

The role of SD Express Card Reader in SD Express-Ecosystem of Devices

讀卡機控制晶片在SD Express生態系的功能與定位

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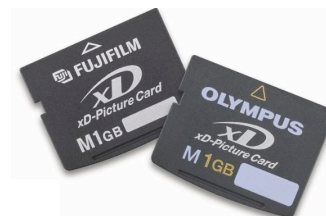
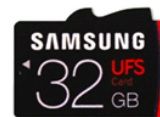


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Memory Cards since 1992



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PCMCIA Card



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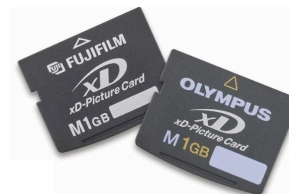
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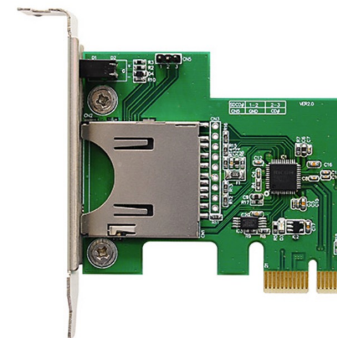


PCIe-based memory card

Various Choices of Card Reader Products



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The Memory Card Reader Controller

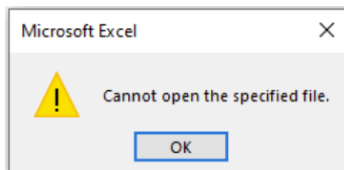


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- ❑ A bridge to transfer data from host to card or from card to host

- ❑ Data correctness and data integrity



- ❑ Maximum the compatibility to Host and Card
- ❑ Complete the data transfer in the shortest time
- ❑ Minimize the power consumption
- ❑ The consistent performance in every use

Leverage the Existing PCIe Technology

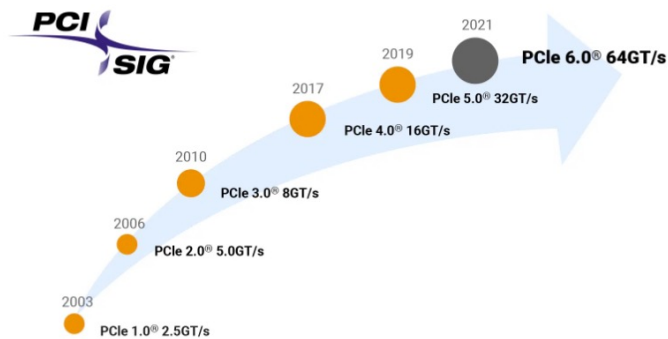


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PCIe-based memory cards

- ✓ SSD-like storage in card form factor
- ✓ PCIe move to external from internal
- ✓ Fixed disk to removable device



SD Express Memory Card



ASD512GEX3L1-C
ASD256GEX3L1-C

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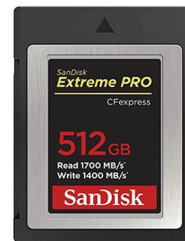


