

# **XCubeNXT 5100**

## **Hardware Manual**

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# ANNOUNCEMENT

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# REGULATORY STATEMENTS

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## FCC Statement

This device has been shown to be in compliance with and was tested in accordance with the measurement procedures specified in the Standards and Specifications listed below.

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  (EN55032 / EN55035)

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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.

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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)



## 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 REMPLACÉE PAR UNE BATTERIE DE TYPE INCORRECT. METTRE AU REBUT LES BATTERIES USAGÉES CONFORMEMENT AUX INSTRUCTIONS.

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### ADVERTENCIA: (Spanish)

Las baterías pueden explotar si no se manipulan de forma apropiada. No desmonte ni tire las baterías al fuego. Siga las normativas locales al desechar las baterías agotadas.

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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。

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**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.

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**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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## INFORMATION

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<https://www.qsan.com/warranty>

# PREFACE

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## About This Manual

This manual provides technical guidance for designing and implementing QSAN XCubeNXT series unified storage array system, and it is intended for use by system administrators, NXT designers, 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.



### 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 owner's manual.

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## Related Documents

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

- [Quick Installation Guide](#)
- [QSM Software Manual](#)
- [Compatibility Matrix](#)
- [White Papers](#)
- [Application Notes](#)

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## 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.

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### TIP

TIP provides helpful suggestions for performing tasks more effectively.

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### CAUTION

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

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## Conventions

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

CONVENTIONS	DESCRIPTION
<b>Bold</b>	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.
<i>&lt;Italic&gt;</i>	Indicates a variable, which is a placeholder for actual text provided by the user or system. Example: copy <i>&lt;source-file&gt;</i> <i>&lt;target-file&gt;</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 ]

# 1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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Thank you for purchasing QSAN Technology, Inc. products. XCubeNXT 5100 is the leading entry-level unified storage array developed to allow all enterprises to easily enter the era of hybrid storage.

## 1.1. Introduction to XCubeNXT Series

QSAN XCubeNXT series is an unified storage array system, the system is composed of system hardware and the QSM 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.



### INFORMATION

For how to use the QSM operating system, please refer to the [QSM Software Manual](#).

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XCubeNXT series supports several standard form factors:

- LFF (Large Form Factor): 24-bay 19" rack mount 4U chassis, 16-bay 19" rack mount 3U chassis, and 12-bay 19" rack mount 2U chassis.
- SFF (Small Form Factor): 26-bay 19" rack mount 2U chassis.

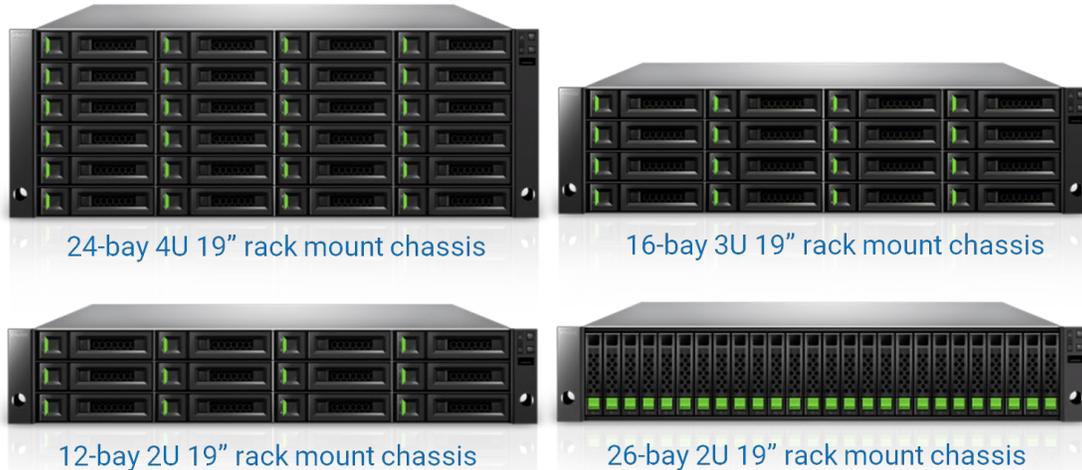


Figure 1-1 XCubeNXT Series Form Factors

The following tables provide detailed information about all XCubeNXT series models arranged by form factors.

Table 1-1 XCubeNXT Series Models

MODEL NAME	CONTROLLER TYPE	FORM FACTOR, BAY COUNT, RACK UNIT
<b>XN5124D</b>	Dual Controller	LFF 24-bay 4U Chassis
<b>XN5124S</b>	Single Controller	LFF 24-bay 4U Chassis
<b>XN5116D</b>	Dual Controller	LFF 16-bay 3U Chassis
<b>XN5116S</b>	Single Controller	LFF 16-bay 3U Chassis
<b>XN5112D</b>	Dual Controller	LFF 12-bay 2U Chassis
<b>XN5112S</b>	Single Controller	LFF 12-bay 2U Chassis
<b>XN5126D</b>	Dual Controller	SFF 26-bay 2U Chassis
<b>XN5126S</b>	Single Controller	SFF 26-bay 2U Chassis

## 1.2. Hardware Specifications

For detailed hardware specifications, please refer to the [XN5100 Datasheets](#) which can be downloaded from the website.

## 1.3. Package Contents

For detailed package contents, please refer to the [Quick Installation Guide](#) which can be downloaded from the website.

## 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. 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. System Controls and Indicators

The XCubeNXT series 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 the XS3326 as an example, and contains detailed of the button and indicator module. Please refer to the following for the definition of LED behavior.

