

# XF3 / XN3 Series

# **Hardware Manual**

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Technical Standard:

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(EN55032 / EN55035)

# **UL Statement**

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Rack Mount Instructions - The following or similar rack-mount instructions are included with the installation instructions:



- Elevated Operating Ambient If installed in a closed or multi-unit rack assembly, the operating ambient temperature of the rack environment may be greater than room ambient. Therefore, consideration should be given to installing the equipment in an environment compatible with the maximum ambient temperature (Tma) specified by the manufacturer.
- 2. Reduced Air Flow Installation of the equipment in a rack should be such that the amount of air flow required for safe operation of the equipment is not compromised.
- 3. Mechanical Loading Mounting of the equipment in the rack should be such that a hazardous condition is not achieved due to uneven mechanical loading.
- 4. Circuit Overloading Careful consideration should be given to the connection of the equipment to the supply circuit and the effect that overloading of the circuits might have on overcurrent protection and supply wiring. Appropriate consideration of equipment nameplate ratings should be used when addressing this concern.
- 5. Reliable Earthing Reliable earthing of rack-mounted equipment should be maintained. Particular attention should be given to supply connections other than direct connections to the branch circuit (e.g. use of power strips).



#### CAUTION

The main purpose of the system left and right ears are for 19" rack use only. Do NOT use those ears to carry or transport the system.

The ITE is not intended to be installed and used in a home, school or public area accessible to the general population, and the thumbscrews should be tightened with a tool after both initial installation and subsequent access to the panel.

Warning: Always remove all power supply cords before service

This equipment intended for installation in restricted access locations.

- Access should only be allowed by qualified SERVICE PERSONS or by USERS who have been instructed about the reasons for the restrictions applied to the location and about any precautions that shall be taken.
- Access is through the use of a TOOL or lock and key, or other means of security, and is controlled by the authority responsible for the location.
- Recommended operation temperature: 0°C ~ 35°C (32°F ~ 95°F); operation rating (100-127 Vac, 50-60Hz, 10.0A; 200-240 Vac, 50-60Hz, 5.0A)

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### CAUTION

#### CAUTION: (English)

Risk of explosion if battery is replaced by incorrect type. Please replace the same or equivalent type battery use and dispose of used batteries according to the instructions.

#### **ATTENTION: (French)**

IL Y A RISQUE D'EXPLOSION SI LA BATTERIE EST REMPLACEE PAR UNE BATTERIE DE TYPE INCORRECT. METTRE AU REBUT LES BATTERIES USAGEES CONFORMEMENT AUX INSTRUCTIONS.

#### VORSICHT: (German)

Explosionsgefahr bei unsachgemasem Austausch der Batterie. Entsorgung gebrauchter Batterien nach Anleitung.

#### ADVERTENCIA: (Spanish)

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#### 警告: (Traditional Chinese)

電池如果更換不正確會有爆炸的危險,請依製造商說明處理用過之電 池。



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#### 警告: (Simplified Chinese)

电池如果更换不正确会有爆炸的危险,请依制造商说明处理用过之电 池。



### CAUTION

Replacing incorrect type of battery will have the risk of explosion. Please replace the same or equivalent type battery use and dispose of used batteries according to the instructions.



#### **CAUTION** RESTRICTED ACCESS LOCATION

This system is intended for installation only in restricted access locations as defined where both these conditions apply:

- Access can only be gained by service persons or by users who have been instructed about the reasons for the restrictions applied to the location and about any precautions that shall be taken.
- Access is through the use of a tool or lock and key, or other means of security, and is controlled by the authority responsible for the location.

#### Warning

• Electric shock hazard



The system may have one or more power supply unit (PSU) cords. To avoid serious injuries, it is recommended that all PSU power cords must be disconnected by trained service technicians before installing or replacing system components.

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# **About This Manual**

This manual provides technical guidance for designing and implementing QSAN XF3 and XN3 series storage systems, and they are intended for use by system administrators, storage consultants, or anyone who has purchased these products and is familiar with servers and computer networks, network administration, storage system installation and configuration, storage area network management, and relevant protocols.

### Warranty

QSAN provides a limited warranty for QSAN-branded hardware products:

- System hardware and peripheral products: 5 years limited warranty from date of original purchase.
- Battery Backup Module or super capacitor module (applies for cache-to-flash module): 1year limited warranty from date of original purchase.

