Highlights

- Offers easy-to-own, easyto-use, easy-to-grow flexibility
- Provides affordable, enterprise-grade functionality and performance
- Enables data mobility to support hybrid cloud deployments
- Built with the rich enterprise data services of IBM Spectrum Virtualize
- Leverages AI to optimize data placement and streamline management
- Ensures business continuity with multi-layered data resilience features

IBM Storage FlashSystem 5000 | Data sheet

IBM Storage FlashSystem 5015 and 5045 offer the performance, functionality and affordability demanded by entry enterprise workloads.

Leading-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), real-time analytics, and blockchain demand new levels of IT infrastructure performance and functionality for many reasons, but top of the list is because by their very nature

they produce and consume enormous amounts of data.¹

Businesses of all sizes, including small businesses, remote and branch offices require a modern IT infrastructure with wide-ranging capabilities, from intelligent system optimization and powerful data reduction, through comprehensive security and encryption features, to cloud architectures and ultra-low latency flash storage. These demands can be especially challenging in environments with smaller and mid-sized application workloads, because organizations with smaller workloads quite often operate with smaller IT budgets.

Because capital funds are at a premium, businesses need to preserve and extend their current investments in IT infrastructure, while upgrading outdated features. So, payas-you-go strategies become especially attractive. Data security can't be compromised. Agility may be even more important than ever before, so infrastructure flexibility and scalability are crucial.

IBM Storage FlashSystem 5000 storage systems are designed specifically to address entry enterprise workloads. These storage solutions are focused on affordability with a wide range of enterprise-grade features that can easily evolve as





your business grows. And you can even choose to extend award-winning software-defined storage functionality across all your existing systems to optimize current IT investments while building a leading-edge, cloud-capable business platform.



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IBM Storage FlashSystem 5000 storage systems are designed to provide market leader entry level enterprise solutions within the overall FlashSystem family. IBM Storage FlashSystem 5000 technology has recently been refreshed, with a focus on significant innovation. FlashSystem 5000 offerings include IBM Storage FlashSystem 5015, designed for entry-level storage requirements, IBM Storage FlashSystem 5045 with increased functionality and performance for entry workloads.

The new IBM Storage FlashSystem 5000 models offer even greater affordability than before, with a wide range of performance and feature options:

- *IBM Storage FlashSystem 5015* is an entry-level solution focused on affordability and ease of deployment and operation, with powerful scale-up features. It includes many IBM Spectrum Virtualize features and offers multiple flash and disk drive storage media and expansion options.
- *IBM Storage FlashSystem 5045* provides greater functionality, including powerful encryption capabilities and data reduction pools with compression, deduplication, thin provisioning, and the ability to cluster for scale-up and scale-out.

More than ever before, FlashSystem 5000 models are easy to buy, easy to use and easy to grow:

• IBM Storage FlashSystem 5015 and FlashSystem 5045 are **easy to buy** because they are simple. Just one thing to order and you get a storage solution ready to install and run. Additionally, IBM



Global Financing provides numerous payment options to help with system acquisition plus full lifecycle management through to disposition.

- They're **easy to deploy**, with enterprise-grade capabilities such as AI-powered IBM Easy Tier functionality that ensures your data is on the right type of storage—automatically. All IBM storage solutions are supported by AI-enhanced IBM Storage Insights that monitors your storage environment, so you don't have to. It lets you know when something needs your attention and can even recommend what to do. And when support from IBM is needed, Storage Insights helps streamline your experience.
- They're **easy to grow** because you can quickly and easily add capacity without disruption. A single FlashSystem 5015 array can scale up with 392 drives per system. The FlashSystem 5045 array can scale with 440 drives per system and up to 880 in a two-way clustered system. They work with your applications today, and the ones you will develop tomorrow, to address workloads using new technologies such as containers and cloud architectures.

Enhanced storage capabilities

All FlashSystem solutions leverage the proven capabilities of IBM Storage Virtualize softwaredefined storage (SDS) for storage management. IBM is the number-one SDS vendor in the industry.² IBM Storage Virtualize enables applications to run without disruption, even when changes are made to the storage infrastructure.

