

LENOVO THINKSTATION

# P520 AND P520C POWER CONFIGURATOR

Lenovo™



---

# Contents

**OVERVIEW**

**SECTION 1 – KEY ARCHITECTURAL CHANGES**

**SECTION 2 – POWER RATINGS FOR KEY SYSTEM COMPONENTS**

**SECTION 3 – P520 POWER CONFIGURATIONS**

**SECTION 4 – P520C POWER CONFIGURATIONS**

**SECTION 5 – APPENDIX**

**SECTION 6 – DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY**

---

## Overview

With the introduction of the ThinkStation P520 and P520c platforms, there are changes in the way each system accommodates total power and power delivered to devices within the system as compared to their predecessor platforms. The purpose of this document is to highlight those changes such that users can make informed decisions regarding which power supply to configure in the system and which add-in cards can be officially supported.

---

## Section 1 – Key Architectural Changes

There are some key architectural changes that have been made to the overall power design of the P520 platform. In the predecessor P500 and P510 platforms, the power supply had two methods to deliver power to the components within the system:

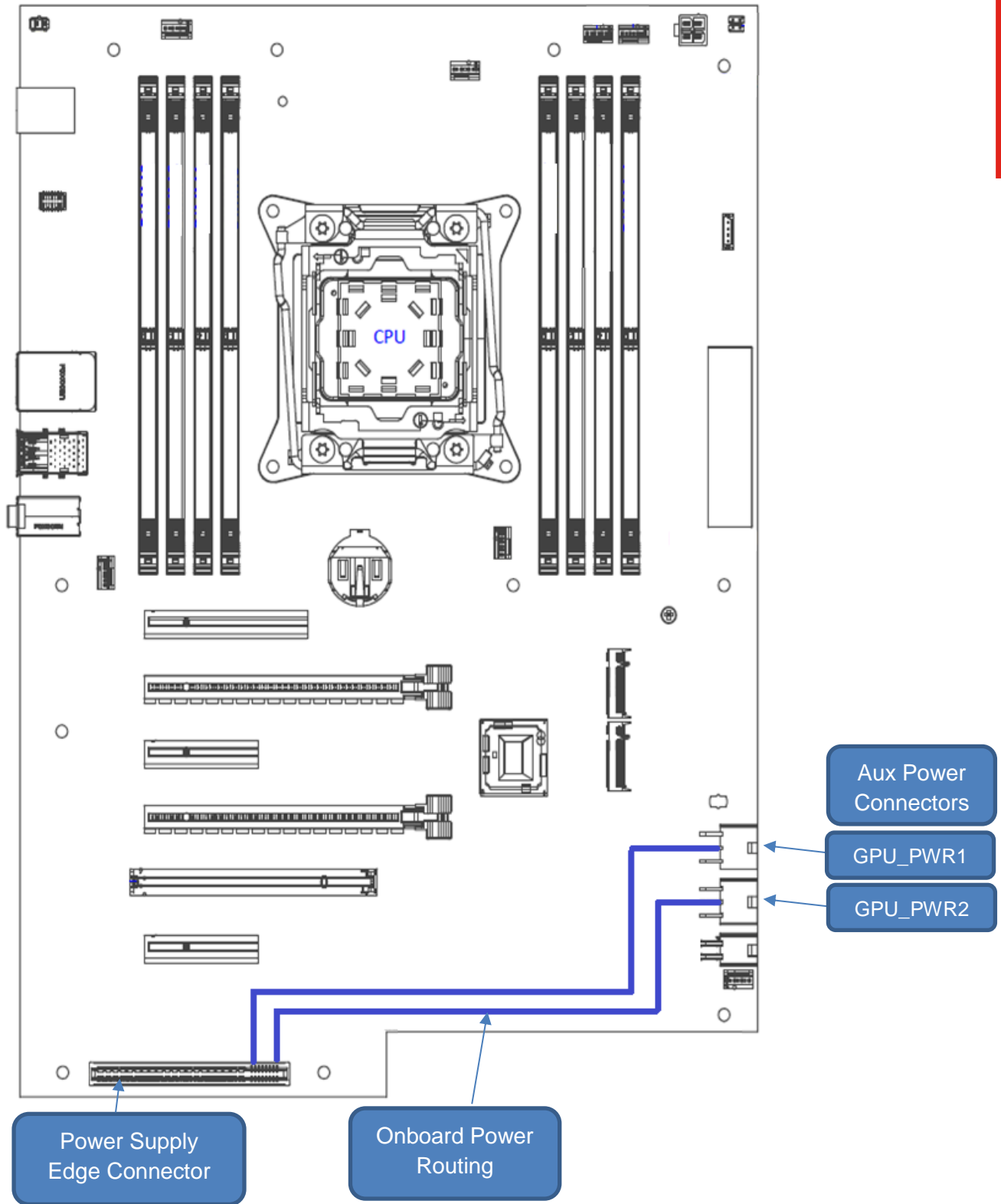
- A printed circuit board (PCB) “edge” style connector that provided power to the motherboard
- A cable connection that allowed for power to be distributed to add in cards, such as auxiliary power for GPUs.