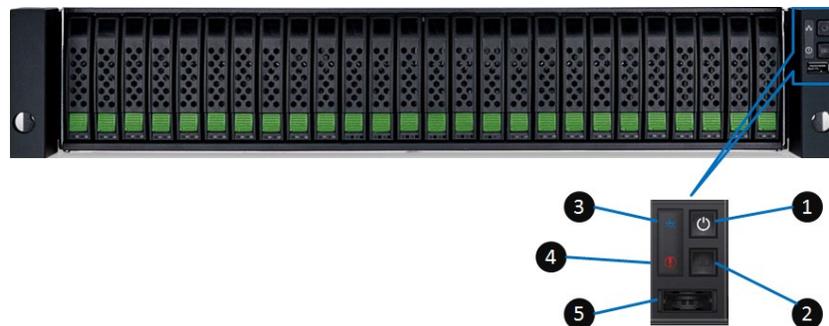


Figure 2-1 System Controls and Indicators

Table 2-1 Descriptions of the System Controls and Indicators

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
1	Enclosure Power Button / LED	<p>Power Button</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <p>Power LED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid <b>White</b>: Power is ON (at least one power supply unit is supplying power to the system).</li> <li>Blinking <b>White</b>: The system is in the stage of boot or shutdown.</li> <li>Off: The system is shutdown.</li> </ul>
2	UID Button / LED	<p>UID (Unique Identifier) button</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Press the button one time to turn it ON and press it again to turn it OFF.</li> </ul> <p>UID (Unique Identifier) LED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid <b>Blue</b>: The system has been identified.</li> <li>Off: The system has not been identified.</li> </ul>
3	Enclosure Access LED	<p>Enclosure Access LED indicates the host interface connectivity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blinking <b>Blue</b>: The host interface activity is on-going.</li> <li>Off: There is no host interface activity.</li> </ul>
4	Enclosure Status LED	<p>Enclosure Status LED indicates current health status of the system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid <b>Amber</b>: System has errors including PSU failure, abnormal voltage, abnormal temperature, any fan module failed or removed, controller degraded, pool</li> </ul>

		<p>degraded, pool failure, SSD cache pool degraded, or SSD cache pool failure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Off: The system is healthy.</li> </ul>
5	USB Port	The USB port can be plug in the LCM (LCD Module).

## 2.1.2. System Disk Drive Numbering

Figures below illustrate the XCubeNXT system disk drive numbering. The disk drive numbering for LFF system starts from the top of first row in left column; this kind of disk drive numbering rule helps to balance the system weight distribution and enable easy management of disk drives zoning. 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 LFF, you can find a disk drive numbering sticker on the right side of the system chassis top cover; for SFF system, the disk drive numbering is printed on the lower part of the system front.

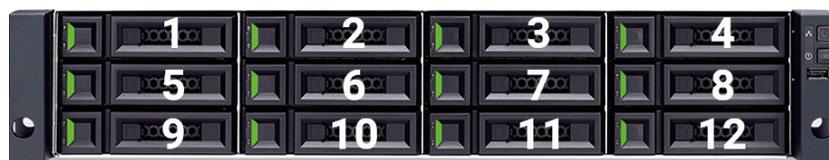
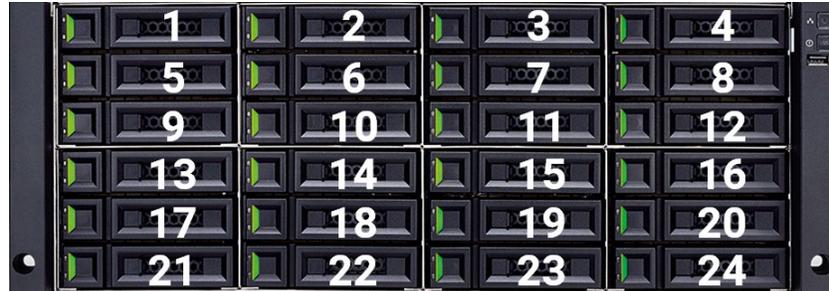




Figure 2-2 Disk Drive Numbering



### TIP

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. Disk Drive LEDs

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

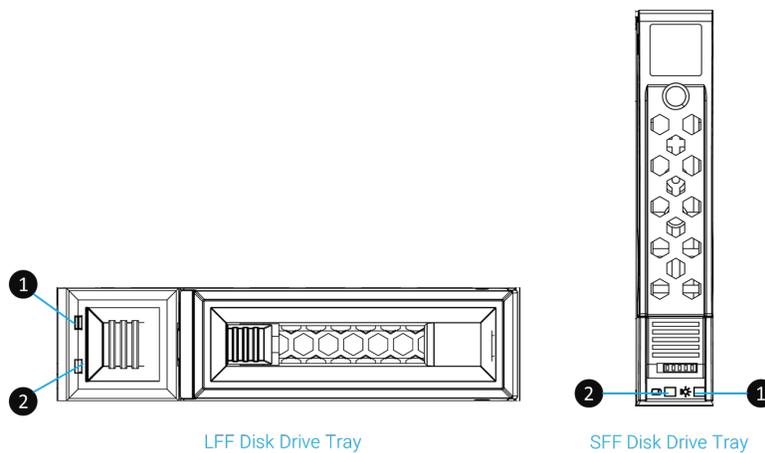


Figure 2-3 Disk Drive Indicators

Table 2-2 Descriptions of the Disk Drive Indicators

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
1	Disk Drive Power LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Blue</b>: The disk drive is inserted and no data access.</li> <li>• Blinking <b>Blue</b>: The disk drive is accessing data.</li> <li>• Off: There is no disk drive inserted.</li> </ul>
2	Disk Drive Status LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Amber</b>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When system is booting.</li> <li>▪ There is disk drive error.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Blinking <b>Amber</b> (interval of 0.5 sec): The disk drive is rebuilding.</li> <li>• Blinking <b>Amber</b> (interval of 0.05 sec): Identify the disk drive.</li> <li>• Off: The disk drive is healthy.</li> </ul>

