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# Regulatory Compliance Statements

Your Sun product is marked to indicate its compliance class:

- Federal Communications Commission (FCC) — USA
- Industry Canada Equipment Standard for Digital Equipment (ICES-003) — Canada
- Voluntary Control Council for Interference (VCCI) — Japan
- Bureau of Standards Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) — Taiwan

Please read the appropriate section that corresponds to the marking on your Sun product before attempting to install the product.

## FCC Class A Notice

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference.
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

**Note:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy, and if it is not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, it may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

**Modifications:** Any modifications made to this device that are not approved by Sun Microsystems, Inc. may void the authority granted to the user by the FCC to operate this equipment.

## FCC Class B Notice

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference.
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

**Note:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for help.

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## ICES-003 Class A Notice - Avis NMB-003, Classe A

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Cet appareil numérique de la classe A est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

## ICES-003 Class B Notice - Avis NMB-003, Classe B

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

## VCCI 基準について

### クラス A VCCI 基準について

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## CCC Class A Notice

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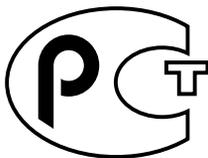
以下声明适用于运往中国且其认证标志上注有 "Class A" 字样的产品。

声明

此为A级产品，在生活环境中，该产品可能会造成无线电干扰。在这种情况下，可能需要用户对其干扰采取切实可行的措施。



## GOST-R Certification Mark





# Declaration of Conformity

Compliance Model Number: 490  
Product Family Name: Sun Fire V490

## EMC

### European Union

This equipment complies with the following requirements of the EMC Directive 89/336/EEC:

*As Telecommunication Network Equipment (TNE) in both Telecom Centers and Other Than Telecom Centers per (as applicable):*

EN300-386 V.1.3.1 (09-2001) Required Limits:

EN55022/CISPR22	Class A
EN61000-3-2	Pass
EN61000-3-3	Pass
EN61000-4-2	6 kV (Direct), 8 kV (Air)
EN61000-4-3	3 V/m 80-1000MHz, 10 V/m 800-960 MHz and 1400-2000 MHz
EN61000-4-4	1 kV AC and DC Power Lines, 0.5 kV Signal Lines,
EN61000-4-5	2 kV AC Line-Gnd, 1 kV AC Line-Line and Outdoor Signal Lines, 0.5 kV Indoor Signal Lines > 10m.
EN61000-4-6	3 V
EN61000-4-11	Pass

*As Information Technology Equipment (ITE) Class A per (as applicable):*

EN55022:1998/CISPR22:1997 Class A

EN55024:1998 Required Limits:

EN61000-4-2	4 kV (Direct), 8 kV (Air)
EN61000-4-3	3 V/m
EN61000-4-4	1 kV AC Power Lines, 0.5 kV Signal and DC Power Lines
EN61000-4-5	1 kV AC Line-Line and Outdoor Signal Lines, 2 kV AC Line-Gnd, 0.5 kV DC Power Lines
EN61000-4-6	3 V
EN61000-4-8	1 A/m
EN61000-4-11	Pass

EN61000-3-2:1995 + A1, A2, A14 Pass

EN61000-3-3:1995 Pass

**Safety:** This equipment complies with the following requirements of the Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC:

EC Type Examination Certificates:

EN 60950-1:2001	TÜV Rheinland Certificate No. S72040123
IEC 60950-1:2001	CB Scheme Certificate No. <i>-on file-</i>
Evaluated to all CB Countries	
UL 60950-1, First Edition; CSA C22.2 No. 60950-00	File: E113363
FDA DHHS Accession Number (Monitor Only)	

**Supplementary Information:** This product was tested and complies with all the requirements for the CE Mark .



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# Safety Agency Compliance Statements

Read this section before beginning any procedure. The following text provides safety precautions to follow when installing a Sun Microsystems product.

## Safety Precautions

For your protection, observe the following safety precautions when setting up your equipment:

- Follow all cautions and instructions marked on the equipment.
- Ensure that the voltage and frequency of your power source match the voltage and frequency inscribed on the equipment's electrical rating label.
- Never push objects of any kind through openings in the equipment. Dangerous voltages may be present. Conductive foreign objects could produce a short circuit that could cause fire, electric shock, or damage to your equipment.

## Symbols

The following symbols may appear in this book:



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**Caution** – There is a risk of personal injury and equipment damage. Follow the instructions.

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**Caution** – Hot surface. Avoid contact. Surfaces are hot and may cause personal injury if touched.

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**Caution** – Hazardous voltages are present. To reduce the risk of electric shock and danger to personal health, follow the instructions.

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Depending on the type of power switch your device has, one of the following symbols may be used:



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**On** – Applies AC power to the system.

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**Off** – Removes AC power from the system.

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**Standby** – The On/Standby switch is in the standby position.

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## Modifications to Equipment

Do not make mechanical or electrical modifications to the equipment. Sun Microsystems is not responsible for regulatory compliance of a modified Sun product.

## Placement of a Sun Product



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**Caution** – Do not block or cover the openings of your Sun product. Never place a Sun product near a radiator or heat register. Failure to follow these guidelines can cause overheating and affect the reliability of your Sun product.

