



B18™

18 SAS Disks in Only 2U of Space

HIGHLIGHTS

- Extreme Density – 18 disks in 2U of rack space
- High Performance – supports 18 SAS drives with additional support for SSD
- Energy-efficient – up to 87% reduction in energy with AutoMAID
- Active Drawer Technology – active disk drawers enable easy, hot-swappable management of extreme density
- High Availability – all active components are redundant and hot-swappable
- Anti-Vibration Design – state-of-the-art vibration dampening maximizes reliability
- Cool Drive Technology – push/pull fans modules and specially designed air channels optimizes drive cooling and reliability
- Flexible Connectivity – FC and iSCSI connectivity; use both at the same time
- Easy to Manage – OS independent, browser-based interface; remotely manage one or many systems
- Turn-key System – includes all cables, active drawers, mounting kit and management software

OVERVIEW

The B18 is a block-level RAID storage system, representing a quantum leap in storage performance, density and efficiency with 18 SAS disks in only 2U of rack space. The new B-Series RAID controller delivers blazing performance and enterprise-class reliability, making the B18 the perfect storage solution for virtualized environments and any transactional application demanding high performance and top-tier reliability.

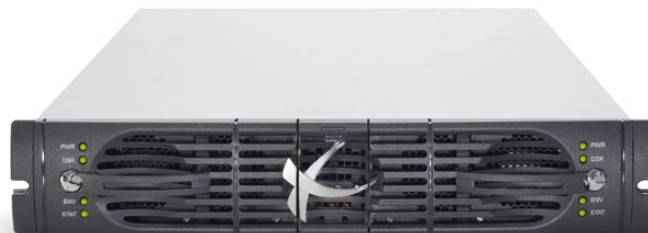
With never-before-seen efficiencies, the B18 allows organizations to add more capacity while lowering overall power, space and cost requirements. When compared to typical arrays, the B18 delivers 3X the capacity while taking up 1/3 the space at half the power. The net accumulation of 87% reductions in power and cooling displaces significant cost requirements and carbon production.

HIGH PERFORMANCE

Available in single or dual controller configurations, the powerful B-Series controller contains 2GB of battery-backed cache with dual RAID engines to deliver blazing performance. Two 8Gbit FC ports and two 1Gbit iSCSI ports can be used simultaneously to support multiple workloads on a single, small array.

ENTERPRISE-CLASS RELIABILITY

The B18 meets the strictest business continuity demands with high availability features like full redundancy across all active components, including power supplies, ports, controllers, fans and disks. RAID sets can be automatically rebuilt with hot spares. Multi-path architecture ensures no single point of failure. State-of-the-art vibration dampening and air cooling channels ensure leading reliability.



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EXTREME DENSITY

The B18's unique active-drawer technology represents the most innovative approach to high density management with two self-contained disk drawers. Each active drawer contains 9 disks and tachometer controlled push and pull fan modules. Specially designed cables enable continuous operation even when a drawer is momentarily pulled out to perform easy disk or fan service.

UNPRECEDENTED ENERGY SAVINGS

Nexsan's exclusive AutoMAID® technology uniquely delivers "Speed with Green" by enabling up to 87% energy savings while providing near-instantaneous access to data. AutoMAID is granular to the individual disk drive and is easy to configure. With 4 different presets, users determine the level of energy savings desired.

HIGH PERFORMANCE ACROSS BOTH FIBRE CHANNEL AND ISCSI

B18 gives users the flexibility to utilize Fibre Channel or iSCSI connectivity or both simultaneously. Flexible, scalable and completely OS independent, B18 offers dual function FC and iSCSI connectivity with wire-speed throughput performance.

EASY MANAGEMENT

All Nexsan disk arrays come standard with a software suite that provides comprehensive storage management. Nexsan Storage Manager makes management easy with a single, intuitive browser-based interface. All local and remote Nexsan storage products can be easily and securely managed and monitored. Windows users can utilize Microsoft's storage management tools to perform common administrative tasks, thanks to VDS-compliance. Integration with Microsoft Multi-path I/O (MPIO), as well as multi-path for Linux, OS X, the B18 delivers higher performance and fault tolerance. With the Nexsan QuickStart configuration wizard, the disk array can be up and running in under 10 minutes. Customizations are a breeze with the Nexsan Storage Manager GUI.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 18 drives in 2U of rack space
- 2 active drawers containing 9 drives in each
- Single or dual active/active RAID controllers
- Dual Fibre Channel SFP LC host and dual iSCSI ports per controller
- Auto-negotiating host speed
- 2GB of battery and flash protected DDR3 cache per controller
- Supports RAID 0, 1, 1+0, 4, 5 and 6
- Supports multiple RAID sets and multiple volumes per set
- Features LUN security
- Browser-based management GUI over 10/100/1000 port supports email alerts and SNMP traps
- RS-232 management port
- Supports up to 254 LUNS
- Supports SAS and/or SSD
- Dual redundant power supplies with tachometer monitored blowers



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