

LaCie Ups 5big Array Storage

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LaCie announces an increase in capacity for the 5big professional workstation desktop storage arrays-- a move from 6TB to 8TB HDDs brings brings maximum capacity of 40TB.



The 5-slot 5big arrays feature dual-Thunderbolt 2 connectivity and hardware RAID, allowing support for 4K video workflows. Bandwidth reaches up to 11050MB/sec, while the enterprise-class HDDs offer speeds of up to 7200rpm. LaCie says such bandwidth is enough for Adobe Premiere or Final Cut Pro users working on multiple 4K video streams in real time.

The hardware RAID controller supports levels 0, 1, 5, 6 together with a JBOD mode. The drives are hot-swappable, with no data loss during swapping thanks to protected RAID modes, and Thunderbolt connectivity handles the daisy-chaining of up to 6 devices to a host connectivity.

The Neil Poulton-designed enclosure is in aluminium, with cooling coming from a quiet fan and "jumbo" heat exhausts.

The 40TB 5big array should be available by Q2 2016.

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