With the P520, all power is now delivered to the system in a single connection via the PCB edge connector. Instead of using a separate cable connection for auxiliary powered devices, power for those devices is now cabled directly off the motherboard.

This becomes particularly advantageous when considering the upgradability of the P520 power supply. For previous P5XX platforms, upgrading the power supply to one with higher wattage sometimes also meant upgrading the auxiliary power cabling associated with that supply. This was a bit of a daunting task as the auxiliary cabling was routed underneath the motherboard requiring technicians to disassemble a large portion of the system to fully upgrade the power supply and cabling. With this new design, upgrading a power supply is as simple as installing the new power supply unit, and attaching any auxiliary power cable updates directly to the top of the motherboard. No system disassembly/reassembly is necessary. Figure 1 below shows the basis of this new design.

P520c utilizes a more traditional approach to powering system components since it supports a single capacity design. All onboard components and add-in cards are powered through direct cable connections from the power supply.

Figure 1 – P520 Power Design



---

## Section 2 – Power Ratings for Key System Components

In order to fully understand the power capabilities of the ThinkStation P520 and P520c platforms, it's important to understand the defined power ratings for the various internal components used within the system. Figure 2 below describes the power ratings for the various CPUs supported on the P520 and P520c.

*Figure 2 - CPU Power Ratings*

CPU Name (Xeon Skylake-W)	CPU Power	Additional CPU Information
<b>W-2102</b>	120W	2.9GHz, 4 cores, DDR4-2400
<b>W-2104</b>	120W	3.2GHz, 4 cores, DDR4-2400
<b>W-2123</b>	120W	3.6GHz, 4 cores, DDR4-2666, Turbo, Hyper-threading
<b>W-2125</b>	120W	4.0GHz, 4 cores, DDR4-2666, Turbo, Hyper-threading
<b>W-2133</b>	140W	3.6GHz, 6 cores, DDR4-2666, Turbo, Hyper-threading
<b>W-2135</b>	140W	3.7GHz, 6 cores, DDR4-2666, Turbo, Hyper-threading
<b>W-2145</b>	140W	3.7Ghz, 8 cores, DDR4-2666, Turbo, Hyper-threading
<b>W-2155</b>	140W	3.3GHz, 10 cores, DDR4-2666, Turbo, Hyper-threading
<b>W-2195</b>	140W	2.3GHz, 18 cores, DDR4-2666, Turbo, Hyper-threading

Figure 3 below lists the power ratings for the various add-in cards supported across P520 and P520c. Note that not all cards are supported on both platforms.

Figure 3 - Add-in Card Power Ratings

Max Power Rating	Card Name	Card Type	Aux Power Connectors Required (if any)
<b>250W</b>	P6000	Graphics Card	8-pin (PCIe)
<b>250W</b>	GV100	Graphics/Compute Card	8-pin (PCIe)
<b>235W</b>	GP100	Graphics/Compute Card	8-pin (PCIe)
<b>180W</b>	P5000, GTX 1080	Graphics Card	8-pin (PCIe)
<b>150W</b>	GTX 1070	Graphics Card	6-pin (PCIe)
	W7000	Graphics Card	6-pin (PCIe)
	WX7100 (130W)	Graphics Card	6-pin (PCIe)
<b>120W</b>	GTX 1060	Graphics Card	6-pin (PCIe)
<b>105W</b>	P4000	Graphics Card	6-pin (PCIe)
<b>75W (or less)</b>	NVS810, NVS510, NVS315, NVS310 P2000, P1000, P600, P400 P620	Graphics Card	None
	W5100, W4100, W2100 FirePro 2270 WX3100, WX4100, WX5100	Graphics Card	None
	Teradici 2240 Teradici 2220	Remote Display Adapter	None
	Broadcom 9460-8i Broadcom 9440-8i	Storage Controller	None
	I210-T1, I350-T2, I350-T4, Bitland BN8E88, 7260 Wifi, X540-T2 X710-DA2, Aquantia 5G,	Networking	None
	Thunderbolt	High Speed Bus	None

### **Update on Support for Nvidia RTX class GPUs**

It is important to note that this document does **not** reflect support for Nvidia RTX GPUs (Quadro or GeForce). Due to changes in the power requirements for these GPUs, it is no longer sufficient to classify support for them within ThinkStation simply by evaluating the TDP or Thermal Design Power. Other factors must be considered, and as such there is a separate whitepaper that addresses support for this class of GPU.