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## Noise Level

In compliance with the requirements defined in DIN 45635 Part 1000, the workplace-dependent noise level of this product is less than 70 db(A).

## SELV Compliance

Safety status of I/O connections comply to SELV requirements.

## Power Cord Connection



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**Caution** – Sun products are designed to work with power systems having a grounded neutral (grounded return for DC-powered products). To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not plug Sun products into any other type of power system. Contact your facilities manager or a qualified electrician if you are not sure what type of power is supplied to your building.

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**Caution** – Not all power cords have the same current ratings. Do not use the power cord provided with your equipment for any other products or use. Household extension cords do not have overload protection and are not meant for use with computer systems. Do not use household extension cords with your Sun product.

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The following caution applies only to devices with a Standby power switch:



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**Caution** – The power switch of this product functions as a standby type device only. The power cord serves as the primary disconnect device for the system. Be sure to plug the power cord into a grounded power outlet that is nearby the system and is readily accessible. Do not connect the power cord when the power supply has been removed from the system chassis.

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The following caution applies only to devices with multiple power cords:



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**Caution** – For products with multiple power cords, all power cords must be disconnected to completely remove power from the system.

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## Battery Warning



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**Caution** – There is danger of explosion if batteries are mishandled or incorrectly replaced. On systems with replaceable batteries, replace only with the same manufacturer and type or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer per the instructions provided in the product service manual. Do not disassemble batteries or attempt to recharge them outside the system. Do not dispose of batteries in fire. Dispose of batteries properly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and local regulations. Note that on Sun CPU boards, there is a lithium battery molded into the real-time clock. These batteries are not customer replaceable parts.

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## System Unit Cover

You must remove the cover of your Sun computer system unit to add cards, memory, or internal storage devices. Be sure to replace the cover before powering on your computer system.



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**Caution** – Do not operate Sun products without the cover in place. Failure to take this precaution may result in personal injury and system damage.

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## Rack System Warning

The following warnings apply to Racks and Rack Mounted systems.



**Caution** – For safety, equipment should always be loaded from the bottom up. That is, install the equipment that will be mounted in the lowest part of the rack first, then the next higher systems, etc.



**Caution** – To prevent the rack from tipping during equipment installation, the anti-tilt bar on the rack must be deployed.



**Caution** – To prevent extreme operating temperature within the rack insure that the maximum temperature does not exceed the product's ambient rated temperatures.



**Caution** – To prevent extreme operating temperatures due to reduced airflow consideration should be made to the amount of air flow that is required for a safe operation of the equipment.

## Laser Compliance Notice

Sun products that use laser technology comply with Class 1 laser requirements.

Class 1 Laser Product  
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Klasse 1 Laser Apparat  
Laser Klasse 1

## CD and DVD Devices

The following caution applies to CD, DVD, and other optical devices.



**Caution** – Use of controls, adjustments, or the performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.

## Conformité aux normes de sécurité

Veillez lire attentivement cette section avant de commencer. Ce texte traite des mesures de sécurité qu'il convient de prendre pour l'installation d'un produit Sun Microsystems.

## Mesures de sécurité

Pour votre sécurité, nous vous recommandons de suivre scrupuleusement les mesures de sécurité ci-dessous lorsque vous installez votre matériel:

- Suivez tous les avertissements et toutes les instructions inscrites sur le matériel.
- Assurez-vous que la tension et la fréquence de votre source d'alimentation correspondent à la tension et à la fréquence indiquées sur l'étiquette de la tension électrique nominale du matériel
- N'introduisez jamais d'objets quels qu'ils soient dans les ouvertures de l'équipement. Vous pourriez vous trouver en présence de hautes tensions dangereuses. Tout objet étranger conducteur risque de produire un court-circuit pouvant présenter un risque d'incendie ou de décharge électrique, ou susceptible d'endommager le matériel.

## Symboles

Vous trouverez ci-dessous la signification des différents symboles utilisés:



**Attention** – Vous risquez d'endommager le matériel ou de vous blesser. Veuillez suivre les instructions.



**Attention** – Surfaces brûlantes. Evitez tout contact. Les surfaces sont brûlantes. Vous risquez de vous blesser si vous les touchez.



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**Attention** – Tensions dangereuses. Pour réduire les risques de décharge électrique et de danger physique, observez les consignes indiquées.

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Selon le type d'interrupteur marche/arrêt dont votre appareil est équipé, l'un des symboles suivants sera utilisé:



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**Marche** – Met le système sous tension alternative.

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**Arrêt** – Met le système hors tension alternative.

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**Veilleuse** – L'interrupteur Marche/Veille est sur la position de veille.

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## Modification du matériel

N'apportez aucune modification mécanique ou électrique au matériel. Sun Microsystems décline toute responsabilité quant à la non-conformité éventuelle d'un produit Sun modifié.

## Positionnement d'un produit Sun



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**Attention** – Evitez d'obstruer ou de recouvrir les orifices de votre produit Sun. N'installez jamais un produit Sun près d'un radiateur ou d'une source de chaleur. Si vous ne respectez pas ces consignes, votre produit Sun risque de surchauffer et son fonctionnement en sera altéré.