IBM Storage Virtualize has been helping enterprises improve infrastructure flexibility and data economics for more than 15 years. When virtualized, data in a storage system becomes part of the FlashSystem solution, and it can be managed in the same way as internal drives. Data in external systems inherit all the FlashSystem functional richness and ease-of-use features, including advanced replication, high-performance thin provisioning, encryption, compression, deduplication, and Easy Tier functionality. Depending on the FlashSystem model and the options you choose, IBM Spectrum Virtualize can deliver a wide spectrum of sophisticated storage functionality, including:

- IBM HyperSwap for nondisruptive application and data mobility between data centers
- Support for host-side virtualization solutions, including VMware virtual machines, Microsoft Hyper-V and IBM PowerVM, among others
- Support for more than 500 external storage systems from a wide variety of vendors
- Powerful data reduction pool technology that includes deduplication, compression, and automated thin provisioning
- Easy Tier automated tiering functionality
- Safeguarded Copy for isolated and immutable copies plus software-based encryption that can be extended across all managed systems



- IBM Storage FlashCopy and IBM Storage Remote Mirror for local and
- remote replication Support for using cloud resources to complement
- on-premises storage Three-site data replication capabilities

Data availability is crucially important to the business because downtime causes immediate business impacts, including loss of customer loyalty and significant financial costs. IBM Storage Virtualize in FlashSystem 5015 and FlashSystem 5045 can deliver "six nines" (99.9999%) data availability. These systems are designed for high availability, with no single point of failure, enterprise-proven control software, and nondisruptive maintenance. In addition, cloud-based Storage Insights functionality available with FlashSystem 5045 helps detect configuration errors to improve availability.

IBM Storage FlashSystem 5000 can operate in DRAID 1, 5, or 6 modes. A key advantage is its ability to operate at full DRAID protection and efficiency with only three drives. This means that cost- sensitive users can start with a smaller CapEx and add capacity as needed. IBM DRAID 1 data can be read from all three drives, which provides a performance boost over traditional RAID 1 approaches, as well as allowing full recovery with loss of one drive.

To further enhance data protection and system recoverability, IBM has also included three-site replication on the FlashSystem 5045 array using a combination of FlashCopy and remote copy. This IBM Storage Virtualize-powered three-site replication capability runs data copies at both metro and global distances to offer a variety of recovery point and time options.

Increased efficiency

Available with the IBM Storage FlashSystem 5045 model, data reduction pools help transform the economics of data storage. When applied to new or existing storage, they can significantly increase usable capacity while maintaining consistent application performance. This can help eliminate or drastically reduce costs for storage acquisition, rack space, power, and cooling, and can extend the useful life of existing storage assets. Capabilities include:

- Block deduplication that works across all the storage in a data reduction pool to minimize the number of identical blocks
- New compression technology that provides guaranteed consistent 2:1 or better reduction performance across a wide range of application workload patterns
- SCSI UNMAP support that deallocates physical storage when operating systems delete logical storage constructs such as files in a file system



Improved data mobility

Al-enhanced Easy Tier provides automatic migration of frequently accessed data to highperformance flash storage or multiple tiers of disk drives, enhancing storage efficiencies. Operating at very fine granularity, the optional Easy Tier function automatically moves data to the optimal storage type based on input/output patterns and drive characteristics, requiring no administrative interaction.

Rock solid data resilience

IBM Storage FlashSystem 5000 provides advanced capabilities that can help maximize data protection, security and high availability to significantly reduce the risk of disruption and financial losses due to user errors, malicious destruction or ransomware attacks.

To help protect sensitive data from unauthorized users, IBM Storage FlashSystem 5045 gives IT teams the full power of storage encryption. In addition to placing encryption inside hardware arrays, IBM Storage Virtualize includes encryption capabilities in its management layer.

IBM Storage FlashSystem 5045 with Safeguarded Copy, IBM protects your valued data form cyberattacks with immutable and isolated copies that are hidden, non-addressable and cannot be altered or deleted. In the event of an attack, these copies can be quickly restored to support recovery. Customized to your particular application mix, IBM Storage FlashSystem Cyber Vault builds on IBM Safeguarded Copy to help reduce cyber attack recovery times from days to hours. In addition, physical isolation layers can also be created by storing sensitive copies in immutable storage, cloud environments or off-line write-once read many (WORM) tape devices to provide physical air-gap protection.

Also included in the FlashSystem 5000 is in-line data corruption detection. The FlashSystem controller will gather statistics on incoming write I/Os. These statistics are sent to Storage Insights Pro and used to spot workload anomalies, which may include potential ransomware attacks.

And with more organizations looking to adopt data resilience solutions that go beyond simple data backup and recovery, the IBM Spectrum Protect portfolio is the perfect complement for IBM Storage FlashSystem. It provides unified end-to-end workload protection, both on-premises and in the cloud, including applications, VMs, file systems, SaaS workloads, AWS EC2 instances, and containers.