For more information for support of Nvidia RTX class GPUs on ThinkStation platforms, please reference the whitepaper “ThinkStation RTX GPU Support Matrix”.



## Section 3 – P520 Power Configurations

P520 supports both a 900W and 690W power supply, which allows customers to tailor their system to better meet the requirements of the components they intend to support.

### 900 Watt PSU

- Both onboard power connections are active (GFX\_PWR1 and GFX\_PWR2).
- Includes dual 8-pin (6+2) drop cables for powering GPUs or other cards.
- Provides 2 dedicated 12V rails.
- Some supported GPU configurations might require additional cabling (See Appendix).

#### GPU Support

250W x 2  
OR  
235W x 2  
OR  
180W x 2  
OR  
150W x 2  
OR  
140W x 2  
OR  
120W x 2  
OR  
75W x 2

Dual 6+2 pin Power Drop

CPU (up to 140W)

All RDIMM Memory

No Storage Limitations

### 690 Watt PSU

- Both onboard power connections are active (GFX\_PWR1 and GFX\_PWR2).
- Includes dual 8-pin (6+2) drop cables for powering GPUs or other cards.
- Provides 2 dedicated 12V rails.
- Some supported GPU configurations might require additional cabling (See Appendix).

#### GPU Support

250W x 1  
OR  
235W x 1  
OR  
180W x 2  
OR  
150W x 2  
OR  
140W x 2  
OR  
120W x 2  
OR  
75W x 2

Dual 6+2 pin Power Drop

## P520 Power Supply Configuration Notes:

- **For configurations that are not listed above but appear to be feasible, please work with the Technical Solutions Team to have the configuration validated/vetted.**
- Officially supported configurations could still be limited by additional factors not defined within this document.
- Both onboard GPU power connections (GFX\_PWR1 and GFX\_PWR2) are active when either the 900W or 690W power supply is installed.
- P520 supports either the 690W or 900W power supply.
- Some configurations might require additional cabling (see Appendix).



## Section 4 – P520c Power Configurations

P520c has a single 500W power supply available. Unlike the P520c, this power supply uses direct cabled connections from the power supply in order to support auxiliary powered graphics cards.

### 500 Watt PSU

- Single 6-pin PCIe auxiliary power drop.
- Provides single dedicated 12V rail.
- Some supported GPU configurations might require additional cabling (See Appendix)
- **Use of double-wide cards requires the removal of the lower HDD bay (Fig 4).**

CPU (up to 140W)

All RDIMM Memory

No Storage Limitations

#### GPU Support

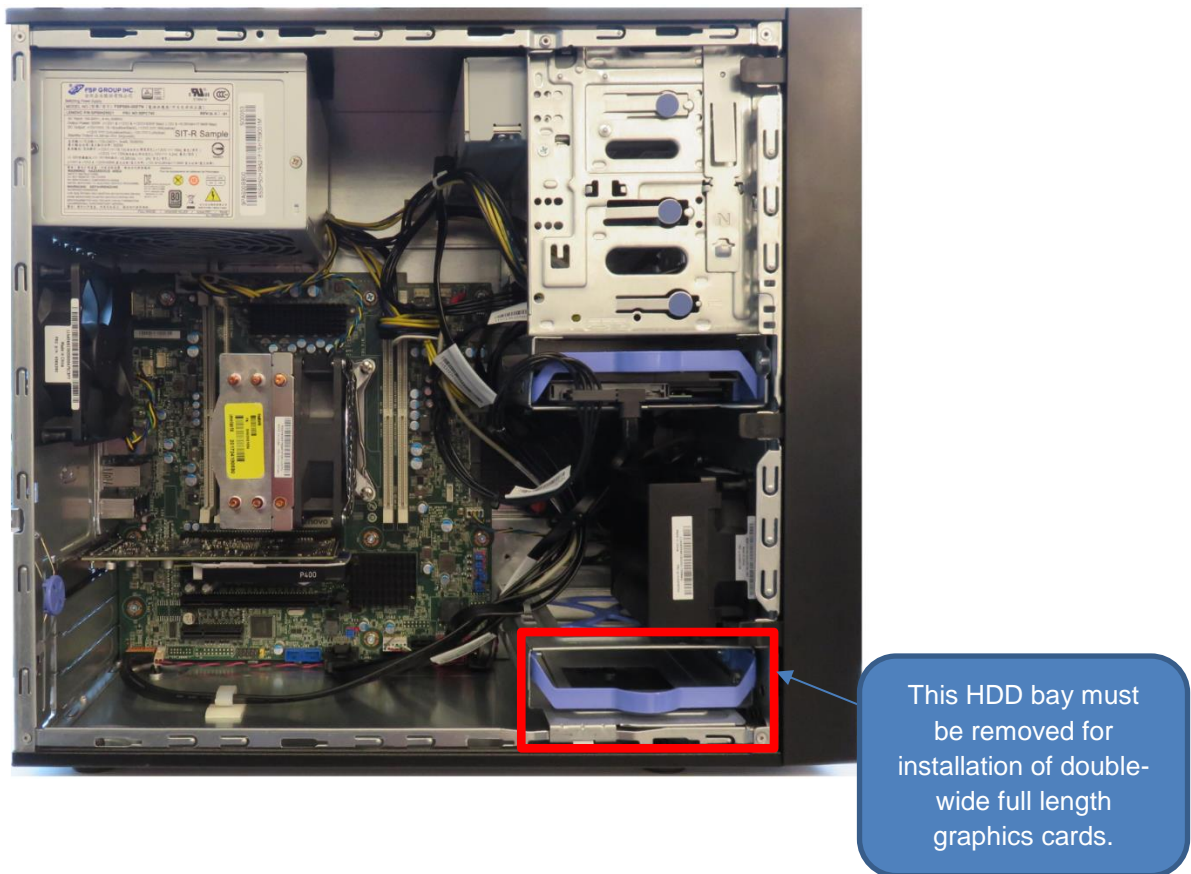
180W x 1  
OR  
150W x 1  
OR  
140W x 1  
OR  
120W x 2  
OR  
120W x 1  
OR  
75W x 2