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## Niveau de pression acoustique

Le niveau de pression acoustique du lieu de travail définie par la norme DIN 45 635 Part 1000 doit être au maximum de 70 db(A).

## Conformité SELV

Le niveau de sécurité des connexions E/S est conforme aux normes SELV.

## Connexion du cordon d'alimentation



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**Attention** – Les produits Sun sont conçus pour fonctionner avec des systèmes d'alimentation équipés d'un conducteur neutre relié à la terre (conducteur neutre pour produits alimentés en CC). Pour réduire les risques de décharge électrique, ne branchez jamais les produits Sun sur une source d'alimentation d'un autre type. Contactez le gérant de votre bâtiment ou un électricien agréé si vous avez le moindre doute quant au type d'alimentation fourni dans votre bâtiment.

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**Attention** – Tous les cordons d'alimentation ne présentent pas les mêmes caractéristiques électriques. Les cordons d'alimentation à usage domestique ne sont pas protégés contre les surtensions et ne sont pas conçus pour être utilisés avec des ordinateurs. N'utilisez jamais de cordon d'alimentation à usage domestique avec les produits Sun.

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L'avertissement suivant s'applique uniquement aux systèmes équipés d'un interrupteur Veille:



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**Attention** – L'interrupteur d'alimentation de ce produit fonctionne uniquement comme un dispositif de mise en veille. Le cordon d'alimentation constitue le moyen principal de déconnexion de l'alimentation pour le système. Assurez-vous de le brancher dans une prise d'alimentation mise à la terre près du système et facile d'accès. Ne le branchez pas lorsque l'alimentation électrique ne se trouve pas dans le châssis du système.

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L'avertissement suivant s'applique uniquement aux systèmes équipés de plusieurs cordons d'alimentation:



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**Attention** – Pour mettre un système équipé de plusieurs cordons d'alimentation hors tension, il est nécessaire de débrancher tous les cordons d'alimentation.

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## Mise en garde relative aux batteries



**Attention** – Les batteries risquent d'exploser en cas de manipulation maladroite ou de remplacement incorrect. Pour les systèmes dont les batteries sont remplaçables, effectuez les remplacements uniquement selon le modèle du fabricant ou un modèle équivalent recommandé par le fabricant, conformément aux instructions fournies dans le manuel de service du système. N'essayez en aucun cas de démonter les batteries, ni de les recharger hors du système. Ne les jetez pas au feu. Mettez-les au rebut selon les instructions du fabricant et conformément à la législation locale en vigueur. Notez que sur les cartes processeur de Sun, une batterie au lithium a été moulée dans l'horloge temps réel. Les batteries ne sont pas des pièces remplaçables par le client.



**Attention** – Afin d'éviter que le rack ne penche pendant l'installation du matériel, tirez la barre anti-basculement du rack.



**Attention** – Pour éviter des températures de fonctionnement extrêmes dans le rack, assurez-vous que la température maximale ne dépasse pas la fourchette de températures ambiantes du produit déterminée par le fabricant.



**Attention** – Afin d'empêcher des températures de fonctionnement extrêmes provoquées par une aération insuffisante, assurez-vous de fournir une aération appropriée pour un fonctionnement du matériel en toute sécurité

## Couvercle de l'unité

Pour ajouter des cartes, de la mémoire ou des périphériques de stockage internes, vous devez retirer le couvercle de votre système Sun. Remettez le couvercle supérieur en place avant de mettre votre système sous tension.



**Attention** – Ne mettez jamais des produits Sun sous tension si leur couvercle supérieur n'est pas mis en place. Si vous ne prenez pas ces précautions, vous risquez de vous blesser ou d'endommager le système.

## Avis de conformité des appareils laser

Les produits Sun qui font appel aux technologies lasers sont conformes aux normes de la classe 1 en la matière.

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## Mise en garde relative au système en rack

La mise en garde suivante s'applique aux racks et aux systèmes montés en rack.



**Attention** – Pour des raisons de sécurité, le matériel doit toujours être chargé du bas vers le haut. En d'autres termes, vous devez installer, en premier, le matériel qui doit se trouver dans la partie la plus inférieure du rack, puis installer le matériel sur le niveau suivant, etc.



## Périphériques CD et DVD

L'avertissement suivant s'applique aux périphériques CD, DVD et autres périphériques optiques:

**Attention** – L'utilisation de contrôles et de réglages ou l'application de procédures autres que ceux spécifiés dans le présent document peuvent entraîner une exposition à des radiations dangereuses.

## Einhaltung sicherheitsbehördlicher Vorschriften

Lesen Sie vor dem Ausführen von Arbeiten diesen Abschnitt. Im folgenden Text werden Sicherheitsvorkehrungen beschrieben, die Sie bei der Installation eines Sun Microsystems-Produkts beachten müssen.

### Sicherheitsvorkehrungen

Treffen Sie zu Ihrem eigenen Schutz bei der Installation des Geräts die folgenden Sicherheitsvorkehrungen:

- Beachten Sie alle auf den Geräten angebrachten Warnhinweise und Anweisungen.
- Stellen Sie sicher, dass Spannung und Frequenz der Stromversorgung den Nennleistungen auf dem am Gerät angebrachten Etikett entsprechen.
- Führen Sie niemals Fremdoobjekte in die Öffnungen am Gerät ein. Es können gefährliche Spannungen anliegen. Leitfähige Fremdoobjekte können einen Kurzschluss verursachen, der einen Brand, Stromschlag oder Geräteschaden herbeiführen kann.