## 2.2. 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. Rear Panel Layout

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

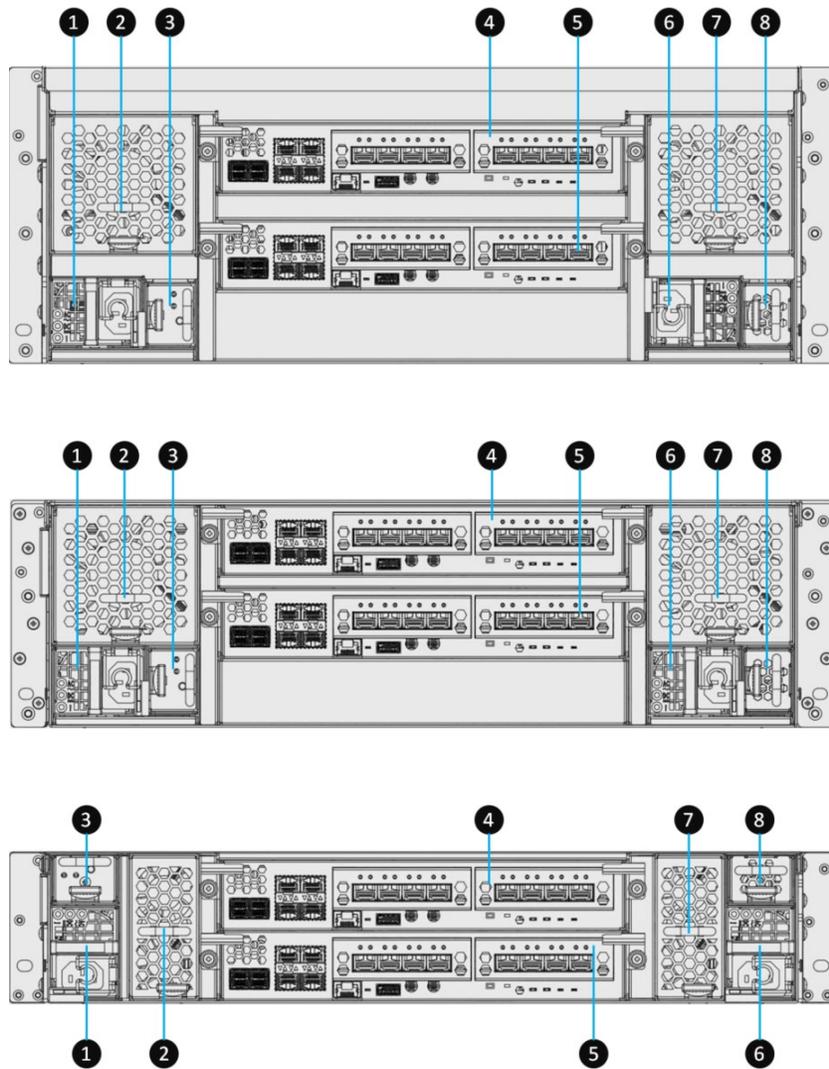


Figure 2-4 Rear Panel Layout

Table 2-3 Descriptions of the Rear Panel Layout

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. Controller Module

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

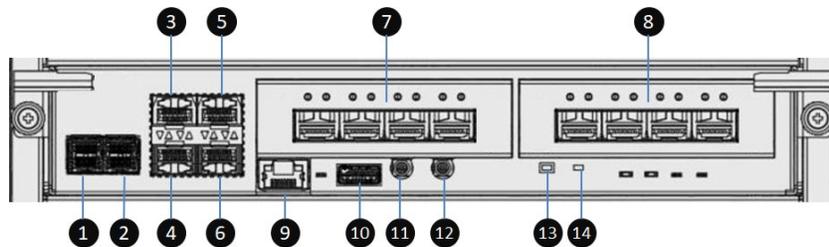


Figure 2-5 Controller Module Components

Table 2-4 Descriptions of the Controller Module Components

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	12 Gb/s SAS Wide Port 1 (SFF8644)
2	12 Gb/s SAS Wide Port 2 (SFF8644)
3	10 GbE iSCSI (SFP+) Port 1
4	10 GbE iSCSI (SFP+) Port 2
5	10 GbE iSCSI (SFP+) Port 3
6	10 GbE iSCSI (SFP+) Port 4

<b>7</b>	Host Card Slot 1 (host card is an optional part)
<b>8</b>	Host Card Slot 2 (host card is an optional part)
<b>9</b>	Management Port
<b>10</b>	USB Port
<b>11</b>	Console Port (3.5mm jack to RS232) <sup>1</sup>
<b>12</b>	Service Port (UPS) <sup>2</sup>
<b>13</b>	Buzzer Mute Button
<b>14</b>	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 and force a reboot. 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. For example: XS3326-123456.
- Reset IP addresses of all **iSCSI 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.

