

## Features

- **Industry Standard M.2 SATA Host Interface**
  - SATA 1.5Gb/s, 3Gb/s and 6Gb/s
  - SATA Revision 3.2
  - ATA/ATAPI-8 compliant
  - Supports 48-bit address feature set
- **Performance**
  - Sequential data read: Up to 470 MByte/sec\*
  - Sequential data write: Up to 340 MByte/sec\*

\* 128 KByte transfer size tested in VDBench on Linux
- **Power Management**
  - 3.3V power supply
  - Host initialized power management (HIPM)
  - Device initialized power management (DIPM)
- **Power Specifications**
  - Active mode:
    - 64GB: Up to 2180mW
    - 32GB: Up to 1800mW
    - 16GB: Up to 1980mW
    - 8GB: Up to 1540mW
  - Idle mode: < 355mW (typical)
  - DevSleep mode: < 70mW (typical)
- **Thermal Throttling**
- **Reliability**
  - Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF):  
More than 2 million hours\*\*

\*\* preliminary estimate
- **Expanded Data Protection**
  - Added data security through user-selectable protection zones
  - Secure Erase (data sanitization)
- **20-Byte Serial Number**
  - Factory pre-programmed unique ID
  - User-programmable 10-Byte ID
- **Supports TRIM and SMART Commands**
- **Robust Built-in ECC**
- **Native Command Queuing (NCQ)**
  - Up to 32 commands
- **NAND Configuration**
  - 1 bit per cell (SLC)
  - Designed with Greenliant's advanced EnduroSLC™ Technology
- **Ultra High Endurance**
  - 250K P/E cycles
- **Operating Temperature Range**
  - Industrial: -40°C to 85°C
- **M.2 2242 and 2280 Form Factors**
  - 22mm x 42mm x 2.38mm
  - 22mm x 80mm x 2.38mm
  - Single-sided (SS), B+M key
- **All Devices are RoHS Compliant**

## Product Description

The GLS87AA008G9 / 016G9 / 032G9 / 064G9 (2280 form factor) and GLS87CA008G9 / 016G9 / 032G9 / 064G9 (2242 form factor) Industrial Grade SATA M.2 ArmourDrive™ EX Series modules (referred to as "M.2 ArmourDrive" in this factsheet) are ultra-high endurance, high-reliability solid state drives. They include an 8, 16, 32 or 64 GByte SATA NANDrive™ on a printed circuit board (PCB).

M.2 ArmourDrive is ideal for applications that require removable form factor and more reliable data storage. Serial ATA (SATA) M.2 solid state storage technology is widely used in industrial computers, test and measurement instrumentation, multi-functional printers, medical equipment, security and surveillance systems, network servers and digital signage. These removable solid state drives (SSDs) surpass traditional hard disk drives (HDDs) in their small size, security, reliability, ruggedness and low power consumption.

The NAND flash controller with built-in advanced NAND management firmware communicates with the host through the standard SATA protocol. It does not require any additional or proprietary software such as the Flash File System (FFS) and Memory Technology Driver (MTD). The firmware effectively optimizes the use of NAND flash memory's program/erase (P/E) cycles and minimizes write amplification.

M.2 ArmourDrive is pre-programmed with a 10-Byte unique serial ID and has the option of programming an additional 10-Byte serial ID for even greater system security.

M.2 ArmourDrive's advanced NAND management technology improves endurance, enhances data security and prevents data loss during unexpected power loss events. This innovative technology combines robust NAND controller hardware error correction capabilities with advanced wear-leveling algorithms and bad block management to improve data reliability and significantly extend the life of the product.

## 1.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Each M.2 ArmourDrive module contains a NANDrive multi-chip package, which integrates a SATA NAND flash memory controller with discrete NAND flash die. Refer to Figure 2-1 for the M.2 ArmourDrive block diagram.

### 1.1 Optimized M.2 ArmourDrive

The heart of M.2 ArmourDrive is the SATA NAND flash memory controller, which translates standard SATA signals into flash media data and control signals. The following components contribute to M.2 ArmourDrive's operation.

#### 1.1.1 Microcontroller Unit (MCU)

The MCU translates SATA commands into data and control signals required for flash media operation.

#### 1.1.2 Internal Direct Memory Access (DMA)

M.2 ArmourDrive uses internal DMA allowing instant data transfer from/to buffer to/from flash media. This implementation eliminates microcontroller overhead associated with the traditional, firmware-based approach, thereby increasing the data transfer rate.

