Talon RTR 2749

3.6 GS/sec ultra wideband RF/IF rugged rackmount recorder

Recording system for ultra-wideband analog RF/IF signals

- Sampling up to 3.6 GHz in single-channel mode; up to 1.8 GHz in dual-channel mode
- Real-time aggregate recording rates of up to 4.8 GB/sec
- Up to 243 TB of SSD storage

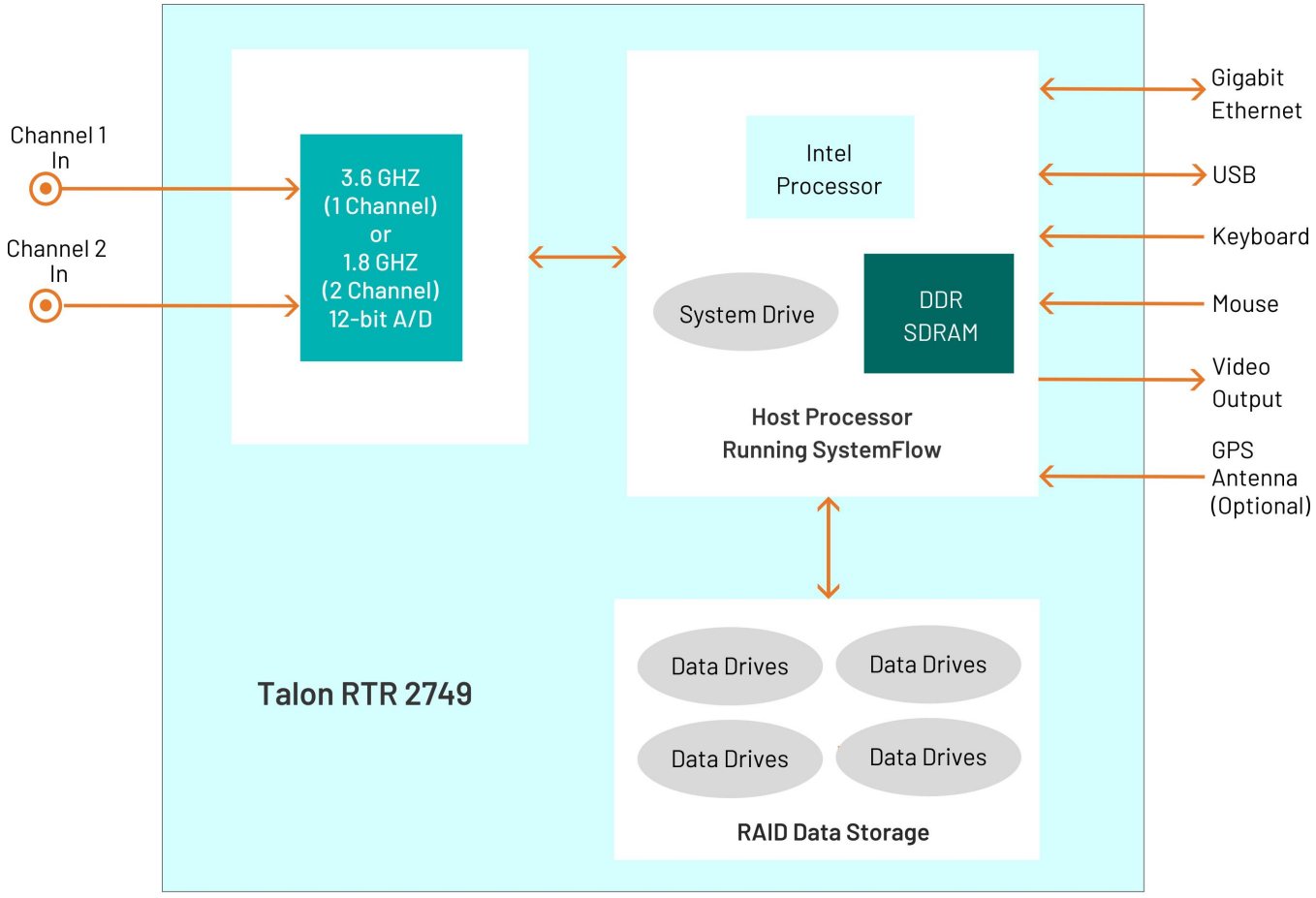
The Talon® RTR 2749 is a turnkey system, used for recording high-bandwidth signals. The RTR 2749 uses 12-bit, 3.6 GHz A/D converters. It can be configured as a one- or two-channel system and can record sampled data, packed as 8-bit- or 16-bit-wide consecutive samples (12-bit digitized samples residing in the 12 MSBs of the 16-bit word). A high-speed RAID array provides a maximum streaming recording rate to disk of 4.8 GB/sec.

