

Datasheet

NetApp All Flash FAS

Performance without compromise

Key Benefits

- Accelerate applications with the fastest unified scale-out all-flash array of up to 7M IOPS at submillisecond latency, and over 360PB effective capacity.
- Transform your data center economics with flash: reduce power use and rack space by 11 times and cut support costs by 67%.
- Unify data management for both SAN and NAS environments, from flash to disk to cloud.
- Provision storage system and serve data within 10 minutes.
- Reduce SSD storage by 5 to 10 times on average with inline data reduction technologies.
- Safeguard your data with the best-in-class integrated data protection suite.
- Reduce \$/GB cost an additional 42% with industry-first support of multi-stream write (MSW) SSD technology.

The Challenge

As businesses strive for faster time to market and greater customer satisfaction, they must improve the speed and responsiveness from key business operations. IT leaders recognize the benefits all-flash storage delivers to critical workloads. Now, as enterprises extend flash across more workloads, it is critical to deliver enterprise-grade data management capabilities for a shared environment. However, many all-flash array solutions lack robust data management, integrated data protection, seamless scalability, and deep application integration.

The Solution

NetApp® All Flash FAS (AFF) systems address enterprise storage requirements with high performance, superior flexibility, and best-in-class data management. Built on ONTAP® data management software, AFF systems speed up your business without compromising on the efficiency, reliability, or flexibility of your IT operations. As an enterprise-grade all-flash array, it accelerates, manages, and protects your business-critical data and enables an easy and smooth transition to flash for your data center.

Designed specifically for flash, the AFF A series all-flash systems deliver industry-leading performance and network connectivity. At up to 7M IOPS per cluster with submillisecond latency, they are the fastest all-flash arrays built on a true unified scale-out architecture. The AFF A series allows customers to complete twice the work at half the latency as compared with the previous generation of AFF systems.¹ They are also the industry's first all-flash arrays to provide both 40 Gigabit Ethernet (40GbE) and 32Gb Fibre Channel connectivity.

NetApp has been leading the all-flash storage innovations with the latest SSD technologies. As the first all-flash array to support 15TB SSDs, AFF systems, with the introduction of the A series, also become the first to use MSW SSDs, which further reduce the \$/GB cost of SSDs significantly.

With AFF systems, you can:

- **Accelerate the speed of business:**
 - Built on the flash-optimized NetApp WAFL® (Write Anywhere File Layout) system, ONTAP FlashEssentials enables consistent high performance to meet the demands of a multitude of workloads in a shared environment.
 - The AFF system delivers 4 to 12 times higher IOPS and 20 times faster responses for databases than traditional HDD systems do.

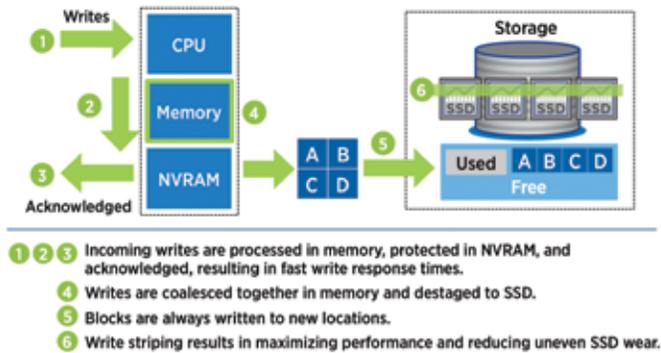


Figure 1) The flash-suited write architecture reduces latency and increases the longevity of SSDs.

- You can manage a massively scalable NAS container of up to 20PB and 400 billion files with a single namespace using FlexGroups, while maintaining consistent high performance and resiliency.
- **Simplify IT operations while transforming data center economics:**
 - You can reduce power consumption and rack space by up to 11 times and slash support and performance-tuning costs to a third compared with hybrid systems.
 - You can get flash at the cost of HDDs, thanks to NetApp data reduction technologies, enhanced with new inline data compaction.
 - Support all your backup and disaster recovery needs with a complete suite of integrated data protection and replication features.
 - Secure your data and simplify key management on any type of drive with NetApp Volume Encryption (NVE), software-based at-rest data encryption, and onboard key manager.
- **Deploy flash everywhere with maximum flexibility:**
 - You can move data and applications where they run best: on an AFF system, on commodity hardware with software-defined storage, or in the cloud.
 - AFF offers the broadest application ecosystem integration for enterprise applications, VDI, database, and server virtualization.

