



Highlights

- Delivers high performance, energy efficiency and versatility to run the most demanding applications in larger data centers
 - Reduces energy bill with leadership high-efficiency power supplies (95 percent efficient)
 - Provides more than 12 percent greater performance per watt compared to the competition¹
 - Protects your investment by being compatible with the entire IBM BladeCenter® family
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IBM BladeCenter H

Extending the value of blades to higher performance in an enterprise environment

In today's high-demand enterprise environment, organizations need a reliable infrastructure to run compute-intensive applications with minimal maintenance and downtime. IBM BladeCenter H is a powerful platform built with the enterprise customer in mind, providing industry-leading performance, innovative architecture and a solid foundation for virtualization.

Powerful performance

This next-generation chassis is a workhorse—it runs applications quickly and efficiently, enabling organizations to maximize their investment and succeed in a highly competitive market. The powerful BladeCenter H delivers the performance customers need to make informed decisions.

With IBM Open Fabric Manager, BladeCenter H can help organizations run applications even more efficiently by delivering a flexible, open and connected infrastructure.

Driving innovation

IBM continues to build on its reputation for helping customers find innovative IT solutions with BladeCenter H, which delivers even more capabilities to the BladeCenter family. The 9U chassis provides the



standard BladeCenter functionalities with the added performance of high-speed I/O and the fastest blades. Other highlights include:

- High-speed fabric with eight data channels to every blade, four of which can be 10 Gb
- Leadership high-efficiency power supplies
- Flexible, scalable design so the system can grow as your business grows
- Sustainable platform life for enhanced investment protection
- Multi-Switch Interconnect Module for additional connectivity to blade servers
- Light path diagnostics for fast, simple, accurate troubleshooting to help guard against system downtime

BladeCenter H also drives innovation through its open architecture, supporting industry-standard I/O switches from Cisco, Brocade and others, so organizations have more choice and flexibility when it comes to their IT environment. Likewise, IBM's affiliation with blade.org helps open the architecture even more by supporting an online, collaborative environment to promote advances in technology solutions.

Managing growth, minimizing risk

With its unsurpassed architecture, BladeCenter H efficiently integrates servers, storage, networking, I/O and applications, enabling organizations to build flexible IT infrastructures using common building blocks. This helps customers control costs by protecting their investments—and with a powerful set of tools that are open and equally integrated, organizations can quickly deploy and easily manage their systems.

As a rack-dense, space saving chassis, BladeCenter H provides a superior foundation for virtualization. And in a virtualized environment, organizations can run a more flexible, better utilized and potentially more cost-effective IT infrastructure with a common management construct.



Easy and energy efficient

Because BladeCenter H is more than 12 percent more energy efficient than the HP C-class chassis,¹ organizations know they're making the right choice when it comes to using less power. Innovative tools such as IBM Systems Director Active Energy Manager™ track power usage so organizations can better manage energy and help prevent outages. And not only does BladeCenter H help organizations go green and save, it also makes it easy to deploy, integrate and manage applications—so customers can focus on their business and not on their IT.

IBM: The right choice

As an industry leader in innovative IT systems, IBM delivers yet another important solution for the IT environment. BladeCenter H is the ideal chassis for running the most demanding applications and simulations at high speeds, giving enterprise organizations a distinct advantage over competitors.



The BladeCenter family of products includes five chassis—BladeCenter E, BladeCenter H, BladeCenter HT, BladeCenter S and BladeCenter T—that meet a wide range of customer needs.

BladeCenter H delivers high performance by supporting 4X InfiniBand and 10 Gb Ethernet switches. It also supports the largest power supplies and the entire IBM family of blade servers.

IBM BladeCenter H at a glance

Form factor/height	Rack-mount chassis/9U
Blade bays	Up to 14
Switch modules	Up to four traditional, up to four high-speed, and up to four bridge module bays
Power supply module	Up to four hot-swap and redundant 2980 W ac high-efficiency power supplies with load-balancing and failover capabilities. Operating at 200-240 V
Cooling modules	Two hot-swap and redundant blowers standard, additional fan packs on power supplies
Systems management hardware	Advanced Management Module standard; add an optional Advanced Management Module for redundancy
I/O ports	USB-based keyboard, video, mouse (KVM), Ethernet, USB
Media	Two USB connections and an optional DVD multiburner
Systems management software	Systems management and trial deployment tools
Predictive Failure Analysis	Internal storage, processors, blowers, memory
Light path diagnostics	Blade server, processor, memory, power supplies, blowers, switch module, management module, internal storage and expansion card
Limited warranty	Three-year customer replaceable unit and onsite limited warranty
External storage	Support for IBM System Storage® solutions (including DS and NAS family of products) and many widely adopted non-IBM storage offerings

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