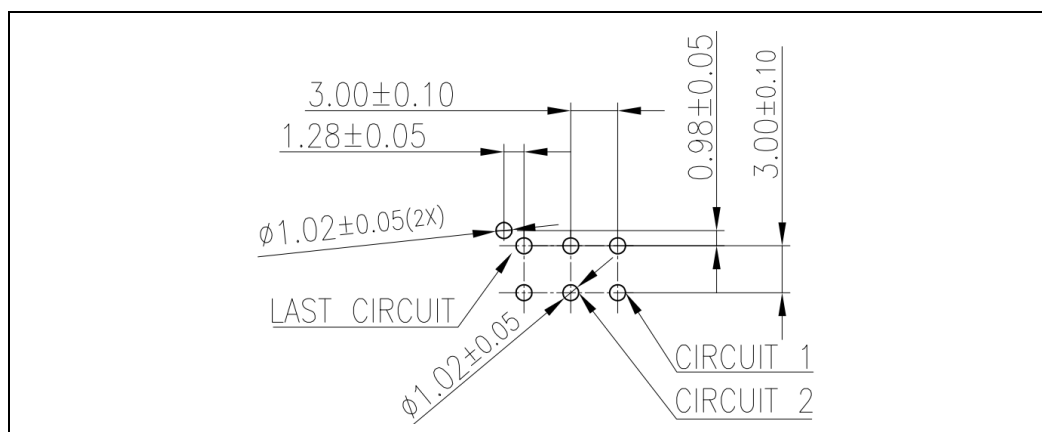
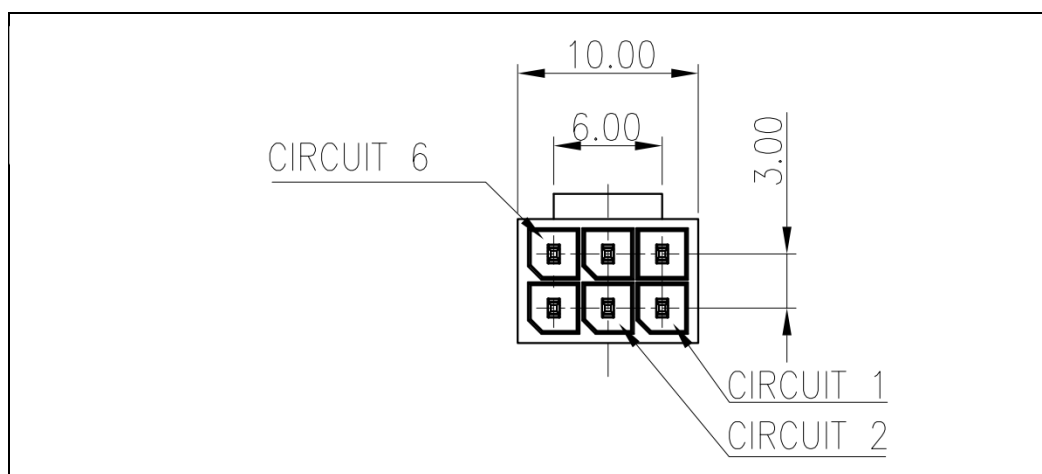


Figure 4-7: 3 mm SATA Power 6 Pin MB Header – Keying and Pin Locations



Cable design diagram. Both pins 2 and 5 would need to have 2 wires coming out of the one pin. Top diagram shows which cable is connected to each pin.

Figure 4-8: 3 mm SATA Power 6 pin / 4 SATA device Cable Diagram (Connector Top View)

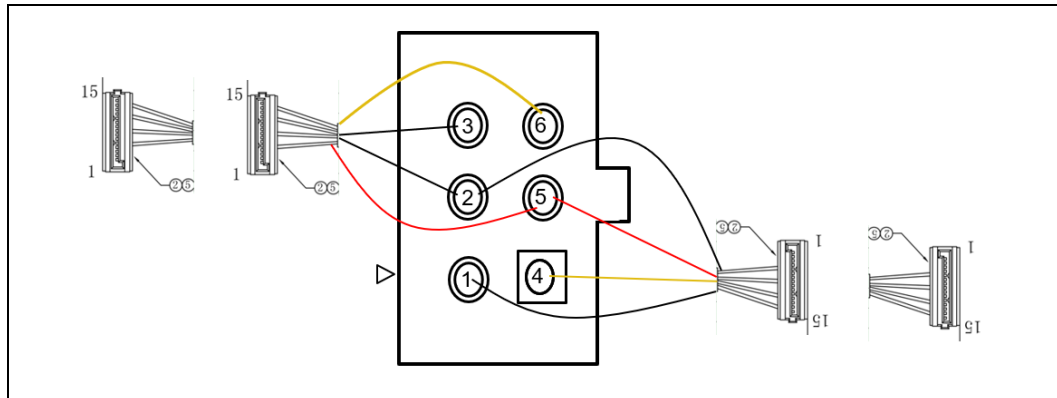


Figure 4-9: 3 mm SATA Power 6 Pin Cable Connector – Traditional Cable Diagram

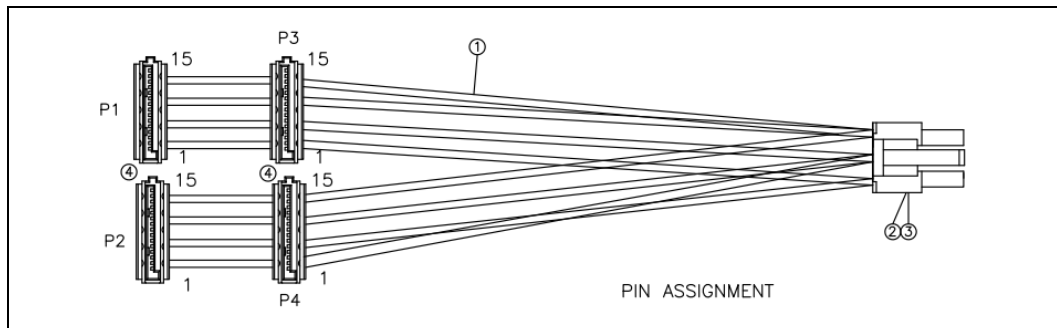
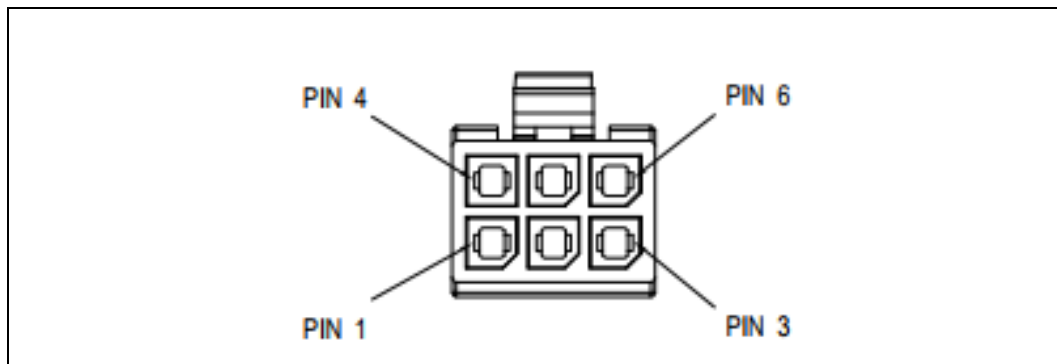


Figure 4-10: 3 mm SATA Power 6 Pin Cable Connector – Key and Pin Locations (Bottom view)



SATA - 6 pin power cable that supports 4 SATA drives per cable is available from the following companies.

Table 4-14: SATA Power Cable Supporting 4 SATA devices Part Numbers

Company	SATA Power Cable Supporting 4 SATA Devices
JOINT TECH ELECTRONIC*	W30051
Weison*	AB9980-0341-007-00

Other cable companies may also be able to manufacturer this cable. Contact your preferred connector and cable company to verify if they can provide the SATA power cable described in this document.

4.3.2 Serial ATA Connectors (Reference)

This connector will be used on the Storage Device cable coming from the motherboard.

This is a required connector for systems with Serial ATA devices. The detailed requirements for the Serial ATA Power Connector can be found in the *Serial ATA: High Speed Serialized AT Attachment* specification, Section 6.3 *Cables and Connector* specification (<http://www.serialata.org/>).

Note: Connector pin numbers and wire numbers are not 1:1. Carefully check to confirm the correct arrangement:

Assembly: Molex* 88751 or equivalent.

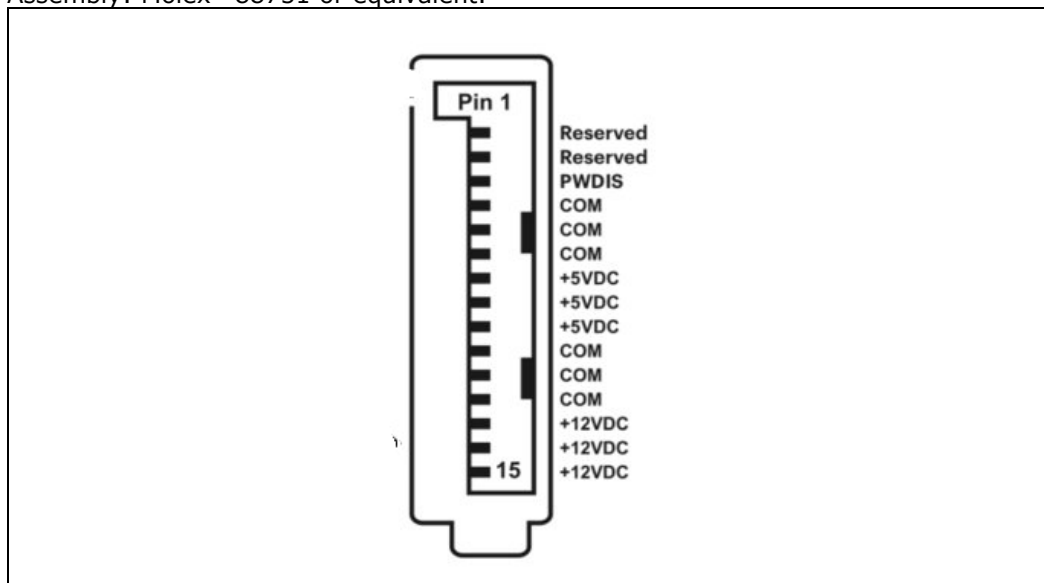
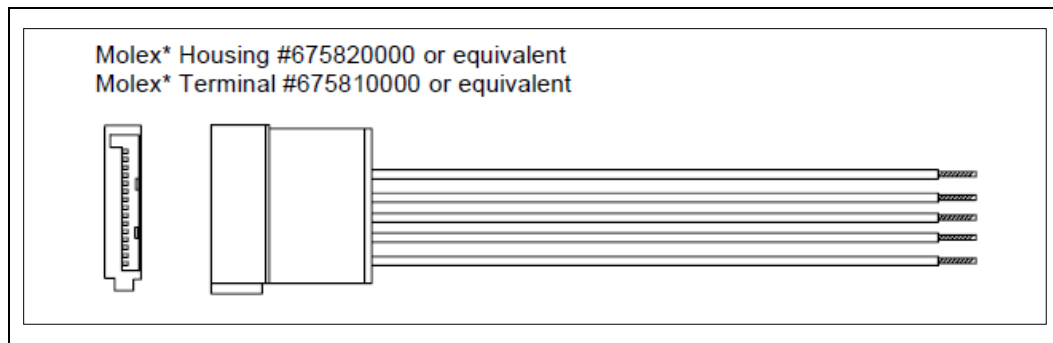


Table 4-15: Serial ATA Power Connector Pin-out

Wire	Signal	Color ¹
5	n/c ²	
4	COM	Black
3	+5V DC	Red
2	COM	Black
1	+12V1 DC	Yellow

NOTE:

1. 18 AWG wire.
2. +3.3V DC is removed from SATA V3.2 specification.