For more detail warranty policy, please refer to QSAN official web site: <a href="https://www.qsan.com/warranty">https://www.qsan.com/warranty</a>

### **Precautions**



#### CAUTION

Do NOT attempt to service, change, disassemble or upgrade the equipment's components by yourself. Doing so may violate your warranty and expose you to electric shock. Refer all servicing to authorized service personnel. Please always follow the instructions in this manual.





#### CAUTION

Before beginning any removal or replacement procedure, remember to follow the standard safety precautions and the electrostatic discharge procedure.



#### CAUTION

Because the system is very heavy, follow the standard safety precautions when lifting assembles of materials. This requires two people and sometimes a lifting tool.

# **Related Documents**

There are related documents which can be downloaded from the website.

- Quick Installation Guide
- Software Manual
- Compatibility Matrix
- White Papers

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# **Technical Support**

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- Via Email: <u>support@qsan.com</u>

# Information, Tip, and Caution

This manual uses the following symbols to draw attention to important safety and operational information.



#### **INFORMATION**

INFORMATION provides useful knowledge, definition, or terminology for reference.



#### TIP

TIP provides helpful suggestions for performing tasks more effectively.



#### CAUTION

CAUTION indicates that failure to take a specified action could result in damage to the system.

# **Conventions**

The following table describes the typographic conventions used in this manual.



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CONVENTIONS	DESCRIPTION
Bold	Indicates text on a window, other than the window title, including menus, menu options, buttons, fields, and labels. Example: Click the <b>OK</b> button.
<italic></italic>	Indicates a variable, which is a placeholder for actual text provided by the user or system. Example: copy <i><source-file> <target-file></target-file></source-file></i> .
[ ] square brackets	Indicates optional values. Example: [ a   b ] indicates that you can choose a, b, or nothing.
{ } braces	Indicates required or expected values. Example: { a   b } indicates that you must choose either a or b.
vertical bar	Indicates that you have a choice between two or more options or arguments.
/ Slash	Indicates all options or arguments.
underline	Indicates the default value. Example: [ <u>a</u>   b ]



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# **1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW**

Thank you for purchasing QSAN Technology, Inc. products. XF3 and XN3 series is the leading enterprise all-flash array developed to allow all enterprises to easily enter the era of flash storage.

# 1.1. Introduction to XF3 / XN3 Series

QSAN XF3 and XN3 series are an all-flash system, the system is composed of system hardware and the XEVO (for block storage) or QSM (for unified storage) operating system, the system hardware is a modular design and FRU (Field Replacement Unit) optimized. All the hardware modules are inside the rack mount chassis including system controllers, front panel, rear panel, redundant power supply units and fan modules, cache-to-flash modules, and expansion slots for optional Fibre Channel or Ethernet high-speed host cards. This manual will direct you step by step to familiarize you with the hardware components, how to install the system, carry out the initial configuration, and provide you with some quick maintenance guidelines.



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#### INFORMATION

For how to use the XEVO (for block storage) operating system, please refer to the <u>XEVO Software Manual</u>. For how to use the QSM (for block storage) operating system, please refer to the <u>QSM Software Manual</u>.

XF3212 or XN3212 model supports SFF (Small Form Factor) 26-bay 19" rack mount 2U chassis.



Figure 1-1 XF3212 / XN3212 Form Factors



The following tables provide detailed information about all XF3 and XN3 series models arranged by form factors.

MODEL NAME	CONTROLLER TYPE	FORM FACTOR, BAY COUNT, RACK UNIT
XF3212D-4C	Dual Controller	LFF 12-bay 2U Chassis
XF3212S-4C	Single Controller	LFF 12-bay 2U Chassis
XN3212D-4C	Dual Controller	LFF 12-bay 2U Chassis
XN3212S-4C	Single Controller	LFF 12-bay 2U Chassis

Table 1-1 XF3 / XN3 Series Models

### **1.2. Hardware Specifications**

For detailed hardware specifications, please refer to the <u>XF3 Data Sheet</u> and <u>XN3 Data Sheet</u>.

### **1.3.** Package Contents

For detailed package contents, please refer to the <u>Quick Installation Guide</u>.



