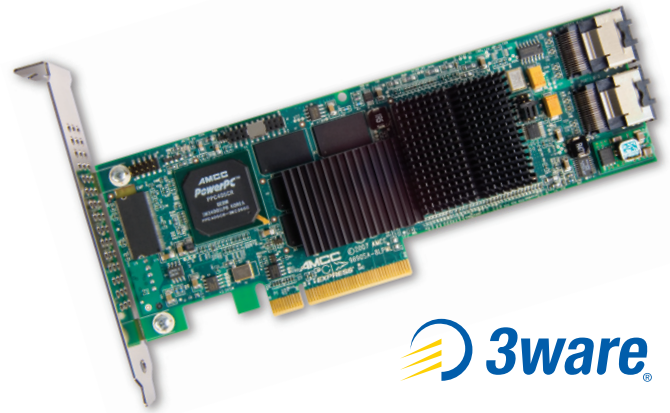**AMCC**

S T O R A G E

3ware® 9690SA

High-Performance Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) RAID Controller

3ware®

Highlights

- Scalable to 128 SAS and/or Serial ATA devices
- PCI Express x8 host interface
- Configuration flexibility with eight internal ports, or eight external ports, or four internal/four external ports
- SAS, SATA, and SATA II features, including 3Gb/s and NCQ
- 512MB DDR2 533 fixed memory
- Simultaneous double parity generation to maximize RAID 6 performance
- StorSwitch™ 8th generation non-blocking switch fabric for maximum controller throughput
- StreamFusion optimizes I/O accesses to maximize application performance under multiple stream loads
- StorSave BBU with write journaling optimizes data protection and performance
- Low-profile form factor
- RAID levels 0, 1, 5, 6, 10, 50, and Single Disk

AMCC's 3ware 9690SA SAS/SATA hardware RAID controllers deliver industry-leading RAID 6 and RAID 5 performance, expanded scalability, robust fault tolerance, and multi-terabyte capacities. A PCI Express host interface, StorSwitch™ architecture and sophisticated SAS and SATA II features drive this unrivaled performance.

It's Time for SAS

AMCC builds on established 3ware SATA RAID leadership to introduce the 3ware 9690SA SAS controller, the new standard in Serial Attached SCSI RAID. The 9690SA seizes the moment to enter the market just as SAS hard drives and backplanes are more widely available and as enterprise infrastructures align to realize the potential of Serial Attached SCSI. As SATA and SAS technologies converge, users look to 3ware SATA for price and performance and to SAS for SAS/SATA connectivity with expansion up to 128 devices. The 3ware 9690SA delivers accelerated SAS performance and the flexibility of internal and external connectivity.
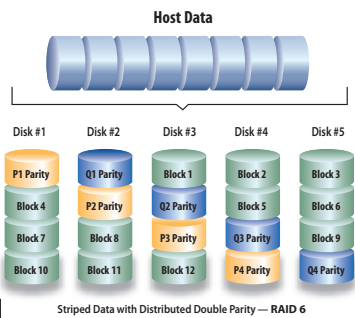
Connect, Expand, Protect with SAS

End users will enjoy configuration flexibility with three low profile PCI Express controller options: eight internal ports, eight external ports, or four internal/four external ports. Compatibility with industry standard SAS expanders will maximize scalability. Each 9690SA SAS controller scales to support 128 SAS and/or SATA devices.

Advanced 3ware RAID architecture and SAS, SATA, and SATA II performance features, including 3Gb/s and NCQ, help rocket the 9690SA to RAID 5 and RAID 6 performance heights. An optional Battery Backup Unit with integrated write journaling and remote battery mounting capability provides added data protection in the event of a power outage. The 9690SA supports RAID levels 0, 1, 5, 6, 10, 50, and Single Disk.

The RAID 6 Difference

RAID 6 eliminates the risk of data loss if a second hard disk drive fails while the RAID array is rebuilding. Uniquely, in the 3ware RAID 6 implementation, two sets of parity are simultaneously calculated, written, and rotated across all the drives. This second parity calculation enables the array to survive up to two drive failures without losing data, significantly improving fault tolerance. The 3ware RAID 6 double parity algorithm maximizes RAID 6 throughput, so that the 9690SA controllers deliver unequaled RAID 6 write performance.

Enterprise-class RAID Storage

The 9690SA's advanced RAID features, SAS connectivity, and powerful 3ware performance architecture make it the ideal controller for applications that require expanded scalability and the highest levels of sustained write and read performance. The 3ware 9690SA is designed for NAS storage, web servers, cluster servers, supercomputing, near-line backup and archival, security systems, and pro audio and video applications.