The RTR 2749 uses Mercury's high-powered Kintex UltraScale-based Jade® boards or Virtex-7-based Onyx® boards, which provide the data streaming engine for the high-speed A/D converters. Channel and packing modes as well as gate and trigger settings are among the GUI-selectable system parameters, providing complete control over this ultra wideband recording system.

Optional GPS time and position stamping allows the user to capture this critical information in the header of each data file.

FEATURES

- Designed to operate under conditions of shock and vibration
- Sample rates up to 3.6 GHz in single-channel mode
- Sample rates up to 1.8 GHz in dual-channel mode
- Capable of recording RF/IF frequencies to 1.75 GHz in single-channel mode
- Capable of recording RF/IF frequencies to 2.8 GHz in dual-channel mode
- 12-bit A/D, with 16- and 8-bit packing modes
- Real-time aggregate recording rates of up to 4.8 GB/sec
- 4U 19-inch rugged rackmount PC server chassis
- Windows® workstation with-high performance Intel® processor
- Up to 243 terabytes of SSD storage to NTFS RAID solid state disk array
- RAID levels of 0, 5, and 6
- SystemFlow® GUI with signal viewer analysis tool
- C-callable API for integration of recorder into application
- File headers include time stamping and recording parameters
- Optional GPS time and position stamping



RUGGED AND FLEXIBLE ARCHITECTURE

Because SSDs operate reliably under conditions of vibration and shock, the RTR 2749 performs well in ground, shipborne and airborne environments. The hot-swappable SSDs provide storage capacity of up to 243 TB. The drives can be easily removed or exchanged during or after a mission to retrieve recorded data.

The RTR 2749 is configured in a 4U 19-inch rugged rackmount chassis, with hot-swappable data drives, front panel USB ports, and I/O connectors on the rear panel. Systems are scalable to accommodate multiple chassis to increase channel counts and aggregate data rates. All recorder chassis are connected via Ethernet and can be controlled from a single GUI either locally or from a remote PC.

RAID levels 0, 5, and 6 provide a choice for the required level of redundancy.

SYSTEMFLOW SOFTWARE

All Talon recorders include the Mercury SystemFlow® recording software. SystemFlow software enables users to configure and control a Talon recorder:

- The SystemFlow GUI provides a point-and-click user interface. It includes Configure, Record, Playback, and Status screens, each with intuitive controls and indicators. The user can easily move between screens to configure parameters, control and monitor a recording, and play back a recorded stream.
- SystemFlow API provides a set of C-callable libraries that allow engineers to develop their own user interface to configure and control their Talon recorder. Additional high-level libraries, like Python, are available upon request.

The SystemFlow GUI and API can be run from a remote connection over Gigabit Ethernet. Recorders can be set up to run autonomously by implementing scripts using the API interface.

Talon systems record all data to the native NTFS file system, allowing for quick and easy access to the data from any computer. A simple header that holds the recording parameters is added to the beginning of each file. An optional GPS receiver allows the user to precisely timestamp files and optionally track the recorder's position throughout a mission.

SYSTEMFLOW SIMULATOR

To learn more about SystemFlow software, contact Mercury at techsales@mrcy.com. The SystemFlow Simulator allows you to learn how to use a Talon recorder's SystemFlow software interface before you acquire a recorder or while you are waiting for delivery of a recorder.

