



**SPC BENCHMARK 1™  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**IBM CORPORATION  
IBM SYSTEM STORAGE  
SAN VOLUME CONTROLLER 4.2**

**SPC-1 V1.10.1**

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### **Revision Information and Key Dates**

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<b>SPC-1 Specification revision number</b>	V1.10.1
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## **Tested Storage Product (TSP) Description**

The IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller (SVC) enables a single point of control for disparate, heterogeneous storage resources to help support improved business application availability and greater resource utilization. SAN Volume Controller is designed to pool storage volumes from IBM and non-IBM storage systems into a single reservoir of capacity for centralized management.

SAN Volume Controller combines hardware and software into an integrated, modular solution. Using IBM System x™ server technology in clustered pairs, SAN Volume Controller is designed to avoid potential single points of failure. SAN Volume Controller software is designed to operate as a highly available cluster supporting high performance and ease of use.

SAN Volume Controller is highly scalable. An “I/O Group” is formed by combining a redundant pair of System x servers. Each server includes a four-port 4 Gbps-capable host bus adapter (HBA), designed to allow the SAN Volume Controller to connect and operate at up to 4 Gbps SAN fabric speed. Each I/O Group contains 8 GB of mirrored cache memory. Highly available I/O Groups are the basic configuration element of a SAN Volume Controller cluster. Adding I/O Groups to the cluster is designed to increase cluster performance and bandwidth.

SAN Volume Controller can scale out to support four I/O Groups, and it can scale up to support 1024 host servers. For every cluster, SAN Volume Controller support up to 4096 virtual disks.

### Summary of Results

SPC-1 Results	
Tested Storage Configuration (TSC) Name: IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller 4.2	
Metric	Reported Result
SPC-1 IOPS™	272,505.19
SPC-1 Price-Performance	\$12.05/SPC-1 IOPS™
Total ASU Capacity	24,433.589 GB
Data Protection Level	Mirroring
Total TSC Price (including three-year maintenance)	\$3,284,767

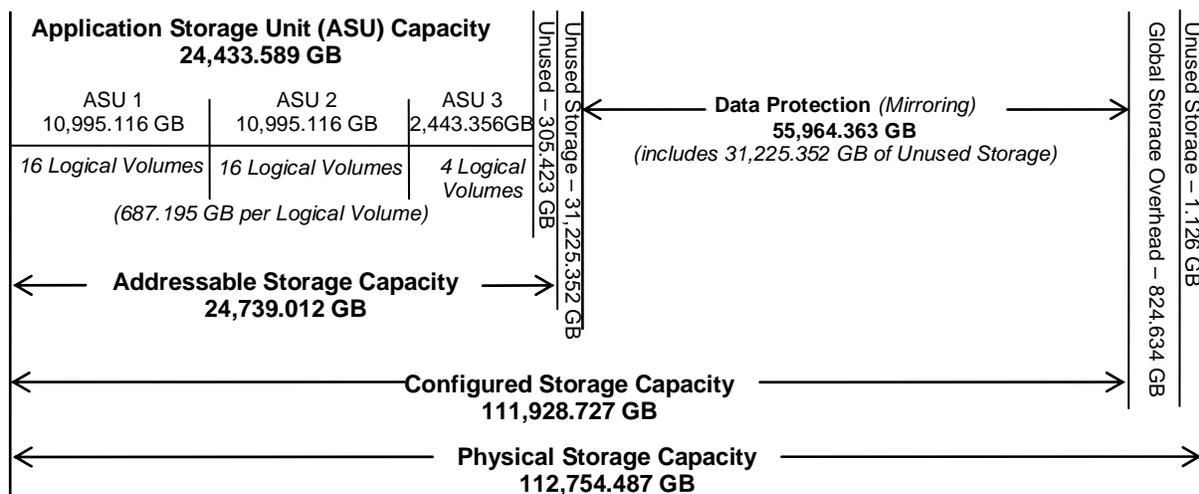
**SPC-1 IOPS™** represents the maximum I/O Request Throughput at the 100% load point.

**Total ASU (Application Storage Unit) Capacity** represents the total storage capacity read and written in the course of executing the SPC-1 benchmark.

A **Data Protection Level** of Mirroring configures two or more identical copies of user data.