For further cyber preparedness, organizations can opt for a no-cost <u>Cyber Resiliency Assessment</u> with IBM. It's a two-hour virtual assessment that evaluates current levels of preparedness, suggests data protection solutions and creates a detailed report for improvement.

Innovative virtualization and container technologies

IBM Storage Virtualize in FlashSystem 5000 systems complements server virtualization with



technologies such as PowerVM, Microsoft Hyper-V, VMware vSphere, and the container technologies Kubernetes and Docker.

Similar to virtualized servers, provisioning FlashSystem 5000 capacity is achieved with software and thin provisioning and is designed to be an almost entirely automated function. Without these technologies, provisioning servers could be slowed by the need to provision storage.

Containers enable applications to be packaged with everything needed to run identically in any environment. They offer the versatility of virtual machines, but at a much smaller footprint and cost. As a result, containerization is a key enabling technology for flexibly delivering workloads to private and public cloud and DevOps. Using the IBM storage container plug-in framework, FlashSystem 5000 systems can enable any supported storage to be used as persistent storage in Docker and Kubernetes container environments, improving flexibility, simplifying deployment, and lowering costs while offering enterprises the confidence of deploying stateful containers using highly available storage with enterprise capabilities.

Greater storage visibility, insight and control

Because data is the resource that drives your business, storage systems take on even greater importance. IBM Storage Insights and IBM Storage Insights Pro provide critical capabilities that enhance your experience with IBM storage, including:

- A single dashboard so you can see the status of all the block storage under management at a glance
- Trend information about capacity and performance so you can make better and more informed decisions
- Storage and storage network health information that helps you bring your configuration in line with best practices
- When support is needed, the ability to easily open a ticket, upload log information and view open tickets
- Detailed configuration data available to IBM specialists to help close tickets quickly

Delivered as a service from IBM Cloud at no charge, Storage Insights is quick and easy to set up and requires no ongoing software maintenance. Storage Insights Pro is an upgrade that provides more detailed information and additional capabilities.

Powerful added features

In addition to the many features and capabilities noted above, IBM Storage FlashSystem 5000 systems include:

Innovative management capabilities to ease storage management



SafeGuarded Copy to reduce recovery time from a cyber attack for

FlashSystem 5045

High-availability configurations with HyperSwap for FlashSystem 5045

- IBM Distributed RAID 1, designed for improved performance with small configurations
- FlashCopy function and remote mirroring to create copies of data for back up and disaster recovery
- Dual clustering for FlashSystem 5045 to enable growth from smaller configurations
- Options to non-disruptively upgrade in the field from FlashSystem 5015 to FlashSystem 5045, providing investment protection with the ability to grow capacity and performance in the same footprint
- High-density expansion enclosures, which can hold up to 92 drives and 2.8 PB in a 5U form factor
- The option to add IBM Storage Virtualize for Public Cloud to enable data migration between onpremises and public cloud storage including IBM Cloud, Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Microsoft Azure, as well as the use of these cloud platforms for disaster recovery
- Support for OpenStack Cinder, which helps automate storage provisioning and volume management for organizations by combining the efficiency of FlashSystem 5000 with the OpenStack Compute cloud platform

Deploy with Confidence

In addition to the performance, capacity and scalability benefits, each IBM Storage FlashSystem 5000 deployment includes IBM FlashWatch programs. This comprehensive suite of flash storage is designed to enhance the end-to-end ownership experience, providing the confidence to purchase, own and upgrade IBM Storage. The FlashWatch programs include:

 High availability guarantee. High-availability capability in IBM Storage Virtualize enables IBM Storage FlashSystem 5000 arrays to deliver six-nines (99.9999%) availability. FlashSystem 5045 has IBM HyperSwap[®] configurations available with optional 100% high availability guarantees 3-site replication, and replication to hybrid cloud deliver comprehensive options to meet a wide range

of business continuity needs.³

- Data reduction guarantee. This program delivers the level of data reduction your IBM Storage FlashSystem 5045 solution will provide.⁴ You can get the express version, which provides a 2:1 data reduction without system analysis. Or you can use one of the IBM system analysis tools and choose the flexible option that provides up to a 5:1 data reduction with workload profiling based on the system analysis results.
- Predictive analytics & proactive management. Al-powered IBM Storage Insights uses cloud-



based, predictive analytics to optimize storage use and delivers proactive capabilities to streamline support at no extra cost, so you can proactively manage your environment.