# **2. OVERVIEW OF SYSTEM COMPONENTS**

This chapter outlines the key hardware components or modules of the system. After reading this chapter, you will have a basic understanding of each part of the hardware and give you the ability to be able to successfully configure and operate your system.

# 2.1. XF3 / XN3 Front Panel

In this section, we will describe the system controls and indicators, disk drive numbering, and the disk drive LEDs in the front panel.

#### 2.1.1. XF3 / XN3 System Controls and Indicators

The XF3212 or XN3212 model features a unique design: the system controls and indicators are located on the right ear. The system control and indicator module integrate functional buttons and system state indicators, which can be easily operated and read by user. The figure below takes an example and contains detailed of the button and indicator module. Please refer to the following for the definition of LED behavior.



Figure 2-1 XF3212 / XN3212 System Controls and Indicators





NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
		<ul> <li>Power Button</li> <li>Press the button one time to turn ON the system power and keep pressing for 4 seconds to turn OFF the system power.</li> </ul>
1	Enclosure Power Button / LED	<ul> <li>Power LED</li> <li>Solid White: Power is ON (at least one power supply unit is supplying power to the system).</li> <li>Blinking White: The system is in the stage of boot or shutdown.</li> <li>Off: The system is turned off.</li> <li>UID (Unique Identifier) button</li> <li>Press the button one time to turn it ON and</li> </ul>
2	UID Button / LED	
3	Enclosure Access LED	<ul> <li>Enclosure Access LED indicates the host interface connectivity.</li> <li>Blinking Blue: The host interface activity is on-going.</li> <li>Off: There is no host interface activity.</li> </ul>
4	Enclosure Status LED	<ul> <li>Enclosure Status LED indicates the current health status of the system.</li> <li>Solid Amber: System has errors including PSU failure, abnormal voltage, abnormal temperature, any fan module failed or removed, controller degraded, pool</li> </ul>



		degraded, pool failure, SSD cache pool
		<ul> <li>degraded, or SSD cache pool failure.</li> <li>Off: The system is healthy.</li> </ul>
5	USB Port	The USB port can be plugged in the LCM (LCD Module).

#### 2.1.2. XF3 / XN3 System Disk Drive Numbering

Figures below illustrate the system disk drive numbering. The SFF system disk drive numbering is single row from left to right. If you want to check the disk drive numbering rule while installing the disk drives into the system, for SFF system, the disk drive numbering is printed on the lower part of the system front.



Figure 2-2 XF3212 / XN3212 Disk Drive Numbering

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Please insert any one of the first four hard drives, the event log can be saved and displayed at the next system startup. Otherwise, the event log cannot be saved.

### 2.1.3. XF3 / XN3 Disk Drive LEDs

Please refer to the following for the definition of LED behavior.









Table 2-2	XF3212,	<sup>/</sup> XN3212 Disk Drive Indicator Descripti	on
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NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
1	Disk Drive Power LED	<ul> <li>Solid Blue: The disk drive is inserted and there is no data access.</li> <li>Blinking Blue: The disk drive is accessing data.</li> <li>Off: There is no disk drive inserted.</li> </ul>
2	Disk Drive Status LED	<ul> <li>Solid Amber:</li> <li>When the system is booting.</li> <li>There is a disk drive error.</li> <li>Blinking Amber (interval of 0.5 sec): The disk drive is being rebuilt.</li> <li>Blinking Amber (interval of 0.05 sec): Identify the disk drive.</li> <li>Off: The disk drive is healthy.</li> </ul>

### 2.2. XF3 / XN3 Rear Panel

In this section, we will describe the name and location of the key components and modules in the rear panel. The following content outlines the detail of the rear panel and components.



#### 2.2.1. XF3 / XN3 Rear Panel Layout

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 Figure 2-4
 XF3212 / XN3212 Rear Panel Layout

Figures and the table below illustrate the system rear panel layout.

 Table 2-3
 XF3212 / XN3212 Rear Panel Layout Description

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	Power Supply Unit 1
2	Fan Module 1
3	Slot for Cache-to-Flash Module: Flash Module
4	Controller Module 1
5	Controller Module 2
6	Power Supply Unit 2
7	Fan Module 2
8	Slot for Cache-to-Flash Module: Power Module

#### 2.2.2. XF3 / XN3 Controller Module

The following image and table illustrate each component of a controller module.