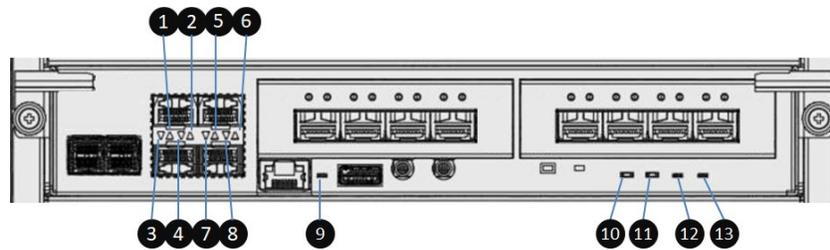


Figure 2-6 Controller LEDs

Table 2-5 Descriptions of the Controller LEDs

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
1	10 GbE iSCSI Port 1 Access LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blinking <b>Green</b>: 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 style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid <b>Blue</b>: 10G link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Solid <b>Amber</b>: 1G / 100M link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Off: No link detected.</li> </ul>
3	10 GbE iSCSI Port 2 Access LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blinking <b>Green</b>: Link is established and data is being accessed.</li> <li>Off: No data access.</li> </ul>
4	10 GbE iSCSI Port 2 Speed LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid <b>Blue</b>: 10G link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Solid <b>Amber</b>: 1G / 100M link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Off: No link detected.</li> </ul>
5	10 GbE iSCSI Port 3 Access LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blinking <b>Green</b>: 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 style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid <b>Blue</b>: 10G link is established and maintained.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Amber</b>: 1G / 100M link is established and maintained.</li> <li>• Off: No link detected.</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	10 GbE iSCSI Port 4 Access LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blinking <b>Green</b>: Link is established and data is being accessed.</li> <li>• Off: No data access.</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	10 GbE iSCSI Port 4 Speed LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Blue</b>: 10G link is established and maintained.</li> <li>• Solid <b>Amber</b>: 1G / 100M link is established and maintained.</li> <li>• Off: No link detected.</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	Management Port LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blinking <b>Green</b>: Data is being accessed.</li> <li>• Off: No connection is built.</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	Controller Status LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Green</b>: Controller status is normal.</li> <li>• Solid <b>Red</b>: System is booting, or the controller is failed.</li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	Master / Slave LED (only for dual controllers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Green</b>: This is the Master controller.</li> <li>• Off: This is the Slave controller.</li> </ul>
<b>12</b>	Dirty Cache LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Amber</b>: Data on the cache is waiting for flush to disks.</li> <li>• Off: There is no data on the cache.</li> </ul>
<b>13</b>	UID (Unique Identifier) LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Blue</b>: The enclosure has been identified.</li> <li>• Off: The enclosure is not being identified.</li> </ul>

## 2.3. 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.

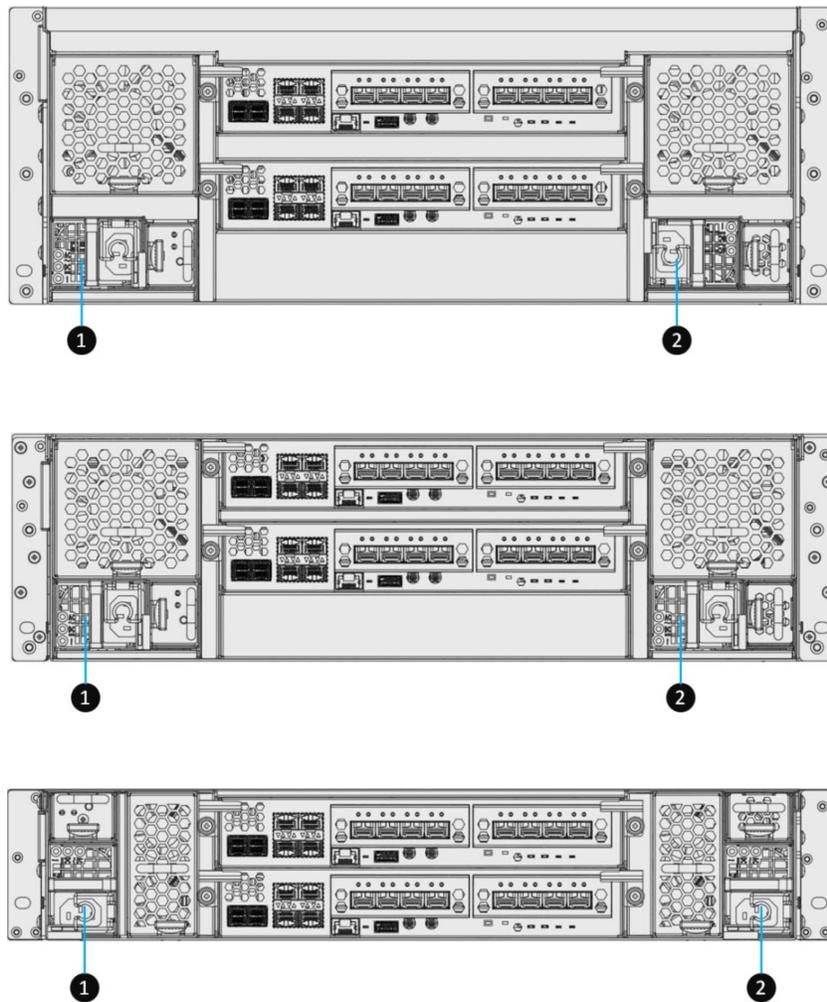


Figure 2-7 Location of the Power Supply Units

Table 2-6 Descriptions of the Location of the Power Supply Units

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	PSU 1
2	PSU 2

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

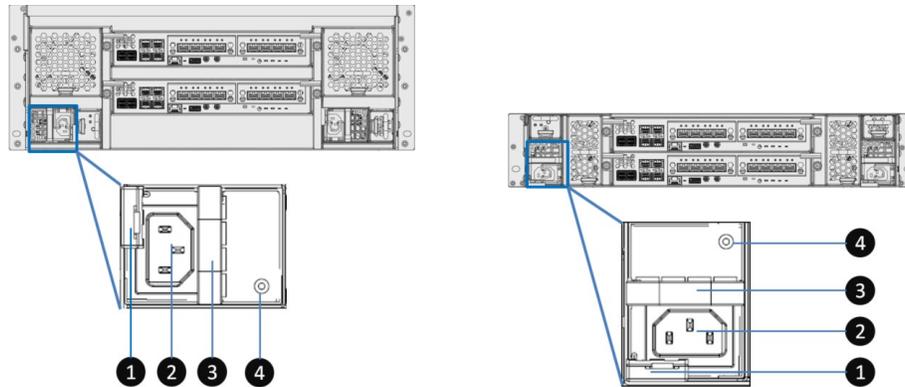


Figure 2-8 Power Supply Unit Components

Table 2-7 Descriptions of the Power Supply Unit Components

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

Table 2-8 Descriptions of the Power Supply Unit LED

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
4	PSU LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Green</b>: The PSU is on and normal.</li> <li>• Blinking <b>Green</b>: The PSU is off, +5VSB (Standby) is on.</li> <li>• Solid <b>Amber</b>: There is critical event caused shutdown.</li> <li>• Blinking <b>Amber</b>: There are PSU warning events including high temperature, high power, high current, slow fan, or under input voltage.</li> </ul>

