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# Granite 3.1 1B A400m Instruct

on DGX Spark 128 GB · 8-bit (Q8_0) · Ollama / LM Studio · Chat

STATUS · NOV 22, 2026

**Validated**

5 of 5 checks pass

**Granite 3.1 1B A400m Instruct at 8-bit runs on the DGX Spark 128 GB with 128K of context at about 262 tokens a second.**

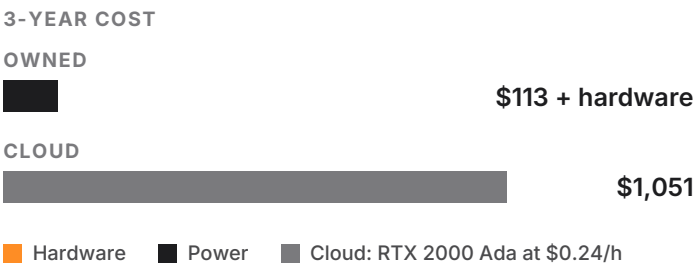
## VALIDATION

| CHECK | TARGET | RESULT | STATUS |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fits in GPU memory | 241 GB usable | 8.0 GB needed | PASS |
| Headroom | 5% free | 233 GB free (97%) | PASS |
| Context for chat | 16K or more | 128K | PASS |
| Writing speed | 15 tok/s or more | 262 tok/s | PASS |
| First reply | under 3 s, 2K prompt | 0.1 s | PASS |

Targets: a reply you can read along with, a first reply the use case tolerates, and 5% of memory left free. Calculated from published specs, not benchmarked.

## BUDGET

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|---|---|
| HARDWARE, ONE-TIME | MSRP not entered |
| POWER, PER YEAR | $38 · 144 W at the wall |
| CLOUD INSTEAD, PER YEAR | $350 |
| 3-YEAR TOTAL, OWNED | Hardware + $113 power |
| 3-YEAR TOTAL, CLOUD | $1,051 |
| BREAK-EVEN | Needs the hardware MSRP |




Budget basis: 4 h a day, power at $0.18 per kWh, cloud at RunPod on-demand prices as of Nov 22, 2026. Hardware at the MSRP entered in the calculator, not a GPU Partner quote. A 3-year view; resale value, staff time and taxes aren't counted.

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## SETUP

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|---|---|
| PARAMETERS | 1.3B, 429M active |
| PRECISION | 8-bit (Q8_0) |
| CONTEXT | 128K, auto |
| CHATS AT ONCE | 1 |
| USE | Chat |
| RUNS IN | Ollama / LM Studio |
| HARDWARE | DGX Spark 128 GB |
| GPU CAN USE | 241 GB of 256 GB |

## SAME MODEL, OTHER MACHINES

| | |
|---|---|
| RTX 4090 | 8-bit · 480 tok/s |
| RTX 5090 | 8-bit · 555 tok/s |
| RTX PRO 6000 BLACKWELL | 8-bit · 555 tok/s |
| M5 MAX 128 GB | 8-bit · 230 tok/s |
| M3 ULTRA 256 GB | 8-bit · 237 tok/s |
| DGX SPARK 128 GB | 8-bit · 262 tok/s |
| RYZEN AI MAX+ 395 128 GB | 8-bit · 195 tok/s |

## MEMORY

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|---|---|
| WEIGHTS | 1.3 GB |
| CONTEXT | 6.0 GB |
| RUNTIME | 704 MB |
| SYSTEM | 15.4 GB |
| FREE | 233 GB |

## HOW TO RUN IT

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|---|---|
| LLAMA.CPP | `llama-server -hf bartowski/granite-3.1-1b-a400m-instruct-GGUF` |
| VLLM | `vllm serve ibm-granite/granite-3.1-1b-a400m-instruct` |
| MODEL CARD | huggingface.co/ibm-granite/granite-3.1-1b-a400m-instruct |

## METHOD AND ASSUMPTIONS

Memory is the weights (parameters times bits per weight, read from each model's config.json), the context cache for every chat, and the runtime, against the memory this GPU can use after the OS and display take theirs. Writing speed is memory bandwidth over the bytes read per token, plus a per-layer latency, calibrated against llama.cpp benchmarks. First reply is the prompt's FLOPs over the chip's dense 16-bit TFLOPS at the runtime's measured efficiency. Running cost is power at the wall at your rate and hours; the cloud figure is the cheapest RunPod on-demand GPU that runs the same job. Accuracy: memory lands within about a gigabyte; speeds and times are rough, about ±25%. Model data and hardware specs checked Nov 2026; cloud prices are RunPod's on-demand list as of Nov 22, 2026. Report VR-0P8FCRR, generated November 22, 2026.