



Vi-5990A *Virtual Tape Appliance*

The Vi-5990A Virtual Tape Appliance for mainframes provides an excellent combination of price, performance and scalability. The Vi-5990A is focused on providing centralized management for local and remote tape resources that enables enterprise-wide data management and security strategies for backup and archiving.

Vi-5990A Features

- Supports multiple operating systems
- No JCL changes
- Redundant Controller Option
- Replication
 - Synchronous and Asynchronous
- Up to 4 FICON channels per Appliance
 - 8Gb and 16Gb data rates
- Up to 16,384 logical paths
- Fully compatible with SMS and HSM
- Eliminates recurring maintenance costs of tape libraries & drives
- Significant reduction in datacenter floor space, electrical usage and HVAC requirements

Virtual Tape Technology

The Vi-5990A Virtual Tape Appliance transparently appears to the mainframe applications as standard 3490/3590 tape drives. The Vi-5990A is a Virtual Tape Appliance with no internal or external storage. "Virtual Tape" means that there is no physical tape to mount, thereby decreasing mount times dramatically, removing any physical restrictions on the number of drives and eliminating wasted space normally associated with real tapes. The Vi-5990A Appliance emulates 256 virtual tape drives

simultaneously while providing up to 16,384 paths to the virtual drives. This benefits both user and MIS Department as Mainframe applications no longer need to wait for available physical drives.

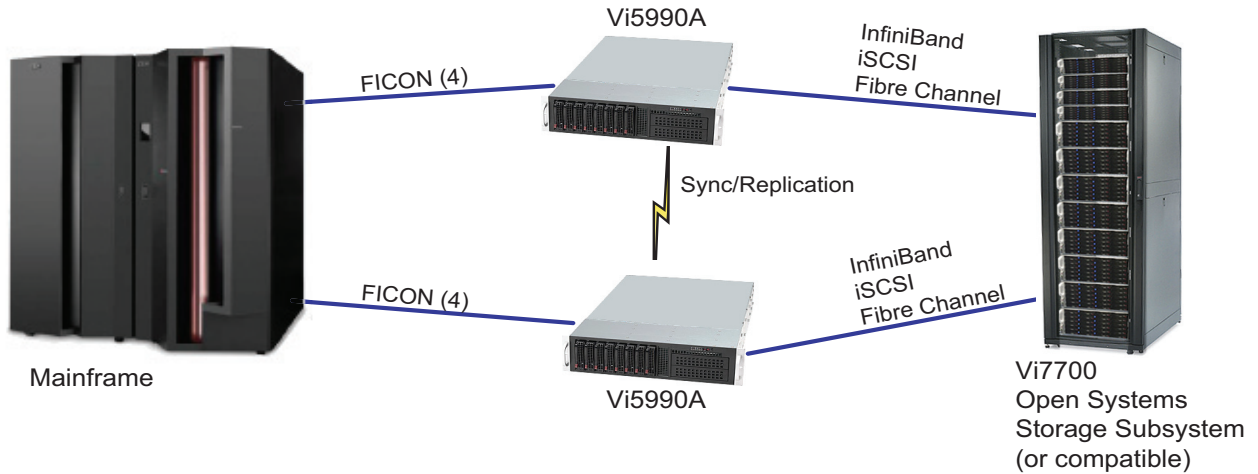
The Vi-5990A offers redundant, scalable controllers so that there is no single point of failure and coupled with redundant power, the Vi-5990A provides extremely high availability and bandwidth. The redundant controller option allows for increased bandwidth when all controllers are operational, and provides for complete access in the unlikely event that an Appliance becomes non-operational. All Pool information is maintained across all units allowing complete synchronization with any installed Tape Managers. The Vi-5990A is fully compatible with SMS and HSM.

Configuration

A web-based graphical user interface (GUI) is provided to configure and monitor the Vi-5990A. The GUI can be used to access information such as the current system status and resource usage statistics. This interface has been designed to make more efficient use of a storage administrator's time in configuring and managing the Vi-5990A while also helping reduce the time needed to train new administrators. All status panels are color coded for simple ease of use and determining the current operating status of the Vi-5990A. Establishing libraries/pools as well as configuring paths to the drives is made simple and easy with this intuitive interface. The Vi-5990A is defined as a MTL to SMS.

Migration

To ease migration the Vi-5990A will work together with any of the following: Z/OS, OS/390 tape management applications, CA-1, ZARA & RMM. Importantly there is no need to make any changes on the mainframe or the applications to access the Vi-5990A; all popular VSE tape management systems are also supported. The Vi-5990A can be installed along side existing tape systems and implemented at your own pace without the need to do a complete conversion.



Vi-5990A Appliance System Specifications

Supported Operating Systems

- IBM Z/OS, Z/MVS, Z/VM, Z/VSE, OS/390

Connectivity

- Up to 4 FICON channels
 - 8Gb and 16Gb data rates
- Up to 16,384 virtual paths

Virtual Tape System

- 256 virtual tape drives emulating 3480/3490/3590 drives
- Any size Virtual volumes
- RAID redundancy

Tape Management

- Support for most tape systems including: CA-1, ZARA & RMM. For VSE: Dynam-T and EPIC are supported but not required

Real Tape and Library Support

- Compatible with Open System Tape libraries through an Open System Backup server

Vi-5990A Appliance Physical Specifications

Base Chassis

- 19" Rack mount, 2U Height, 25.5" Depth, Weight 65 lbs

Power Supply

- Redundant hot swappable

System Cooling

- Multiple hot swappable Fans

AC Power

- 110-240V, 50-60Hz, 10-4A