## 2.4. 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.

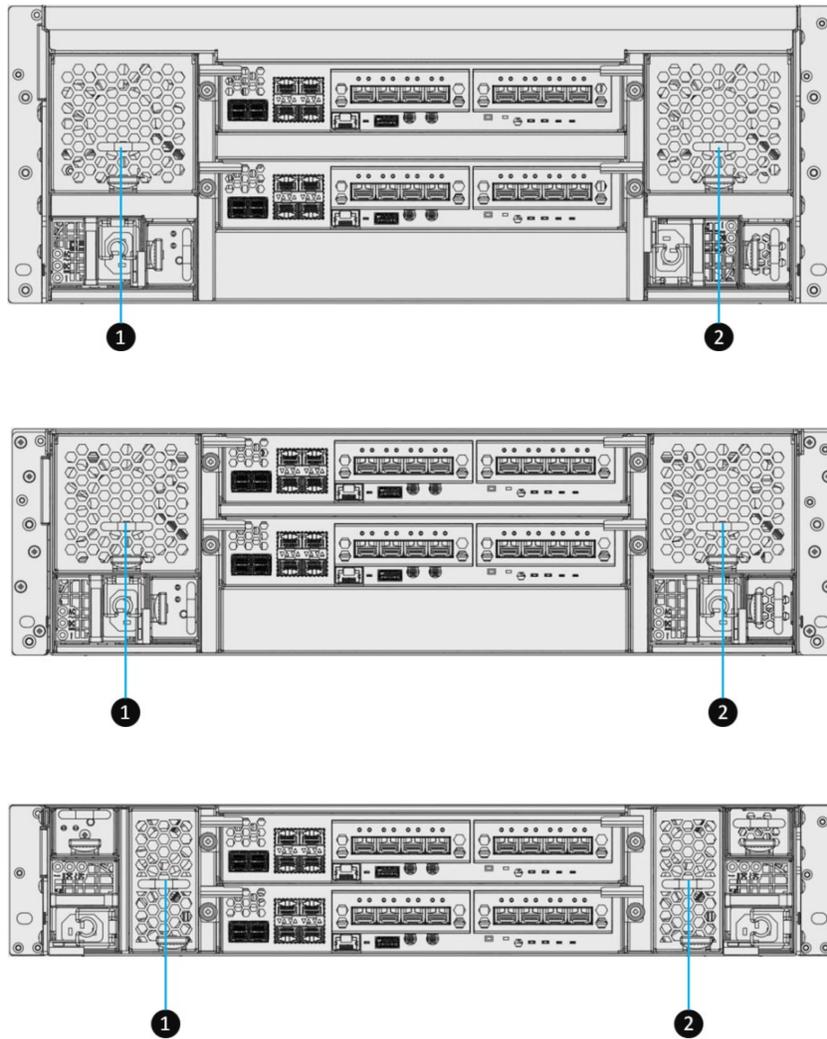


Figure 2-9 Location of the Fan Modules

Table 2-9 Descriptions of the Location of the Fan Modules

ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	Fan 1 and Fan 2

Please refer to the following for the definition of component.

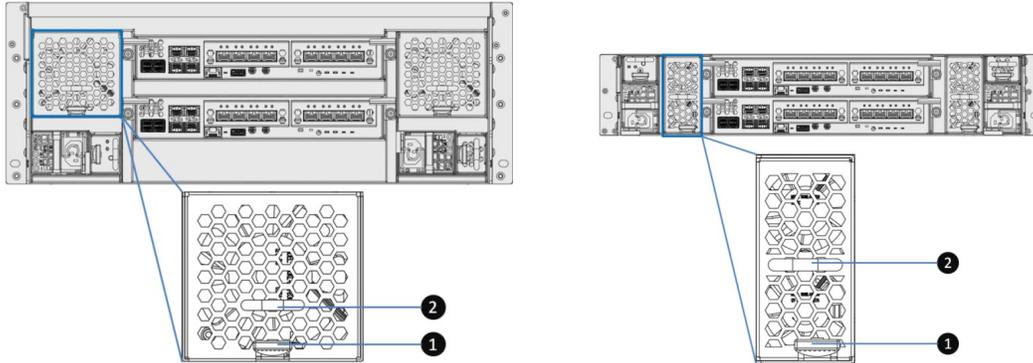


Figure 2-10 Fan Module Components

Table 2-10 Descriptions of the Fan Module Components

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

## 2.5. 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-hand side 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.