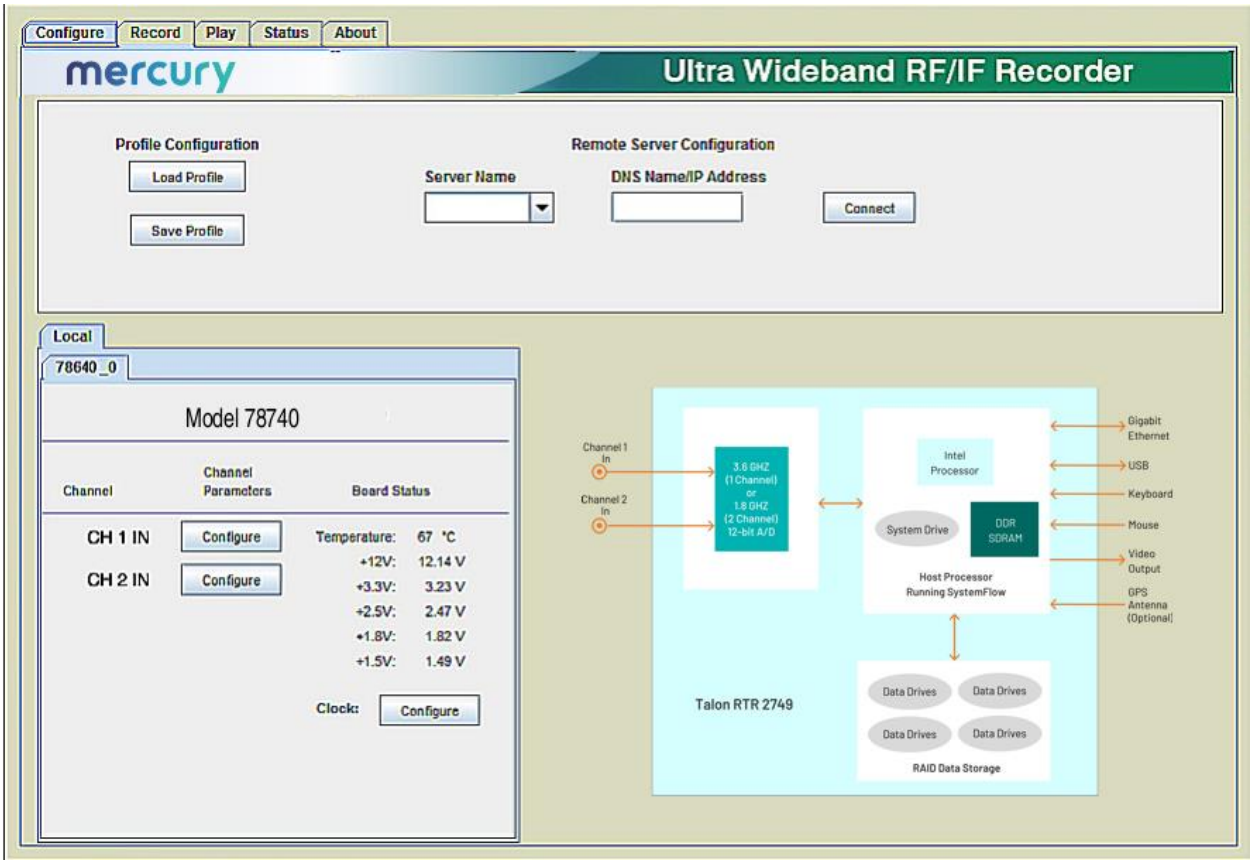
The Simulator can simulate the operating environment of all the different Talon recorder models. The Simulator also demonstrates the SystemFlow Signal Viewer by playing recorded signals to simulate the appearance of live signals being digitized and recorded by a Talon analog signal recorder.

Features

- Provides real-time recording system simulation
- Allows engineers to write and test their application (built using the SystemFlow API) before receiving the recorder hardware
- Demonstrates SystemFlow signal and file viewer tool
- Capable of simulating all Talon analog and digital recording systems
- Full Talon SystemFlow GUI
- Simulator can be used to develop Talon system profiles for use in the final system

