

AI Liquid-Cooled Server



AI Overview

Modern AI servers increasingly rely on liquid cooling to manage extreme heat generated by high-density GPUs and CPUs. Why Liquid Cooling is Essential for AI Servers AI servers, especially those used for training large language models or running high-performance inference tasks, generate enormous amounts of heat due to high Thermal Design Power (TDP) chips, often exceeding 1,000 watts per GPU . Traditional air cooling is insufficient for these workloads, particularly when rack power densities surpass 20-50 kilowatts, making liquid cooling a critical requirement . Without effective cooling, servers risk thermal throttling, reduced performance, and hardware damage .

Types of Liquid Cooling

- Direct-to-Chip (Cold Plate) Cooling: A metal plate, usually copper, is mounted directly on CPUs or GPUs. Coolant flows through microchannels in the plate, absorbing heat and transferring it to an external loop .
- Immersion Cooling: Servers are fully submerged in dielectric fluids, which absorb heat from all components. This can be single-phase or two-phase, offering uniform and highly efficient cooling .
- Rear Door Heat Exchangers (RDHx): Air is used to move heat from the server to a liquid-cooled rear door, suitable for hybrid setups where full liquid cooling is not feasible .

Infrastructure and Deployment

Liquid-cooled AI servers require specialized infrastructure, including:

- Coolant Distribution Units (CDUs) to regulate temperature, flow, and pressure.
- In-rack manifolds to distribute coolant to cold plates.
- Heat rejection systems to transfer heat to the facility or outdoor environment .

Deployment can be in new data centers designed for liquid cooling or retrofitted into existing air-cooled facilities, often in hybrid configurations . Self-contained liquid cooling solutions are also available for smaller-scale or temporary deployments, providing up to 50 kW per rack without extensive plumbing .

Benefits

Higher thermal...

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Why liquid cooling will dominate AI data centres in 2026

Liquid cooling is essential for AI-driven data centres, efficiently managing the extreme heat generated by high-density AI server racks. It offers

AI Data Center Liquid Cooling Market Size & Strategic Intelligence ...

The AI Data Center Liquid Cooling Market is segmented across cooling technology, cooling fluid chemistry, component type, data center class, and end-use vertical. Each segment carries a distinct

Upgrade legacy data centers for AI workloads with RDHx liquid cooling

Retrofitting AI servers with an existing outdoor chilled water heat rejection system
For air-cooled servers in a data center that has an outdoor chilled water system, you can use a "bolt on

Why Liquid Cooling For AI Data Centers Is Harder Than

Liquid cooling is essential for AI data centers—but deploying it at scale requires advanced design, smart vendors and AI-powered operations to

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NVIDIA's Vera Rubin platform is the world's first 100% liquid-cooled AI server architecture, running coolant at 45°C with zero fans. Every cloud provider building Rubin

MSI Brings Liquid-Cooled NVIDIA AI Platforms to COMPUTEX 2026

Explore MSI at COMPUTEX 2026 featuring liquid-cooled NVIDIA MGX and NVIDIA DGX Station platforms built for AI workload and infrastructure deployment.

Data Center Liquid Cooling for AI Workloads (2026) · KAD

Liquid cooling is no longer optional—it is now a baseline requirement for modern AI data centers. By 2026, liquid cooling adoption in newly built

Building Sustainable Liquid-Cooled AI Data Centres

Traditional air cooling is being pushed to its limits by high-performance, high-density racks, and to unlock AI's full potential, data centres

AI Server Market Update: Vendors Shift from Silicon to

With GPUs standardized around Nvidia, vendors compete on AIOps, liquid cooling, and deployment services as enterprises ramp up inference in

How Nvidia's New Cooling Technology Could Solve the AI Energy

Nvidia's new liquid-cooling technology could slash data center water usage and reduce cooling energy costs. Here's what the Rubin platform means for AI, hyperscalers, and investors.

Best practices for deploying liquid-cooled servers in AI

Discover liquid cooling best practices for AI data centers, including design, deployment, maintenance, and sustainability benefits.

MSI Showcases Liquid-Cooled AI Infrastructure, NVIDIA MGX,

The lineup spans liquid-cooled ORv3 rack-scale architectures for high-density AI infrastructure, NVIDIA MGX platforms for scalable AI training and inference, DGX Station desktop AI

Data Center Liquid Cooling: The AI Heat Solution

Summary Advanced AI chips are generating more heat in data centers, necessitating improved cooling solutions. Liquid cooling

MSI Showcases Liquid-Cooled AI Infrastructure, NVIDIA

Built on NVIDIA MGX architecture, the AI server portfolio supports scalable AI training, inference, and HPC deployments across air-cooled and

Liquid Cooling: The 2026 Mandate for 100kW AI Racks

In 2026, liquid cooling is mandatory for 100kW AI data centers. Learn how key partnerships are solving the power crisis and shaping the future of cooling.

MSI Brings Liquid-Cooled ORv3 Racks, NVIDIA MGX

NVIDIA MGX GPU servers and a DGX Station-class desktop platform On the GPU side, MSI's portfolio centers on NVIDIA MGX, which it is using as

AI Datacenter Liquid Cooling Market | Global Market

AI Datacenter Liquid Cooling Market is segmented by Cooling Technology (Direct-to-chip liquid cooling, Immersion cooling, Rear-door heat

Liquid cooling becoming essential as AI servers proliferate

In data centers with liquid cooling, typically only 10% of racks or fewer are using it. But as AI workloads are deployed at a runaway pace, liquid cooling is becoming

Liquid and Immersion Cooling Options for Data Centers

Data center operators are evaluating liquid cooling options, as processing-intensive computing applications grow. The market for liquid cooling is slated to reach \$3

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Liquid cooling increases compute density, reduces the amount of floor space used, and facilitates high-bandwidth, low-latency GPU communication with large

AI Server Liquid Cooling: Cold Plates & Immersion

Liquid, once considered the natural enemy of electronic equipment, has transformed into the closest ally of High-Performance Computing (HPC). This article will take

2025 Liquid Cooling Industry Sector | ToneCooling

Review 2025 Liquid Cooling Industry Sector for custom cold plate projects. Covers heat load, material choice, coolant flow, pressure drop, DFM

MSI Pushes Liquid-Cooled AI Infrastructure at

MSI used COMPUTEX 2026 to showcase a broad AI and data-center infrastructure lineup, with liquid cooling taking center stage. As AI servers keep pushing rack

How Liquid-Cooled Load Banks Simulate Real AI Server Heat Loads?

Liquid cooling load banks are engineered to mimic the thermal characteristics of high-density AI equipment. This enables engineers to check their liquid cooling loops, CDU systems, and

Computex 2026: MSI Showcases Liquid-Cooled AI Infrastructure

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2026 Rackmount GPU Servers: NVIDIA HGX B200, Liquid Cooling

Explore the 2026 guide to NVIDIA HGX B200 rackmount GPU servers with direct-to-chip liquid cooling. Learn how to optimize AI and HPC workloads with 8-GPU unified systems, HBM3e

Supermicro (SMCI) Joins Nvidia Vera Rubin Launch With Liquid Cooled AI ...

Super Micro Computer (NasdaqGS:SMCI) has been named a global system builder and launch partner for NVIDIA's new Vera Rubin NVL4 AI platform. The company unveiled next

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