

Toshiba Announces VMware 6.0 Certification For Enterprise Drives

AL13SX Series eHDDs and PX03SN Series eSSDs attain VMware® Virtual SAN™ 6.0 Certification

Düsseldorf, Germany, 29th September, 2015 – Toshiba Electronics Europe announces that its 12Gbit/s^[1] SAS 15,000 RPM enterprise hard disk drives (HDDs) – the AL13SX Series – and enterprise solid state drives (eSSDs) – PX03SN Series – have earned VMware Virtual SAN™ 6.0 and 5.5 certification for VMware vSphere® environments. Virtual SAN for VMware vSphere® 6.0 is a new hypervisor-converged storage platform that was released in March to deliver the benefits of software-defined storage to the data centre. These eHDDs and eSSDs are optimized for mission-critical tiered enterprise server and storage applications, and all capacity models underwent VMware’s rigorous validation process.

VMware certified drives are validated to take advantage of VMware Virtual SAN benefits including high performance and radically simplified storage deployments in software-defined data centres. The certification involves a five-stage process that includes review, performance, reliability, compatibility and overall integrity. With VMware Virtual SAN certification, these Toshiba eHDDs and eSSDs models help to bring the benefits of tiered storage solutions to both SMB and enterprise customers.

“Many customers are using virtualised environments to optimise the performance and utilisation of the reliable Toshiba drives they already know and use,” said Martin Larsson, vice president of Toshiba Electronics Europe, Storage Products Division. “Toshiba is pleased to work with VMware to certify our mission critical eHDDs and eSSDs. This certification of the 12Gbit/s SAS AL13SX Series and 12Gbit/s SAS PX03SN Series provides further assurance that customers may confidently utilise Toshiba enterprise HDDs and SSDs with vSphere® 6.0 to optimise the performance and utilisation of these important mission critical storage resources.”

The AL13SX Series and PX03SN Series are currently available. For more information on Toshiba’s line of industry-leading enterprise SAS SSDs and HDDs, visit www.toshiba.semicon-storage.com.

Notes:

^[1] Read and write speed may vary depending on the host device, read and write conditions, and file size.

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