By combining field-proven reliability with cutting-edge storage innovation, the Spectra® T50e gives you enterprise capabilities in a compact, 4U rackmount or desktop library. Built upon five generations of Spectra Logic hardware knowledge and 11 generations of BlueScale® software, the Spectra T50e is simply the most reliable and feature-rich solution available in the small library market today. The T50e offers you advanced LTO technology, powerful library management, increased security through our integrated BlueScale® Encryption, plus a range of support options to suit your needs. With more innovative features than any other library in its class, the T50e easily stands out in front.
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Complete Lifecycle Management

For highly reliable tape archive and backup, Spectra T-Series tracks and reports the expected lifetime utilization thresholds for tape media, drives and library components. With advance notification, you can address any potential concerns about the critical components of your entire library before they become an operational issue.

To ensure the viability of your data, Media Lifecycle Management (MLM) tracks and reports on health and security related statistics for Spectra Certified Media. Detailed reporting mitigates media problems and restore issues, allowing you to copy and move your data onto new media before degraded media affects your data.

For further integrity, MLM PreScan tape verification ensures that newly imported tapes are in good health and ready to use. After writing, MLM PostScan tape verification assures that your data is available on the tape by confirming there are no media errors.

Like MLM, Drive Lifecycle Management (DLM) extends the same proactive approach to drives by integrating tape drive analysis and reporting within the library. Using easy-to-manage, color-coded icons, you can quickly identify the health status of a drive. DLM also offers easy-to-use tape drive diagnostics to test and verify drive health and operation.

Managing the health of your library’s critical components is made easy with Library Lifecycle Management (LLM). By delivering utilization metrics relative to the expected useful life of library robotics, filters and other critical components; you are able to service your library before issues occur.
Integrates with Your Environment

The T50e is compatible with most channel interfaces and networking protocols, ensuring the best possible data transfer performance. It is also compatible with all industry standard operating systems including Windows, Linux, UNIX and Mac OS; and seamlessly integrates with the major backup applications including Backup Exec, Networker, CommVault, NetBackup and NetVault.

The T50e can be shared with multiple servers and applications, allowing sites to partition the library into a maximum of four virtual tape libraries. Spectra also offers disk-based options to complement the T50e, easily adding deduplication, VTL and D2D2T to your backup environment. The Spectra nTier Backup and Archive Appliance is designed specifically for backup and archival data, providing an integrated, flexible, and powerful platform to meet all of your storage needs. By using both the Spectra T50e and nTier, you simplify your backup and archive solution. The common BlueScale interface manages your tiered tape and disk environment, consolidating your service and support into a single contract.

The Only Library that Takes Care of Itself

Eliminate downtime by preventing unexpected failures with the T50e’s AutoSupport feature. The T50e self-monitors its drives, power supplies, controller and robotics, alerting you when they need attention. It also “phones home” by emailing a notification to SpectraGuard Support and opening a ticket automatically. You can be on the way to a resolution—without making a phone call. When you’re ready to call SpectraGuard, your agent has the trace logs, status information and library configuration details to help you quickly resolve the issue before it can have an operational impact.

The T50e uses proactive monitoring tools to minimize downtime, alerting you and SpectraGuard Support of potential issues that could disrupt operations.

Assisted Self-Maintenance (ASM)

When a component does need replacement, Spectra give you the option to do it yourself without onsite support. ASM is an industry-first support option designed for environments where normal support services are available but not always feasible for specific customers (e.g. high-security facilities, mobile sites such as ships). ASM parts are stocked at your site, giving you the ability to make immediate repairs and eliminate any waiting periods.
SpectraGuard Support

Support for Spectra T-Series Mid-Range libraries ranges from our standard worldwide next business day replacement to more advanced alternatives, including next day, same day, four-hour onsite service or our exclusive Assisted Self-Maintenance option.

Our expertise comes from over 30 years of solving real problems with hands-on lab work and on-site technical support. Our support staff is cross-trained over the entire storage environment—not just hardware—so we can assist you with all aspects of a problem. From open to close, we are committed to resolving any issue.

Product Specifications

Physical Characteristics

- Supports up to two full-height or four half height LTO drives
- Tabletop unit dimensions: 7.3" H x 17.5" W x 31.6" D
- Rack-mount dimensions (4U): 6.9" H x 17.5" W x 31.6" D
- Weight (4 Drives): 57.5 lbs / 26.1 kg

Power Requirements

- 100–127 VAC, 50/60 Hz; 4 amps per cord
- 200–240 VAC, 50/60 Hz; 2 amps per cord

Interface Options:

- SAS - 6 GB/s (LTO-5)
- Fibre Channel - 4 GB/s and 8GB/s

Reliability Statistics

- Mean Cycles Between Failures (MCFB): 1 million cycles
- Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF): 100,000 power-on hours
- Mean Time to Repair (MTTR): <20 minutes for hot swap components and non-hot swap components

LTO Technology

LTO (Linear Tape-Open) Ultrium Technology is optimized for high capacity and performance with exceptional reliability in either a stand-alone or an automated environment. It uses a single reel cartridge to maximize capacity. Ideally suited for backup, restore, and archive applications, the LTO tape format establishes a new benchmark for large volume backup and archive. LTO technology will meet the needs of the enterprise through a single-server user with a roadmap and migration path that extends well into the next decade.

Capacity and Throughput

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