### Storage Capacities and Relationships

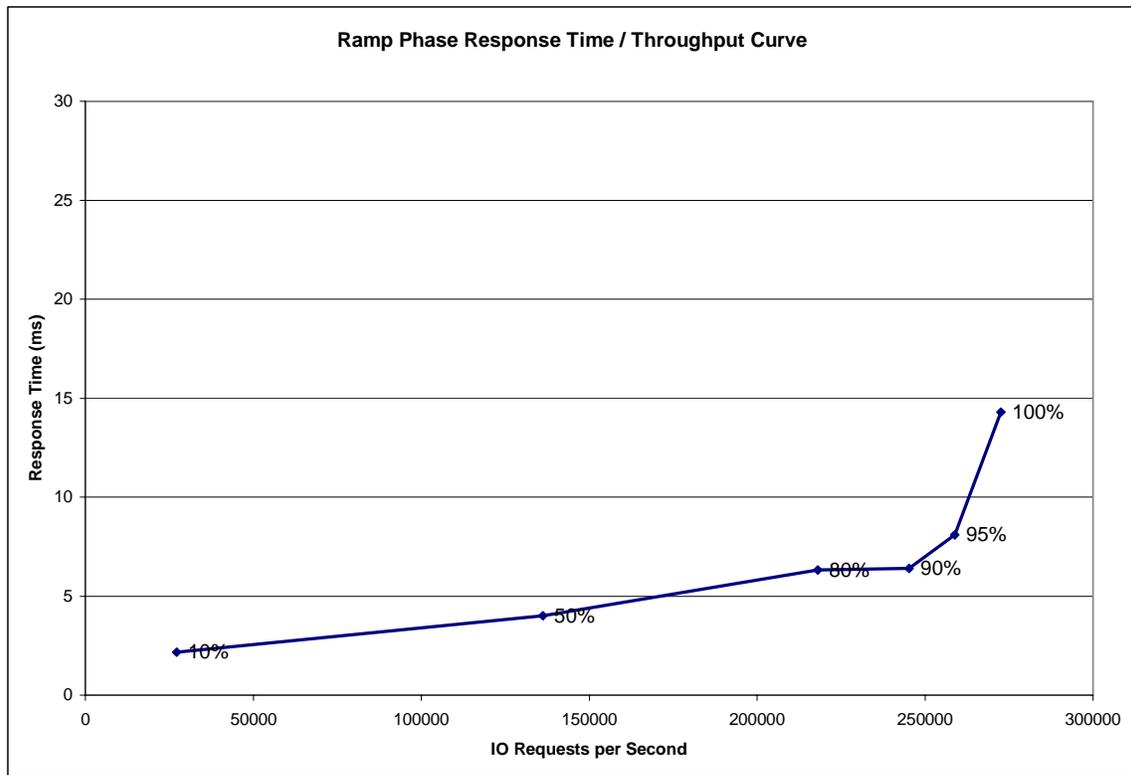
The following diagram documents the various storage capacities, used in this benchmark, and their relationships.



### Response Time - Throughput Curve

The Response Time-Throughput Curve illustrates the Average Response Time (milliseconds) and I/O Request Throughput at 100%, 95%, 90%, 80%, 50%, and 10% of the workload level used to generate the SPC-1 IOPS™ metric.

The Average Response Time measured at the any of the above load points cannot exceed 30 milliseconds or the benchmark measurement is invalid.



### Response Time - Throughput Data

	10% Load	50% Load	80% Load	90% Load	95% Load	100% Load
<b>I/O Request Throughput</b>	27,253.74	136,252.48	217,994.73	245,284.14	258,850.08	272,505.19
<b>Average Response Time (ms):</b>						
All ASUs	2.16	4.02	6.33	6.39	8.10	14.30
ASU-1	2.95	4.77	7.36	7.51	9.06	14.96
ASU-2	2.19	4.54	7.20	7.46	9.08	15.04
ASU-3	0.49	2.18	3.76	3.57	5.62	12.58
Reads	4.81	7.06	10.58	10.97	12.38	17.78
Writes	0.44	2.04	3.56	3.41	5.31	12.04