*Figure 2-5 XF3212 / XN3212 Controller Module Components* 

Table 2-4 XF3212 / XN3212 Controller Module Co	mponent Description
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ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	10 GbE iSCSI (SFP+) Port 1
2	10 GbE iSCSI (SFP+) Port 2
3	10 GbE iSCSI (SFP+) Port 3
4	10 GbE iSCSI (SFP+) Port 4
5	Host Card Slot 1 (host card is an optional part)
6	Host Card Slot 2 (host card is an optional part)
7	2.5 GbE (RJ45) LAN Port (management port for XF3212)
8	USB Port
9	Console Port (3.5mm jack to RS232) <sup>1</sup>
10	Service Port (UPS) <sup>2</sup>
11	Buzzer Mute Button
12	Reset to Factory Default Button <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Console cable (NULL modem cable) connects from console port of the storage system to a RS 232 port on the management PC. The console settings are on the following: Baud rate: 115,200, 8 data bit, no parity, 1 stop bit, and no flow control; terminal type: vt100.



<sup>2</sup> System supports traditional UPS via a serial port and network UPS via SNMP. If using the UPS with a serial port, connect the system to the UPS via the included cable for communication. (The cable plugs into the serial cable that comes with the UPS.) Then set up the shutdown values for when the power goes out.

<sup>3</sup> Press the button for 3 seconds to progress reset to defaults. The default settings are:

- Reset Management Port IP address to DHCP and then fix IP address: 169.254.1.234/16.
- Reset admin's **Password** to 1234.
- Reset **System Name** to model name plus the last 6 digits of serial number.
- Reset IP addresses of all LAN Ports to 192.168.1.1, 192.168.2.1, ... etc.
- Reset link speed of all Fibre Channel Ports to Automatic.
- Clear all access control settings of the host connectivity.

Please refer to the following for the definition of LED behavior.



Figure 2-6 XF3212 / XN3212 Controller LEDs

Table 2-5	XF3212/	/ XN3212	Controller	LED	Description
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NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
1	10 GbE iSCSI Port 1 Access LED	<ul> <li>Blinking Green: Link is established, and data is being accessed.</li> <li>Off: No data access.</li> </ul>
2	10 GbE iSCSI Port 1 Speed LED	<ul> <li>Solid Blue: 10G link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Solid Amber: 1G / 100M link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Off: No link detected.</li> </ul>
3	10 GbE iSCSI Port 2	• Blinking Green: Link is established, and data is being accessed.



	Access LED	Off: No data access.
4	10 GbE iSCSI Port 2 Speed LED	<ul> <li>Solid Blue: 10G link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Solid Amber: 1G / 100M link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Off: No link detected.</li> </ul>
5	10 GbE iSCSI Port 3 Access LED	<ul> <li>Blinking Green: Link is established, and data is being accessed.</li> <li>Off: No data access.</li> </ul>
6	10 GbE iSCSI Port 3 Speed LED	<ul> <li>Solid Blue: 10G link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Solid Amber: 1G / 100M link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Off: No link detected.</li> </ul>
7	10 GbE iSCSI Port 4 Access LED	<ul> <li>Blinking Green: Link is established, and data is being accessed.</li> <li>Off: No data access.</li> </ul>
8	10 GbE iSCSI Port 4 Speed LED	<ul> <li>Solid Blue: 10G link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Solid Amber: 1G / 100M link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Off: No link detected.</li> </ul>
9	Management Port LED	<ul><li>Blinking Green: Data is being accessed.</li><li>Off: No connection is built.</li></ul>
10	Controller Status LED	<ul> <li>Solid Green: Controller status is normal.</li> <li>Solid Red: System is booting, or the controller is failed.</li> </ul>
11	Master / Slave LED (only for dual controllers)	<ul><li>Solid Green: This is the Master controller.</li><li>Off: This is the Slave controller.</li></ul>



12	Dirty Cache LED	<ul> <li>Solid Amber: Data on the cache is waiting for flush to disks.</li> <li>Off: There is no data on the cache.</li> </ul>	
13	UID (Unique Identifier) LED	<ul><li>Solid Blue: The enclosure has been identified.</li><li>Off: The enclosure is not being identified.</li></ul>	

# 2.3. XF3 / XN3 Power Supply Units

The system is equipped with two redundant and hot swappable PSUs (Power Supply Units). The images and the table below illustrate the location of PSUs in the system.



