**Broadcom**® 5720-Based **Network Interface Card** 



# **Highlights**

- Delivers full line-rate performance across all ports.
- Ideal for high transaction environments requiring greater small-packet performance.
- Dual-port connectivity for improved performance in multiprocessor systems.
- Optimizes virtualization: VMware<sup>®</sup> NetQueue<sup>™</sup> and Microsoft® VMQ support.
- Reduces adapter power consumption by up to 42% leveraging Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) standards.
- Support for Precision Time Protocol (PTP) provides more granular level of time synchronization between the constituents of an Ethernet network for greater accuracy in data packet delivery.
- Streamlines administrative tasks: Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS) management application and integration into Dell's embedded management framework (iDRAC7 and Lifecycle Controller).
- Improves reliability and interoperability-leverages Broadcom's market-proven Ethernet architecture and software.



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# DUAL-PORT GbE NETWORK INTERFACE CARD FOR DELL® PowerEdge<sup>®</sup> 12G RACK AND TOWER SERVERS

### **Overview**

Broadcom<sup>®</sup> now offers a dual-port 1 Gb Ethernet (GbE) Network Interface Card (NIC) for Dell® PowerEdge® 12G rack and tower servers. It leverages Broadcom's long-standing industry leadership in Ethernet, providing the highest levels of performance, efficiency, and scalability for the enterprise data center.

Designed for today's enterprise, the Broadcom 5720-based NIC adapter is the ideal solution for multicore servers, delivering full line-rate throughput across all ports. The adapter utilizes Broadcom's dual-port BCM5720 integrated controller to deliver lower power consumption and Energy Efficient Ethernet<sup>™</sup> (EEE), reducing IT operation costs.

Increasing application workloads are placing greater demands on enterprise networks, and the Broadcom 5720-based dual-port 1GbE NIC is the solution of choice for such environments, providing a reliable, high-performance, energy-efficient 1GbE connectivity solution.



## **Features**

- Dual-port GbE NIC for Dell PowerEdge 12G rack and tower servers
- x1 PCI Express<sup>®</sup> (PCIe<sup>™</sup>) v2.0 (5 GT/s) support
- Precision Time Protocol (PTP)
- Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)
- Full line-rate performance across all ports
- Broad OS and hypervisor support
- iSCSI remote boot support
- Preboot eXecution Environment (PXE) support
- Support for VMware<sup>®</sup> NetQueue<sup>™</sup> and Microsoft<sup>®</sup> VMQ
- Link aggregation and automatic load-balancing
- Wake-on-LAN support
- MSI and MSI-X support
- IPv4 and v6 offloads
- Stateless offload
- TCP, UDP, and IP checksum
- Large Send Offload (LSO)
- TCP Segmentation Offload (TSO)
- Receive Side Scaling (RSS)
- Transmit Side Scaling (TSS)
- VLAN support with VLAN tagging
- Jumbo frame support for frames larger than 1500 Bytes
- Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS) management application and integration into Dell's embedded management framework (iDRAC7 and Lifecycle Controller)

# **Benefits**

### Accelerates Server Performance:

- Boosts network performance with full line-rate performance across all ports.
- Maximizes server processing performance by reducing CPU overhead and lowering interrupt latency through the use of the MSI-X standard.
- Boosts performance in Windows<sup>®</sup> and Linux<sup>®</sup> environments by directing interrupts to the server's CPU cores, leveraging Transmit/Receive Side Scaling (TSS/RSS).

#### • Delivers Advanced Ethernet Capabilities:

- Precision Time Protocol (PTP)—Provides greater accuracy of data packet delivery within the network.
- Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)—Reduces adapter power consumption by up to 42% through intelligent adaptive power management, adjusting power based on data traffic load.

#### • Robust Virtualization Capabilities:

- Superior network performance with support for VMware NetQueue and Microsoft VMQ technologies.
- Enhances network management and efficiency with support for VLAN/VLAN tagging.

#### • Streamlines Deployment and Management:

- Increases deployment flexibility with two GbE connectivity ports.
- Simplifies deployment and management complexity— Broadcom Ethernet solutions available across a wide range of Dell server platforms.
- Unifies the NIC and storage management using Dell iDRAC and Lifecycle Controller management framework or Broadcom Advanced Management Suite (BACS).

# **Specifications**

General	
Form factor	Low profile 4.3" x 2.7" (109.22 mm x 68.58 mm)
Supported servers	Dell PowerEdge 12G rack (R720, R720XD, R620) and tower (T620) servers
Bus type	x1 PCI Express 2.0 (5 GT/s)
Data transfer rate per port	10/100/1000 Mbps
MAC controller	BCM5720
Connector	RJ-45
OS Support	
Microsoft	Windows Server <sup>®</sup> 2008, 2008 R2, all editions
Linux	Red Hat <sup>®</sup> Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 5.7/5.8, 6.1/6.2
	Novell <sup>®</sup> SUSE <sup>®</sup> Enterprise Server (SLES) 10 SP4, 11 SP2
VMware	vSphere™ 4.1 and 5.0
Citrix	XenServer 6.0
Management	
Broadcom	BACS management application, WMI, and Broadcom Management API (BMAPI)
Dell	Embedded management framework (iDRAC and Lifecycle Controller)
Environmental Requirements	
Operating temperature	32°F to 131°F (0°C to 55°C)
Storage temperature	-40°F to 149°F (-40°C to 65°C)
Relative humidity	5% to 95% noncondensing
Hardware	
Certifications	RoHS, FCC A, UL, CE, VCCI, BSMI, CTICK, KC
Advanced Features and Standards	
PCI Express base specification 2.0	
PCI bus power management interface (rev 1.2)	
Advanced Error Reporting (AER)	
TCP segmentation/large send offload	
PCI hot plug/hot swap	
ACPI v2.0	
SMBus 2.0	
IEEE 1588—Precision Time Protocol (PTP)-ready	
IEEE 802.1q—Virtual LAN (VLAN) support—VLAN tagging support	
IEEE 802.3x—Flow control	
IEEE 802.3z (Clause 30)—Statistics for SNMP MIB II, Ethernet-like and Ethernet MIB	
IEEE 802.3az—Energy Efficient Ethernet	
IPv4 and IPv6 offload	
Teaming support	
MSI-X supports independent queues	

#### **Ordering Information**

Broadcom 5720 Dual-Port 1GbE Network Interface Card

#### PG SKU#

Full-height bracket: 430-4423 Low-profile bracket: 430-4424

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