#### 1.1.3 Power Management Unit (PMU)

The PMU controls the power consumption of M.2 ArmourDrive. The PMU dramatically reduces the power consumption of M.2 ArmourDrive by putting the part of the circuitry that is not in operation into sleep mode.

The Flash File System handles inadvertent power interrupts and has auto-recovery capability to ensure mSATA ArmourDrive firmware integrity. For regular power management, the host must send an IDLE\_IMMEDIATE command and wait for command ready before powering down M.2 ArmourDrive.

#### 1.1.4 Embedded Flash File System

The embedded flash file system is an integral part of M.2 ArmourDrive. It contains MCU firmware that performs the following tasks:

1. Translates host side signals into flash media writes and reads
2. Provides flash media wear leveling to spread the flash writes across all memory address space to increase the longevity of flash media
3. Keeps track of data file structures
4. Manages system security for the selected protection zones

#### 1.1.5 Error Correction Code (ECC)

The ECC technology uses advanced algorithms to detect and correct errors, ensuring data integrity and extending the SSD lifespan.

#### 1.1.6 Multi-tasking Interface

The multi-tasking interface enables fast, sequential write performance by allowing concurrent Read, Program and Erase operations to multiple flash media.

### 1.2 Advanced NAND Management

M.2 ArmourDrive's controller uses advanced wear-leveling algorithms to substantially increase the longevity of NAND flash media. Wear caused by data writes is evenly distributed in all or select blocks in the device that prevents "hot spots" in locations that are programmed and erased extensively. This effective wear-leveling technique results in optimized device endurance, enhanced data retention and higher reliability required by long-life applications.