SYSTEMFLOW RECORDER INTERFACE

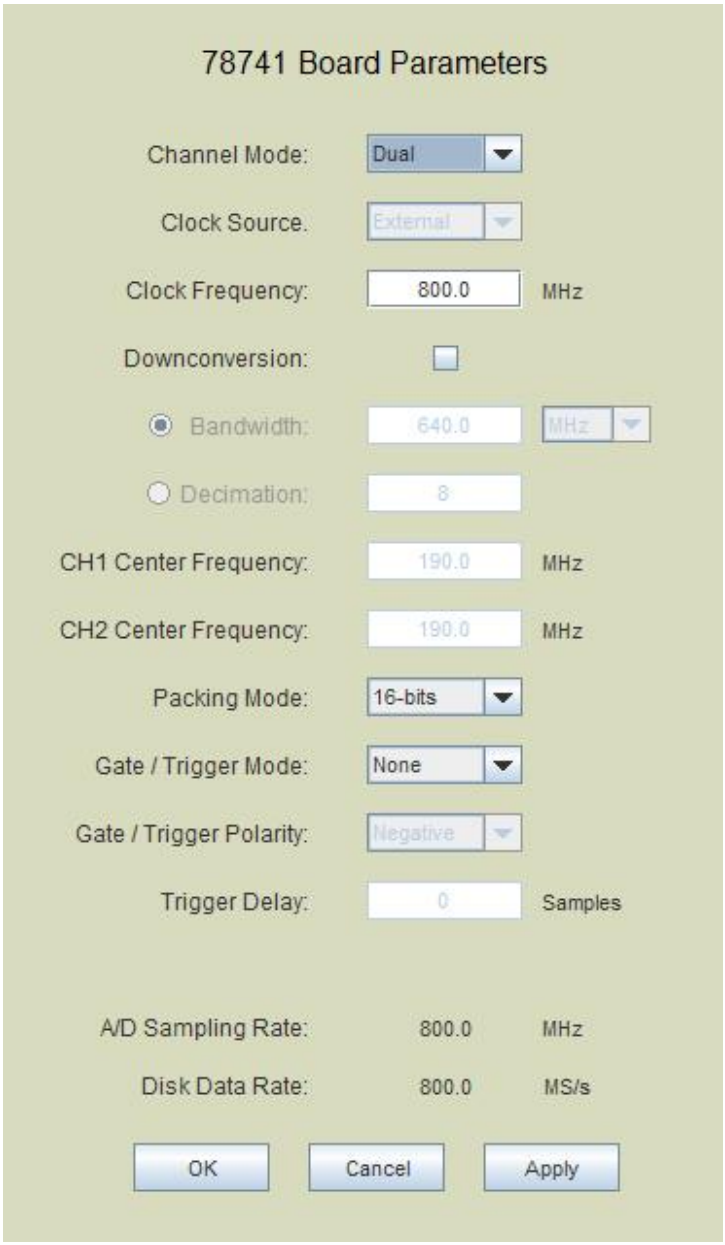
The RTR 2749 GUI provides the user with a control interface for the recording system. It includes Configuration, Record, Playback and Status screens, each with intuitive controls and indicators. The user can easily move between screens to set configuration parameters, control and monitor a recording, play back a recorded signal and monitor board temperature and voltage levels. The signal viewer, integrated into the recording GUI, allows the user to monitor real-time signals or signals recorded on disk.



SETTING SYSTEM PARAMETERS

The RTR 2749 configuration GUI provides a simple and intuitive means for setting up the system parameters such as channel mode, clock frequency, downconversion, and gate/trigger mode.

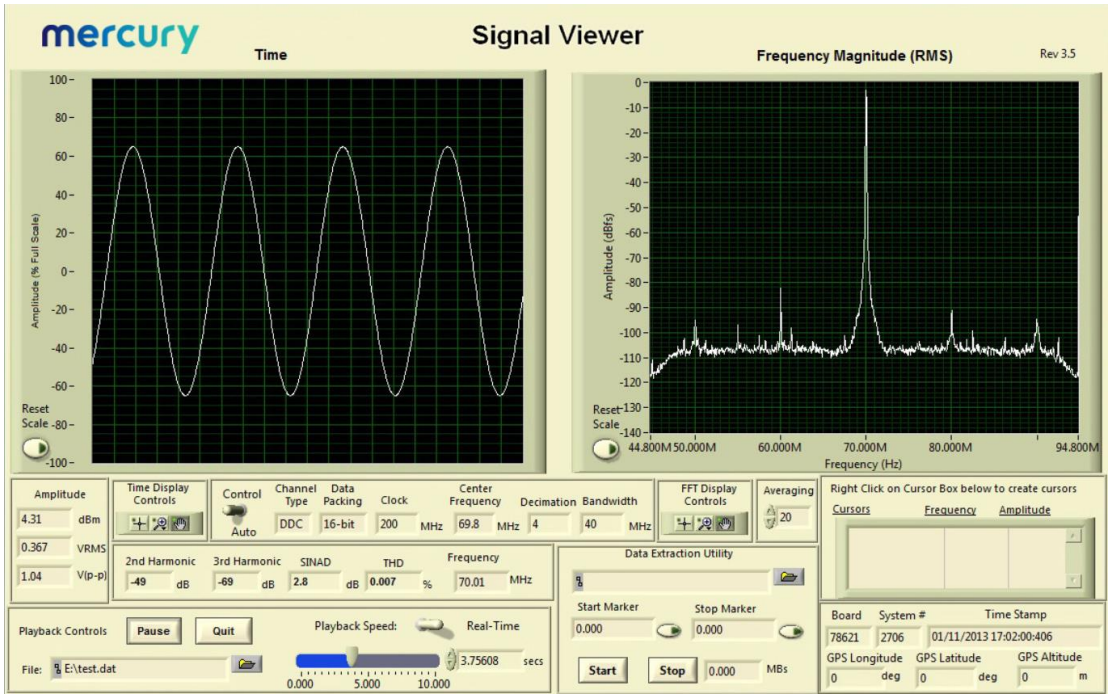
All parameters contain limit-checking and integrated help. Details about each field on the configuration screens are provided in the RTR 2749 user manual.