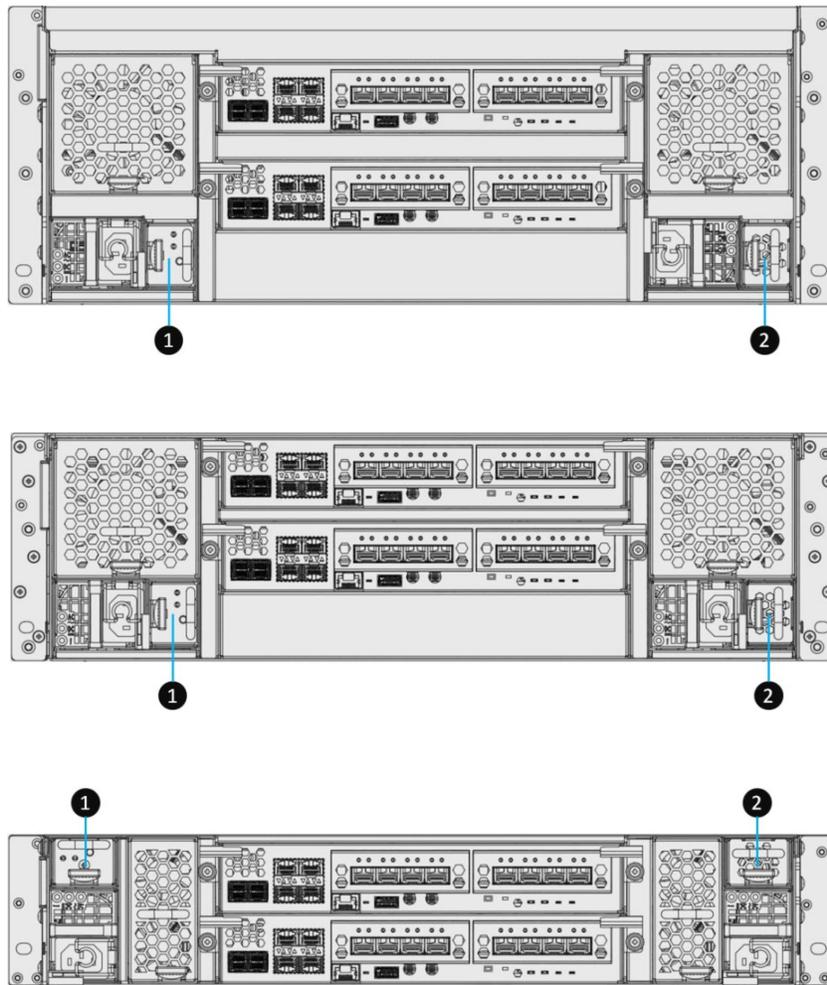


Figure 2-11 Location of the Cache-to-Flash Modules

Table 2-11 Descriptions of the Location of the Cache-to-Flash Modules

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

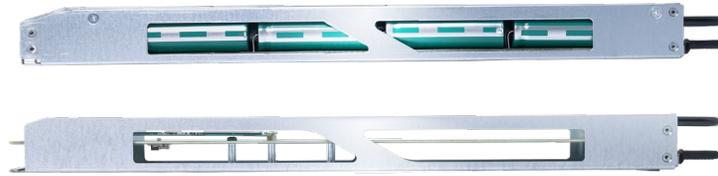


Figure 2-12 Cache-to-flash Module Pack

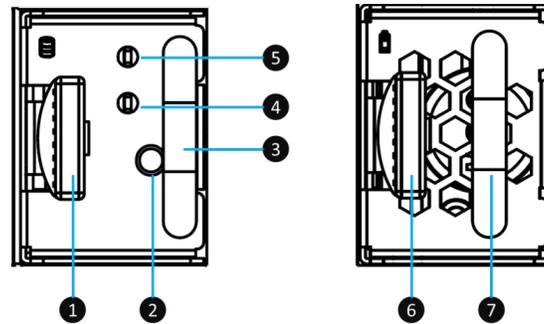


Figure 2-13 Cache-to-Flash Module Components

Table 2-12 Descriptions of the Cache-to-Flash Module Components

ITEM	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
<b>Flash Module</b>	1	Flash Module Release Tab
	2	Flash Module Attention Button
	3	Flash Module Handle
	4	Flash Module Status LED
	5	Flash Module Power LED
<b>Power Module</b>	6	Power Module Release Tab
	7	Power Module Handle

## 2.5.1. Mechanism of Cache Data Protection

The following image is the sequence of Cache-to-Flash workflow.

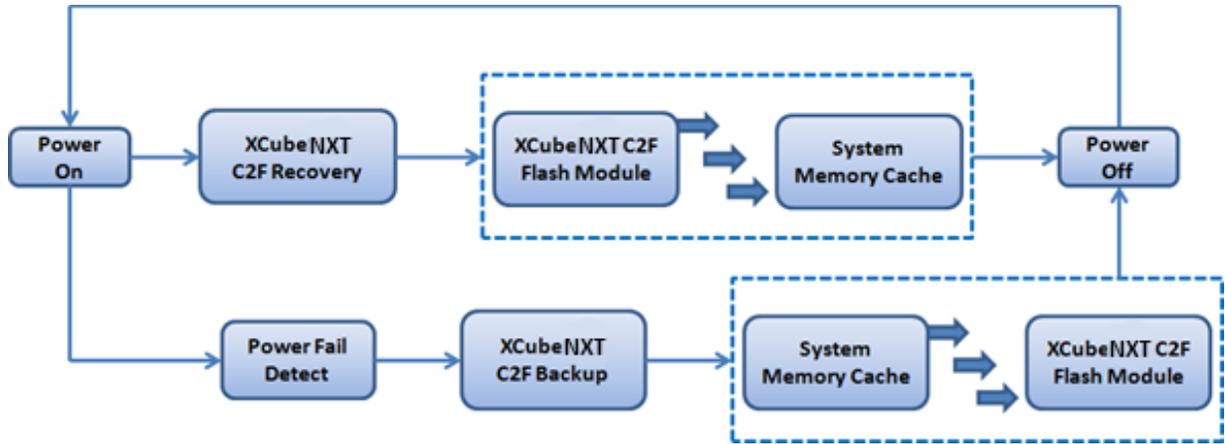


Figure 2-14 Cache-to-Flash Workflow

Cache-to-Flash technology will first flush CPU cache to memory, then flush memory to M.2 flash module to maintain the upmost data consistency. It leverages the strength of both BIOS and CPU to quickly backup memory data to the flash module. In order to quickly move data from memory to flash module, M.2 PCI-Express interface flash module is selected for better performance and less power consumption. In Cache-to-Flash recovery phase, BIOS will check C2F flag status. If C2F flag is ON, I/O cache data will be recovered from the M.2 flash module and then continue normal booting. If C2F flag is OFF, the normal booting process continues.