- IBM Flash Momentum. The same innovation that constantly creates remarkable IT infrastructure improvements also accelerates IT infrastructure obsolescence. The IBM Flash Momentum program allows you to refresh your controller and storage every 3 years with fullflexibility. If you finance an IBM Storage FlashSystem over a 3-year term, just before the 3 years expire, you can decide whether to keep it, refresh it or simply walk away. You can refresh your IBM Storage FlashSystem for the same monthly price or less or size your system up or down to meet your needs.
- **No-cost migration.** When you deploy your new IBM Storage FlashSystem 5000 solution, you have up to 90 days to migrate data from over 500 storage controllers at no extra charge.

¹ "Deep Learning (deep neural network)," *TechTarget.com*, Accessed March 2019. https://searchenterpriseai.techtarget.com/definition/deep-learning-deep-neural-network

² "IBM Ranked # 1 in Worldwide Software-Defined Storage Software Market," *IBM Corporation*, April 2017.

³ The Total Economic Impact Of IBM Spectrum Virtualize, A Forrester Total Economic Impact Study, Commissioned by IBM, April 2020

⁴ Subject to signing a data reduction contract. 2:1 data reduction is self-certified. Up to 5:1 data reduction with workload profiling. IBM FlashWatch replaces all previous "Controller Upgrade" and "Peace of Mind" Programs, commencing with purchases made on or after 11 February 2020. Program applicability varies by product. Check "FlashWatch Product Matrix".

IBM Storage FlashSystem 5000 at a glance

Specifications	IBM Storage FlashSystem 5045 with IBM Storage Virtualize Software	IBM Storage FlashSystem 5015 with IBM Storage Virtualize Software
Models	IBM Storage FlashSystem 5045 Models 4680-3P2 and 4680-3P4	IBM Storage FlashSystem 5015 Models 4680-2P2 and 4680-2P4
User interface	Web-based GUI	Web-based GUI
Single or dual controller	Dual (Active/Active)	Dual (Active/Active)
Connectivity (standard)	10 Gb iSCSI (On the motherboard)	1 Gb iSCSI (On the motherboard)
Connectivity (optional)	 16 Gb/s Fibre Channel 12 Gb/s SAS 25 Gb/s iSCSI 10 Gb/s iSCSI 	 16 Gb/s Fibre Channel 12 Gb/s SAS 25 Gb/s iSCSI 10 Gb/s iSCSI
Cache per control enclosure	32GB or 64GB	32 GB or 64 GB
Max IOPs	1.2M IOPs	400K IOPs
Min latency	Under 70µs	Under 70µs
Max bandwidth	12GB/s	8GB/s



Specifications	IBM Storage FlashSystem 5045 with IBM Storage Virtualize Software	IBM Storage FlashSystem 5015 with IBM Storage Virtualize Software
Models	IBM Storage FlashSystem 50454680- 3P2 and 4680-3P4	IBM Storage FlashSystem 5015 4680-2P2 and 4680-2P4
Drives supported	 Small form-factor 2.5-inch disk drives: 2.4 TB @10k rpm Large form-factor 3.5-inch disk drives: 8 TB, 12 TB, 16 TB, 20 TB @ 7.2k rpm 2.5-inch flash drives: 1.92 TB, 3.84 TB, 7.68 TB, 15.36 TB and 30.72 TB 	 Small form-factor 2.5-inch disk drives: 2.4 TB @ 10k rpm Large form-factor 3.5-inch disk drives: 8 TB, 12 TB, 16 TB, 20 TB @ 7.2k rpm 2.5-inch flash drives: 1.92 TB, 3.84 TB, 7.68 TB, 15.36 TB and 30.72 TB
Maximum drives supported	Maximum of 440 drives per system and 880 drives in two-way clusters: • Small form-factor enclosure: 24 x 2.5- inch drives • Large form-factor enclosure: 12 x 3.5- inch drives • High-density expansion enclosure: 92 x 3.5-inch drives	Maximum of 392 drives per system: • Small form-factor enclosure: 24 x 2.5-inch drives • Large form-factor enclosure: 12 x 3.5-inch drives • High-density expansion enclosure: 92 x 3.5-inch drives
Maximum expansion enclosure capacity	 Up to 6 standard expansion enclosures per controller Up to 2 high-density expansion enclosures per controller 	 Up to 10 standard expansion enclosures per controller Up to 4 high-density expansion enclosures per controller
RAID levels	Distributed RAID 1, 5 and 6	Distributed RAID 1, 5 and 6
Fans and power supplies	Fully redundant, hot-swappable	Fully redundant, hot-swappable
Rack support	Standard 19-inch	Standard 19-inch
Advanced functions included with each system	 Virtualization of internal storage SafeGuarded Copy Data reduction pools with thin provisioning, UNMAP, compression and deduplication One-way data migration Dual-system clustering Encryption Remote mirroring Easy Tier FlashCopy 	Virtualization of internal storage Data reduction pools with thin provisioning and UNMAP One-way data migration Easy Tier FlashCopy Remote mirroring
Additional available advanced functions	•	•



