

Z8 G5 Site Prep Guide



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Introduction

The Z8 G5 has been redesigned to deliver support for the latest processor, memory, graphics, and storage technologies. There are two 90% efficiency-rated power supplies that qualify for 80 PLUS GOLD status*.

* The 80 PLUS specification states that all GOLD power supplies achieve at least 87%/90%/87% efficiency at 115V and 90%/92%/89% efficiency at 230V for 20%/50%/100% of rated output, respectively.

Power consumption and cooling considerations

An HP workstation might require more power than the typical office environment can supply.

- An 1125W fully loaded configuration might draw up to the system's maximum rating of 12A at 110V power, leaving no power for other accessories.
- A 1450W fully loaded configuration might draw up to 16A of 110V power, leaving no power for other accessories.
- An office air conditioning system must accommodate the extra heat generated by fully loaded workstation configurations.
- Some environments might have power quality problems that prevent the reliable use of high-end workstation configurations. Possible problems include power failure, voltage sag, voltage surge, voltage spike, brownout, line noise, frequency variation, and switching transient and harmonic distortion.
- If your workstation is powered from a >200V source and you meet the HP configuration guidelines, you will not need an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) to achieve maximum power output.

Power consumption limitations

- The Z8 G5 power supplies are capable of multiple output power wattages depending on the input voltage. It is not recommended to operate in an environment that drops below 90V for any reason (for example, brownout or line sag) as the AC brown out voltage detection circuit for the power supply may be triggered and shut the PSU down unexpectedly. A UPS is highly recommended to achieve maximum output power when used at 100V.

Input Voltage and Maximum Output Power Summary

	Z8 G5 maximum power output			
Input voltage	<90V	>90V	>104V	>180V
1125W PSU	900W Not recommended	1125W	1275W	1450W
1450W PSU	1160W Not recommended	1450W	1550W	1700W

Uninterruptible power supply (UPS)

- What is a power interruption?

A power interruption can take the form of a power failure (blackout), voltage sag, voltage surge, voltage spike, brownout (drop), line noise, frequency variation, and switching transient and harmonic distortion.

- What is an uninterruptible power supply (UPS)?

A UPS provides power when the primary source is unavailable or insufficient. It keeps the computer powered on and operational in the event of a power interruption.

There are three types of UPS – standby/offline, line Interactive, and online continuous. A standby/offline UPS enables the computer to draw power from the main AC power source until there is a power interruption. It protects against power surges, brownouts, and power failures.

A line interactive UPS protects against power problems, power failure, sags, surges, brownouts, and line noise. The supply offers voltage regulation by bumping the mains voltage up or down. This feature improves the quality of AC power to the supported load, reduces the number of transfers to and from battery mode, reduces the number of brief power interruptions to the load when switching to and from battery mode, and improves battery life.

An online continuous UPS is the most dependable solution. It is also referred to as a double-conversion UPS. It provides protection against power failures, sags, surges, brownouts, line noise, spikes, frequency variations, switching transients, and harmonic distortion. The inverter is always on and supplies the supported load with clean, regulated power, and the incoming power is always fully conditioned. Constant voltage and frequency regulation significantly reduce switching to and from the battery, increasing the life and reliability of the UPS.

- How do you select a UPS?

Use a UPS for a fully loaded workstation configuration that operates in a poor power grid area. The UPS must be rated at least 2kVA for the 1125W PSU. A UPS is necessary because without line conditioning to guarantee the minimum input voltage the maximum output power is limited. See

[Power consumption for the HP Z8 G5 Workstation](#) on page 4 for configurations and maximum power estimates.

HP recommends an online continuous UPS that provides a layer of insulation from quality problems. The type of supply also allows control of output voltage and frequency regardless of input voltage and frequency. To reach the 1275W (1125W) or 1550W (1450W) of output power, you must maintain 115V, ideally.

CAUTION! Check with your power provider to see if your facility can reliably maintain greater than 90V power. If 90V cannot be guaranteed to your workstation, the input voltage source might blow the fuse in the power supply or trip the breaker. For reliable workstation operation under heavy loading, use a UPS because it provides reliable voltage levels.