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SDSDXFN-256G SDSDXFN-256G



Backward Support of SD Express Card



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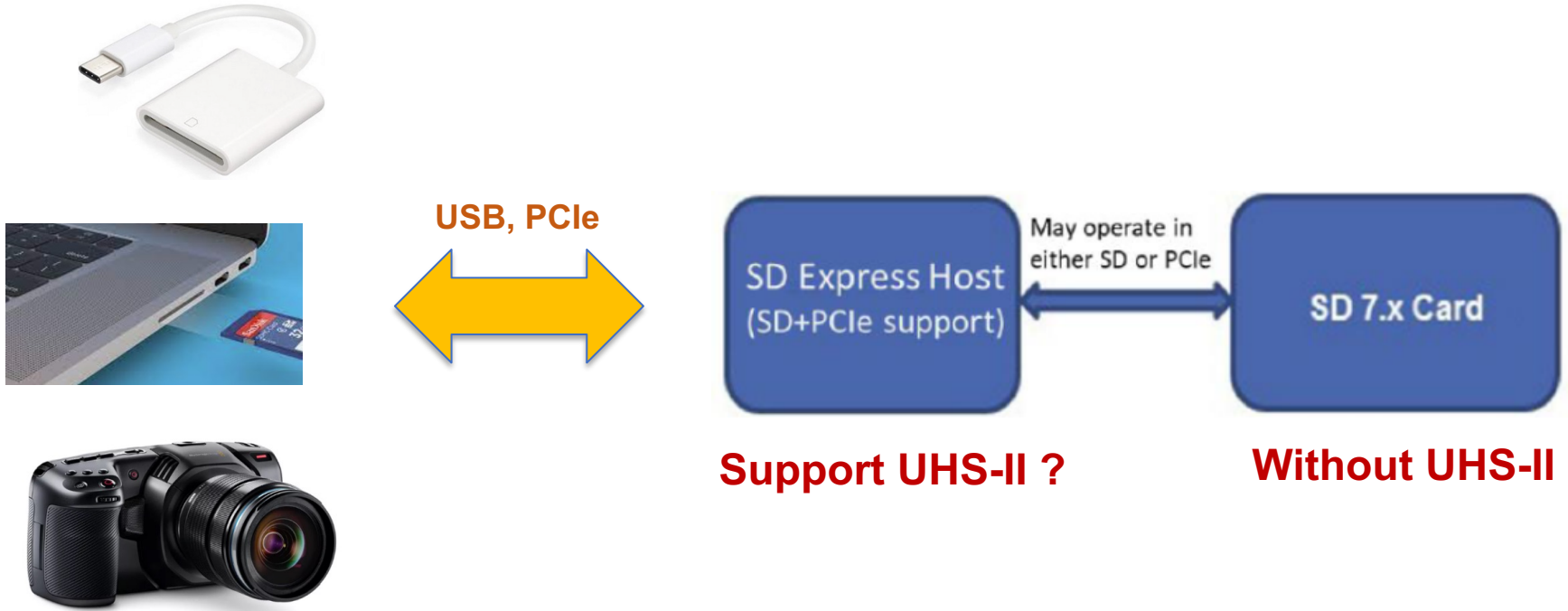
	SD Memory Card				SD Express Memory Card	
Pin Layout						
PCIe Bus Interface					3940 MB/sec	
					PCIe Gen. 4x2	
					1970 MB/sec	
					PCIe Gen. 3x2	
					PCIe Gen. 4x1	
SD Bus Interface					985 MB/sec	
					PCIe Gen. 3x1	
					*microSD Express supports only PCIe Gen. 3x1	
					624 MB/sec	
					UHS-III	
			312 MB/sec			
			UHS-II			
			UHS-I		UHS-I	
	25 MB/sec		104 MB/sec			
	High Speed		High Speed		High Speed	

SD Express Host support both SD and PCIe interface



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Source: *SD Express (SD7.x) Host Implementation Guideline*

SD Express Reader support UHS-II is important



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- **At least 79 cameras support UHS-II card slot in past ten years**
 - Canon, Fujifilm, Leica, Nikon, Olympus, Panasonic, Samsung, Sony...etc
- **All top brands of laptops support UHS-II card slot**
 - Apple, ASUS, Acer, Dell, HP, Lenovo, MSI, Chromebook...etc
- **Thunderbolt / USB-C docking support UHS-II card slot**
- **From the view point of SD reader vendor, it might be hard to explain to end users who only have UHS-II cards why their UHS-II cards perform more slowly with a new SD Express card slot than they older UHS-II card slot.**

	Read [MB/s]	Write [MB/s]
Seq	305.9	198.8
512K	128.0	2.844
4K	13.81	2.251
4K QD32	15.67	2.073

1/3 speed

	Read [MB/s]	Write [MB/s]
Seq	98.70	80.97
4K	5.959	2.452
Seq	98.57	83.68
4K	5.321	2.392

A Case: SD Express in Camera



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- UHS-II card slot is widely supported by Cameras



- However, SD Express cards perform more slowly with the existing UHS-II card slot
- Meanwhile, CFexpress offer the high writing speed to card
- What we can do to make the SD Express card to be adopted by Camera ?

Genesys Solution – GL9767

PCIe to SD8/7/4/3 all-in-one card reader controller



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- The major applications of GL9767 are the internal SD Express card reader of **laptop, mini PC, Server system, professional camera, game console and drone devices** that demand the high speed of SD storage or the second SSD-like storage for the real memory expansion.
- The support of SD Express interface can be up to **SD 8.0 SD Express (PCIe Gen.4 x 2)** and support **SD 8.0 SD Express (PCIe Gen.4 x 1), SD 8.0 SD Express (PCIe Gen.3 x 2)** and **SD 7.1 SD Express (PCIe Gen.3 x 1)**
- GL9767 is the first SD Express card reader controller which can **backward support SD 4.0 UHS-II speed mode** and SD 3.0 UHS-I speed mode.
- For power saving, GL9767 support **PCI Express ASPM, L1 sub-states (L1.1 and L1.2) and RTD3 (Runtime D3 Hot/Cold), Modern Standby and S0ix.**
- The supported OS are **Windows OS, Chrome OS and Linux OS**