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Size	8.7 cm (3.4 in.) H x 48.3 cm (19.0 in.) W x 55.6 cm (21.9 in.) D	8.7 cm (3.4 in.) H x 48.3 cm (19.0 in.) W x 55.6 cm (21.9 in.) D
	Approximate weight:	Approximate weight:
	 Large form-factor control enclosure: Empty: 18.0 kg (39.6 lb) Fully configured: 28.3 kg (62.2 lb) Large form-factor expansion enclosure: Empty: 16.4 kg (36.1 lb) Fully configured: 26.7 kg (58.8 lb) Small form-factor control enclosure: Empty: 19.0 kg (41.8 lb) Fully configured: 27.3 kg (60.0 lb) Small form-factor expansion enclosure: Empty: 16.7 kg (36.7 lb) Fully configured: 25.0 kg (55.2 lb) 	 Large form-factor control enclosure: Empty: 18.0 kg (39.6 lb) Fully configured: 28.3 kg (62.2 lb) Large form-factor expansion enclosure: Empty: 16.4 kg (36.1 lb) Fully configured: 26.7 kg (58.8 lb) Small form-factor control enclosure: Empty: 19.0 kg (41.8 lb) Fully configured: 27.3 kg (60.0 lb) Small form-factor expansion enclosure: Empty: 16.7 kg (36.7 lb) Fully configured: 25.0 kg (55.2 lb)
Operating environment	Air temperature:	Air temperature:
environment	- Operating: 10°C - 35°C (50°F - 95°F) at 30.5 m below to 3,000 m above sea level (100 ft below to 9,840 ft above)	- Operating: 10°C - 35°C (50°F - 95°F) at 30.5 m below to 3,000 m above sea level (100 ft below to 9,840 ft above)
	 Non-operating: -10°C - 50°C (14°F - 125°F) Relative humidity: Operating: 20% - 85% Non-operating: 8% - 80% 	 Non-operating: -10°C - 50°C (14°F - 125°F) Relative humidity: Operating: 20% - 85% Non-operating: 8% - 80%
Warranty	Hardware:	Hardware:
	 1-year limited warranty 9 x 5 on-site limited support Upgradeable to IBM Storage Expert Care: IBM Storage Expert Care Basic: Extended 9 x 5 on-site hardware support for the duration of the contract License machine code subscription and support for the duration of the contract Guidance on installation, usage and configuration Automated ticket management and alerting IBM Storage Expert Care Advanced: Extended 24 x 7 on-site hardware support for the duration of the contract 	 1-year limited warranty 9 x 5 on-site limited support Upgradeable to IBM Storage Expert Care: IBM Storage Expert Care Basic: Extended 9 x 5 on-site hardware support for the duration of the contract License machine code subscription and support for the duration of the contract Guidance on installation, usage and configuration Automated ticket management and alerting IBM Storage Expert Care Advanced: Extended 24 x 7 on-site hardware
	 License machine code subscription and support for the duration of the contract 	 support for the duration of the contract License machine code subscription



Guidance on installation, usage and	and support for the duration of the
configuration	contract
 Automated ticket management and 	 Guidance on installation, usage and
alerting	configuration
Predictive issue resolution Software	 Automated ticket management and
Warranty:	alerting
IBM Spectrum Virtualize licensed machine	 Predictive issue resolution Software
code governed by the IBM Agreement for	Warranty:
Machine Code	IBM Spectrum Virtualize licensed machine
Included with the machine's warranty	code governed by the IBM Agreement for
Extended through hardware support	ort via Machine Code
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	• Extended through hardware support
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Operating environment	For a list of currently supported servers, operating systems, host bus adapters, clustering applications, and SAN switches and directors, refer to the IBM System Storage Interoperation Center at: ibm.com/systems/support/storage/confi g/ssic	For a list of currently supported servers, operating systems, host bus adapters, clustering applications, and SAN switches and directors, refer to the IBM System Storage Interoperation Center at: ibm.com/systems/support/storage/config/ss ic
ISV solutions	For a list of high-quality solutions with IBM partner ISVs, including access to solution briefs and white papers, contact your IBM representative or Business Partner.	For a list of high-quality solutions with IBM partner ISVs, including access to solution briefs and white papers, contact your IBM representative or Business Partner.



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