- To reduce risk of a power interruption:
 - Do not exceed the rated load of any single power supply (PSU). For maximum voltage/current ratings, refer to the product's ratings label.
 - Only use the power cord included with the product.
 - In general, verify that each power source circuit can safely provide the current needed for equipment that draws power from it.

Power consumption for the HP Z8 G5 Workstation

The following table contains typical system configurations¹ for an HP Z8 G5 Workstation.

2 CPUs²	2 Midrange Graphics cards 50W-75W each³	2 High-End Graphics cards 75W-150W each³	2 High-End Graphics cards 150W-250W each³
255W-270W	1035W-1090W	1090W-1250W	1250W-1405W
205W-225W	940W-1000W	1000W-1150W	1150W-1310W
165W-185W	850W-915W	915W-1065W	1065W-1225W
145W-150W	810W-840W	840W-995W	995W-1150W



¹ All configurations have two CPUs, 16 Registered DIMMs, 5 storage devices, and typical additional expansion cards. Configuring fewer hard drives or expansion cards has some impact on power.

Power consumption is highly dependent on software utilization. The table values represent examples of maximum power consumption per configuration and may not represent actual usage.

² For maximum power consumed per CPU, go to <http://www.hp.com/go/quickspecs/> and search for your specific workstation to find the model-specific QuickSpecs.

³ For maximum power consumed per graphics card, go to <http://www.hp.com/go/quickspecs/> and search for your specific workstation to find the model-specific QuickSpecs.


Power cord

	<p>These base units have a C20 PSU appliance connector: HP Z8 TWR Base Unit G5 1450W 100V / 20A → referred to as 1450W (C20) HP Z8 TWR Base Unit G5 1700W 200V/10A → referred to as 1700W (C20)</p>
	<p>These chassis have a C14 PSU appliance connector: HP Z8 TWR Base Unit G5 1125W 100V / 15A → referred to as 1125W (C14) HP Z8 TWR Base Unit G5 1450W 200V/10A* → referred to as 1450W (C14)</p> <p>*Available with limited country kits.</p>


Notice for all customers ordering the 1450W or 1700W chassis with a C20 PSU appliance connector:








- Before ordering, confirm the required infrastructure.
- The 1125W/1450W (C14) and 1450W/1700W(C20) power cords are not compatible

For customers in 100–127V countries, the 1450W (C20) power cord has a new wall connector.

	<p>New requirement</p> <p>This type of outlet has never been required for Workstation customers. Customers in 100V–127V countries will need to confirm that they have the required infrastructure.</p>
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For most customers in 200–240V countries, the wall connector does not change. However, due to country regulations, the power cord for Australia/Argentina/China country kits will include a 15A/250V wall connector.

	<p>New Requirement</p> <p>This type of outlet has never been required for workstation customers. Customers who use the Australia/Argentina/China country kits will need to confirm the required infrastructure. The GND pin is wider, which means that the 15A plug will not fit into a standard 10A socket.</p>
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PSU Options	100V Power Circuit (examples: US, Japan)		200V Power Circuit	Australia/Argentina/China 200V Power Circuit 15A/250V
 1450W (C20) 1700 (C20) (1450W @ 100V/20A) (1700W @ 200V/10A)	PSU designed for 20A → 15A Not Supported	 1450W @ 100V/20A US socket example	 1700W (C20 @ 200V/10A) 1450W (C20) @ 200V/10A EU socket example	 1450W (C20) @ 200V/15A 1700W (C20) @ 200V/15A China socket example
 1125W (C14) 1450W (C14) (1125W @ 100V/15A) (1450W @ 200V/10A)	 1125W (C14) @ 100V/15A	PSU draws less than 15A → Not Required	 1125W (C14 @ 200V/10A) 1450W (C14) @ 200V/10A China/Argentina socket example	

Cooling considerations

To ensure proper ventilation and cooling for your workstation, observe the following guidelines:

- Keep your workstation in an area where the airflow is not obstructed.
- Keep the workstation off surfaces where dust can gather.
- Remove dust on the bottom of the front panel (vent area) and the rear fans with a small vacuum, compressed air, or dust rag.
- In all supported configurations except rack mounted, provide at least 15.24 cm (6 in) of clearance to every side of the computer except the surface placed on the floor.
- When the system is rack mounted, keep the front of the unit, the back of the unit, and the space between the unit and the upper tray free of obstructions.



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