### Symbole

Die Symbole in diesem Handbuch haben folgende Bedeutung:



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**Achtung** – Gefahr von Verletzung und Geräteschaden. Befolgen Sie die Anweisungen.

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**Achtung** – Heiße Oberfläche. Nicht berühren, da Verletzungsgefahr durch heiße Oberfläche besteht.

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**Achtung** – Gefährliche Spannungen. Befolgen Sie die Anweisungen, um Stromschläge und Verletzungen zu vermeiden.

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Je nach Netzschaltertyp an Ihrem Gerät kann eines der folgenden Symbole verwendet werden:



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**Ein** – Versorgt das System mit Wechselstrom.

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**Aus** – Unterbricht die Wechselstromzufuhr zum Gerät.

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**Wartezustand** – Der Ein-/Standby-Netzschalter befindet sich in der Standby-Position.

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### Modifikationen des Geräts

Nehmen Sie keine elektrischen oder mechanischen Gerätemodifikationen vor. Sun Microsystems ist für die Einhaltung der Sicherheitsvorschriften von modifizierten Sun-Produkten nicht haftbar.

### Aufstellung von Sun-Geräten



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**Achtung** – Geräteöffnungen Ihres Sun-Produkts dürfen nicht blockiert oder abgedeckt werden. Sun-Geräte sollten niemals in der Nähe von Heizkörpern oder Heißluftklappen aufgestellt werden. Die Nichtbeachtung dieser Richtlinien kann Überhitzung verursachen und die Zuverlässigkeit Ihres Sun-Geräts beeinträchtigen.

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### Lautstärke

Gemäß den in DIN 45 635 Teil 1000 definierten Vorschriften beträgt die arbeitsplatzbedingte Lautstärke dieses Produkts weniger als 70 dB(A).

### SELV-Konformität

Der Sicherheitsstatus der E/A-Verbindungen entspricht den SELV-Anforderungen.

## Anschluss des Netzkabels

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**Achtung** – Sun-Geräte sind für Stromversorgungssysteme mit einem geerdeten neutralen Leiter (geerdeter Rückleiter bei gleichstrombetriebenen Geräten) ausgelegt. Um die Gefahr von Stromschlägen zu vermeiden, schließen Sie das Gerät niemals an andere Stromversorgungssysteme an. Wenden Sie sich an den zuständigen Gebäudeverwalter oder an einen qualifizierten Elektriker, wenn Sie nicht sicher wissen, an welche Art von Stromversorgungssystem Ihr Gebäude angeschlossen ist.

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**Achtung** – Nicht alle Netzkabel verfügen über die gleichen Nennwerte. Herkömmliche, im Haushalt verwendete Verlängerungskabel besitzen keinen Überlastschutz und sind daher für Computersysteme nicht geeignet. Verwenden Sie bei Ihrem Sun-Produkt keine Haushalts-Verlängerungskabel.

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Die folgende Warnung gilt nur für Geräte mit Standby-Netzschalter:



**Achtung** – Beim Netzschalter dieses Geräts handelt es sich nur um einen Ein/Standby-Schalter. Zum völligen Abtrennen des Systems von der Stromversorgung dient hauptsächlich das Netzkabel. Stellen Sie sicher, dass das Netzkabel an eine frei zugängliche geerdete Steckdose in der Nähe des Systems angeschlossen ist. Schließen Sie das Stromkabel nicht an, wenn die Stromversorgung vom Systemchassis entfernt wurde.

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Die folgende Warnung gilt nur für Geräte mit mehreren Netzkabeln:



**Achtung** – Bei Produkten mit mehreren Netzkabeln müssen alle Netzkabel abgetrennt werden, um das System völlig von der Stromversorgung zu trennen.

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## Warnung bezüglich Batterien

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**Achtung** – Bei unsachgemäßer Handhabung oder nicht fachgerechtem Austausch der Batterien besteht Explosionsgefahr. Verwenden Sie bei Systemen mit austauschbaren Batterien ausschließlich Ersatzbatterien desselben Typs und Herstellers bzw. einen entsprechenden, vom Hersteller gemäß den Anweisungen im Service-Handbuch des Produkts empfohlenen Batterietyp. Versuchen Sie nicht, die Batterien auszubauen oder außerhalb des Systems wiederaufzuladen. Werfen Sie die Batterien nicht ins Feuer. Entsorgen Sie die Batterien entsprechend den Anweisungen des Herstellers und den vor Ort geltenden Vorschriften. CPU-Karten von Sun verfügen über eine Echtzeituhr mit integrierter Lithiumbatterie. Diese Batterie darf nur von einem qualifizierten Servicetechniker ausgetauscht werden.

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## Gehäuseabdeckung

Sie müssen die Abdeckung Ihres Sun-Computersystems entfernen, um Karten, Speicher oder interne Speichergeräte hinzuzufügen. Bringen Sie vor dem Einschalten des Systems die Gehäuseabdeckung wieder an.



