

## An Asus ROG Enclosure for M.2 SSDs

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Asus presents a storage addition to the ROG lineup-- the Strix Arion, an enclosure for M.2 SSDs complete with USB 3.2 gen 2 interface and Aura Sync RGB lighting.



The Strix Arion chassis is compatible with M.2-2280 and smaller drives feature a PCIe 3.0 interface and no pre-installed heat spreader. Construction is in aluminium, with thermal pads taking care of heat dissipation and consistent performance. It is bus-powered, and while it uses a USB-C interface the package includes a USB-C to USB-C as well as a USB-C-to-USB-A cable to ensure compatibility with as many systems as possible.

Installation promises to be tool-free, and while Asus does not give performance numbers it can theoretically feature up to 1.25GB/s throughput, faster than any external HDD or USB flash drives. Meanwhile USB 3.2 gen 2 connectivity offers transfers speeds of up to 10Gbps. Being a ROG product, the Strix Arion also includes RGB lighting, and supports Aura Sync software for compatibility with other Asus components.

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Asus is still to tell when the Strix Arion hits the market.

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