SIGNAL VIEWER

The SystemFlow Signal Viewer includes a spectrogram, virtual oscilloscope, and spectrum analyzer for signal monitoring in both the time and frequency domains. It is extremely useful for previewing live inputs prior to recording, and for monitoring signals as they are being recorded to help ensure successful recording sessions. The viewer can also be used to inspect and analyze the recorded files after the recording is complete.

Advanced signal analysis capabilities include automatic calculators for signal amplitude and frequency, second and third harmonic components, THD (total harmonic distortion), and SINAD (signal to noise and distortion). With time and frequency zoom, panning modes, and dual, annotated cursors to mark and measure points of interest, the SystemFlow Signal Viewer can often eliminate the need for a separate oscilloscope or spectrum analyzer in the field.



SYSTEMFLOW API

SystemFlow includes a complete API (Application Programming Interface) supporting control and status queries of all operations of the Talon recorder from a custom application.

High-level C-language function calls and the supporting device drivers allow users to incorporate the RTR 2749 as a high-performance server front end to a larger system. This is supported using a socket interface through the Ethernet port, either to a local host or through an internet link for remote, standalone acquisition. Recorded NTFS files can be easily retrieved through the same connection. In addition to C, support is also provided for high level languages such as Python and C#. Below is an example of controlling recording via the SystemFlow API.

```
728         }
729         //transfer until end of disk
730         else if (transferType == TRANSFER_END_OF_DISK)
731         {
732             recordParams->transferTime    = 0;                    // must set to 0
733             recordParams->transferLength  = 0;                    // must set to 0
734         }
735
736         ////////////////////// Start the record //////////////////////
737         SetConsoleTextAttribute (hConsole, FOREGROUND_GREEN | FOREGROUND_INTENSITY );
738         printf("\nCase 6: RTS_Record\n");
739         SetConsoleTextAttribute (hConsole, wOldColorAttrs);
740
741         //trigger immediately
742         if(recordParams->trigger == RTS_TRIGGER_IMMEDIATELY)
743         {
744             //send record command
745             if ((error = RTS_Record(++msgNum,
746                                     serverInfo,
747                                     recordParams,
748                                     recordChanId,
749                                     fileName[0])) != RTS_SUCCESS)
750             {
751                 printf("Record Error # 0x%lx.\n", error);
752                 exitHandler(error);
753                 goto freeMem;
754             }
755
756             Sleep(500);
757         }
758
759         //wait for SW trigger
760         else if(recordParams->trigger == RTS_WAIT_FOR_SW_TRIGGER)
761         {
762             //send record command which set up record and start DMA
763             if ((error = RTS_Record(++msgNum,
764                                     serverInfo,
765                                     recordParams,
766                                     recordChanId,
767                                     fileName[0])) != RTS_SUCCESS)
```