**Achtung** – Nehmen Sie Sun-Geräte nicht ohne Abdeckung in Betrieb. Die Nichtbeachtung dieses Warnhinweises kann Verletzungen oder Geräteschaden zur Folge haben.

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## Warnungen bezüglich in Racks eingebauter Systeme

Die folgenden Warnungen gelten für Racks und in Racks eingebaute Systeme:



**Achtung** – Aus Sicherheitsgründen sollten sämtliche Geräte von unten nach oben in Racks eingebaut werden. Installieren Sie also zuerst die Geräte, die an der untersten Position im Rack eingebaut werden, gefolgt von den Systemen, die an nächsthöherer Stelle eingebaut werden, usw.

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**Achtung** – Verwenden Sie beim Einbau den Kippschutz am Rack, um ein Umkippen zu vermeiden.

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**Achtung** – Um extreme Betriebstemperaturen im Rack zu vermeiden, stellen Sie sicher, dass die Maximaltemperatur die Nennleistung der Umgebungstemperatur für das Produkt nicht überschreitet

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**Achtung** – Um extreme Betriebstemperaturen durch verringerte Luftzirkulation zu vermeiden, sollte die für den sicheren Betrieb des Geräts erforderliche Luftzirkulation eingesetzt werden.

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## Hinweis zur Laser-Konformität

Sun-Produkte, die die Laser-Technologie verwenden, entsprechen den Laser-Anforderungen der Klasse 1.

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## CD- und DVD-Geräte

Die folgende Warnung gilt für CD-, DVD- und andere optische Geräte:



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**Achtung** – Die hier nicht aufgeführte Verwendung von Steuerelementen, Anpassungen oder Ausführung von Vorgängen kann eine gefährliche Strahlenbelastung verursachen.

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## Normativas de seguridad

Lea esta sección antes de realizar cualquier operación. En ella se explican las medidas de seguridad que debe tomar al instalar un producto de Sun Microsystems.

## Medidas de seguridad

Para su protección, tome las medidas de seguridad siguientes durante la instalación del equipo:

- Siga todos los avisos e instrucciones indicados en el equipo.
- Asegúrese de que el voltaje y frecuencia de la fuente de alimentación coincidan con el voltaje y frecuencia indicados en la etiqueta de clasificación eléctrica del equipo.
- No introduzca objetos de ningún tipo por las rejillas del equipo, ya que puede quedar expuesto a voltajes peligrosos. Los objetos conductores extraños pueden producir cortocircuitos y, en consecuencia, incendios, descargas eléctricas o daños en el equipo.

## Símbolos

En este documento aparecen los siguientes símbolos:



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**Precaución** – Existe el riesgo de que se produzcan lesiones personales y daños en el equipo. Siga las instrucciones.

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**Precaución** – Superficie caliente. Evite todo contacto. Las superficies están calientes y pueden causar lesiones personales si se tocan.

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**Precaución** – Voltaje peligroso. Para reducir el riesgo de descargas eléctricas y lesiones personales, siga las instrucciones.

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En función del tipo de interruptor de alimentación del que disponga el dispositivo, se utilizará uno de los símbolos siguientes:



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**Encendido** – Suministra alimentación de CA al sistema.

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**Apagado** – Corta la alimentación de CA del sistema.

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**Espera** – El interruptor de encendido/espera está en la posición de espera.

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## Modificaciones en el equipo

No realice modificaciones de tipo mecánico ni eléctrico en el equipo. Sun Microsystems no se hace responsable del cumplimiento de normativas en caso de que un producto Sun se haya modificado.

## Colocación de un producto Sun



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**Precaución** – No obstruya ni tape las rejillas del producto Sun. Nunca coloque un producto Sun cerca de radiadores ni fuentes de calor. Si no sigue estas indicaciones, el producto Sun podría sobrecalentarse y la fiabilidad de su funcionamiento se vería afectada.

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## Nivel de ruido

De conformidad con los requisitos establecidos en el apartado 1000 de la norma DIN 45635, el nivel de ruido en el lugar de trabajo producido por este producto es menor de 70 db(A).

## Cumplimiento de la normativa para instalaciones SELV

Las condiciones de seguridad de las conexiones de entrada y salida cumplen los requisitos para instalaciones SELV (del inglés *Safe Extra Low Voltage*, voltaje bajo y seguro).

## Conexión del cable de alimentación



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**Precaución** – Los productos Sun se han diseñado para funcionar con sistemas de alimentación que cuenten con un conductor neutro a tierra (con conexión a tierra de regreso para los productos con alimentación de CC). Para reducir el riesgo de descargas eléctricas, no conecte ningún producto Sun a otro tipo de sistema de alimentación. Póngase en contacto con el encargado de las instalaciones de su empresa o con un electricista cualificado en caso de que no esté seguro del tipo de alimentación del que se dispone en el edificio.

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**Precaución** – No todos los cables de alimentación tienen la misma clasificación eléctrica. Los alargadores de uso doméstico no cuentan con protección frente a sobrecargas y no están diseñados para su utilización con sistemas informáticos. No utilice alargadores de uso doméstico con el producto Sun.