## 2.5.2. Cache-to-Flash Module LEDs and Button

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

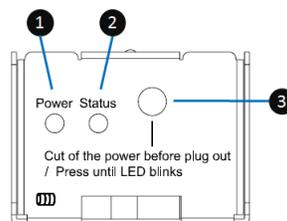


Figure 2-15 Flash Module LEDs and Button

Table 2-13 Descriptions of the Flash Module LEDs and Button

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
1	Power LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Green</b>: Power is good at flash module.</li> <li>• Off: There is no power at flash module.</li> </ul>
2	Status LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Blue</b>: The status of flash module is good.</li> <li>• Blinking <b>Blue</b> and <b>Amber</b> Interlaced: Installing or removing the flash module.</li> <li>• Solid <b>Amber</b>: The flash module is failed or wrong PCIe connection speed.</li> </ul>
3	Attention Button	Used to prompt system that the flash module can be removed later.



### 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.

## 2.6. Host Cards (Option)

The system comes with four on-board 10 GbE iSCSI ports on each controller. If you want to expand the number of host ports, purchase QSAN host cards (optional components) will be the fastest and most cost-efficiency choice.

There are several types of host cards that are available for selection. You can configure a Fibre Channel by using QSAN 32 Gb / 16 Gb Fibre Channel host cards; you can choose an iSCSI by using 25 GbE / 10 GbE via SFP28, SFP+, or RJ45 host cards. Following figure is the overview of the host card installation slots.



## CAUTION

You must remove the controller module from the system chassis before starting the host card removing or installing procedures.

Host card can NOT hot plug in the controller module. Hot plug in the host card might cause system hang up. You should remove the controller module from the system chassis before removing or installing host card. Please DO NOT attempt to hot plug in the host card.

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

## 2.6.1. 2-port 32 Gb Fibre Channel Host Card (SFP28) LEDs

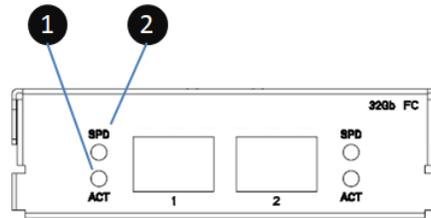


Figure 2-16 2-port 32 Gb Fibre Channel Host Card (SFP28) LEDs

Table 2-14 Descriptions of the 2-port 32 Gb Fibre Channel Host Card (SFP28) LEDs

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
1	Activity LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Green</b>: Asserted when the link is established (Link OK without I/O).</li> <li>• Blinking <b>Green</b>: Asserted when the link is established, and packets are being transmitted along with any receive activity (Access).</li> <li>• Off: No link is detected, or link fails.</li> </ul>
2	Speed LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Blue</b>: Asserted when a 32 Gb link is established and maintained.</li> <li>• Solid <b>Amber</b>: Asserted when a 16 Gb link is established and maintained.</li> <li>• Solid <b>White</b>: Asserted when an 8 Gb and below link is established and maintained.</li> <li>• Off: No link is detected, or link fails.</li> </ul>

## 2.6.2. 4-port 16 Gb Fibre Channel Host Card (SFP+) LEDs

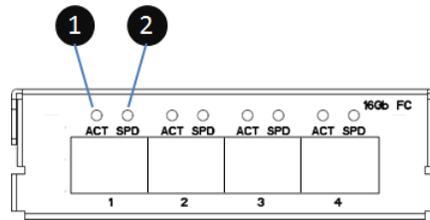


Figure 2-17 4-port 16 Gb Fibre Channel Host Card (SFP+) LEDs

Table 2-15 Descriptions of the 4-port 16 Gb Fibre Channel Host Card (SFP+) LEDs

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
1	Activity LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Green</b>: Asserted when the link is established (Link OK without I/O).</li> <li>• Blinking <b>Green</b>: Asserted when the link is established, and packets are being transmitted along with any receive activity (Access).</li> <li>• Off: No link is detected, or link fails.</li> </ul>
2	Speed LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Blue</b>: Asserted when a 16 Gb link is established and maintained.</li> <li>• Solid <b>Amber</b>: Asserted when an 8 Gb link is established and maintained.</li> <li>• Solid <b>White</b>: Asserted when a 4 Gb and below link is established and maintained.</li> <li>• Off: No link is detected, or link fails.</li> </ul>

### 2.6.3. 2-port 16 Gb Fibre Channel Host Card (SFP+) LEDs

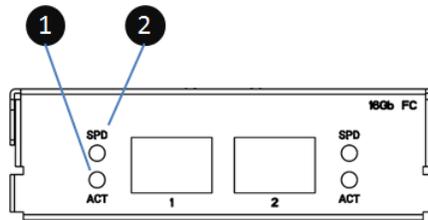


Figure 2-18 2-port 16 Gb Fibre Channel Host Card (SFP+) LEDs

Table 2-16 Descriptions of the 2-port 16 Gb Fibre Channel Host Card (SFP+) LEDs

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
1	Activity LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Green</b>: Asserted when the link is established (Link OK without I/O).</li> <li>• Blinking <b>Green</b>: Asserted when the link is established, and packets are being transmitted along with any receive activity (Access).</li> <li>• Off: No link is detected, or link fails.</li> </ul>
2	Speed LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid <b>Blue</b>: Asserted when a 16 Gb link is established and maintained.</li> <li>• Solid <b>Amber</b>: Asserted when an 8 Gb link is established and maintained.</li> <li>• Solid <b>White</b>: Asserted when a 4 Gb and below link is established and maintained.</li> <li>• Off: No link is detected, or link fails.</li> </ul>

## 2.6.4. 2-port 25 GbE iSCSI Host Card (SFP28) LEDs

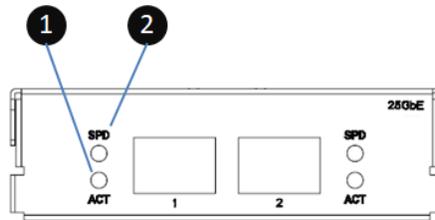


Figure 2-19 2-port 25 GbE iSCSI Host Card (SFP28) LEDs

Table 2-17 Descriptions of the 2-port 25 GbE iSCSI Host Card (SFP28) LEDs

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
1	Activity LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blinking <b>Green</b>: Asserted when the link is established, and packets are being transmitted along with any receive activity (Access).</li> <li>Off: No link is detected, or link fails.</li> </ul>
2	Speed LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid <b>Blue</b>: Asserted when a 25 Gb link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Solid <b>Amber</b>: Asserted when not a 25 Gb link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Off: No link is detected, or link fails.</li> </ul>

