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Qualstar Introduces the Qi Desktop LTO SAS

The portable new single-drive unit gives individuals and teams the ability to deploy tape data storage systems wherever needed.



IRVINE, Calif.—November 10, 2020—Leading data storage provider Qualstar (announces today the introduction of its latest tape-based storage solution, the [Qi Desktop LTO SAS](#). This new single-drive system combines the security advantages and massive storage capacity of tape with a compact form factor that allows users to manage their data wherever needed.

The Qi's accessible price point and lightweight, portable design (7 lb) allows it to be efficiently deployed across multiple workplaces or transported between jobsites. The unit comes equipped with an LTO-6, LTO-7, or LTO-8 drive, granting the flexibility to read/write to most generations of LTO still in common use. Focused on delivering an easy user experience, the system is simple to connect and can be positioned in either a vertical or horizontal orientation, depending on space requirements. With COVID-19 driving more and more employees to work remotely, the Qi arrives at the perfect time to address the storage needs of this newly decentralized workforce.



“We have listened to our customers and heard their call for more versatile tape-based offerings, especially in the entertainment, professional services, and oil and gas industries,” said Arun Vaishampayan, Qualstar’s vice president of global sales. “The Qi is an ideal solution for storing project data that needs to be securely distributed to multiple parties working simultaneously.”

Improvements to the LTO tape format have helped newer generations close the speed gap between magnetic tape and alternative media while continuing to expand capacity—an LTO-8 cartridge can store up to 30 TB of compressed data. Along with write once, read many (WORM) protection, tape cartridges can be decoupled from the network by ejecting them from the system for physical distribution, thus eliminating the risk of cyberattack. These improved specs and safety features have made tape the perfect solution for project-based storage, and the Qi makes it easier to take advantage of these benefits than ever before.

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About Qualstar Corporation

Qualstar Corporation was founded in California in 1984 to develop and manufacture digital storage solutions. By 1995, the company had concentrated its efforts on magnetic tape libraries used to store, retrieve, and manage digital data. Qualstar’s libraries provide the ideal storage solution for the growing number of organizations that require a way to keep critical but rarely accessed information safe and secure for long-term storage. Backed by more than 35 years of experience, Qualstar has earned a reputation for trust and reliability. Today, the company offers a full range of tape libraries in various sizes and configurations to meet any requirements. The company maintains a global footprint and is currently in the process of establishing a presence in China. Learn more at Qualstar.com.