Data sheet

HPE Storage MSL6480 Tape Library

HPE StoreEver MSL6480 Scalable Expansion Module (QU626A)

What's new

- MSL vault partition maintains secure storage area inside the library, isolated from drives and invisible to applications, preventing any intentional or accidental access.
- MFA enables organizations to enforce two-factor identity verification before library access is granted.

Overview

The HPE Storage MSL6480 Tape Library delivers high-capacity, enterprise-class data protection with modular scalability and exceptional cost efficiency. Designed for organizations with rapidly growing backup, archive, and compliance requirements, it expands from 6U in a single base module to 42U with expansion modules. The MSL6480 enhances cyber resilience with integrated encryption, multifactor authentication (MFA), and MSL vault partition, isolating media without the need to remove cartridges from the tape library. Simplified management, flexible partitioning, and broad host compatibility streamline deployment across diverse environments. With reliable LTO performance, long-term media durability, and low total cost of ownership (TCO), the MSL6480 delivers a scalable, secure, and economical solution for modern data retention strategies.

Features

Expandable Storage Density

The HPE Storage MSL6480 Tape Library features a scale-out architecture that grows with your needs. Add modules to increase capacity and performance without replacing the library.

Scale vertically from 80 to 560 cartridge slots to store up to 25.2 PB[1] in a single 19-inch rack; add up to 42 LTO-9 or LTO-8 half-height SAS or FC drives for speeds of up to 60.4 TB/hour.[1]

The HPE Storage MSL6480 Tape Library delivers cost-efficient density with 13 cartridge slots - or 600 TB (using LTO-9 tapes and 2.5:1 compression) - per 1U of rack space, scaling from 80 to 560 slots in a single expandable library, eliminating costly replacements as your requirements grow.

Advanced Security Features

In-library air-gap protection with MSL vault partition, isolating media without removing cartridges from the tape library, or create a physical air gap by removing the media from the library.

New multi-factor authentication (MFA) support adds an extra layer of protection for secure library management.

Reduce the threat of cyberattack with the MSL encryption kit, a fully self-contained encryption system which can be deployed without the need for an extra server or appliance, additional software or the complexity of a full KMIP solution.

High availability path failover uses host drivers in conjunction with library and drive firmware to manage multiple paths across multiple SANs. It presents a single drive or robot path to applications and automatically transfers commands to an alternate path if the original one is lost.

Protect critical data with immutable WORM storage and long-term archiving on media specified for a 30-year shelf life under normal ambient conditions. Easily move rugged LTO cartridges off-site for disaster recovery while preventing accidental overwrites.

Simplified Management

HPE Storage Tape Library Management Software manages, configures, and monitors libraries from any remote location through a single browser-based interface.

A centralized, intuitive interface enables configuration, management, and monitoring of tape libraries from a single console, on-site or remotely, streamlining operations through real-time status visibility and simplified access to library settings with - HPE StoreEver MSL6480 Command View TL LTU.

Enable predictive analytics and detailed health and performance reporting across all drives and cartridges to help IT teams optimize resources, plan proactively, and maintain smooth, reliable operations - with HPE StoreEver MSL6480 CVTL - TapeAssure Advanced LTU.

Proactively validate and scan the quality of data stored on LTO tape cartridges, helping ensure the successful retrieval of data - with - with HPE StoreEver MSL6480 CVTL - Data Verification Software LTU.

HPE Storage MSL tape libraries easily manage your media both in or out of the tape library with a standard bar code reader.

Flexible and Reliable

Expand capacity or performance with easy-to-install LTO drive upgrade kits. Add a new LTO-9, LTO-8, or LTO-7 drive, or reuse one from an existing HPE autoloader or tape library. No additional license fees apply when adding drives to an existing library.

SAS and Fiber Channel (FC) interface options available, offering enhanced flexibility for seamless integration into both SAS and FC SAN environments.

The HPE Storage MSL6480 Tape Library works with industry-leading servers, operating systems, and backup software. For more information, please see the HPE Storage Single Point of Connectivity Knowledge - SPOCK.

Partitioning allows the creation of virtual libraries that operate independently, maximizing utilization and reducing the need for additional hardware, lowering overall infrastructure costs.

Technical specifications	HPE StoreEver MSL6480 Scalable Expansion Module
Product Number	QU626A
Drive type	LTO-9 Ultrium 45000 LTO-8 Ultrium 30750 Available with SAS or Fibre Channel interfaces
Capacity	25.2PB maximum capacity, with LTO-9 Ultrium 45000 cartridges compressed at 2.5:1
Transfer rate	144.9 TB/hr maximum with 42 LTO-9 drives compressed at 2.5:1
Number of cartridge slots	80
Maximum drives per enclosure	6 drives
Servers supported	See HPE Storage Compatibility Matrix at https://h20272.www2.hpe.com/SPOCK/default.aspx
Host interface	8 Gb/s Fibre Channel 6 Gb/s SAS (LTO-6, LTO-7, LTO-8) 12 Gb/s SAS (LTO-9)
Encryption capability	AES 256-bit
Form factor	6U
Warranty	Hewlett Packard Enterprise provides a 1-year, next business day on-site, part exchange, limited warranty for the MSL3040 Tape Library and its components including drives, plus 9x 5 phone support for the duration of the warranty.

[1] Assumes LTO-9 with 2.5:1 data compression

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