PCIe & SD - GL9767



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☐ **Host interface**

- ☐ Support 1-Lane 16 GT/s PCI Express Bus connect to PCIe host
- ☐ Support 2-Lane 32 GT/s PCI Express Bus connect to PCIe host by system design

☐ **The supported SD specification**

- ☐ Compliant with SD Specifications Part 1 Physical Layer Specification Version 8.0
- ☐ Compliant with SD Specifications Part 1 Physical Layer Specification Version 7.1
- ☐ Compliant with SD Specifications Part A2 SD Host Controller Specification Version 4.20

☐ **The supported SD cards and SD speed mode**

- ☐ Secure Digital™ (SD), SDXC, SDHC, SDUC
- ☐ SD 8.0 Express mode up to 3940 MB/sec
- ☐ SD 7.1 Express mode up to 985 MB/sec
- ☐ SD 4.0 UHS-II FD/HD mode up to 312 MB/sec
- ☐ SD 3.0 UHS-I SDR104, SDR50 and DDR50

GL9767 is the only SD host SVP product for both SD Express and UHS-II



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SD Express

SVP Verified Product List --- SD Express

Model	Company	Product Type
GL9767	Genesys Logic Inc.	Card & Host Interface Controller



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UHS-II

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SD Express Host Implementation



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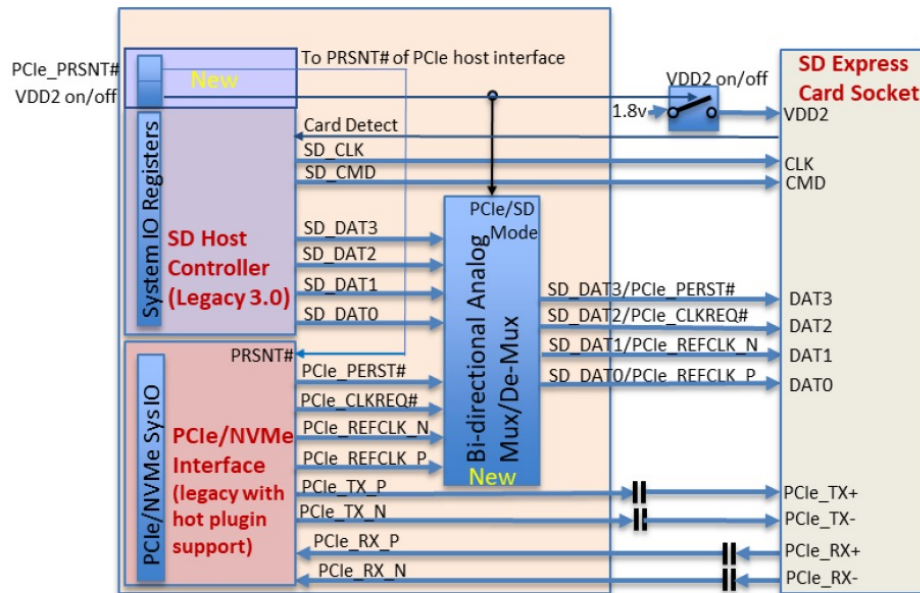
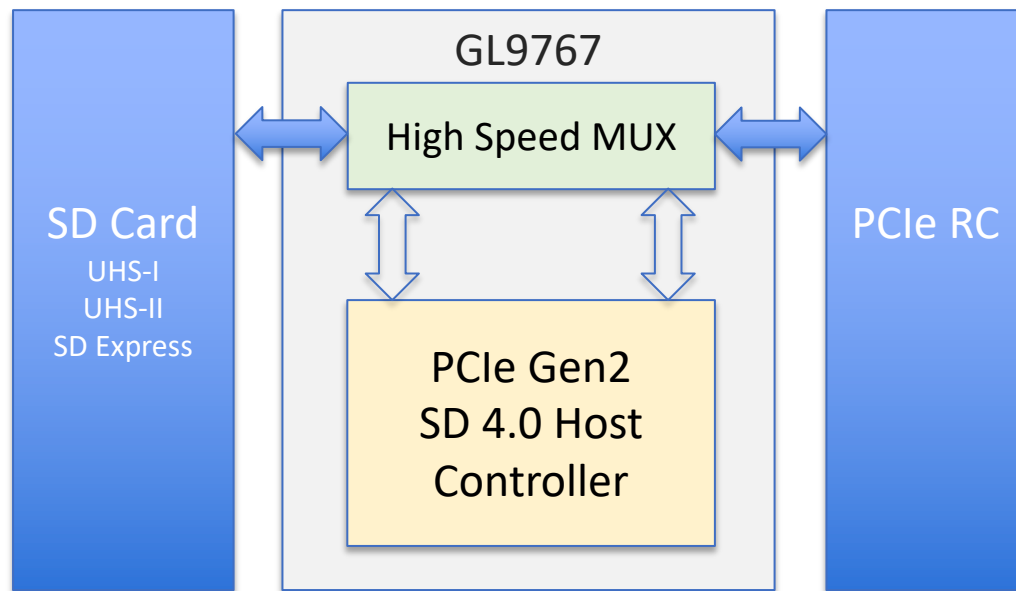