## 2.6.5. 4-port 10 GbE iSCSI Host Card (SFP+) LEDs

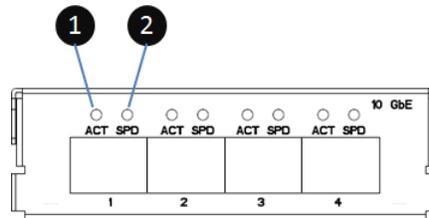


Figure 2-20 4-port 10 GbE iSCSI Host Card (SFP+) LEDs

Table 2-18 Descriptions of the 4-port 10 GbE iSCSI Host Card (SFP+) LEDs

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
1	Activity LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blinking <b>Green</b>: Asserted when the link is established, and packets are being transmitted along with any receive activity (Access).</li> <li>Off: No link is detected, or link fails.</li> </ul>
2	Speed LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid <b>Blue</b>: Asserted when a 10 Gb link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Solid <b>Amber</b>: Asserted when a 1 Gb link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Off: No link is detected, or link fails.</li> </ul>

## 2.6.6. 2-port 10 GBASE-T iSCSI Host Card (RJ45) LEDs

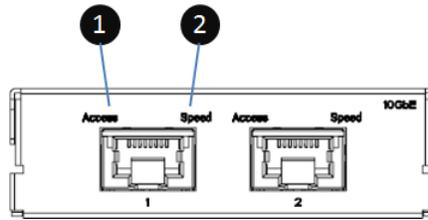


Figure 2-21 2-port 10 GBASE-T iSCSI Host Card (RJ45) LEDs

Table 2-19 Descriptions of the 2-port 10 GBASE-T iSCSI Host Card (RJ45) LEDs

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
1	Activity LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blinking <b>Green</b>: Asserted when the link is established, and packets are being transmitted along with any receive activity (Access).</li> <li>Off: No link is detected, or link fails.</li> </ul>
2	Speed LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid <b>Green</b>: Asserted when a 10 Gb link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Solid <b>Amber</b>: Asserted when a 1 Gb link is established and maintained.</li> <li>Off: No link is detected, or link fails.</li> </ul>

## 3. INSTALL SYSTEM HARDWARE

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This chapter will guide you through the installation process.

### 3.1. Basic System Installation

For basic system installation, please refer to the [Quick Installation Guide](#) which can be downloaded from the website. 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 [QSM Software Manual](#).

### 3.2. 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).

### 3.3. 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. 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.

## 3.4. 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.

## 3.5. 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.

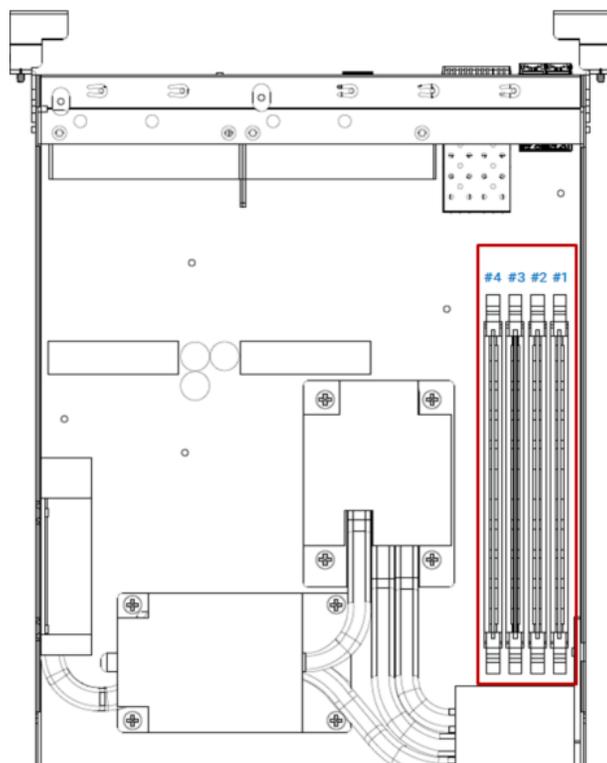


Figure 3-1 Memory Module Slot Number

The following table is the suggested installation sequence for optional memory module.

Table 3-1 Optional Memory Module Installation Sequence

Slot #1	Slot #2	Slot #3	Slot #4	TOTAL MEMORY
-	-	8 GB	-	8 GB
-	8 GB	8 GB	-	16 GB
8 GB	8 GB	8 GB	8 GB	32 GB
-	16 GB	16 GB	-	32 GB
8 GB	16 GB	16 GB	8 GB	48 GB
16 GB	16 GB	16 GB	16 GB	64 GB

-	32 GB	32 GB	-	64 GB
32 GB	32 GB	32 GB	32 GB	128 GB
64 GB	64 GB	64 GB	64 GB	256 GB



### 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

Insert two DIMMs or more will boost performance.

## 4. SUPPORT AND OTHER RESOURCES

### 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 **QSM -> System -> Maintenance > System Information** and use it to register your product at [https://www.qsan.com/business\\_partnership](https://www.qsan.com/business_partnership). 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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- Via Skype Chat, Skype ID: qsan.support
- (Service hours: 09:30 - 02:00, Monday - Friday, UTC+8, Summer time: 09:30 - 01:00)
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#### 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 **QSM -> 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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- QSAN may assign its rights and obligations under this EULA to any third party without condition.
- This EULA will be binding upon and will inure to User's successors and permitted assigns.
- This EULA shall be governed by and constructed according to the laws of R.O.C. Any disputes arising from or in connection with this EULA, User agree to submit to the jurisdiction of Taiwan Shilin district court as first instance trial.