# Data Center Liquid-Cooled Server Rack Cost-Effectiveness



## Overview

Liquid immersion cooling achieves PUE of 1. 80 for air cooling — a 40-50% energy efficiency gain at high densities TCO breakeven for immersion happens above 50 kW/rackTo reduce the operating costs and improve the power usage effectiveness (PUE) of the data centers, there is an increasing interest in 100% liquid cooled server architectures. While liquid cooling offers significant advantages for data center efficiency and performance, it also presents several. At Energy Solutions Intelligence, we analyze operational data from hyperscale operators, colocation providers, and enterprise deployments to benchmark liquid immersion cooling economics against advanced air-cooling architectures across power densities from 15 kW/rack to 100+ kW/rack. Liquid. With AI rack densities pushing 50-100 kW, direct-to-chip liquid cooling reduces cooling energy consumption by 40-60% compared to traditional air CRAC units Facility PUE (Power Usage Effectiveness) drops from 1. 15, translating to millions of dollars in annual electricity savings for. It is a system and an ecosystem comprising various components such as Coolant Distribution Units (CDUs), cold plates, manifolds, liquid-cooled servers, heat rejection units, and complementary air-cooling components. Most vendors are unveiling product roadmaps that include hybrid (liquid-air. Enterprises are adopting high-performance computing (HPC) for artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) model training and inference, causing a fast rise in chip, server, and rack densities, power consumption, and heat levels.

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Deploying liquid cooling in the data center

High-density racks take up less white space, but the proportion of mechanical to white space in high-density, liquid-cooled data centers varies. For example, replacing 100 10 kW racks with 20 50 kW

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Capital expenditure for liquid-cooling systems in data centers is higher than that for traditional air-cooling systems, but our estimates show the break-even points have shorter timelines,

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Most existing reviews of liquid cooling in data centers include indirect liquid cooling, but insufficiently comprehensive research has been done on the promising field of direct liquid cooling.

What are the estimated costs of implementing a liquid cooling system

A complete liquid cooling retrofit for an existing data center typically costs between $50,000 and $150,000 per rack. New construction with liquid cooling built-in from the start generally proves more

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