Figure 7 SD Express Host – Block Diagram

Source: *SD Express (SD7.x) Host Implementation Guideline*

Controller Block Diagram – GL9767

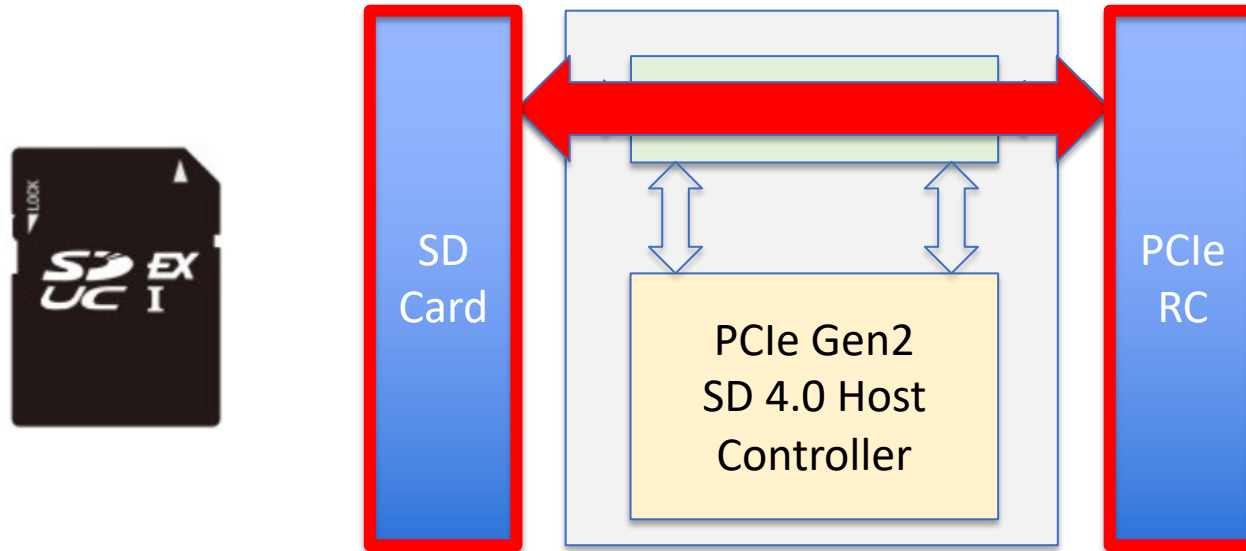


SD Express card directly connect to PCIe root complex and the in-box NVME driver is loaded



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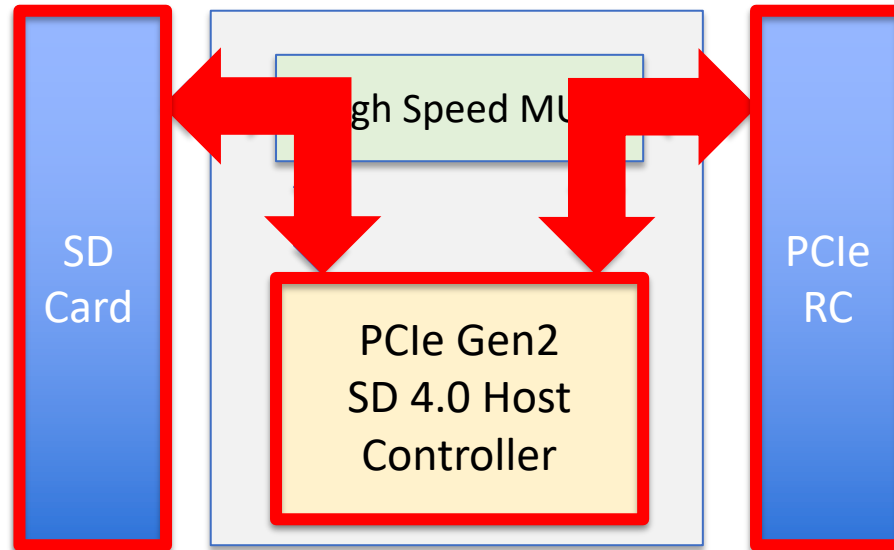
The PCIe root port need to enable PCIe hot-plug function to support SD7 card plug and un-plug

