

Products of the Year 2008

Infrastructure

GOLD AWARD:

Upsite Technologies HotLok® Blanking Panels

In today's data centers where efficiency has become such a big focus, making cool air work for you is of utmost importance. That's why the HotLok® Blanking Panel from Upsite Technologies, the makers of KoldLok®, is SearchDataCenter.com's infrastructure product of the year. As one judge put it, "In this era of combating bypass air and improving PUE [power usage effectiveness], this is nice!"



What makes HotLok® panels such a superior product? According to the HotLok® Blanking Panel spec sheet, the product uses cantilevered sealing vanes to eliminate gaps between blanking panels or installed equipment to provide an effective seal of 99.97%. It also boasts many useful features, such as ergonomic design and snap-in installation.

"The idea of 'snap-in' blanking panels is not new," wrote one judge, "but everything about the actual design of these panels is innovative—particularly the optional incorporation of an Upsite Temperature Strip and the availability of two-panel units."

The panels are a recyclable thermoplastic and come in 1U and 2U forms. They make for easy installation (and removal) as the panels include a finger grip on each side so they can be snapped in and pulled out without tools. As Instor Solutions, a data center infrastructure value-added reseller wrote, "It's toolless! You can leave your screwdriver at home."

HotLok® can also come with an optional Upsite Temperature Strip, which accurately measures intake air temperatures on the spot, making it fast and easy to monitor server intake air temperatures at any time.



THE BEST DATA CENTER PRODUCTS OF 2008

The competition for SearchDataCenter.com's 2008 data center product of the year awards was much tougher this year than in previous years. In years past, we included up to eight categories with three finalists per section, but this year we decided to limit the event to three categories: data center infrastructure (such as backup power, data center cooling, and other products), enterprise server hardware, and systems management tools. We sought out the best of the best, because in this economy every cent of your data center budget counts.

We requested submissions from vendors and users. The winning products come from all corners of the data center industry, from well-established companies to companies you may have never heard of.

Our independent judges scored products based on the following criteria:

- Ease of integration into existing environments
- Functionality
- Innovation
- Manageability
- Performance
- Value

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!



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