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La siguiente medida solamente se aplica a aquellos dispositivos que dispongan de un interruptor de alimentación de espera:



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**Precaución** – El interruptor de alimentación de este producto funciona solamente como un dispositivo de espera. El cable de alimentación hace las veces de dispositivo de desconexión principal del sistema. Asegúrese de que conecta el cable de alimentación a una toma de tierra situada cerca del sistema y de fácil acceso. No conecte el cable de alimentación si la unidad de alimentación no se encuentra en el bastidor del sistema.

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La siguiente medida solamente se aplica a aquellos dispositivos que dispongan de varios cables de alimentación:



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**Precaución** – En los productos que cuentan con varios cables de alimentación, debe desconectar todos los cables de alimentación para cortar por completo la alimentación eléctrica del sistema.

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## Advertencia sobre las baterías



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**Precaución** – Si las baterías no se manipulan o reemplazan correctamente, se corre el riesgo de que estallen. En los sistemas que cuentan con baterías reemplazables, reemplácelas sólo con baterías del mismo fabricante y el mismo tipo, o un tipo equivalente recomendado por el fabricante, de acuerdo con las instrucciones descritas en el manual de servicio del producto. No desmonte las baterías ni intente recargarlas fuera del sistema. No intente deshacerse de las baterías echándolas al fuego. Deshágase de las baterías correctamente de acuerdo con las instrucciones del fabricante y las normas locales. Tenga en cuenta que en las placas CPU de Sun, hay una batería de litio incorporada en el reloj en tiempo real. Los usuarios no deben reemplazar este tipo de baterías.

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## Cubierta de la unidad del sistema

Debe extraer la cubierta de la unidad del sistema informático Sun para instalar tarjetas, memoria o dispositivos de almacenamiento internos. Vuelva a colocar la cubierta antes de encender el sistema informático.



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**Precaución** – No ponga en funcionamiento los productos Sun que no tengan colocada la cubierta. De lo contrario, puede sufrir lesiones personales y ocasionar daños en el sistema.

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## Advertencia sobre el sistema en bastidor

Las advertencias siguientes se aplican a los sistemas montados en bastidor y a los propios bastidores.



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**Precaución** – Por seguridad, siempre deben montarse los equipos de abajo arriba. A saber, primero debe instalarse el equipo que se situará en el bastidor inferior; a continuación, el que se situará en el siguiente nivel, etc.

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**Precaución** – Para evitar que el bastidor se vuelque durante la instalación del equipo, debe extenderse la barra antivolcado del bastidor.

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**Precaución** – Para evitar que se alcance una temperatura de funcionamiento extrema en el bastidor, asegúrese de que la temperatura máxima no sea superior a la temperatura ambiente establecida como adecuada para el producto.

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**Precaución** – Para evitar que se alcance una temperatura de funcionamiento extrema debido a una circulación de aire reducida, debe considerarse la magnitud de la circulación de aire requerida para que el equipo funcione de forma segura.

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## Aviso de cumplimiento de la normativa para la utilización de láser

Los productos Sun que utilizan tecnología láser cumplen los requisitos establecidos para los productos láser de clase 1.

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## Dispositivos de CD y DVD

La siguiente medida se aplica a los dispositivos de CD y DVD, así como a otros dispositivos ópticos:



**Precaución** – La utilización de controles, ajustes o procedimientos distintos a los aquí especificados puede dar lugar a niveles de radiación peligrosos.

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## Nordic Lithium Battery Cautions

### Norge



**Advarsel** – Litiumbatteri — Eksplosjonsfare. Ved utskifting benyttes kun batteri som anbefalt av apparatfabrikanten. Brukt batteri returneres apparatleverandøren.

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### Sverige



**Varning** – Explosionsfara vid felaktigt batteribyte. Använd samma batterityp eller en ekvivalent typ som rekommenderas av apparattillverkaren. Kassera använt batteri enligt fabrikantens instruktion.

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### Danmark



**Advarsel!** – Litiumbatteri — Eksplosionsfare ved fejlagtig håndtering. Udskiftning må kun ske med batteri af samme fabrikat og type. Levér det brugte batteri tilbage til leverandøren.

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### Suomi



**Varoitus** – Paristo voi räjähtää, jos se on virheellisesti asennettu. Vaihda paristo ainoastaan laitevalmistajan suosittelemaan tyyppiin. Hävitä käytetty paristo valmistajan ohjeiden mukaisesti.

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# Preface

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The *Sun Fire V890 Server Owner's Guide* answers your questions about setting up and running the Sun Fire™ V890 server. Features and options, system setup and installation, hardware configuration, and system administration topics for the Sun Fire V890 server are covered in this manual.

This manual presents information in a modular format designed to answer the type of questions that you might ask while installing, configuring, and using the Sun Fire V890 server. Look at the titles of the modules and you'll find the cue words that direct you to the categories of questions and answers, such as:

- How to . . . How do I do something?
- About . . . Is there more information about this topic?
- Reference for . . . Where can I find reference material for something?

You determine how much or how little of the information you need to read.

