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45 Drives Announces Major Expansion for Storinator Product Line: New Direct-Wired Pods for Every Storage Need



March 13, 2015 – 45 Drives launched a new major expansion of its signature Storinator™ storage pods today with three new Storinator™ models, each solving unique needs within the data storage community. The Storinator™ Q30, Storinator™ S45 Lite and Storinator™ XL60 are innovative new storage servers based on the classic Storinator™ S45 direct-wired pod. Each Storinator™ model features the proven direct-wired design, which is known for its reliability and increased throughput.

“45 Drives is all about building exactly what users need,” says Doug Milburn, company co-founder and vice-president of sales and marketing. “These product extensions are all based on feedback, advice and design contributions from community members that addressed weaknesses in earlier iterations, but also addressed needs common to certain subsets of users.”

The Storinator™ Q30 is a compact and nearly silent 30-drive storage pod, offering up to 270TB when using 8TB hard drives. So quiet it can sit right at your desktop, the Q30 is ideal for use in close proximity to people, rather than hidden away in a server room.

“We heard from small video producers who don’t really have a server room,” adds Milburn. “We created the Q30 in order to give them cost effective storage capacity that was nearly silent, so as not to disturb their employees or even filming.”

Starting at just \$3,220, the Storinator™ S45 Lite answers the call from members of the storage community who wanted large-scale storage, but at the absolute best price. With inspiration from the team at Backblaze, the S45 Lite is a cost-effective minimalist implementation of the classic 45-drive Storinator™ unit that started it all.

Rounding out the new major expansion is the Storinator™ XL60. Offering up to 480TB (with 8TB hard drives), the XL60 was built for large storage users who want capacity, performance and cost effectiveness. As with the classic Storinator S45, the XL60 is fully featured, with a 10GbE NIC, redundant boot drives and redundant power supply.

Full information and specifications about the 45 Drives’ Storinator™ product line can be found at www.45drives.com.

About 45 Drives

45Drives offers the most customizable, affordable large storage solutions on the planet. The company was born out of a custom job requested by online backup company Backblaze® to create a new backplane-based server design that would solve their data storage challenges. In early 2014, 45 Drives collaborated with Backblaze again to create a direct-wired pod design called the Storinator™, with enhanced speed and reliability. The current product line of Storinator™ pods utilizes the space for high-density storage (up to nearly ½ petabyte*) and performance - with transfer speeds in excess of 1 gigabyte per second. As a leader in mass customization, we have the unique ability within the storage community to build large storage pods that fit the exact needs of the user community.

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