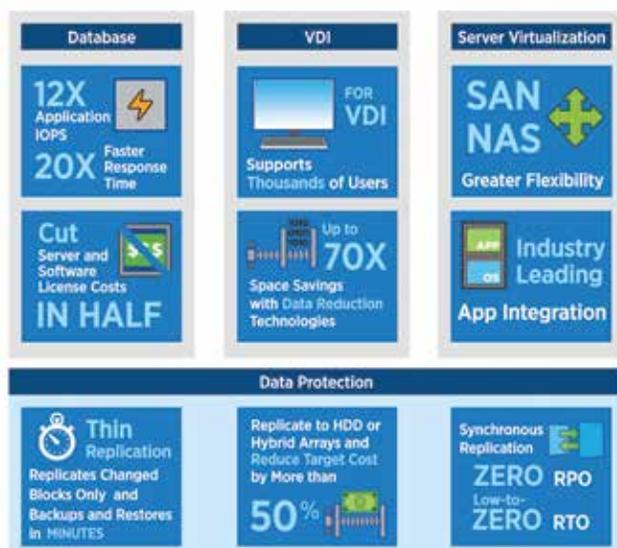


Figure 2) With rich data management capabilities, NetApp AFF enables business cost savings.

- Integrate flash into your infrastructure nondisruptively, eliminating silos, and scale out as your requirements grow

All-Flash Performance Powered by ONTAP FlashEssentials

FlashEssentials is what's boosting the performance and efficiency of AFF. It encapsulates flash innovations and optimization technologies based on the flash-suited WAFL file system in ONTAP software, including:

- Coalesced writes to free blocks, maximizing performance and the longevity of flash media
- A random read I/O processing path that is designed from the ground up for flash
- A highly parallelized processing architecture that promotes consistent low latency
- Enhanced built-in quality of service (QoS) that safeguards SLAs in multiworkload and multitenant environments
- Inline data reduction technologies, including inline compression, inline deduplication, and inline data compaction, that reduce the SSD storage required and total spending on flash systems

Transform Data Center Economics While Simplifying Operations

AFF systems can change your data center economics dramatically by reducing power consumption and rack space to a fraction of what a traditional HDD-based data center needs. They also significantly simplify storage management and cut support costs by eliminating performance tuning.

AFF is excellent not only for performance-demanding applications such as Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server, and MongoDB databases, VDI, and server virtualization, but is also a great choice for shared environments with a variety of workloads commonly found in a data center.

AFF comes with a full suite of acclaimed NetApp Integrated Data Protection software. Key capabilities and benefits include:

- Native space efficiency with cloning and Snapshot® copies to reduce storage costs and to minimize performance impact
- Application-consistent backup and recovery that simplify application management
- Synchronous replication with NetApp MetroCluster™ software, a leading capability in the all-flash array market that delivers zero RPO and near-zero RTO for mission-critical workloads
- Ability to achieve regulatory compliance with SnapLock®, which is enabled with integrated data protection and storage efficiency

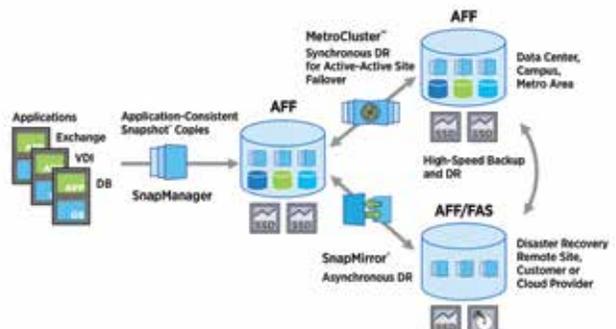


Figure 3) NetApp provides a full suite of integrated data protection and disaster recovery software.