## 2.0 FUNCTIONAL BLOCKS

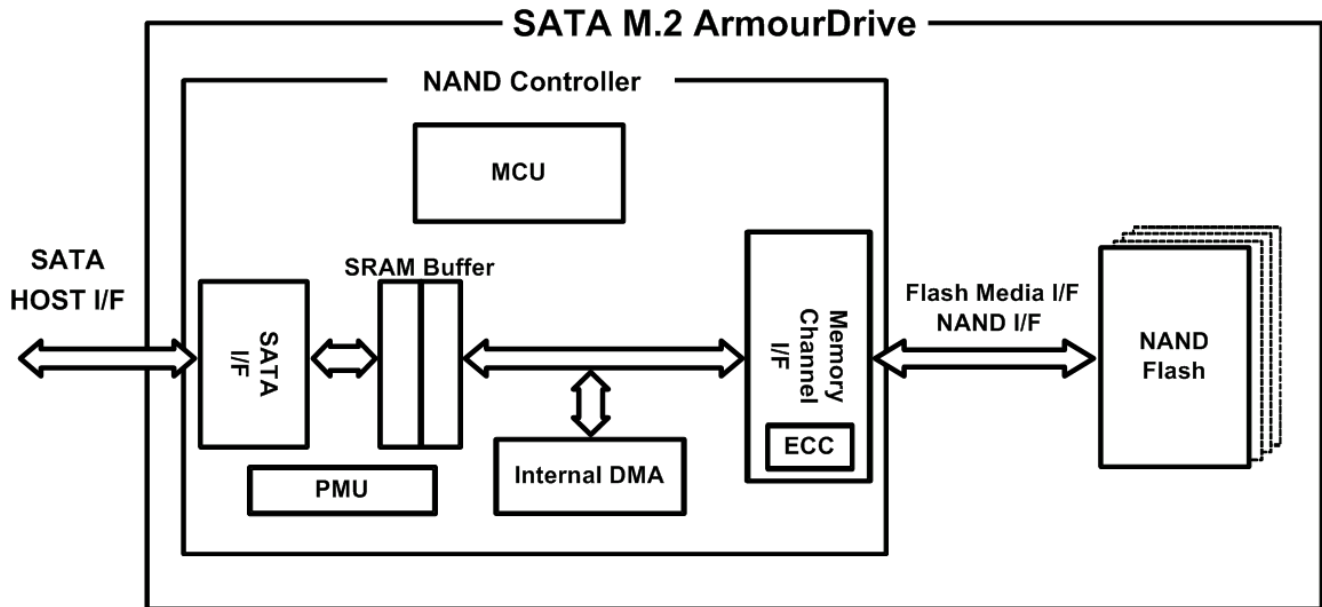
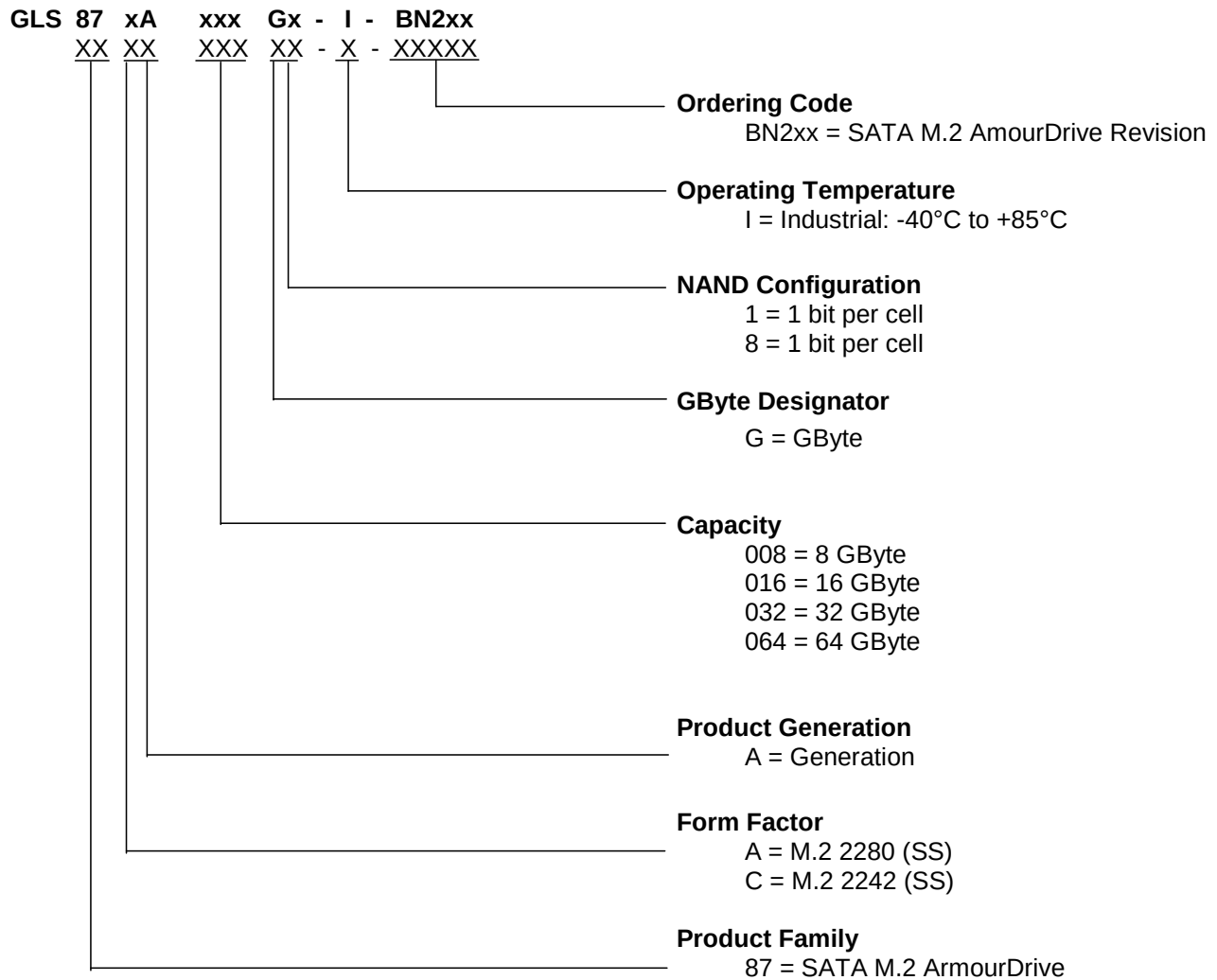


Figure 2-1: M.2 ArmourDrive Block Diagram

### 3.0 APPENDIX

#### 3.1 Product Ordering Information



### Valid Combinations

Valid product combinations are those that are in the mass production or will be in the mass production. Consult your Greenliant sales representative to confirm availability of the valid combinations and to determine availability of new product combinations.