### **Tested Storage Configuration Pricing (*Priced Storage Configuration*)**

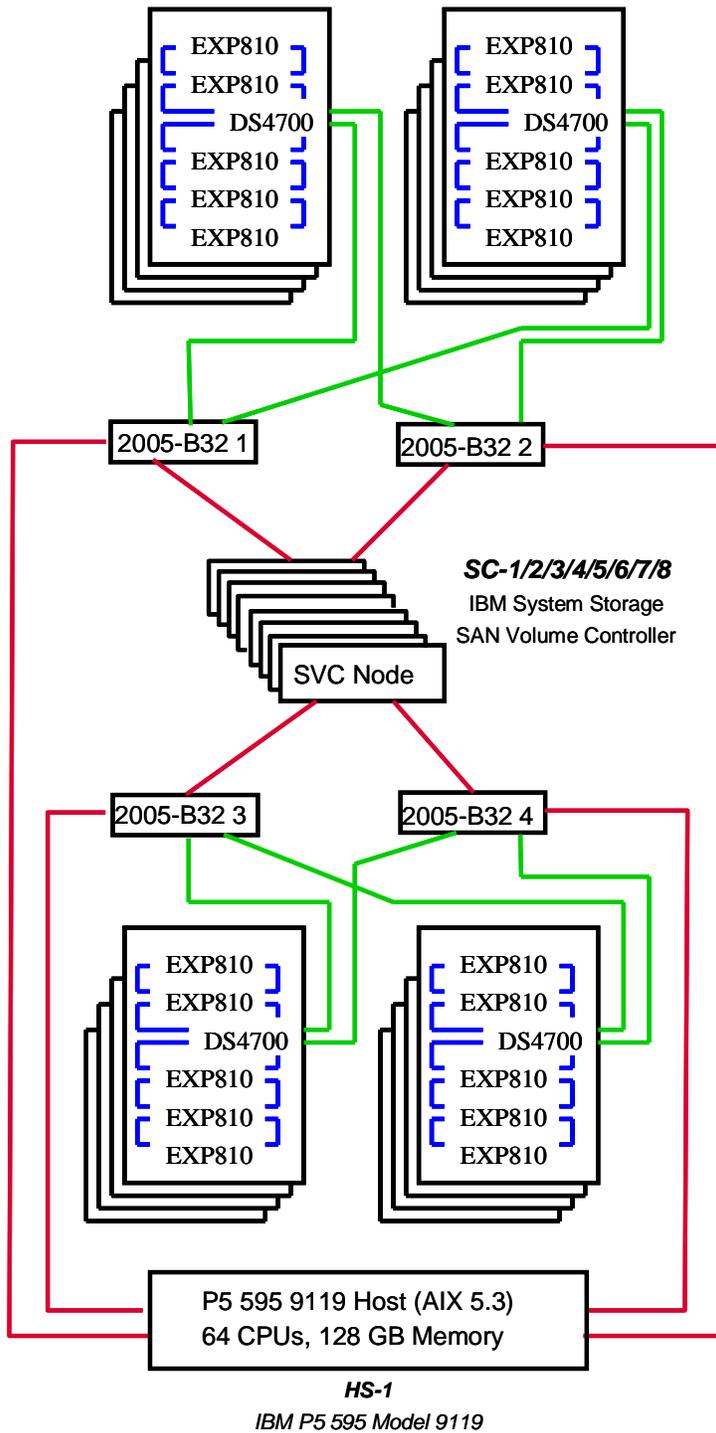
<b>Component</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Unit Maint</b>	<b>List w/ Maint</b>	<b>% discount</b>	<b>Total Price</b>
SVC 3550 Storage Engine		8	16,500.00	6,696.00	185,568.00	30	129,897.60
UPS		8	1,250.00	2,592.00	30,736.00	30	21,515.20
Master Console		1	7,499.00	3,816.00	11,315.00	30	7,920.50
SVC Software license	up to 100 virtualized TB	1	332,000.00	132,800.00	464,800.00	30	325,360.00
19 inch rack (7014-T42)		9	3,970.00	1,512.00	49,338.00	50	24,669.00
32 port fibre channel switch (2005-B32)	w/ 32 SFP, 32 ports enabled	4	38,573.00	2,657.00	164,920.00	20	131,936.00
DS 4700 with 16 15K RPM drives (73 GB)	w/ 4 SFP, 2 5m cables	16	43,563	13,950	920,208.00	37	579,731.04
EXP810 with 16 15K RPM drives (73 GB)	w/ 4 SFP, 2 1m cables	80	33,862	5,640	3,160,160.00	37	1,990,900.80
Ethernet switch (73P-2413)		2	135.99	30.00	331.98	42	192.55
Short wave fibre channel cable (5 m)		32	129		4,128.00	20	3,302.40
Short wave fibre channel cable (25 m)		32	189		6,048.00	20	4,838.40
Ethernet cable (7 feet)		8	6.99		55.92	0	55.92
Ethernet cable (25 feet)		32	14.99		479.68	0	479.68
4 Gbit P5 595 adapter (5758)		32	1,999.00		63,968.00	0	63,968.00
<b>Total Price</b>							<b>3,284,767.09</b>

The above pricing provides maintenance/support for 24 hours per day, 7 days per week for three years with four hour acknowledgement and four hour subsequent response (support engineer onsite or customer replaceable part available).

### **Differences between the Tested Storage Configuration (TSC) and Priced Storage Configuration**

There were no differences between the Tested Storage Configuration and the Priced Storage Configuration.

**Benchmark Configuration/Tested Storage Configuration Diagram**



**Notes:**

All storage is managed by each node (single image).

Each EXP810 and DS4700 has 16 disks (total of 1536). Disks are 73 GB, 15K RPM.

Each switch has one zone for node-to-storage traffic, two zones for node-to-host traffic (even nodes to half of fcs's, odd nodes to half of fcs's).

- Represents 1 FC path per line drawn
- Represents 4 FC paths per line drawn
- Represents 8 FC paths per line drawn

**Benchmark Configuration/Tested Storage Configuration Components**

<b>Host Systems:</b>	<b>Tested Storage Configuration (TSC):</b>
<i>UID=HS-1</i>	32 – 4 Gbit P5 595 HBAs
IBM P5 595 Model 9119	<i>UID=SC-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8:</i>
64 – 1.9 GHz CPUs – 2 CPUs/POWER5 chip 32 KB L1 cache, 960 KB L2 cache, and 18 MB L3 cache per CPU	8 – TotalStorage® SAN Volume Controllers per controller:
128 GB main memory	2 – 2.333 GHz Intel Xeon Dual-Core CPUs
AIX 5.3	864 MiB data cache
PCI-X/RIO	160 MiB processor cache
WG	4 – 4 Gbit FC ports
	4 – 32 port FC switches
	2 – Ethernet switch
	16 – DS4700 enclosures
	80 – EXP810 enclosures
	16 – 73 GB, 15K RPM disk drives per enclosure
	9 – 19 inch racks
	8 – UPS