Figure 2-7 XF3212 / XN3212 Power Supply Unit Location

 Table 2-6
 XF3212 / XN3212 Power Supply Unit Location Description

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	PSU 1
2	PSU 2

Please refer to the following for the definition of component and LED behavior.

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Figure 2-8 XF3212 / XN3212 Power Supply Unit Components

 Table 2-7
 XF3212 / XN3212 Power Supply Unit Component Description

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	PSU Release Tab
2	PSU Power Cord Connect
3	PSU Handle
4	PSU LED Indicator

 Table 2-8
 XF3212 / XN3212 Power Supply Unit LED Description

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
4	PSU LED	<ul> <li>Solid Green: The PSU is on and normal.</li> <li>Blinking Green: The PSU is off, +5VSB (Standby) is on.</li> <li>Solid Amber: There is critical event caused shutdown.</li> <li>Blinking Amber: There are PSU warning events including high temperature, high</li> </ul>





power, high current, slow fan, or under input voltage.

# 2.4. XF3 / XN3 Fan Modules

The system is equipped with two redundant and hot swappable fan modules. Each fan module includes two fans. Images and tables below illustrate the location and mechanical components of the fan module that is installed in the system.



 Table 2-9
 XF3212 / XN3212 Fan Module Location Description

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	Fan 1 and Fan 2
2	Fan 3 and Fan 4

Please refer to the following for the definition of component.





Figure 2-10 Fan Module Components

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	Fan Module Release Tab
2	Fan Module Handle

# 2.5. XF3 / XN3 Cache-to-Flash Memory Protection

In the event of power loss, the I/O cache data stored in the volatile memory will be lost; this can cause data inconsistency especially in database applications. The system can provide an optional Cache-to-Flash memory protection function that will safely transfer the memory cache data to a non-volatile flash device for permanent preservation. The Cache-to-Flash module comes with an M.2 flash module and a supercapacitor module. All modules are hot pluggable with zero system downtime for extra availability and reliability. M.2 flash module can be plugged in on the left from the rear of the chassis. Power module can be plugged in on the right-hand side from the rear of the chassis. Images and tables below illustrate the location and mechanical components of the cache-to-flash modules.



Figure 2-11 XF3212 / XN3212 Cache-to-Flash Module Location

 Table 2-11
 XF3212 / XN3212 Cache-to-Flash Module Location Description

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	Slot for Flash Module
2	Slot for Power Module



*Figure 2-12 Cache-to-flash Module Pack* 



Figure 2-13 Cache-to-Flash Module Components

 Table 2-12
 Cache-to-Flash Module Component Description

ITEM

NUMBER

DESCRIPTION





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Flash Module	1	Flash Module Release Tab
	2	Flash Module Attention Button
	3	Flash Module Handle
	4	Flash Module Status LED
	5	Flash Module Power LED
Power	6	Power Module Release Tab
Module	7	Power Module Handle

Please refer to the following for the definition of LED and button behavior.



Figure 2-14 Flash Module LEDs and Button

Table 2-13 Flash Module LED and Button Description	15
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NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
1	Power LED	<ul><li>Solid Green: Power is good at flash module.</li><li>Off: There is no power at flash module.</li></ul>
2	Status LED	<ul> <li>Solid Blue: The status of flash module is good.</li> <li>Blinking Blue and Amber Interlaced: Installing or removing the flash module.</li> <li>Solid Amber: The flash module is failed or wrong PCIe connection speed.</li> </ul>

Attention Button
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Used to prompt system that the flash module can be removed later.



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#### CAUTION

The flash module of Cache-to-Flash is hot swappable because it is a PCIe device. Before removing the flash module from the system chassis, you must press the **Attention** button until the flash module status LED finished blinking. Otherwise, the flash module maybe damage.



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### 3.1. Basic System Installation

For basic system installation, please refer to the <u>Quick Installation Guide</u>. You can learn to install the disk drives, optional host cards, rail kits, and power on the storage system to discover and setup the system.

For more information about discovering your system and the initial configuration, please refer to the <u>Software Manual</u>.