SPECIFICATIONS

PC Workstation

Operating System: Windows®

Processor: Intel Core i7 processor or better

SDRAM: (standard) 8 GB

- Option -309: 16 GB
- Option -310: 32 GB
- Option -311: 64 GB

RAID

- Storage: 7.6, 15.3, 30.7, 61, 122.8, or 243.3 TB
- Supported RAID Levels: (standard) 0
  - Option -285: RAID 5
  - Option -286: RAID 6
- Drive Type: SATA III or NVME SSDS

Analog Signal Inputs

Connectors: Two rear panel SSMC connectors, In 1 & In 2

Input Type: Single-ended, non-inverting

Full Scale Input: +4 dBm into 50 ohms

Coupling: Transformer-coupled

Analog Input Transformers

Bandwidth: 4.5 kHz to 3.0 GHz

A/D Converters

Type: Texas Instruments ADC12D1800

Sampling Rate:

- Single-channel mode: 500 MHz to 3.6 GHz
- Dual-channel mode: 150 MHz to 1.8 GHz
- Resolution: 12 bits

Maximum Usable Input Frequency

- Single-channel mode: 1.75 GHz
- Dual-channel mode: 2.8 GHz

Anti-Aliasing Filters: External, user-supplied

Digital Downconverters

Decimation: 8, 16 to 512 in Single-Channel Mode, 4, 8 to 256 in Dual-Channel Mode

IF Center Frequency Tuning: DC to fs, 32 bits

LO SFDR: >120 db

DDC Usable Bandwidth: 0.8*fs/D

Sampling Clock Source

Internal fixed-frequency or programmable oscillator (selectable by option); in single-channel mode, the sample rate is 2x the clock frequency; in dual- channel mode, the sample rate equals the clock frequency

Frequency Reference

Accepts external 10 MHz reference at 0 to +4 dBm to phase-lock the clock oscillator

Physical and Environmental

4U Long Chassis: 19" W x 21" D x 7" H

Weight: 50 lb, approx.

Operating Temp: 0° to +50° C

Storage Temp: -40° to +85° C

Relative Humidity: 5 to 95%, non-condensing

Operating Shock: 15 g max. (11 msec, half sine wave)

Operating Vibration: 10 to 20 Hz: 0.02 inch peak, 20 to 500 Hz: 1.4 g peak acceleration

Power Requirements: 100 to 240 VAC, 50 to 60 Hz, 500 W max.

ORDERING INFORMATION

Channel Configurations	
Option -201	1-Channel record
Option -202	2-Channel record (2 Model 78741 or 78841 boards)

RAID Configurations	
Standard	RAID 0 configuration
Option -285	RAID 5 configuration
Option -286	RAID 6 configuration

Memory Options	
Standard	8 GB system memory
Option -309	16 GB system memory
Option -310	32 GB system memory
Option -311	64 GB system memory

Storage Options	
Option -405	1.9 TB SSD storage capacity
Option -415	7.6 TB SSD storage capacity
Option -420	15.3 TB SSD storage capacity
Option -430	30.7 TB SSD storage capacity
Option -460	61.4 TB SSD storage capacity
Option -485	122.8 TB SSD storage capacity
Option -490	243.3 TB SSD storage capacity

Sample Clock Options	
Option -910	**User-Programmable Sample Clock** Dual-channel mode sample clock range 150 MHz – 945 MHz 970 MHz – 1134 MHz 1213 MHz – 1417.5 MHz Single-channel mode sample clock range 500 MHz – 1890 MHz 1940 MHz – 2268 MHz 2426 MHz – 2835 MHz
Option -911	**Fixed-Frequency Clock:** 1.5 / 3.0 GHz sample clock
Option -912	**Fixed-Frequency Clock:** 1.6 / 3.2 GHz sample clock
Option -913	**Fixed-Frequency Clock:** 1.2 / 2.4 GHz sample clock
Option -914	**Fixed-Frequency Clock:** 1.36 / 2.72 GHz sample clock
Option -915	**Fixed-Frequency Clock:** 1.8 / 3.6 GHz sample clock
Custom fixed-frequency sample clocks available upon request.	

General Options (append to all options)	
Option -261	GPS time and position stamping
Option -264	IRIG-B time stamping
Option -267	Dual 10 GbE offload
Option -268	40 GbE offload
Option -625	Removable OS drive enclosure
Option -680	28V DC power supply

Contact Mercury for compatible option combinations. Storage and general options may change, so contact Mercury for the latest information.

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