Figure 4-11: Serial ATA Power Connector


4.4 Airflow and Fans (Recommended)

The designer's choice of a power supply cooling solution depends in part on the targeted end-use system application(s). At a minimum, the power supply design shall ensure its own reliable and safe operation.

4.4.1 Fan Location and Direction

In general, exhausting air from the system chassis enclosure via a power supply fan at the rear panel is the preferred, most common, and most widely applicable system-level airflow solution. However, some system/chassis designers may choose to use other configurations to meet specific system cooling requirements.

4.4.2 Fan Size and Speed

A thermally sensitive fan speed control circuit is recommended to balance system-level thermal and acoustic performance. The circuit typically senses the temperature of the secondary heatsink and/or incoming ambient air and adjusts the fan speed as necessary to keep power supply and system component temperatures within specification. Both the power supply and system designers should be aware of the



dependencies of the power supply and system temperatures on the control circuit response curve and fan size and should specify them carefully.

Fan should not turn on at the same time as PS_ON# is Asserted. This is because of power optimization at low levels and Alternative Low Power Modes. Two options to consider:

1. Wait for at least 2 seconds before the fan turns on.
2. Fan needs to be only turned on when the PSU needs the thermal cooling.

The power supply fan should be turned off when PS_ON# is de-asserted (high). In this state, any remaining active power supply circuitry must rely only on passive convection for cooling.

4.4.3 Venting

In general, more venting in a power supply case yields reduced airflow impedance and improved cooling performance. Intake and exhaust vents should be large, open, and unobstructed as possible so as not to impede airflow or generate excessive acoustic noise. In particular, avoid placing objects within 0.5 inches of the intake or exhaust of the fan itself. A flush-mount wire fan grill can be used instead of a stamped metal vent for improved airflow and reduced acoustic noise.

The limitations to the venting guidelines above are:

- Openings must be sufficiently designed to meet the safety requirements described in Chapter [8](#).
- Larger openings yield decreased EMI-shielding performance. Refer to Chapter [3](#).
- Venting in inappropriate locations can detrimentally allow airflow to bypass those areas where it is needed.





5 Acoustics

5.1 Recommended

It is recommended that the power supply be designed with an appropriate fan, internal impedance, and fan speed control circuitry capable of meeting the acoustic targets listed in the below table.

The power supply assembly should not produce any prominent discrete tone determined according to ISO 7779, Annex D.

Sound power determination is to be performed at 43 C, at 50% of the maximum rated load, at sea level. This test point is chosen to represent the environment seen inside a typical system at the idle acoustic test condition, with the 43 C being derived from the standard ambient assumption of 23 C, with 20 C added for the temperature rise within the system (what is typically seen by the inlet fan). The declared sound power shall be measured according to ISO 7779 and reported according to ISO 9296.

Different customers might have different acoustic specifications. Any power supply design is recommended to follow any specific customer requirements.

Table 5-1: Recommended Power Supply Acoustic Targets

	Idle (BA)	Typical (50% Load) (BA)	Maximum (BA)
Minimum	3.5	4.0	5.0
Target	3.0	3.8	4.5

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6 *Environmental*

The following subsections define environmental specifications and test parameters, based on the typical conditions to which a power supply may be subjected during operation or shipment.

6.1 Temperature (Recommended)

- Operating ambient +10 °C to +50 °C (At full load, with a maximum temperature rate of change of 5 °C/10 minutes, but no more than 10 °C/hr.)
- Non-operating ambient -40 °C to +70 °C (Maximum temperature rate of change of 20 °C/hr.)

6.2 Thermal Shock (Shipping)

- Non-operating -40 °C to +70 °C
- $15\text{ °C/min} \leq dT/dt \leq 30\text{ °C/min}$
- Tested for 50 cycles; Duration of exposure to temperature extremes for each half cycle shall be 30 minutes.

6.3 Humidity (Recommended)

- Operating to 85% relative humidity (non-condensing)
- Non-operating to 95% relative humidity (non-condensing)

Note: 95% relative humidity is achieved with a dry bulb temperature of 55 °C and a wet bulb temperature of 54 °C.

6.4 Altitude (Recommended)

- Operating to 10,000 ft.
- Non-operating to 50,000 ft.

6.5 Mechanical Shock (Recommended)

- Non-operating 50 g, trapezoidal input; velocity change $\geq 170\text{ in/s}$
- Three drops on each of six faces are applied to each sample.



6.6 Random Vibration (Recommended)

- Non-operating $0.01 \text{ g}^2/\text{Hz}$ at 5 Hz, sloping to $0.02 \text{ g}^2/\text{Hz}$ at 20 Hz, and maintaining $0.02 \text{ g}^2/\text{Hz}$ from 20 Hz to 500 Hz. The area under the PSD curve is 3.13 gRMS. The duration shall be 10 minutes per axis for all three axes on all samples.

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7 Electromagnetic Compatibility

The following subsections outline applicable product regulatory requirements for the power supplies. Additional requirements may apply dependent upon the design, product end use, target geography, and other variables.

7.1 Emissions (Required)

The power supply shall comply with FCC Part 15, EN55023 and CISPR 22, 5th ed., meeting Class B for both conducted and radiated emissions with a 4 dB margin. Tests shall be conducted using a shielded DC output cable to a shielded load. The load shall be adjusted as follows for three tests: No load on each output; 50% load on each output; 100% load on each output. Tests will be performed at 100 VAC 50Hz, 120 VAC 60 Hz, and 230 VAC 50 Hz power. Additionally, for FCC certification purposes, the power supply shall be tested using the methods in 47 CFR 15.32(b) and authorized under the Declaration of Conformity process as defined in 47 CFR 2.906 using the process in 47 CFR 2.1071 through 47 CFR 2.1077.

7.2 Immunity (Required)

The power supply shall comply with EN 55024 and CISPR 24 prior to sale in the EU (European Union), Korea, and possibly other geographies.

7.3 Input Line Current Harmonic Content (Optional)

Class D harmonic limits will be determined at the time of measurement based on the actual power draw from the mains.

The below table is a partial list of countries and their current EMC requirements. Additional requirements may apply dependent upon the design, product end use, target geography, and other variables.

Table 7-1: EMC Requirement by Country

Country	Requirements Document
EU (European Union)	EN61000-3-2
Japan	JEIDA MITI
China	CCC and GB 17625.1
Russia	GOST R 51317.3.2

7.4 Magnetic Leakage Field (Required)

A PFC choke magnetic leakage field should not cause any interference with a high-resolution computer monitor placed next to or on top of the end-use chassis.



7.5 Voltage Fluctuations and Flicker (Required)

The power supply shall meet the specified limits of EN61000-3-3 (IEC 61000-3-3) and amendment A1 to EN 61000-3-3 (IEC 61000-3-3/A1) for voltage fluctuations and flicker for equipment drawing not more than 16VAC, connected to low voltage distribution systems.

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8 Safety

The following subsections outline sample product regulations requirements for a typical power supply. Actual requirements will depend on the design, product end use, target geography, and other variables. Consult your company's Product Safety and Regulations department or an accredited third party certification agency for more details.

8.1 North America (Required)

The power supply must be certified by an NRTL (Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory) for use in the USA and Canada under the following conditions:

- The power supply UL report "Conditions of Acceptability" shall meet in the intended application of the power supply in the end product.
- The supply must be recognized for use in Information Technology Equipment including Electrical Business Equipment per UL 60950-1 First Edition. The certification must include external enclosure testing for the AC receptacle side of the power supply.
- The supply must have a full complement of tests conducted as part of the certification, such as input current, leakage current, hi-pot, temperature, energy discharge test, transformer output characterization test (open-circuit voltage, short-circuit performance), and abnormal testing (to include stalled-fan tests and voltage-select-switch mismatch).
- The enclosure must meet fire enclosure mechanical test requirements per clauses 2.9.1 and 4.2 of the above-mentioned standard.
- Production hi-pot testing must be included as a part of the certification and indicated as such in the certification report.
- There must not be unusual or difficult conditions of acceptability such as mandatory additional cooling or power de-rating. The insulation system shall not have temperatures exceeding their rating when tested in the end product.
- The certification mark shall be marked on each power supply.
- The power supply must be evaluated for operator-accessible secondary outputs (reinforced insulation) that meet the requirements for SELV.
- The proper polarity between the AC input receptacle and any printed wiring boards connections must be maintained (that is, brown=line, blue=neutral, and green=earth/chassis).
- The fan shall be protected by a guard to prevent contact by a finger in compliance with UL accessibility requirements.

8.2 International (Required)

The vendor must provide a complete CB certificate and test report to IEC 60950-1. The CB report must include ALL CB member country national deviations as appropriate



for the target market. All evaluations and certifications must be for reinforced insulation between primary and secondary circuits.

The power supply must meet the RoHS requirements for the European Union, Peoples Republic of China and other countries which have adopted the RoHS requirements for banned materials.

8.3 Proscribed Materials

The following materials must not be used during design and/or manufacturing of this product:

- Cadmium should not be used in painting or plating (Required).
- Quaternary salt and PCB electrolytic capacitors shall not be used (Required).
- CFC's or HFC's shall not be used in the design or manufacturing process (Required).
- Mercury shall not be used (Required).
- Some geographies require lead free or RoHS compliant power supplies (Required).

8.4 Catastrophic Failure Protection (Recommended)

Should a component failure occur, the power supply should not exhibit any of the following:

- Flame
- Excessive smoke
- Charred PCB
- Fused PCB conductor
- Startling noise
- Emission of molten material
- Earth ground fault (Short circuit to ground or chassis enclosure)

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9 Reliability

9.1 Reliability (Recommended)

The de-rating process promotes quality and high reliability. All electronic components should be designed with conservative device de-ratings for use in commercial and industrial environments.

Electrolytic capacitor and fan lifetime and reliability should be considered in the design as well.

9.2 Reliability – PS_ON# Toggle for S0ix Mode

In order to optimize desktop platform power consumption, Intel provides design recommendation to enable power supply PS_ON# toggle on/off during S0 idle power mode (S0ix) to save both system and PSU power. The power supplies' PS_ON# may toggle on/off periodically (for example, could be off for ~180s, then on for 1s, then off again). Desktop platform design implementation of S0 Idle Mode (S0ix) is different from the legacy S3 desktop platform design where PS_ON# only toggle once when turn on, the S0ix desktop platform is expected to toggle PS_ON# much more often. The S0ix mode is used in systems that support Alternative Low Power Modes.

In the example case where the computer turns on/off every 180 seconds, the worst-case scenario would be 480 times in one day and 175,200 times in one year. The power supply needs to be able to handle these many cycles for the life of the power supply.

To have better user's experience, it is strongly recommended to avoid PSU fan acoustic noise annoyance, and relieve problems of mechanical fan failure, system and PSU designers may consider having at least two seconds delay time for the PSU fan to spin up after PS_ON# assertion. PSU is expected to support running at full load without any electrical, thermal components (i.e. IC, MOSFET, diode, transformer, inductor, capacitor, relay, fan, etc.) damaged or degradations during the period of time before the warranty expired. Due to the frequent PS_ON# toggle on/off, system and PSU components reliability should be considered based on the days, months or years of claimed warranty listed on product specification. This is also mentioned in Section [4.4.2](#).



10 CFX12V Specific Guidelines 1.63

For Compact Form Factor with 12-volt connector power supplies.