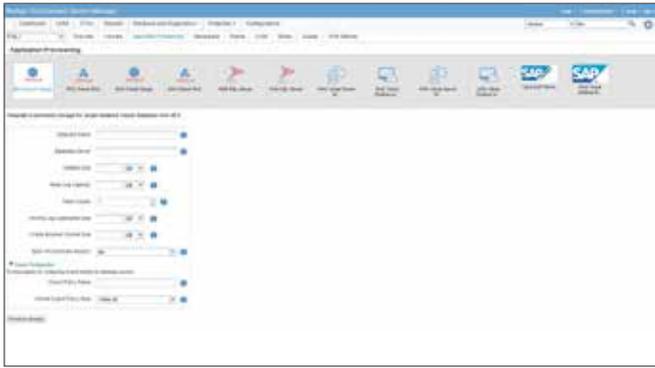


Figure 4) OnCommand System Manager makes setup and management of AFF quick and easy.

- NetApp SnapMirror® replication software, which replicates to any type of FAS/AFF system—all flash, hybrid, or HDD and on the premises or in the cloud—reducing overall system costs

AFF systems are built with innovative inline data reduction technologies that provide space savings of 5 to 10 times, on average, for a typical use case. The actual space savings of much higher than 10 times have been reported by our customers.

- The inline data compaction technology uses an innovative approach to place multiple logical data blocks from the same volume into a single 4KB block. It provides substantial space savings in addition to inline compression for database workloads that have relatively small I/O sizes. A combined space savings as high as 67:1 by using inline data compaction and inline compression together with an Oracle database has been observed.
- The inline compression has a near-zero performance impact. Incompressible data detection eliminates wasted cycles.
- The enhanced inline deduplication increases space savings by eliminating redundant blocks. It is particularly effective for operations such as VDI OS patches, where it can achieve 70:1 reduction rates.
- As the first all-flash array to support SSDs with MSW technology and combined with advanced SSD partitioning in ONTAP, AFF further increases usable capacity by 42% for the same cost.

NetApp ONTAP and OnCommand® management software provide automated tools to further simplify management of storage operations:

- With SAN- and NAS-optimized preconfigurations and the fast provisioning workflow, it takes less than 10 minutes to set up an AFF system and start serving application data.
- Provision and rebalance workloads with confidence by monitoring clusters and nodes to assure performance headroom availability with OnCommand Performance Manager.
- Automate common storage tasks such as provisioning and data protection with fast, one-click automation and self-service using OnCommand Workflow Automation.
- Import LUNs from storage arrays that are not based on ONTAP software directly into an AFF to seamlessly migrate data from older storage arrays.



Figure 5) AFF is data fabric ready. You can easily move data between tiers and different clouds.

Unified Flash Future-Proofs Investments

With AFF, your investment is protected if your performance and capacity needs change or if your cloud strategy evolves in the future:

- AFF systems eliminate performance silos. They seamlessly cluster with hybrid FAS systems, enabling workloads to transparently move between high-performance tiers and low-cost capacity tiers.
- Seamlessly adapt as your needs change with the only all-flash array that allows you to intermix different controllers, SSD sizes, and next-generation technologies so your investment is protected.
- AFF is data fabric ready, with proven cloud connectivity. You can easily move data between the cloud and AFF for maximum performance and return on investment.
- Optimize data management for enterprise workload environments with leading application integration into Oracle, Microsoft, VMware, SAP, OpenStack, and much more.

Get More Business Value with Services

NetApp Services and our NetApp certified services partners collaborate with you to enhance your IT capabilities through a full portfolio of services that covers your IT lifecycle. To help you get the most value from your flash technology investment, NetApp offers:

- Assessment services to help evaluate the performance and efficiency of workloads across your heterogeneous environments
- Advisory services to help you determine the best workload candidates to move to flash
- Deploy and optimization services to prepare your environment and deliver continuous operations of your AFF systems

In addition, NetApp Support offerings, such as the NetApp AutoSupport® service tools, proactively manage your AFF systems and quickly resolve issues.