Using the table of contents or the task list on the first page of each chapter, you can quickly find a specific topic or task. The information modules are brief; however, they are interrelated and refer to other modules that you may want to read. For instance, if you're manually reconfiguring a device and you're already familiar with the task, you could go to "How to Reconfigure a Device Manually" and follow the procedure. But if you need more background information before performing the task, you should first read "About Manually Configuring Devices."

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# Using UNIX Commands

This document might not contain information on basic UNIX® commands and procedures such as shutting down the system, booting the system, and configuring devices. See one or more of the following for this information:

- *Solaris Handbook for Sun Peripherals*
- Documentation for the Solaris™ Operating System

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# Typographic Conventions

Typeface	Meaning	Examples
AaBbCc123	The names of commands, files, and directories; on-screen computer output	Edit your <code>.login</code> file. Use <code>ls -a</code> to list all files. % You have mail.
<b>AaBbCc123</b>	What you type, when contrasted with on-screen computer output	% <b>su</b> Password:
<i>AaBbCc123</i>	Book titles, new words or terms, words to be emphasized	Read Chapter 6 in the <i>User's Guide</i> . These are called <i>class</i> options. You <i>must</i> be superuser to do this.
<code>AaBbCc123</code>	Command-line variable; replace with a real name or value	To delete a file, type <code>rm filename</code> .

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# Shell Prompts

Shell	Prompt
C shell	<i>machine-name%</i>
C shell superuser	<i>machine-name#</i>
Bourne shell and Korn shell	\$
Bourne shell and Korn shell superuser	#

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# Related Documentation

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<b>Application</b>	<b>Title</b>
Installation	<i>Sun Fire V890 Server Rackmounting Guide</i>
	<i>Sun Fire V490/V890 CPU/Memory Module Configuration Guide</i>
	<i>Installation Instructions for Solaris</i>
	<i>Solaris (SPARC Platform Edition) Installation Guide</i>
	<i>Solaris (SPARC Platform Edition) Installation Release Notes</i>
	<i>Solaris Installation Guide</i>
	<i>Solaris Advanced Installation Guide</i>
Service	<i>Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual</i>
Late-Breaking Information	<i>Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes</i>
	<i>Solaris Release Notes</i>
	<i>Solaris Release Notes Supplement for Sun Hardware</i>
System Diagnostics	<i>Sun Fire V890 Diagnostics and Troubleshooting</i>
	<i>SunVTS User's Guide</i>
	<i>SunVTS Test Reference Manual</i>
	<i>SunVTS Quick Reference Card</i>
System Management	<i>Sun Management Center Software Installation Guide</i>
	<i>Sun Management Center Software User's Guide</i>
	<i>Sun Management Center Supplement for Workgroup Servers</i>
	<i>Sun Management Center Software Release Notes</i>
System Administration	<i>Solaris System Administrator Documentation</i>
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# System Overview

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This chapter introduces you to the Sun Fire V890 server and describes some of its features. The following information is covered in this chapter:

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- [“About Reliability, Availability, and Serviceability Features” on page 15](#)

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## About the Sun Fire V890 Server

The Sun Fire V890 server is a high-performance, shared memory, symmetric multiprocessing server system that supports up to eight Sun UltraSPARC<sup>®</sup> processors. The UltraSPARC processor incorporates a chip multithreading (CMT) design featuring two threads on each physical processor. It implements the SPARC V9 Instruction Set Architecture (ISA) and the Visual Instruction Set (VIS<sup>™</sup>) extensions that accelerate multimedia, networking, encryption, and Java<sup>™</sup> processing.

## Physical Enclosure

The system is housed in a roll-around tower enclosure, which measures 28.1 inches high, 18.9 inches wide, and 32.9 inches deep (71.4 cm x 48.0 cm x 83.6 cm). The system has a maximum weight of 288 lb (130.6 kg).

# Processing Capability

Processing power is provided by up to four CPU/Memory boards. Each board incorporates:

- Two dual-threaded UltraSPARC processors
- Local static random access memory (SRAM) external cache memory
- Slots for 16 memory modules (eight per processor)

A fully configured system includes a total of eight UltraSPARC processors residing on four CPU/Memory boards. For more information, see [“About CPU/Memory Boards” on page 48](#).

# System Memory

System main memory is provided by up to 64 dual inline memory modules (DIMMs), which operate at a 75-MHz clock frequency. A variety of DIMM capacities are supported. For more information, see *Sun Fire V490/V890 CPU/Memory Module Configuration Guide*, available at:

<http://www.sun.com/products-n-solutions/hardware/docs/Servers/>

Total system memory is shared by all processors in the system. Minimum and maximum depends on capacity of the DIMM modules. For more information about system memory, see [“About Memory Modules” on page 51](#).

# System I/O

System I/O is handled by four separate Peripheral Component Interconnect (PCI) buses. These industry-standard buses support all of the system's on-board I/O controllers in addition to nine slots for PCI interface cards. Seven of the PCI slots operate at a 33-MHz clock rate, and two slots operate at either 33 or 66 MHz. All slots comply with PCI Local Bus Specification Revision 2.1 and support PCI hot-plug operations. You can hot-plug any standard PCI card, provided a suitable software driver exists for the Solaris Operating System (Solaris OS) and the driver supports PCI hot-plug operations. For additional details, see [“About PCI Cards and Buses” on page 56](#).