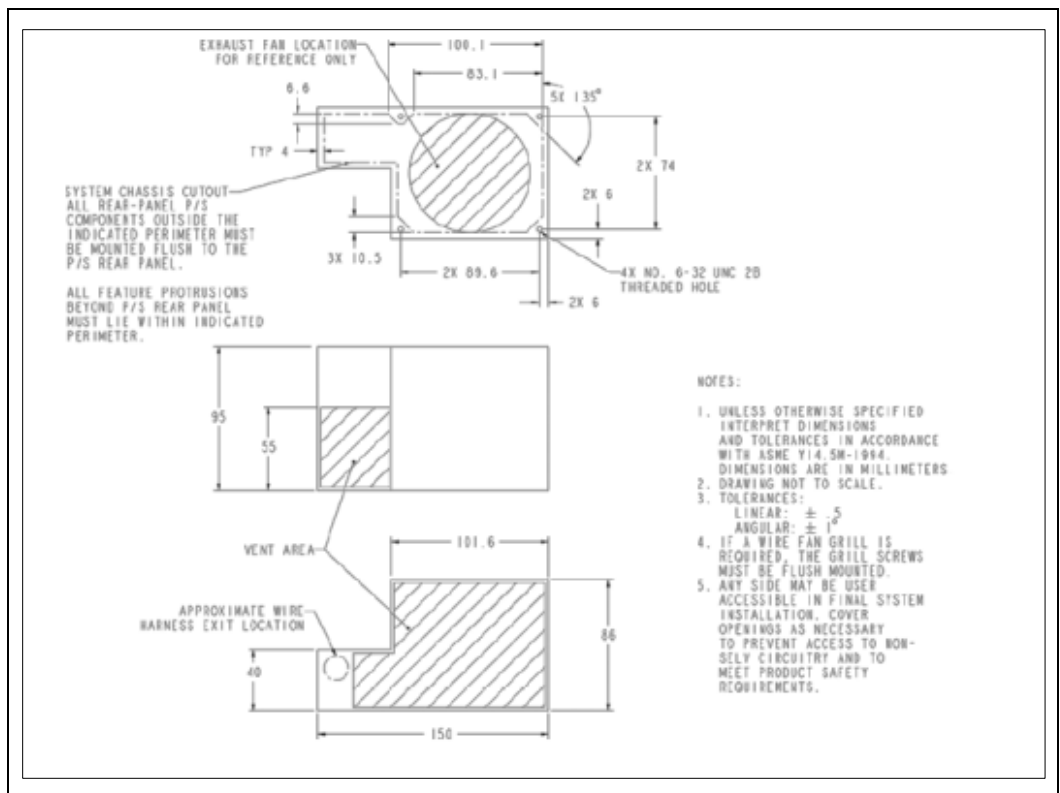
Mechanical dimension of power supplies has not changed from Multi Rail Desktop Power Supplies, so chassis need not change. Below are the current specifications:

PSU DG	CFX12V	LFX12V	ATX12V	SFX12V	TFX12V	Flex ATX
1.43	1.63	1.43	2.53	3.43	2.53	1.23

10.1 Physical Dimensions (Required)

The power supply shall be enclosed and meet the physical outline shown:

Figure 10-1: CFX12V Mechanical Outline





11 LFX12V Specific Guidelines 1.43

For Low Profile Form Factor with 12-volt connector power supplies.

Mechanical dimension of power supplies has not changed from Multi Rail Desktop Power Supplies, so chassis need not change. Below are the current specifications:

PSU DG	CFX12V	LFX12V	ATX12V	SFX12V	TFX12V	Flex ATX
1.43	1.63	1.43	2.53	3.43	2.53	1.23

11.1 Physical Dimensions (Required)

The power supply shall be enclosed and meet the physical outline shown in [Figure 11-1](#), applicable. Mechanical details are shown in [Figure 11-2](#). Details on the power supply slot feature are shown in [Figure 11-3](#). The recommended chassis slot feature details are shown in [Figure 11-4](#).

Figure 11-1: LFX 12V Mechanical Outline

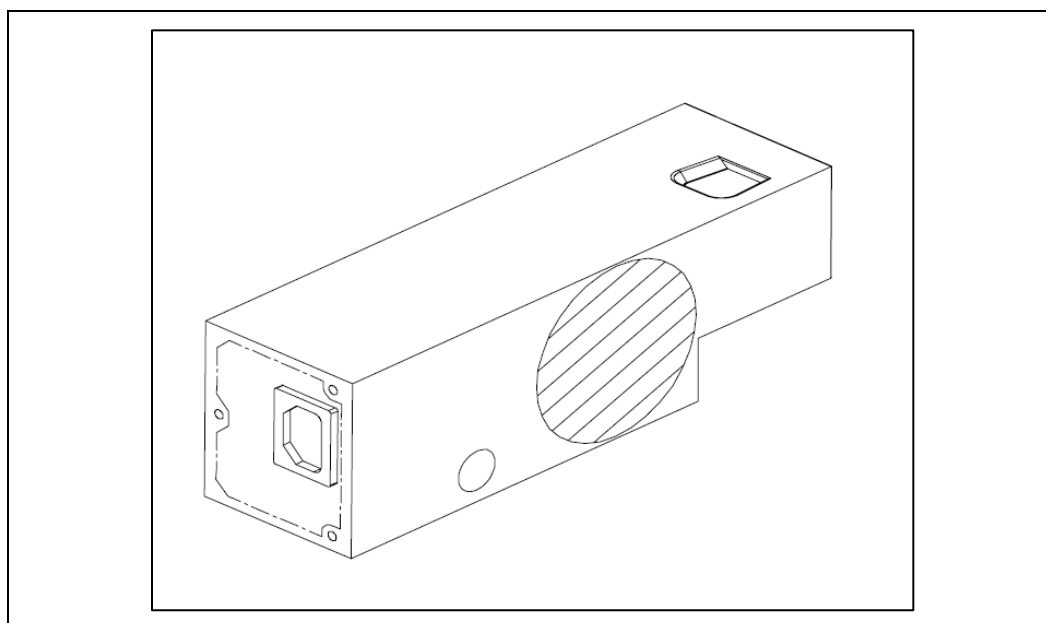


Figure 11-2: LFX 12V Mechanical Details

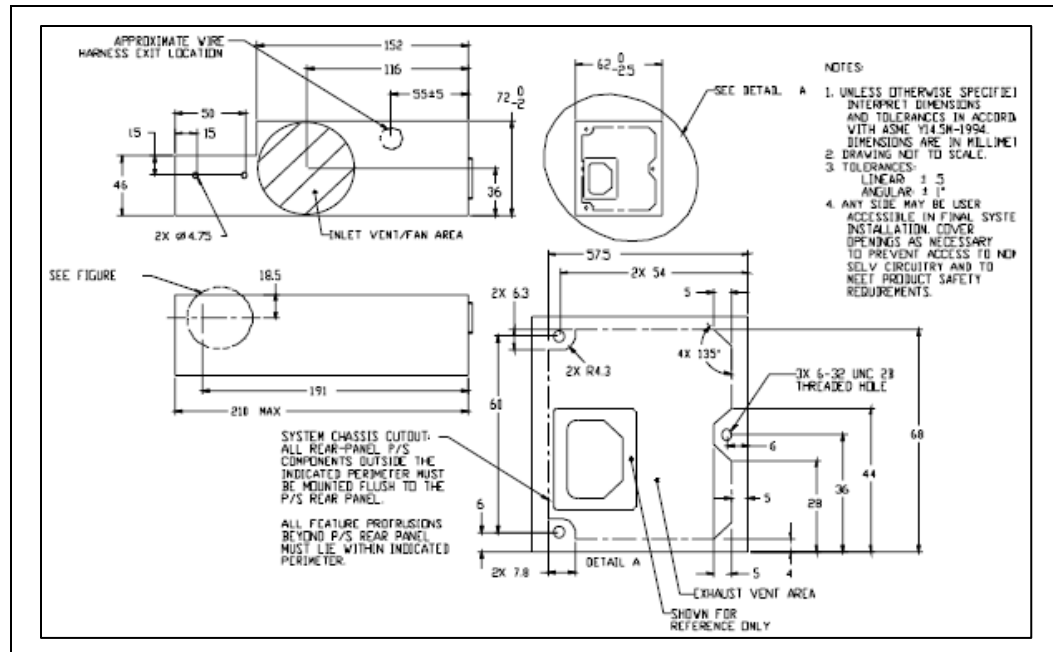
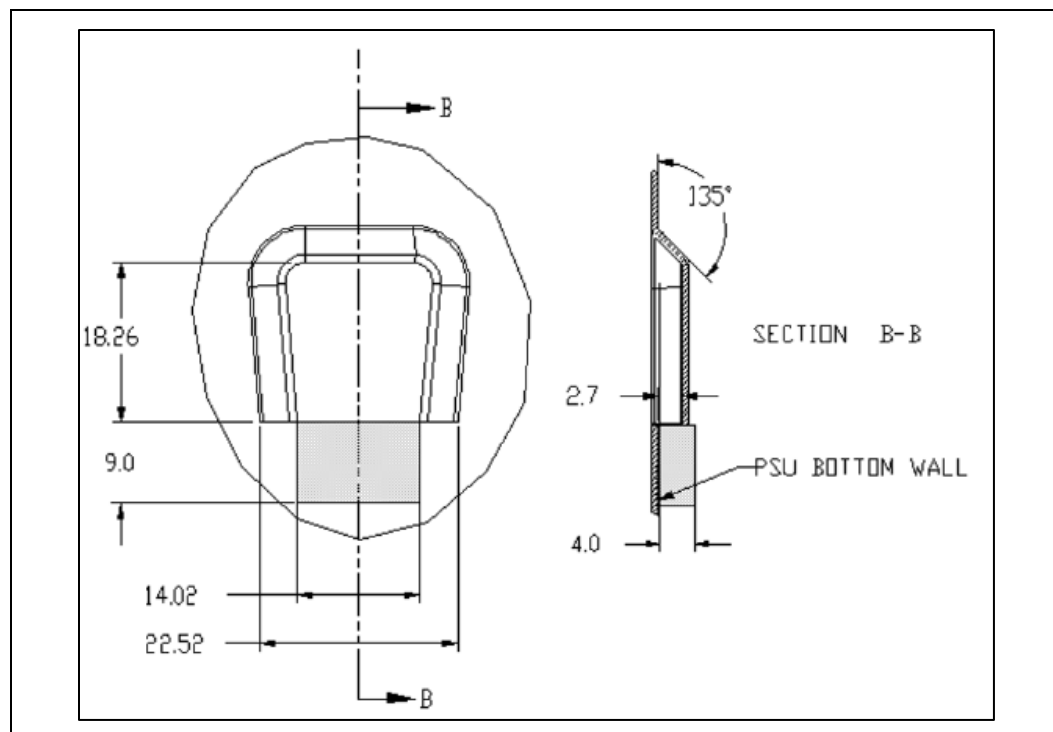
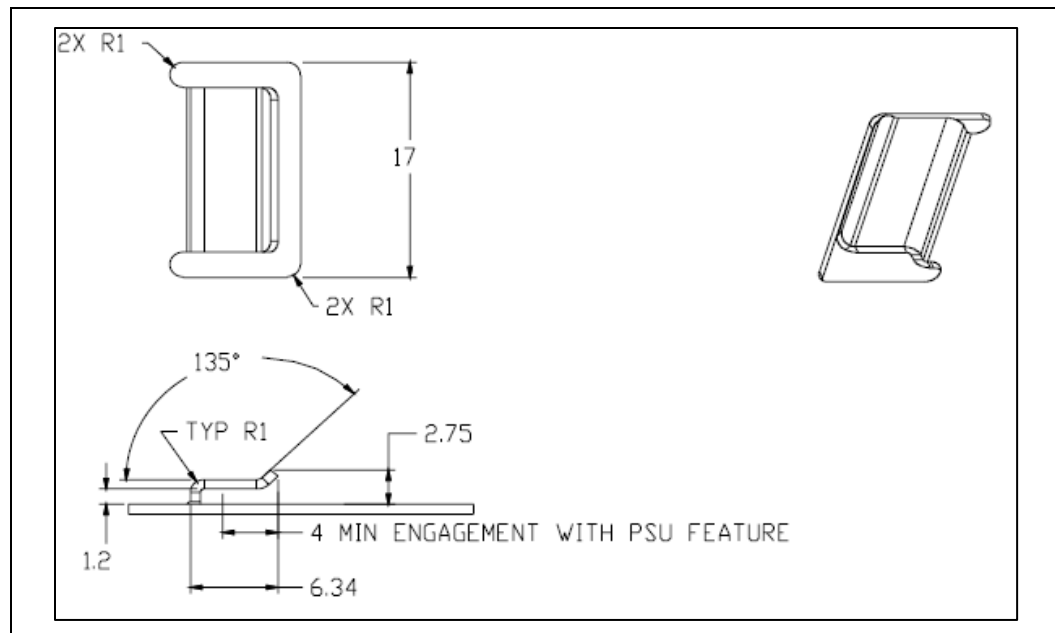


Figure 11-3: LFX 12V PSU Slot Feature Detail



**Figure 11-4: LFX 12V Recommended Chassis Tab Feature****§ §**



12 ATX12V Specific Guidelines 2.53

For ATX Form Factor with 12-volt connector power supplies.

