



SkyExpress—  
FOR TIMELY  
RECOVERY AT  
FULL CAPACITY

The information age is changing the way we do business and the way our customers *expect us* to do business. Swift, hurdle-free, hassle-free responses are the order of the day. But what if your data center goes down? What if your downtime is more than 24 hours? What if your backup system is too small to handle existing production capacity?

HDS SkyExpress is the answer to the “what ifs.” It brings a new level of control and flexibility to disaster recovery, whether the cause is natural or man-made. Let’s face it, most companies won’t experience the Kobe quake, Hurricane Andrew, or the Eastern European floods, but many do encounter fires, grid outages, operator error, and the like. Either way, SkyExpress ensures your downtime is minimal.

The revolutionary SkyExpress solution package is based on:

- An HDS Skyline Series™ processor. If you already have a Skyline, you may not need to purchase another one.
- ExpressIP, a maximum-availability feature that dramatically reduces the time required to install instruction processors (IPs) on Skyline systems.
- SkyExpress Recovery. The additional capacity you need will be installed and running in time for your business.

The benefits of these combined elements are vast—reduced costs, unmatched capacity and performance, fast recovery time, and flexible options.

You can also count on business continuity services from HDS Professional Services for expert assistance in audits, planning, implementation, and the many other challenges involved in maintaining smooth operations.

### **Slash costs across the board**

Because of the way SkyExpress works, you save on purchase, maintenance, software, *and* environmental costs. Instead of housing a full processor initially, you install a minimum number of IPs along with enough ExpressIP kits to facilitate the immediate installation of additional IPs in the event of a disaster. Fewer IPs means you only pay for what you need. With a smaller system, you also enjoy reduced environmental and maintenance expenses, and lower software costs.

### **Gain unparalleled performance and capacity**

With capacity and performance ranges unique in the industry, Skyline is the *only* processor capable of backing up *any* S/390 environment, as well as taking on workloads from a variety of S/390 systems. It's also the only machine large enough to back itself up, so if you're currently using a production Skyline, your only guarantee for a smooth recovery is another Skyline. However, with SkyExpress, you don't have to keep the same size Skyline available—only one prepared to grow fast when you need it to.

### **Get up and running in no time**

If your data center goes down, we'll be there, IPs in hand, ready to get you back in business. Since the ExpressIP prep kits are already installed, hooking up the additional IPs is easy. This minimizes your downtime. Even better, you're up and running with the same capacity and performance levels as before—or greater!

### **Customize SkyExpress to fit your needs**

Skyline's capacity and performance ranges give you unheard-of flexibility. Whether your business is large or small, there's a Skyline that meets your needs. You're free to choose the processor and backup IPs that match your requirements. On your terms. At your pace.

### **Hitachi Data Systems— For computing as critical as your business**

Performance and availability are key to your success. SkyExpress ensures you have both, bringing a new level of control and flexibility to disaster recovery. SkyExpress also reflects our continuing commitment to introduce innovative approaches and products that meet your ever-growing needs. As we broaden our SkyExpress offerings, your ability to survive any kind of disaster will increase, positioning you for a faster, more effective recovery.

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