PCI EXPRESS®

SERIAL ATA 3Gb/s

Serial Attached SCSI

Host Data

Disk #1	Disk #2	Disk #3	Disk #4	Disk #5
P1 Parity	Q1 Parity	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3
Block 4	P2 Parity	Q2 Parity	Block 5	Block 6
Block 7	Block 8	P3 Parity	Q3 Parity	Block 9
Block 10	Block 11	Block 12	P4 Parity	Q4 Parity

Striped Data with Distributed Double Parity — **RAID 6**

RAID 6: *Two sets of parity data, P + Q, are striped across disks. RAID 6 safeguards against data loss during rebuild mode by allowing up to two consecutive drive failures for maximum fault tolerance.*

A P P L I C A T I O N S FOR 3WARE CONTROLLERS

| Servers | Security/ Surveillance | Video Editing | Super Computing | NAS | Video On-Demand | Pro Audio | Disk-to-Disk Backup |

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3ware 9690SA Features

- 8th-generation StorSwitch™ non-blocking switched architecture
- On-board I/O RISC processor and RAID offload provides true hardware RAID
  — SCSI device driver model to take advantage of SAS or inexpensive Serial ATA drives
- Bootable array support for greater fault tolerance of your OS
- Variable stripe size for performance tuning by application
- Support for greater than 2TB volumes
- 512MB DDR2 533 memory with ECC protection
- 128 max disk drives via SAS expanders
- Complete configuration management suite
  — 3ware BIOS Manager (3BM) – easy to use BIOS configuration tool
  — 3ware Disk Manager 2 – browser-based management tool
  — Command Line Interface (CLI) – scriptable configuration tool
- SNMP support
- SMTP support for email/pager notification
- Staggered drive spin-up support
- Auto carving allows LUNs > 2TB to be divided into multiple units for legacy operating systems limited to 2TB max. per LUN
- Battery Backup Unit (BBU) with remote battery support
- Write journaling for improved performance and data protection against accidental drive removal
- Multiple SAS/SATA RAID sets
- Multiple logical unit sizes and RAID levels on one card
- Hot-swap and hot-spare support for data availability
- Dynamic sector repair for robust data protection
- S.M.A.R.T. disk drive monitoring for reliability
- Emergency Flash Recovery protects against failed firmware upgrade
- Drive activity LED support
- Array/Drive Status and drive identification LED support
- Enclosure management via I^{2}C and SES 2.0
- Drive insertion and removal notification
- Online Capacity Expansion and RAID Level Migration
- RoHS 6 of 6 and WEEE compliant

Operating System Support

- Microsoft® Windows® Vista/2003/XP, Red Hat Linux, SuSE Linux, Fedora Linux, 2.4 Linux kernel, 2.6 Linux kernel, FreeBSD; 32/64-bit driver support for Windows, Linux and FreeBSD
  For complete OS listing, go to: **www.3ware.com/support/OS-support**

3ware 9690SA Specifications

- Low profile form factor
- PCI Express x8 configurations, PCI Express 1.1 compliant
- Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) 1.1 specification support
- SATA 2.6 specification support
- BIOS PnP (plug and play) and BBS (BIOS boot specification) support
- Operating Temperature   Controller: 0°C to 50°C
                              BBU: 10°C to 40°C
- Power Requirements   18W maximum
- Dimensions
  9690SA-4I4E   7.25"L x 2.73"H (19.30cm L x 6.93cm H)
  9690SA-8I   7.60"L x 2.73"H (19.30cm L x 6.93cm H)
  9690SA-8E   7.80"L x 2.73"H (19.80cm L x 6.93cm H)

Service and Support

- 3-year warranty
- Support via the web at **www.3ware.com/support**
- For latest motherboard and hard drive compatibility listing go to: **www.3ware.com/products//sys_compatibility.asp**

Accessories

- BBU-MODULE-04 Battery Backup Unit
- BATT-SPARE-02 Replacement battery for BBU-MODULE-04
- CBL-SFF8087-05M (0.5m Multi-lane internal cable)
- CBL-SFF8087-06M (0.6m Multi-lane internal cable)
- CBL-SFF8088SAS-10M (Universal key external cable, 1m)
- CBL-SFF8088SAS-20M (Universal key external cable, 2m)
- CBL-SFF8088IB-10M (Legacy external cable, 1m)
- CBL-SFF8088IB-20M (Legacy external cable, 2m)

3ware 9690SA Series Selection Guide

	9690SA-8I	9690SA-8E	9690SA-4I4E
Form Factor	Low profile	Low profile	Low profile
SAS Ports	8 Internal	8 External	4 Internal / 4 External
PCI Express	x8	x8	x8
RAID Levels	0, 1, 5, 6, 10, 50, Single Disk	0, 1, 5, 6, 10, 50, Single Disk	0, 1, 5, 6, 10, 50, Single Disk
Onboard Memory	512 MB DDR2 533	512 MB DDR2 533	512 MB DDR2 533
Connector Type	SFF-8087 mini-SAS	SFF-8088 mini-SAS	SFF-8087 / SFF-8088 mini-SAS
BBU with Remote Battery Support	Yes	Yes	Yes

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