Single 6-pin  
Power Drop

### P520c Power Supply Configuration Notes:

- **For configurations that are not listed above but appear to be feasible, please work with the Technical Solutions Team to have the configuration validated/vetted.**
- Officially supported configurations could still be limited by additional factors not defined within this document.
- Power supply comes with a single 6-pin PCIe power drop.
- Some supported GPU/add-in-card configurations might require additional cabling to be supported. See Appendix.
- Use of a double-wide graphics card (such as P5000) requires that the lower HDD bay be removed from the system in order to avoid physical interference issues. See Figure 4 below.

Figure 4 - P520c Lower HDD Bay Removal for Double-Wide Graphics Cards

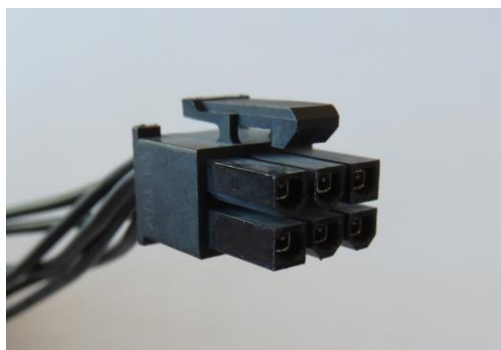


---

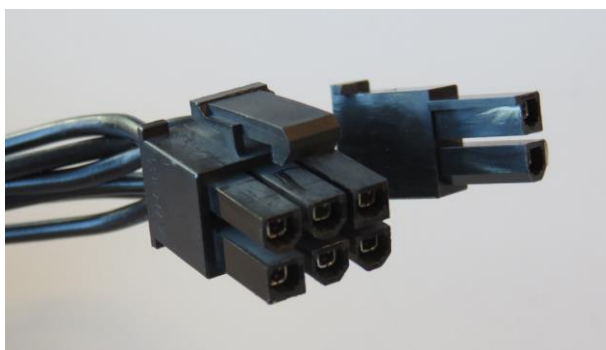
## Section 5 – Appendix

This section contains additional useful information about the hardware used to power adapter cards in ThinkStation systems.

### *PCIe Power Connectors*



***6-pin PCIe Power Connector***



***6+2 pin PCIe Power Connector***

### *Supported PCIe Power Cable Adapters*



***6-pin PCIe to 8-pin PCIe Converter, 100mm (FRU = 00XL159)***



***8-pin to dual 6-pin PCIe Splitter, 50mm (FRU = 04X2387)***

---

## Section 6 – Revision History

Version	Date	Author	Changes/Updates
1.0	11/21/2017	Cory Chapman	Initial launch release
1.1	12/11/2017	Cory Chapman	Updated CPU chart for Figure 2 to add more CPU detail.
1.2	1/31/2018	Cory Chapman	Adjusted guidance for P520 with 690W to remove dual 250W cards. Dual 250W supported with 900W. Corrected description in Figure 4 to add “full length”. Also removed 2 x 235W support for P520 with 690W (max dual card wattage is 2 x 180W). Removed references to 300W cards. See TSET team for usage if necessary. Added GV100 and P620 to adapter list in Figure 3.
1.3	4/18/2019	Cory Chapman	Added update to Section 2 regarding RTX class GPUs. Those GPUs are not covered by this document. Please reference the whitepaper “ThinkStation RTX GPU Support Matrix”.