Mechanical dimension of power supplies has not changed from Multi Rail Desktop Power Supplies, so chassis need not change. Below are the current specifications:

PSU DG	CFX12V	LFX12V	ATX12V	SFX12V	TFX12V	Flex ATX
1.43	1.63	1.43	2.53	3.43	2.53	1.23



Figure 12-1: ATX12V Power Supply Dimensions for Chassis Not Requiring Top Venting

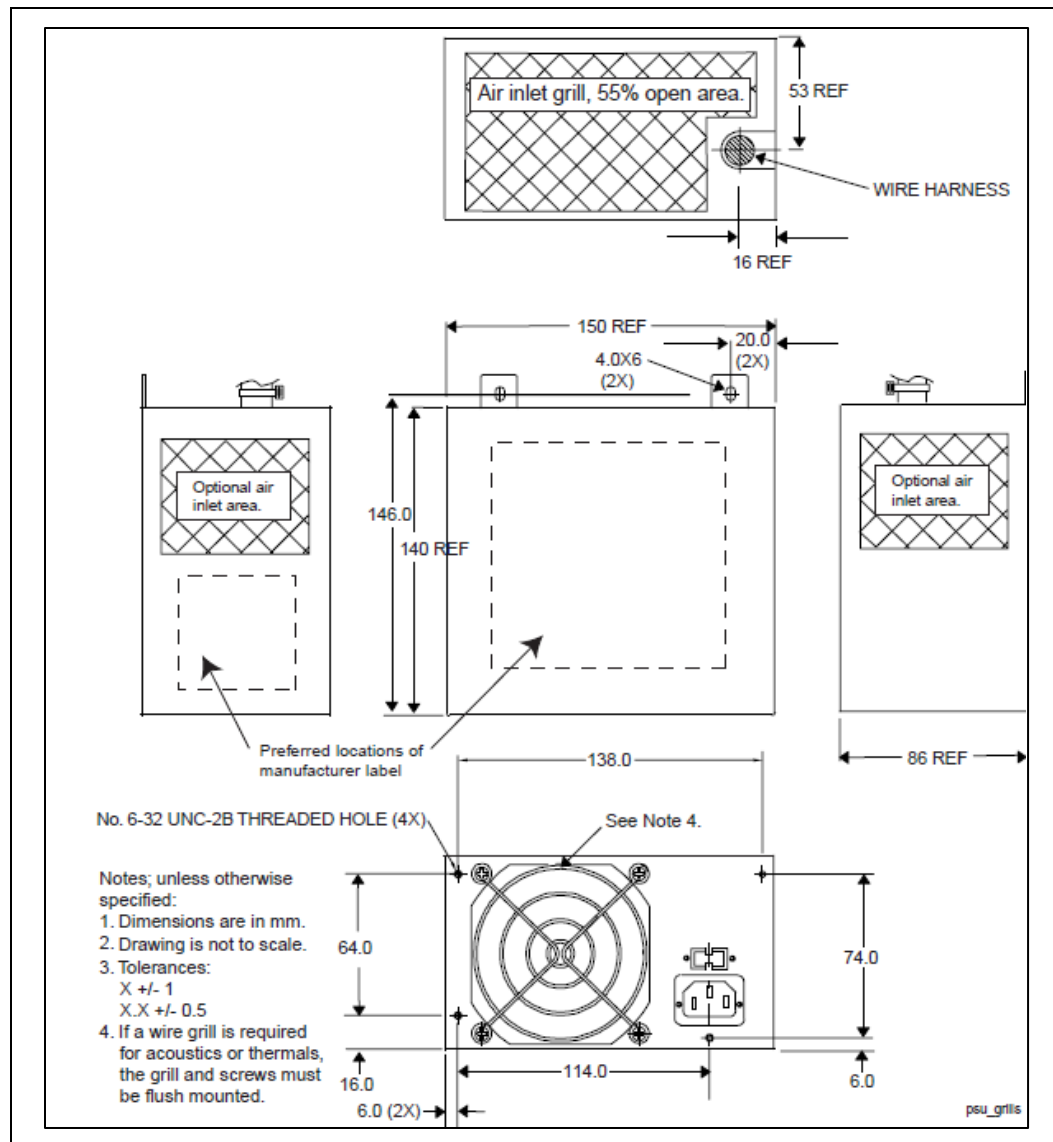
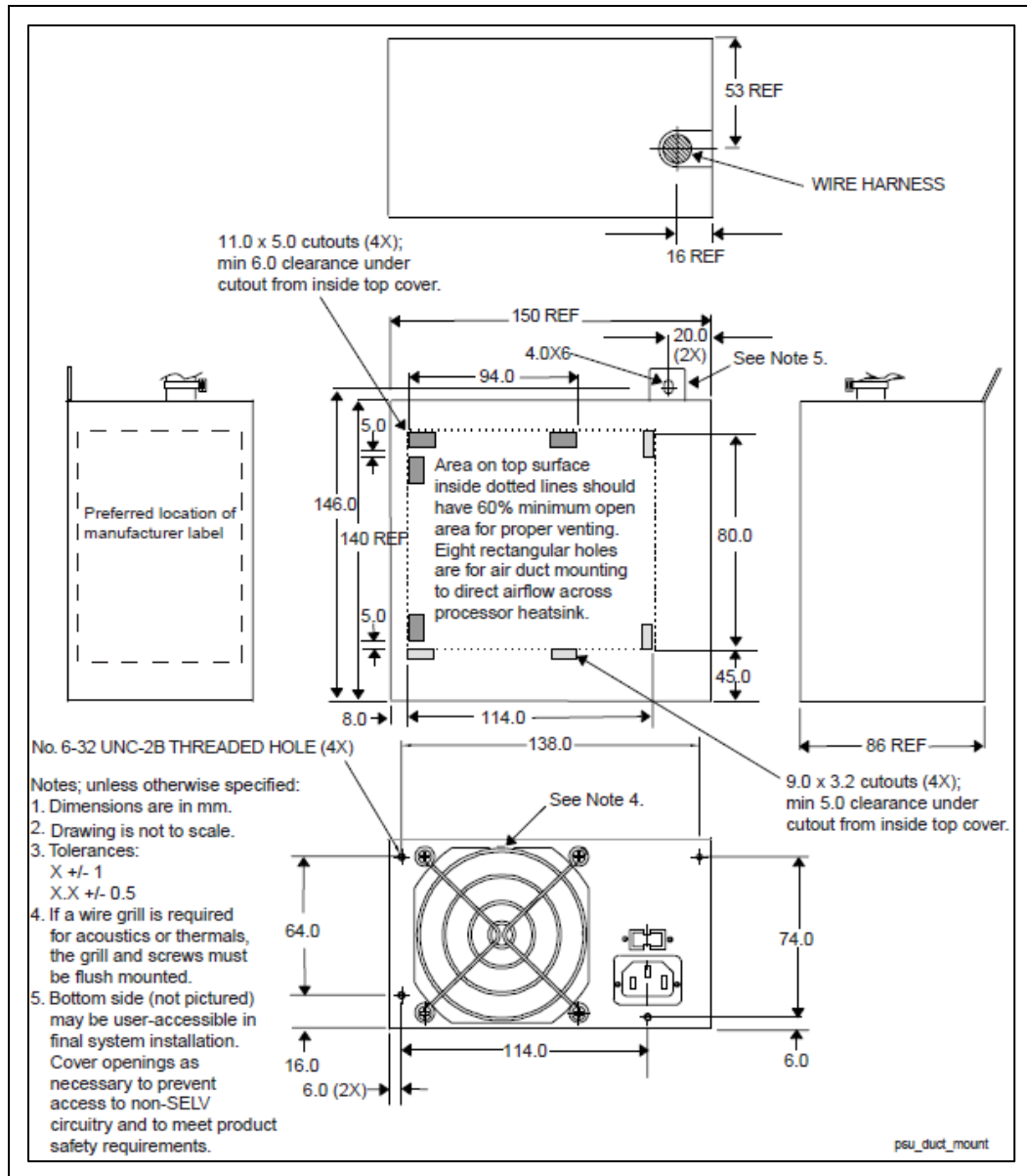


Figure 12-2: ATX12V Power Supply Dimensions for Chassis Requiring Top Venting



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13 SFX12V Specific Guidelines 3.43

For Small Form Factor with 12-volt connector power supplies.

Mechanical dimension of power supplies has not changed from Multi Rail Desktop Power Supplies so chassis need not change. Below are the current specifications:

PSU DG	CFX12V	LFX12V	ATX12V	SFX12V	TFX12V	Flex ATX
1.43	1.63	1.43	2.53	3.43	2.53	1.23

13.1 Lower Profile Package – Physical Dimensions (Required)

The power supply shall be enclosed and meet the physical outline shown in [Figure 13-1](#).

13.2 Fan Requirements (Required)

The fan will draw air from the computer system cavity pressurizing the power supply enclosure. The power supply enclosure shall exhaust the air through a grill located on the rear panel. Refer to [Figure 13-2](#). The movement of the fan to the computer system cavity is to help limit the acoustic noise of the unit.

The fan will be 40 mm.

