

# aXstor AX-DC Hot Swap Drive Cages enable Industry's Fastest SATA Drive Swaps

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Unique design eliminates caddies and carriers, reducing drive replacement delay, and cutting workload for IT departments

aXstor, a UK based Storage Distributor of integrated storage solutions announces the aXstor AX-DC hot swap drive cages, using a unique design that eliminates the need for a drive caddy or carrier. By removing the cumbersome and time-consuming caddies and carriers, the AX-DC allows technicians to take a SATA or SATA II drive from its packaging and insert it directly into the drive cage. The new drive cages are ideal for RAID applications, and enable in the industry's fastest swap times, ensuring that replacement drives are immediately available, and reducing the workload for IT departments.

Two versions of the product are available, offering space savings over standard drive bays: the AX-DC3, which supports three drives takes only two standard 5¼ drive bays; and the AX-DC4, offers a four-drive capacity within three 5¼ drive bays. Both drive cages offer two independent cooling fans; are supplied with SATA and power cables; and also include drive activity LED cables for older SATA drives which can be connected to the Hard Disk Controller or RAID Card. For more demanding applications, multiple cages can be used in the same chassis to increase capacity. The new drive cages are ideal for the SME market; departmental servers; production environments that need to clone discs; and disc-to-disc backup systems, where discs can be quickly and easily removed to create an offsite backup set without the need for spare carriers.

"Swapping out failed drives used to be a time-consuming job for IT departments," said Alan Shepherd, Managing Director of aXstor. "These new drive cages will pay for themselves by dramatically reducing the time taken to change drives, as well as minimizing the dangerous time that a RAID array runs in a degraded state by ensuring the new drive is immediately available."

The new caddy/carrier-free design has been extensively tested for up to 50,000 insertions, ensuring high reliability throughout the lifetime of the drive cage. The new drive cages provide a cost-effective solution, with a RRP of £89.00 for the AX-DC-3 and £99 for the AX-DC-4 ex-VAT. Both drive cages are available from aXstor.

Further information is available at [www.axstor.com/products\\_hotswap.htm](http://www.axstor.com/products_hotswap.htm).

About aXstor

aXstor is a distributor and integrator of storage solutions that provides reliable, high-performance systems at a cost-effective price point. The company offers a high level of technical support to help customers take advantage of technologies including iSCSI, TCP acceleration, 10Gb Ethernet switches and HBA for SAS and SATA RAID applications. aXstor is also a Microsoft OEM Partner, offering NAS solutions based on Microsoft Windows Storage Server Software and 3ware SATA RAID Controllers. aXstor offers products designed to fit a wide range of enterprise applications, as well as solutions that meet the demands of the most challenging end-users such as financial institutions and the military. For more

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