

## Re: [OT] 8-port AHCI SATA Controller?

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On Tue, Jan 31, 2006 at 07:50:07PM +0100, Sander wrote:

> Actually, I need 24 ports :-) But 3x SX8 sets me back 540 dollars  
> according to pricewatch, which is less than half.

I know with older promise controllers, it wasn't possible to run more than 2 in one system as far as I remember due to some dma issues. Not sure if that applies to the SX8.

If it turns out the SX8 has issues (like the one pointed out earlier about number of commands to the card at once) or that it can't have 3 cards in one system at once, then what? Are you then out \$540 + the cost of a better controller? Certainly worth finding out before spending the money.

> Fkeraid controllers are less expensive, and would do too of course :-)

Of course those aren't hardware, and are only meant for small toy raids for windows users. The rest of use treat them as ide/sata controllers only. I haven't seen one of those with more than 4 ports either. If the SX8 is one, then I must admit I haven't looked at it before. I try to avoid hardware from promise whenever possible.

Len Sorensen

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