Figure 13-1: SFX12V 40 mm Profile Mechanical Outline

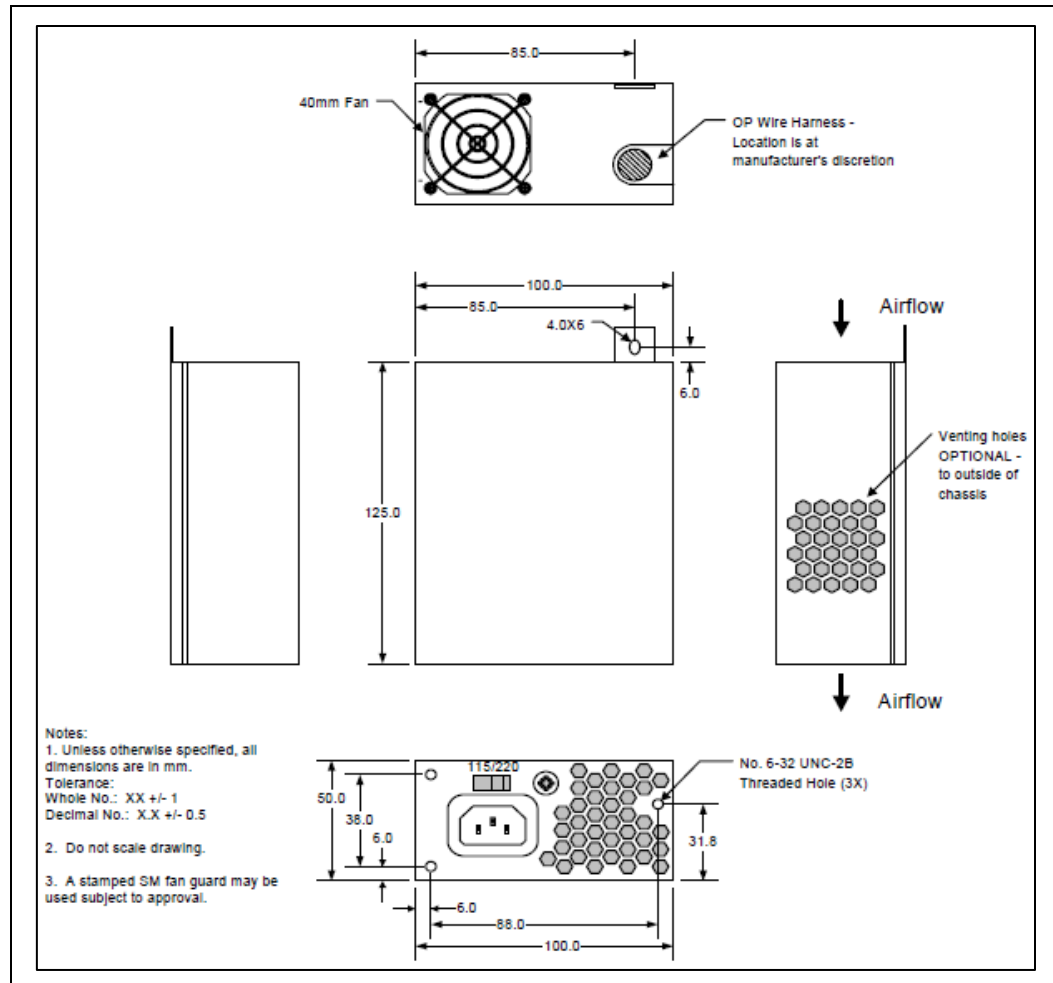
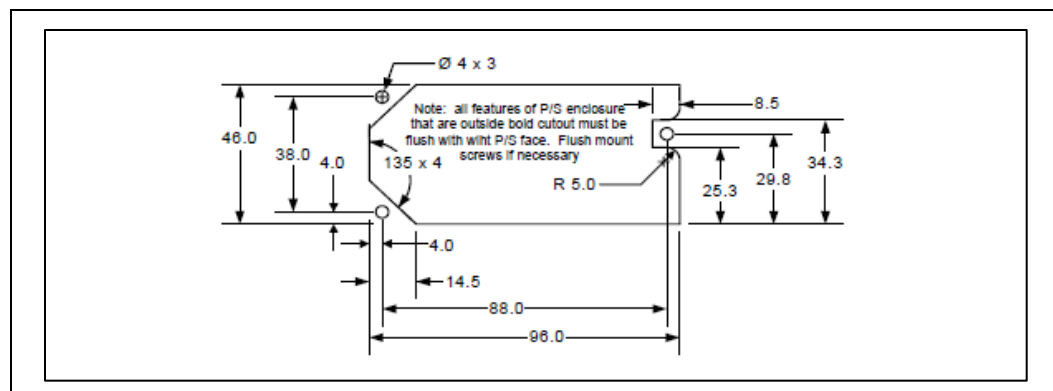


Figure 13-2: SFX12V Chassis Cutout





13.3 Top Fan Mount Package – Physical Dimensions (Required)

The power supply shall be enclosed and meet the physical outline shown in [Figure 13-3](#).

13.4 Fan Requirements (Required)

The fan will draw air from the computer system cavity pressurizing the power supply enclosure. The power supply enclosure shall exhaust the air through a grill located on the rear panel. Refer to [Figure 13-4](#). Moving the fan to the computer system cavity helps to limit the acoustic noise of the unit.

The fan will be 80mm.

To prevent damage to the fan during shipment and handling, the power supply designer should consider recessing the fan mounting, as shown in [Figure 13-5](#).

Figure 13-3: SFX12V Top Mount Fan Profile Mechanical Outline

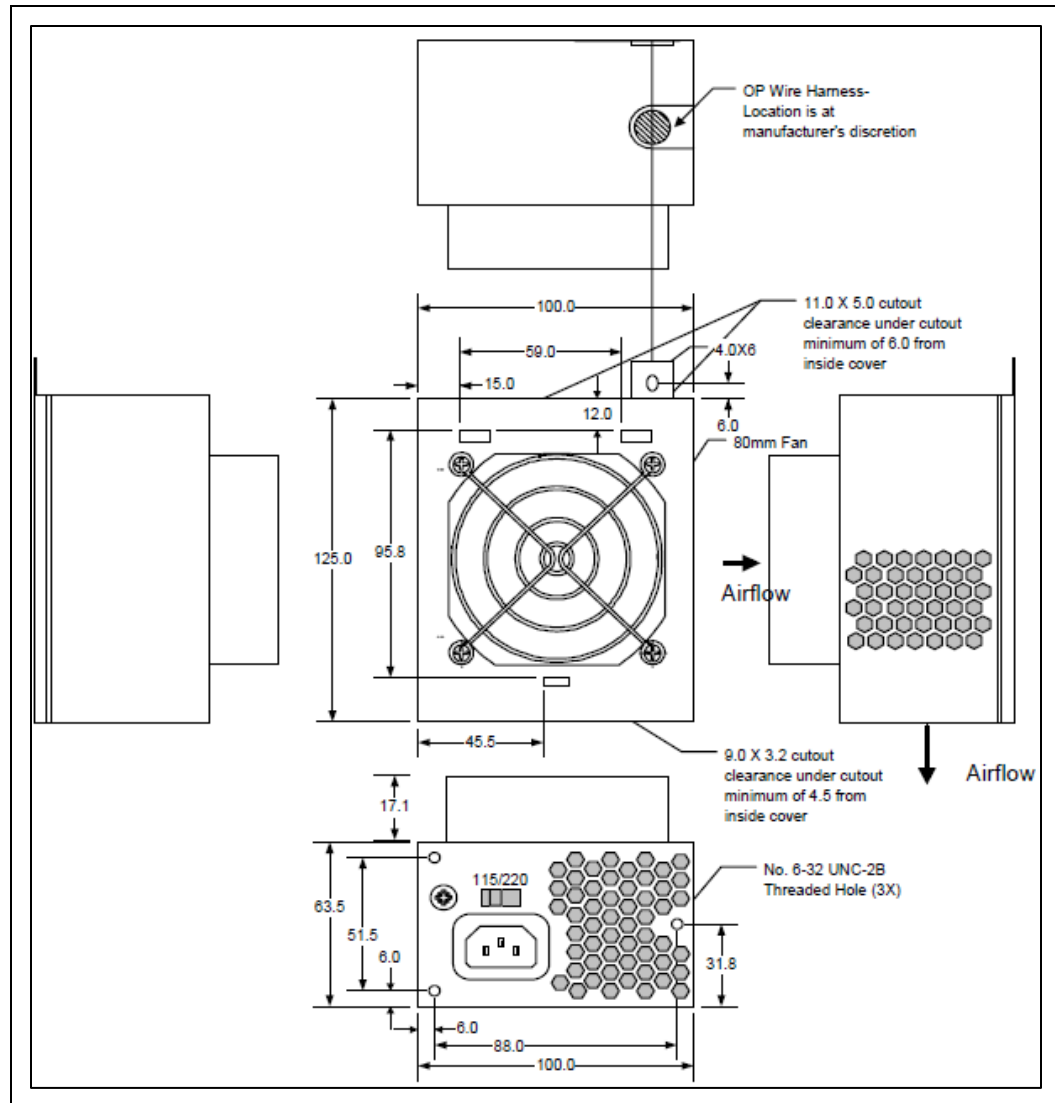


Figure 13-4: SFX12V Chassis Cutout

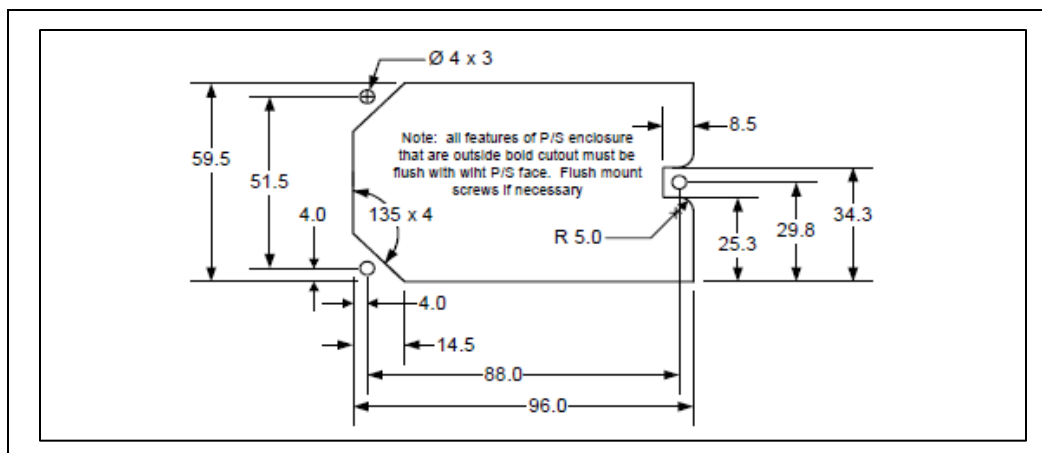
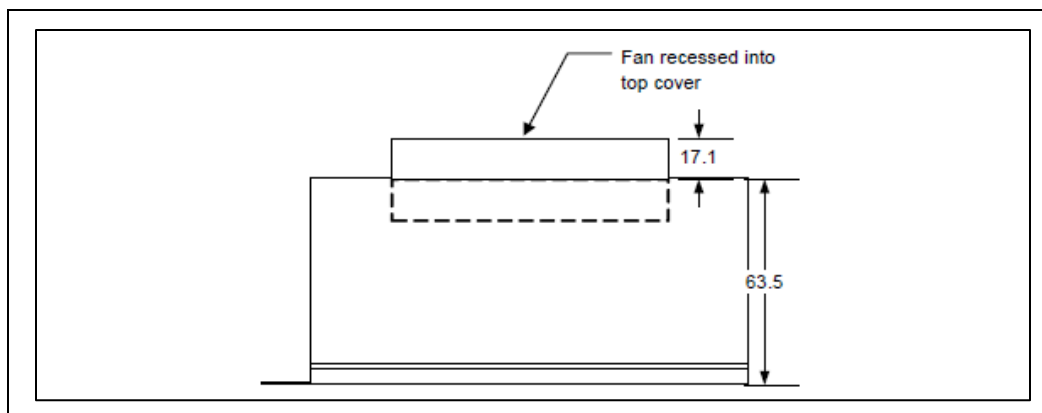


Figure 13-5: SFX12V Recessed Fan Mounting



13.5 Reduced Depth Top Mount Fan – Physical Dimensions (Required)

The power supply shall be enclosed and meet the physical outline shown in [Figure 13-6](#).

13.6 Fan Requirements (Required)

The fan will draw air from the computer system cavity pressurizing the power supply enclosure. The power supply enclosure shall exhaust the air through a grill located on the rear panel. Refer to [Figure 13-7](#). Moving the fan to the computer system cavity helps to limit the acoustic noise of the unit.

The fan will be 80 mm.