# 3.2. Installing the Security Bezel (Option)

The following steps are used to install the security bezel:

- 1. Insert the tab on the security bezel into the slot on the right side of the chassis.
- 2. Then align the latch with the slot on the left side of the case and press it firmly until it clicks into place.
- 3. Use the key to lock the security bezel.



Figure 3-1 XF3212 / XN3212 Security Bezel

# 3.3. Connecting a UPS (Option)

If you want to install a UPS (uninterruptible power supply) to provide clean power and offer protection against mains power failures, please follow the following instructions.



- 1. Before you purchase a UPS system, please check the supported UPS interfaces and communication types.
- 2. Supported types include network UPS via SNMP, serial UPS with COM port, and USB UPS.
- 3. Connect the UPS to the system via Service Port (UPS).

# 3.4. Connecting the USB LCM (Option)

If you purchased the USB LCM, please use the enclosed USB extension cable (A-male to A-female) to connect to the system.



Figure 3-2 Portable USB LCM

The Following procedures are for the USB LCM connection:

- 1. Connect the USB LCM to the female side of the USB extension cable.
- 2. Connect the male side of the USB extension cable to the USB port on the system front pillar.

# 3.5. Wake-on-LAN / Wake-on-SAS (Option)

You can power on the system remotely using the Wake-on-LAN feature. It can work with any available Wake-on-LAN freeware and shareware.

QSAN's Wake-on-SAS technology allows you to remotely turn on or off all cascaded XD5300 expansion enclosures using QSAN's proprietary SAS cable. Wake-on-SAS ensures that after the head system is shut down for maintenance or other purposes, the expansion enclosure will not run idle, thus consuming power. Wake-on-SAS allows your devices to be turned on only when necessary, thereby avoiding unnecessary waste of electricity. Another advantage of Wake-on-SAS is that when you turn on the head system, the expansion enclosures will automatically wake up, so if you forget to turn them on first, you don't need to worry about degrading the volumes on the expansion enclosures.



# 3.6. Installing Host Cards (Option)

The system comes with four onboard LAN ports on each controller. If you want to expand the number of host ports, please purchase QSAN host cards which are optional accessories. There are several types of host cards to choose from. You can set up Fibre Channel using 32 Gb or 16 Gb Fibre Channel host cards, or choose Ethernet host cards via 100 GbE, 25 GbE, or 10GbE.

If you purchased additional optional host cards, please refer to the <u>Host Card Hardware Manual</u> for installation and detailed information.

# 3.7. Installing Memory Modules (Option)

If you purchase additional optional memory module for your storage system, please refer to the following image and table for the suggested sequence of memory module installation. It is requested that the installation slot and capacity of the memory module MUST be the same for both controllers.

There are four DIMM slots for expansion of memory capacity. The installation sequence for the memory module should be: #3 -> #2 -> #1 -> #4 due to slot #3 and #4 are the same memory bank. Using different memory banks will improve system performance.



Figure 3-3 XF3212 / XN3212 Memory Module Slot Number



#### CAUTION

To ensure system stability, you MUST install genuine QSAN memory modules to expand the system memory size. The platform does not support mixed installation of DIMMs, so mixed installation of memory combinations is not allowed.



TIP

Inserting two DIMMs or more will boost performance.





### 4.1. Getting Technical Support

After installing your device, locate the serial number on the sticker located on the side of the chassis or from the **System** -> **Maintenance** > **System Information** and use it to register your product at <u>https://www.qsan.com/business\_partnership</u>. We recommend registering your product in QSAN partner website for firmware updates, document download, and latest news in eDM. To contact QSAN Support, please use the following information.

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- (Service hours: 09:30 18:00, Monday Friday, UTC+8)
- Via Skype Chat, Teams / Skype ID: qsan.support
- (Service hours: 09:30 02:00, Monday Friday, UTC+8, Summer time: 09:30 01:00)
- Via Email: <u>support@qsan.com</u>

#### **Information to Collect**

- Product name, model or version, and serial number
- Operating system name and version
- Firmware version
- Error messages or capture screenshots
- Product-specific reports and logs
- Add-on products or components installed
- Third-party products or components installed

#### **Information for Technical Support**

If the technical support requests you to download the Service Package, please navigate in the **System** -> **Maintenance** > **System Information**, and then click the **Download Service Package** 



button to download. Then the system will automatically generate a zip file the default download location of your web browser.

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