**Table 3-1: M.2 2280 ArmourDrive Product Valid Ordering Numbers**

| Capacity | Operating Temperature      | Part Number          | Form Factor        |
|----------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 8GB      | Industrial (-40°C to 85°C) | GLS87AA008G9-I-BN202 | 2280 (SS), B+M key |
| 16GB     | Industrial (-40°C to 85°C) | GLS87AA016G9-I-BN202 | 2280 (SS), B+M key |
| 32GB     | Industrial (-40°C to 85°C) | GLS87AA032G9-I-BN202 | 2280 (SS), B+M key |
| 64GB     | Industrial (-40°C to 85°C) | GLS87AA064G9-I-BN202 | 2280 (SS), B+M key |

**Table 3-2: M.2 2242 ArmourDrive Product Valid Ordering Numbers**

| Capacity | Operating Temperature      | Part Number          | Form Factor        |
|----------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 8GB      | Industrial (-40°C to 85°C) | GLS87CA008G9-I-BN202 | 2242 (SS), B+M key |
| 16GB     | Industrial (-40°C to 85°C) | GLS87CA016G9-I-BN202 | 2242 (SS), B+M key |
| 32GB     | Industrial (-40°C to 85°C) | GLS87CA032G9-I-BN202 | 2242 (SS), B+M key |
| 64GB     | Industrial (-40°C to 85°C) | GLS87CA064G9-I-BN202 | 2242 (SS), B+M key |