Figure 13-6: SFX12V Reduced Depth Top Mount Fan Profile Mechanical Outline

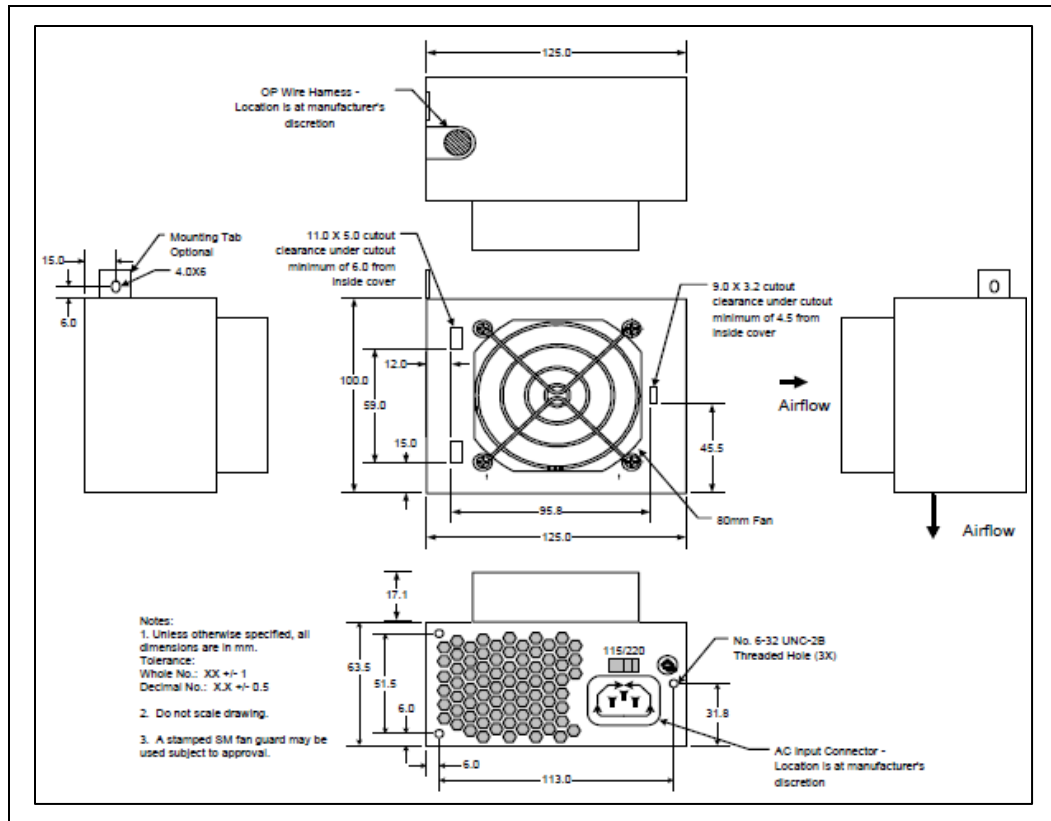
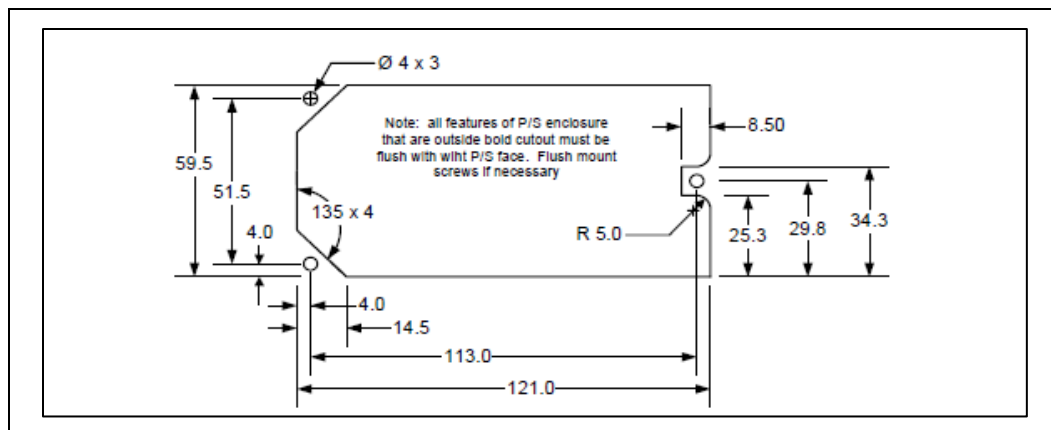


Figure 13-7: SFX12V Chassis Cutout



13.7 Standard SFX Profile Package – Physical Dimensions (Required)

The power supply shall be enclosed and meet the physical outline shown in [Figure 13-8](#).



13.8 Fan Requirements (Required)

The fan will draw air from the computer system cavity pressurizing the power supply enclosure. The power supply enclosure shall exhaust the air through a grill located on the rear panel. Refer to [Figure 13-9](#). The movement of the fan to the computer system cavity is to help limit the acoustic noise of the unit.

The fan will be 60 mm.

Figure 13-8: SFX12V 60 mm Mechanical Outline

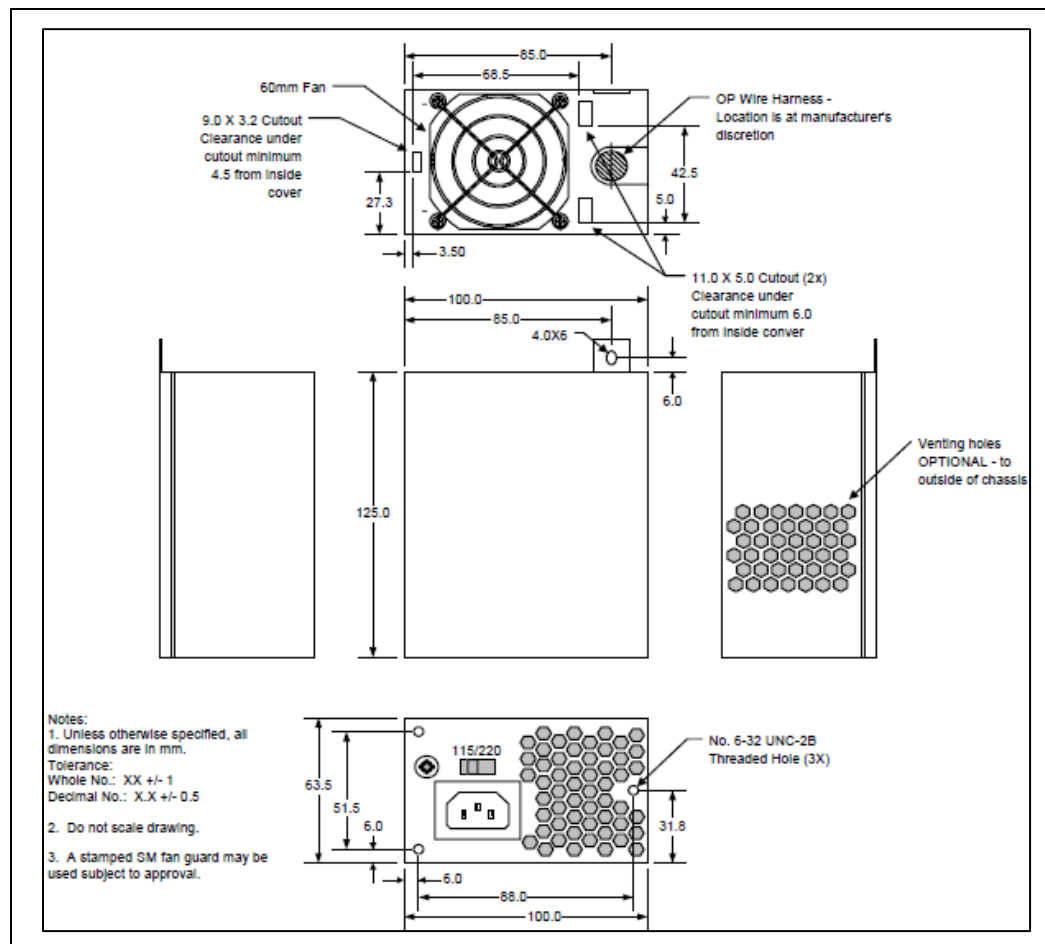
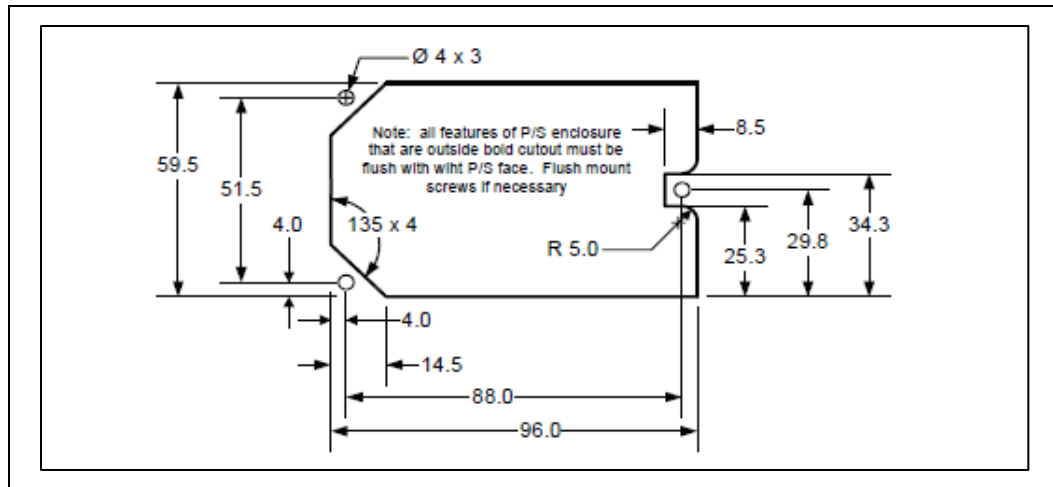


Figure 13-9: SFX12V Chassis Cutout



13.9 PS3 Form Factor- Physical Dimensions (Required)

The power supply shall be enclosed and meet the physical outline shown in [Figure 13-10](#).

13.10 Fan Requirements (Required)

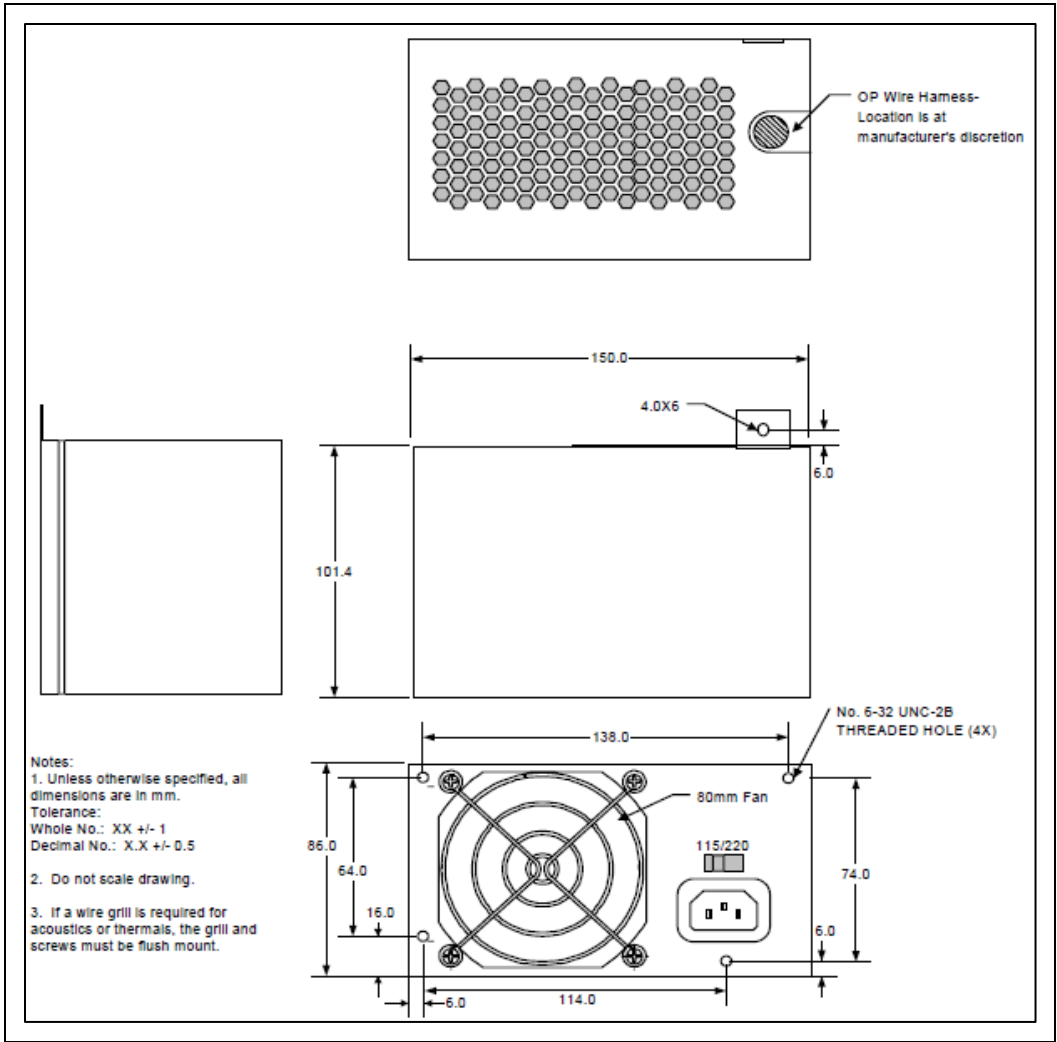
An 80 mm axial fan is typically needed to provide enough cooling airflow through a high performance Micro ATX system. Exact CFM requirements vary by application and endues environment, but 25-35 CFM is typical for the fan itself.