The mobile-friendly AutoSupport Efficiency Calculator enables storage efficiency monitoring and reporting of your flash storage. Learn more at netapp.com/services.

Unlock the Power of Your Data and Your People

Built on years of flash innovation and experience, NetApp AFF achieves high I/O at consistent low latency. And it does so without compromising on core enterprise requirements, such as robust data management, efficient data protection, and flexibility to respond to changing needs.

About NetApp

Leading organizations worldwide count on NetApp for software, systems and services to manage and store their data. Customers value our teamwork, expertise and passion for helping them succeed now and into the future.

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AFF Technical Specifications

	AFF A700	AFF A300
NAS scale-out	1-24 nodes (12 HA pairs)	1-24 nodes (12 HA pairs)
Maximum SSD	5,760	4,608
Maximum raw capacity: all flash	88.1PB/78.3PiB	70.5PB/62.6PiB
Effective capacity ^a	360PB/319.7PiB	288PB/256.3PiB
Maximum memory	12288GB	3072GB
SAN scale-out	1-12 nodes (6 HA pairs)	1-12 nodes (6 HA pairs)
Maximum SSD	2,880	2,304
Maximum raw capacity	44.1PB/39.1PiB	35.3PB/31.3PiB
Effective capacity	180PB/159.8PiB	144.3PB/128.2PiB
Maximum memory	6144GB	1536GB
Cluster interconnect	2 x 40GbE or 8 x 10GbE	2 x 10GbE
Per HA Pair Specifications (Active-Active Dual Controller)		
	AFF A700	AFF A300
Maximum SSD	480	384
Maximum raw capacity: all flash	7.3PB/6.5PiB	5.9PB/5.2PiB
Effective capacity	30.0PB/26.6PiB	24.0PB/21.4PiB
Controller form factor	Single-enclosure HA; 2 controllers in single 8U chassis	Single-enclosure HA; 2 controllers in single 3U chassis
Memory	1024GB	128GB
NVRAM	64GB	16GB
PCIe expansion slots	20	4
FC target ports (32Gb autoranging)	32	8
FC target ports (16Gb autoranging)	64	24
FCoE target ports, UTA2	64	24
40GbE ports	32	8
10GbE ports	64	32
10GbE Base-T ports (1GbE autoranging)	64	4
12Gb/6Gb SAS ports	64	24
Storage networking supported	FC, FCoE, iSCSI, NFS, pNFS, SMB	
OS version	ONTAP 9.1 RC1 or later	
Shelves and media	DS224C (2U; 24 drives, 2.5" SFF); DS2246 (2U; 24 drives, 2.5" SFF) See NetApp Disk Shelves and Storage Media page ^b for more details about each disk shelf and supported drive types.	
Host/client OSs supported	Windows 2000, Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2016, Linux, Oracle Solaris, AIX, HP-UX, Mac OS, VMware, ESX	

a. Effective capacity is based on 5:1 storage efficiency ratios with the maximum number of SSDs installed. The actual ratio can be higher depending on workloads and use cases.
b. See netapp.com/us/products/storage-systems/disk-shelves-and-storage-media/index.aspx.

AFF A Series Software Included with the System

Features and software Included with ONTAP software

Efficiency: FlexVol®, deduplication, compression, compaction, and thin provisioning
Availability: MetroCluster and multipath I/O
Data protection: RAID DP® and Snapshot
Performance: storage quality of service (QoS)
Management: OnCommand Workflow Automation, System Manager, Performance Manager, and Unified Manager
Scalable NAS container: FlexGroup

Flash bundle

- All storage protocols supported (FC, FCoE, iSCSI, NFS, pNFS, SMB)
 - NetApp **SnapRestore**® software: restore entire Snapshot copies in seconds
 - NetApp **SnapMirror** software: simple, flexible replication for disaster recovery
 - NetApp **FlexClone**® technology: instant virtual copies of files, LUNs, and volumes
 - NetApp **SnapCenter**®: unified, scalable platform and plug-in suite for application-consistent data protection and clone management
 - NetApp **SnapManager**® software: application-consistent backup and recovery for enterprise applications
 - NetApp **SnapVault**® software: simple, flexible replication for backup
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