### 3.2 Board Diagrams

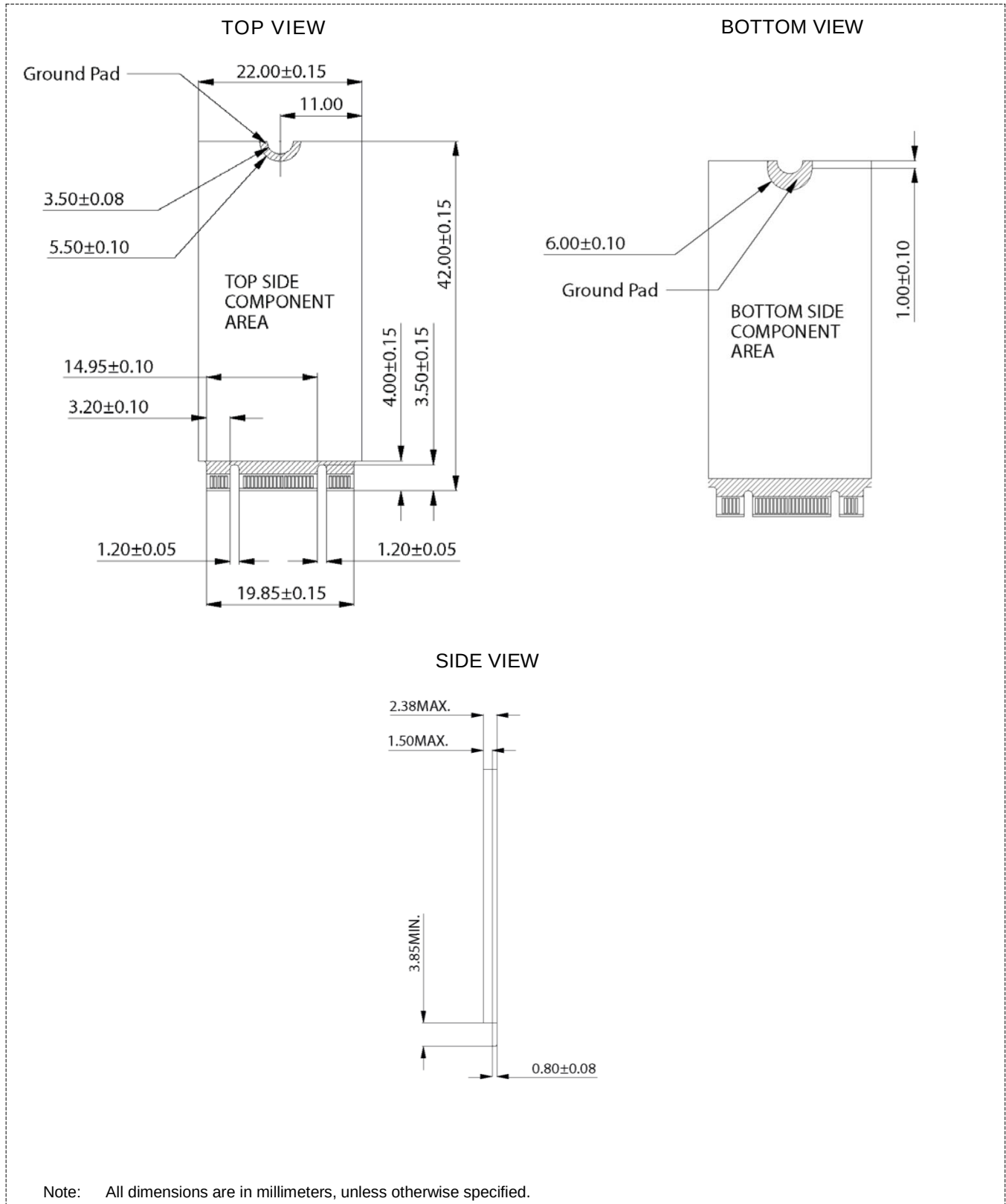


**Figure 3-1: M.2 2242 ArmourDrive Dimensions**

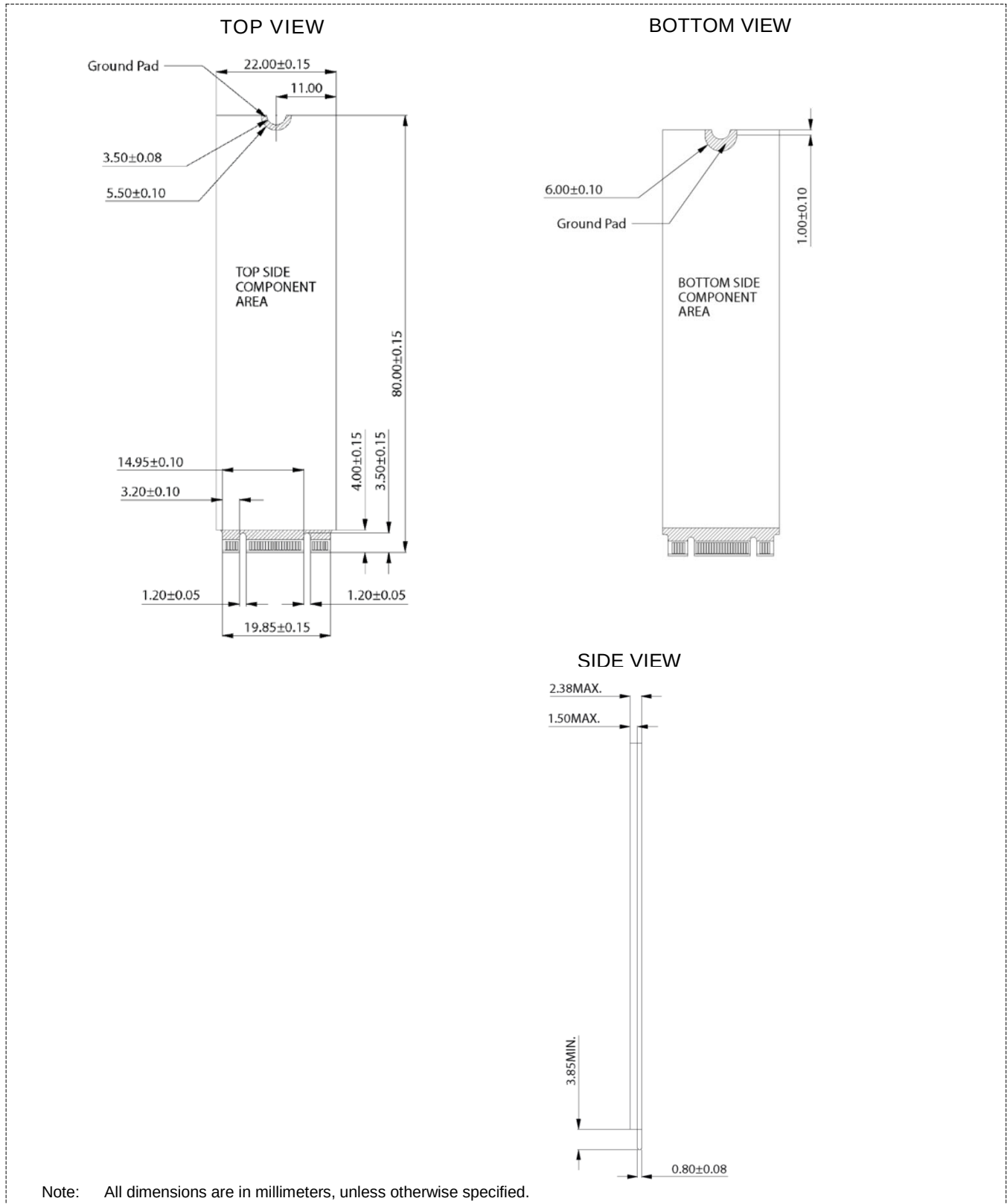


**Figure 3-2: M.2 2280 ArmourDrive Dimensions**

## Revision History

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| Revision | Description                  | Date            |
|----------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 01.000   | Initial Release as Factsheet | August 15, 2019 |

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