For consumer or other noise-sensitive applications, it is recommended that a thermally sensitive fan speed control circuit be used to balance system-level thermal and acoustic performance. The circuit typically senses the temperature of an internal heatsink and/or incoming ambient air and adjusts the fan speed as necessary to keep power supply and system component temperatures within specification. Both the power supply and system designers should be aware of the dependencies of the power supply and system temperatures on the control circuit response curve and fan size and should specify them very carefully.

The power supply fan should be turned off when PS_ON# is de-asserted (high). In this state, any remaining active power supply circuitry must rely only on passive convection for cooling.



Figure 13-10: SFX12V PS3 Mechanical Outline



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14 TFX12V Specific Guidelines 2.53

For Thin Form Factor with 12-volt connector power supplies.

Mechanical dimension of power supplies has not changed from Multi Rail Desktop Power Supplies, so chassis need not change. Below are the current specifications:

PSU DG	CFX12V	LFX12V	ATX12V	SFX12V	TFX12V	Flex ATX
1.43	1.63	1.43	2.53	3.43	2.53	1.23

14.1 Physical Dimensions (Required)

Figure 14-1: TFX12V Mechanical Outline

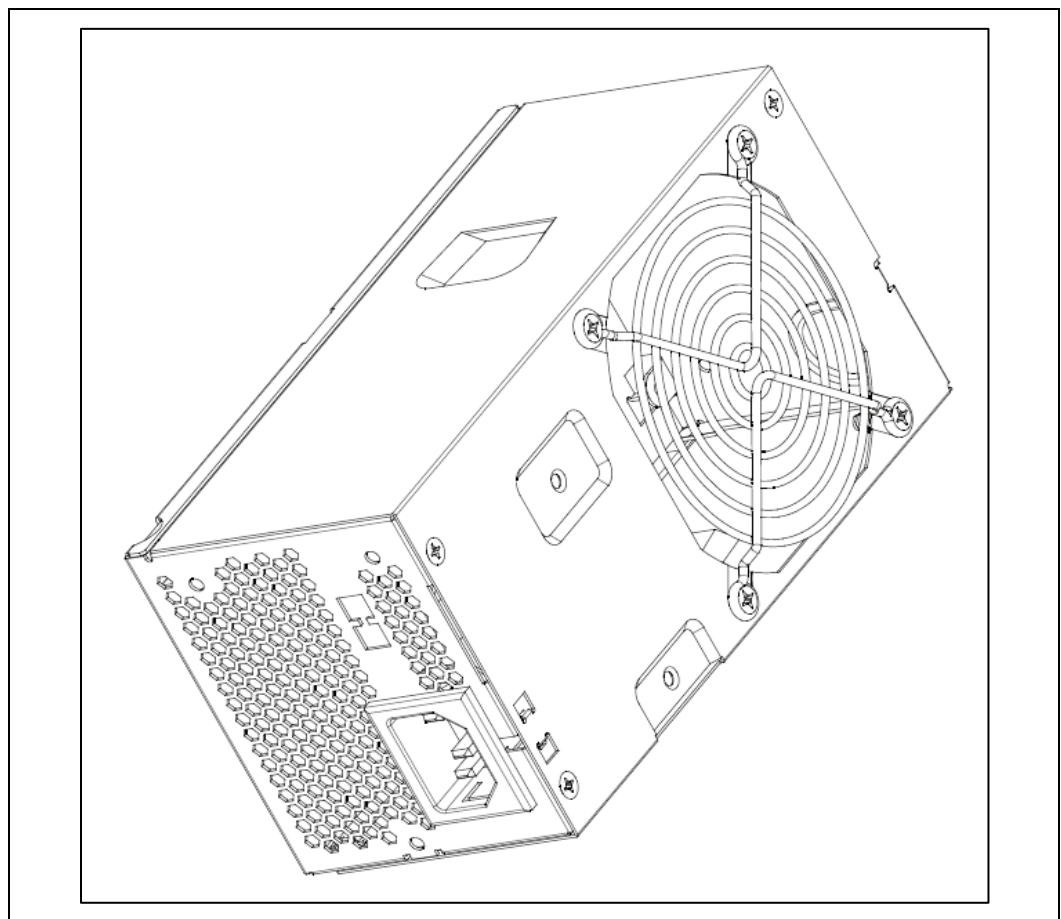




Figure 14-2: TFX12V Dimensions and Recommended Feature Placements (Not to Scale)

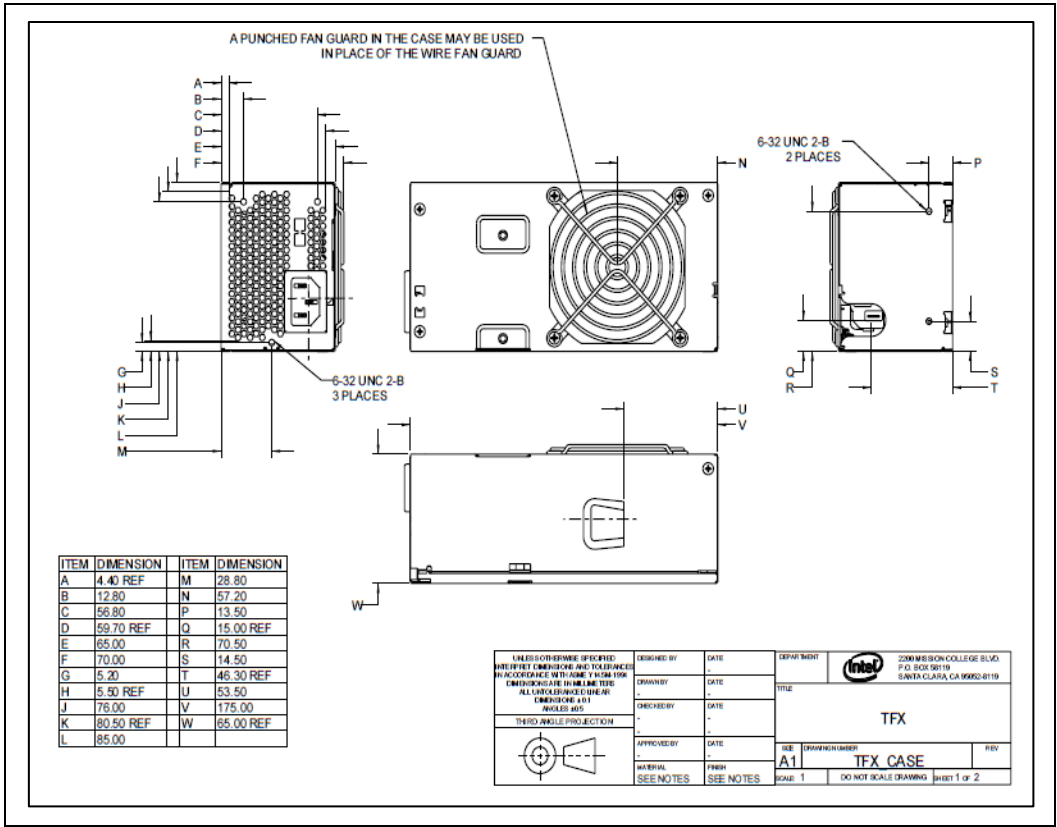
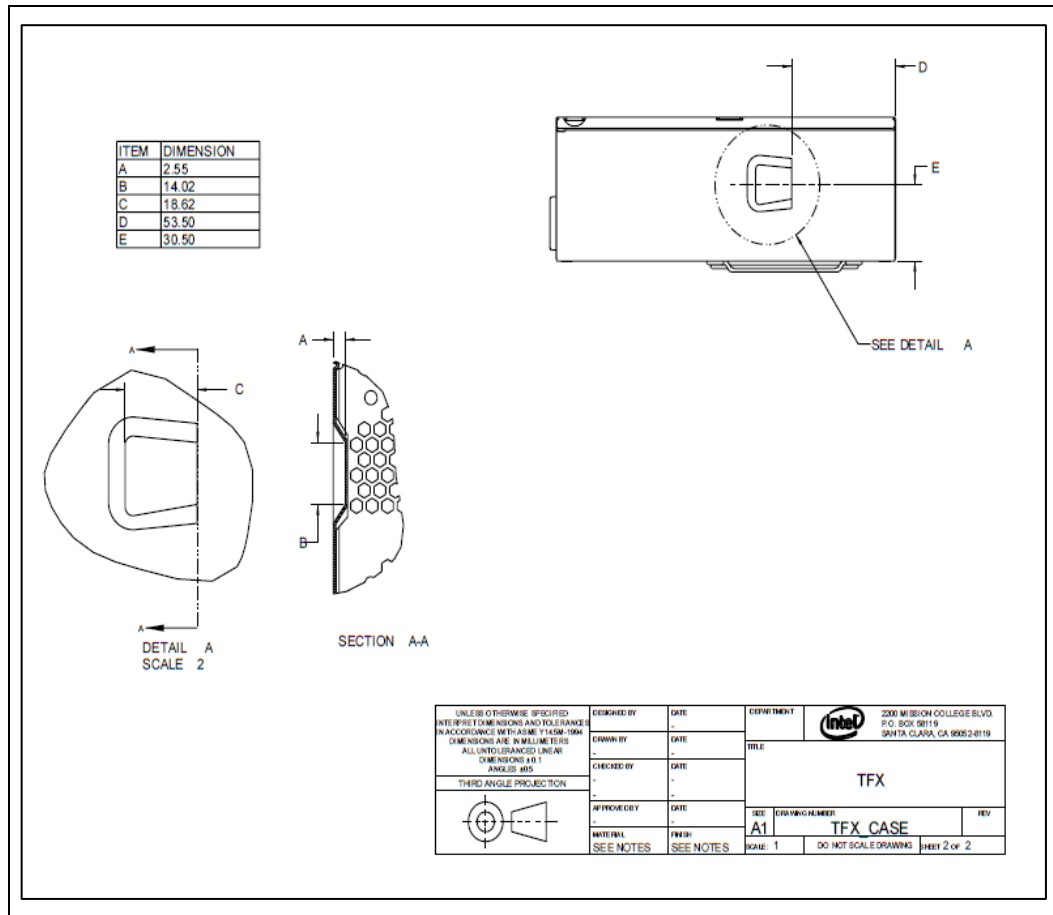


Figure 14-3: TFX12V Power Supply Mounting Slot Detail

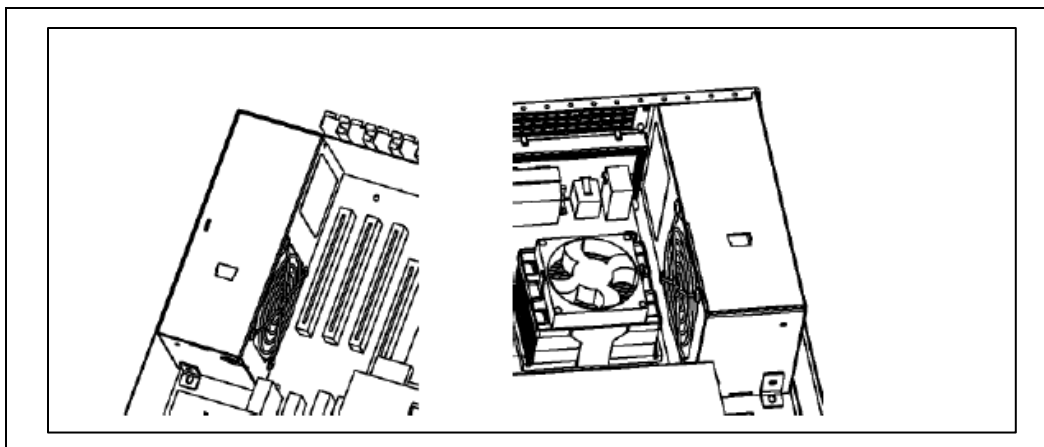


14.2 Mounting Options (Recommended)

The TFX12V mechanical design provides two options for mounting in a system chassis. The unit can be mounted using one of the mounting holes on the front end (non-vented end) or a chassis feature can be designed to engage the slot provided in the bottom of the supply. In order to accommodate different system chassis layouts, the TFX12V power supply is also designed to mount in two orientations (fan left and fan right) as shown in [Figure 14-4](#). A mounting hole and slot should be provided for each orientation as shown in [Figure 14-2](#). Details of a suggested geometry for the mounting slot are shown in [Figure 14-3](#).