The legacy SD cards are initialized by the internal SD host controller and the vendor driver is loaded



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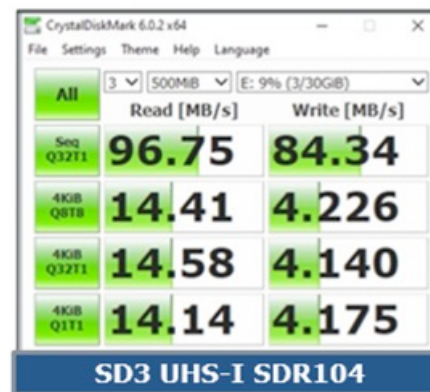
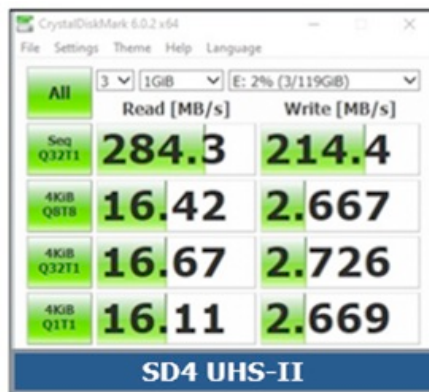
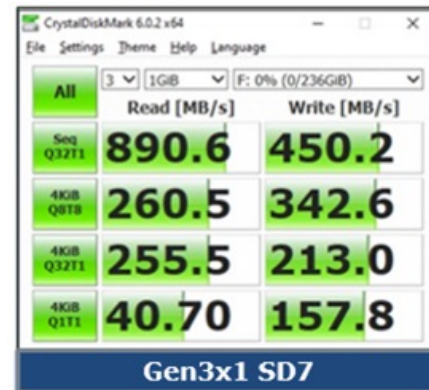
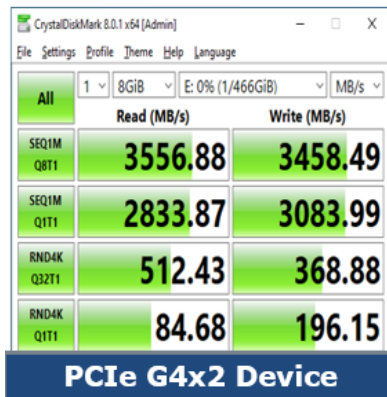
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Benchmark test – GL9767



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The Role of SD Express Card Reader in SD Express-Ecosystem

- ❑ Faster speed with PCI Express technology
- ❑ Don't forget UHS-II have been widely adopted by various devices
- ❑ Genesys Logic's all-in-one solution GL9767 is MP now

- ❑ Looking forward the grow up of SD Express market !

GL9767 Exhibition at SDA booth in Computex



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**SD Ver.7.00 SD Express Solution
with PCIe 3.1 x1 up to 985 MB/s
with a Single SD Card Slot Solution
Supporting UHS-I, UHS-II**

Genesys Logic's PCI Express to SD Express Bridge
Reader/Writer Controller "GL9767" supporting

- 1) SD 7.0 SD Express PCIe Bus Interface Mode
- 2) SD 4.0 UHS-II Bus Interface Mode
- 3) SD 3.0 UHS-I Bus Interface Mode

using SanDisk SD Cards in the benchmark test to
show the data transfer speed using the
CrystalDiskMark.



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**SD Ver.8.00 SD Express Solutions
with PCIe 3.1 x2 up to 1969 MB/s**

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Genesys Logic's PCI Express to SD 8.0 SD Express
Card Reader Controller

PS5017:

Phison's SD 8.0 Solution with PCIe 3.1 x2 Interface

using Phison SD 8.0 SD Express Device on the
evaluation board of GL9767 with the
"CrystalDiskMark" benchmark test software
showing transfer speed performance.



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Thank you very much for your time and listening !