Figure 14-4: TFX12V Fan Right and Fan Left Orientations of Power Supply in a Chassis



14.3 Chassis Requirements (Recommended)

To ensure the power supply can be easily integrated, the following features should be designed into a chassis intended to use a TFX12V power supply:

- Chassis cutout (normally in the rear panel of the chassis) as shown in [Figure 14-5](#).
- EITHER a mounting bracket to interface with the forward mounting hole on the power supply OR a mounting tab as shown in [Figure 14-6](#) to interface with the mounting slot on the bottom of the power supply.

Figure 14-5: Suggested TFX12V Chassis Cutout

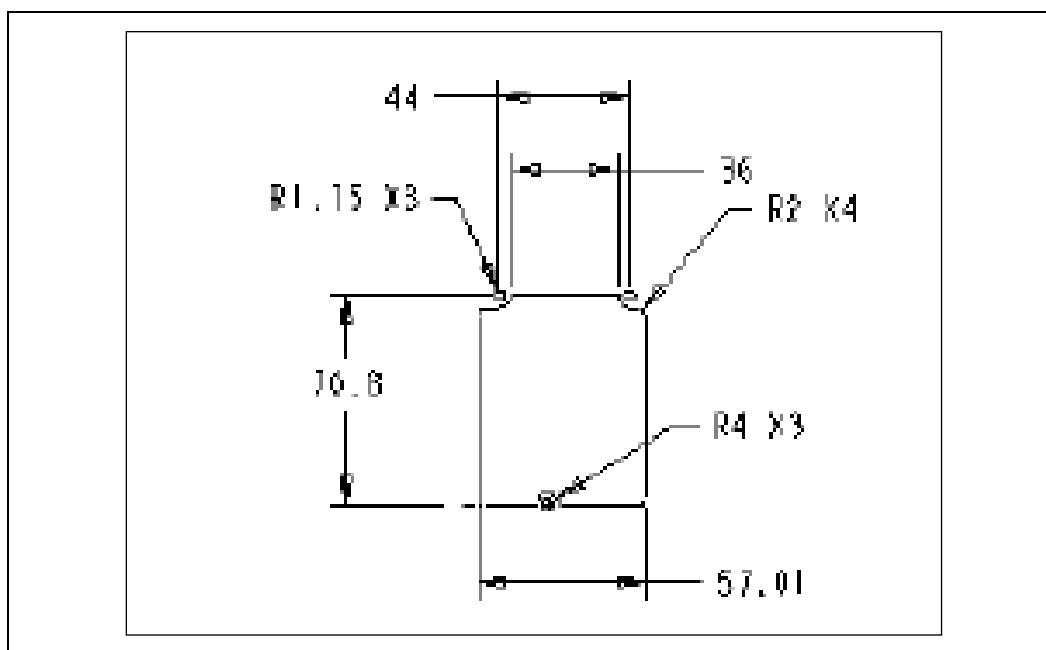
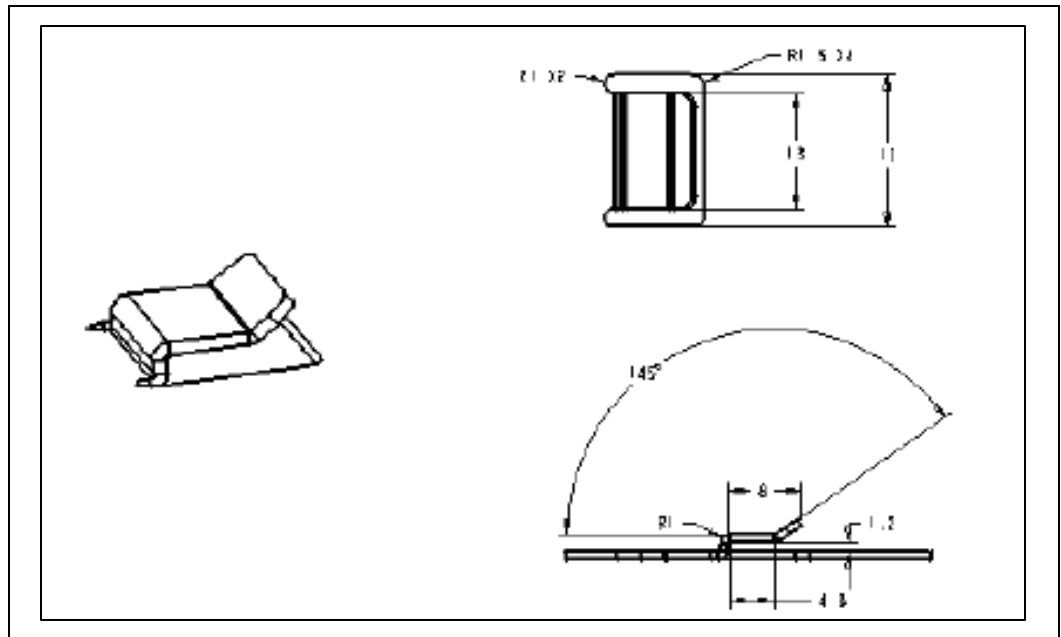


Figure 14-6: TFX12V Suggested Mounting Tab (Chassis Feature)



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15 Flex ATX Specific Guidelines 1.23

For Flex ATX Form Factor with 12-volt connector power supplies.

Mechanical dimension of power supplies has not changed from Multi Rail Desktop Power Supplies so chassis need not change. Below are the current specifications:

PSU DG	CFX12V	LFX12V	ATX12V	SFX12V	TFX12V	Flex ATX
1.43	1.63	1.43	2.53	3.43	2.53	1.23

15.1 Physical Dimensions (Required)

Figure 15-1: Flex ATX Mechanical Outline

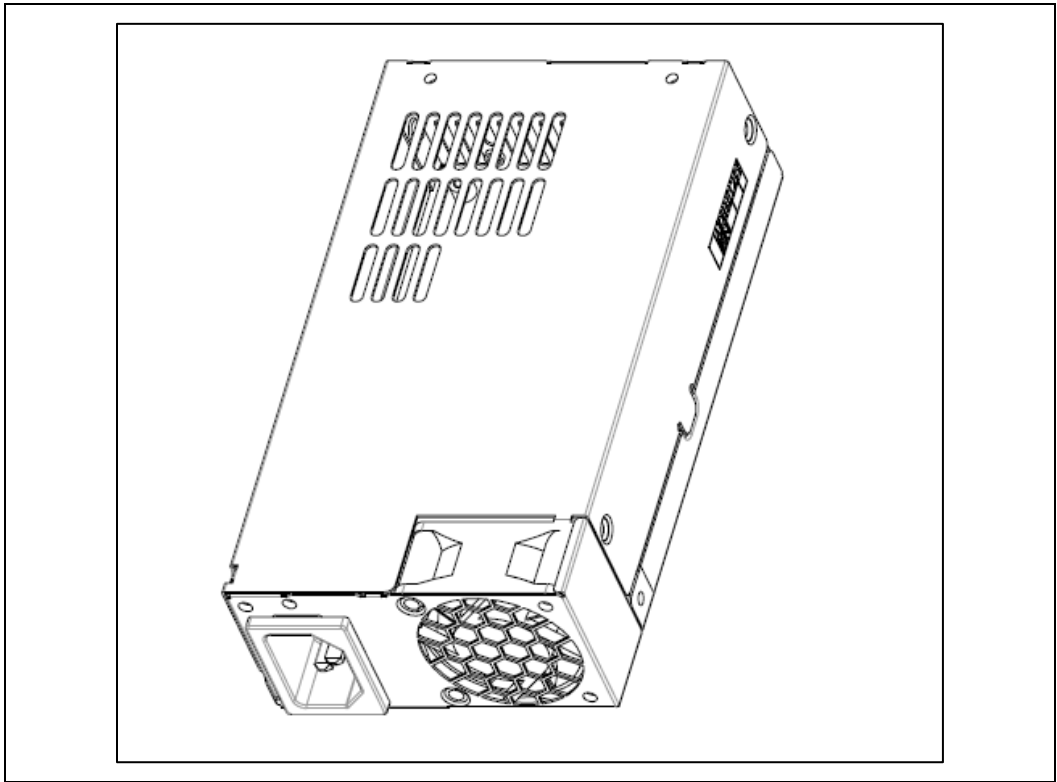
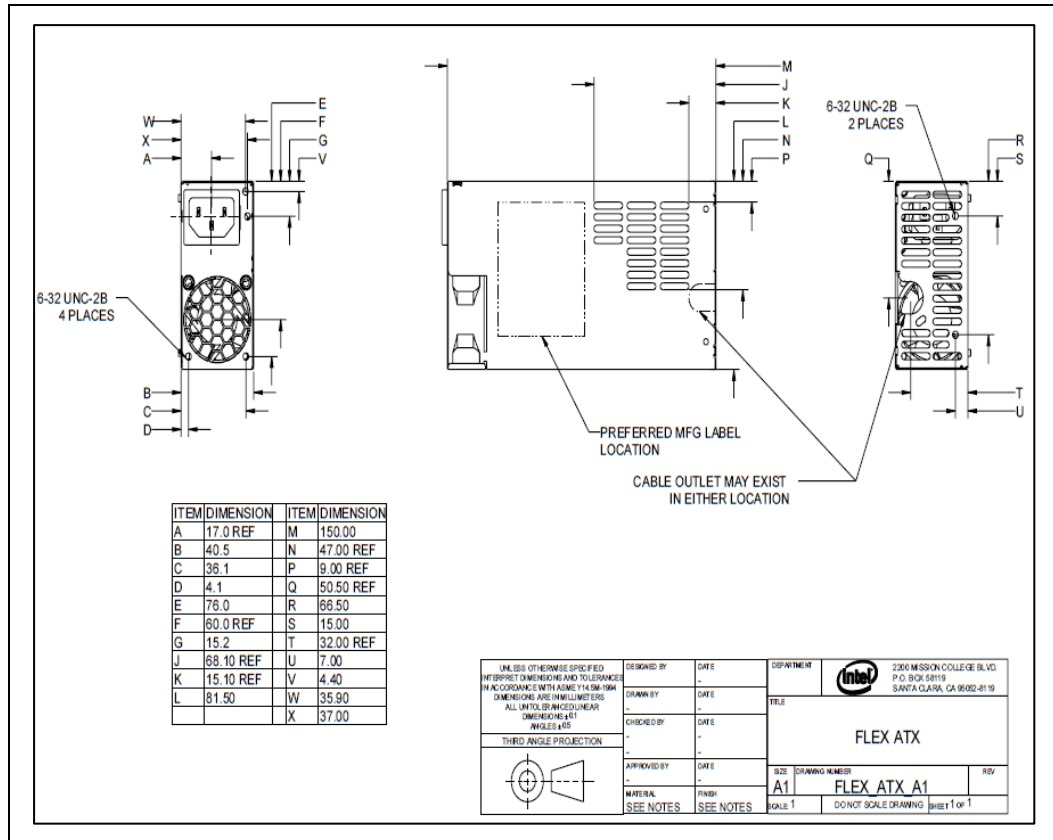




Figure 15-2: Flex ATX Dimensions and Recommended Feature Placements (Not to Scale)



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