# FC-AL Storage Array

Internal disk storage is provided by up to 12 hot-pluggable, dual-ported Fibre Channel-Arbitrated Loop (FC-AL) disk drives. The basic system includes a single FC-AL disk backplane that accommodates up to six disk drives. An optional expansion backplane can be added to accommodate an additional six disk drives.

In full backplane configuration, both backplanes provide dual-loop access to each of the FC-AL disk drives. One loop is controlled by an on-board FC-AL controller integrated into the system motherboard. The second loop is controlled by a PCI FC-AL host adapter card (available as a system option). This dual-loop configuration enables simultaneous access to internal storage via two different controllers, which increases available I/O bandwidth to 200 Mbytes per second (versus 100 Mbytes per second for single-loop configurations).

A dual-loop configuration can also be combined with multipathing software to enhance hardware redundancy and failover capability. Should a component failure render one loop inaccessible, the software can automatically switch data traffic to the second loop to maintain system availability. For more information about the system's internal disk array, see [“Mass Storage Subsystem Configuration” on page 77](#).

It is possible to use the FC-AL subsystem in a split backplane configuration. For details, see [“Full vs. Split Backplane Configurations” on page 83](#), as well as the “Split Backplane Configurations” appendix in the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*.

External multidisk storage subsystems and redundant array of independent disks (RAID) storage arrays can be supported by installing single-channel or multichannel PCI host adapter cards along with the appropriate system software. Software drivers supporting SCSI, FC-AL, and other types of devices are included in the Solaris OS.

## Other Peripherals

The Sun Fire V890 server provides front-panel access to three mounting bays. One bay houses an IDE DVD-ROM drive, which is standard in all system configurations. The other two bays accommodate an optional removable wide SCSI tape device, which must be ordered separately. The tape drive option also requires a SCSI cable and a SCSI adapter card, which must be ordered separately. You can easily convert the two SCSI device bays into a single full-height bay by removing the metal shelf divider. For additional details, see [“About Removable Media Devices” on page 67](#).

## Ethernet Interfaces

The system provides two on-board Ethernet interfaces—one Gigabit Ethernet and one Fast Ethernet interface. The Gigabit Ethernet interface operates at 1000 megabits per second (Mbps). The Fast Ethernet interface can operate at 10 or 100 Mbps and negotiates automatically with the remote end of the link (the link partner) to select a common mode of operation.

Additional Ethernet interfaces or connections to other network types can be provided by installing the appropriate PCI interface cards. Multiple network interfaces can be combined with multipathing software to provide hardware redundancy and failover capability. Should one of the interfaces fail, the software can automatically switch all network traffic to an alternate interface to maintain network availability. For more information about network connections, see [“Configuring Network Interfaces” on page 89](#).

## Serial Ports and System Console

The Sun Fire V890 server provides two serial communication ports, which are accessed through a single, shared DB-25 connector located on the system rear panel. The primary port is capable of both synchronous and asynchronous communication, while the secondary port is asynchronous only. An optional serial port splitter cable is required to access the secondary serial port. For more information, see [“About the Serial Ports” on page 67](#).

The rear panel also provides two Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports for connecting USB peripheral devices such as modems, printers, scanners, digital cameras, or a Sun Type-6 USB keyboard and mouse. The USB ports support both isochronous mode and asynchronous mode and enable data transmission at speeds of 1.5 and 12 Mbps. For additional details, see [“About the USB Ports” on page 68](#).

The local system console device can be either a standard ASCII character terminal or a local graphics console. The ASCII terminal connects to one of the system’s two serial ports, while a local graphics console requires installation of a PCI graphics card, monitor, USB keyboard, and mouse. You can also administer the system from a remote workstation connected to the Ethernet or from a Sun Remote System Control (RSC) console.

# Monitoring and Management With Remote System Control Software

Remote System Control (RSC) is a secure server management tool that lets you monitor and control your server over a serial port or a network connection. RSC provides remote system administration for geographically distributed or physically inaccessible systems. RSC software works in conjunction with the system controller card included in all Sun Fire V890 servers. The system controller card runs independently of the host server, and operates using 5-volt standby power from the system's power supplies. Together the hardware and software allow RSC to serve as a "lights out" management tool that continues to function even when the server operating system goes offline, or when the server is powered off.

Using RSC software, you can:

- Access Solaris and OpenBoot™ PROM console functions remotely via the serial and Ethernet ports on the system controller card
- Run power-on self-test (POST) and OpenBoot Diagnostics from a remote console
- Remotely monitor server environmental conditions, such as fan, temperature, and power supply status, even when the server is offline
- Perform remote server reboot, power-on, and power-off functions on demand

For additional details, see ["About the System Controller Card and RSC Software"](#) on page 59 and ["About Sun Remote System Control Software"](#) on page 133.

## Power

The basic system includes three 1629-watt output, 200–240-VAC input, power supplies with internal fans. Two power supplies provide sufficient power for a maximally configured system. The third power supply provides N+1 redundancy, allowing the system to continue operating should any one of the power supplies fail. Power supplies in a redundant configuration are hot-swappable, so that you can remove and replace a faulty power supply without shutting down the operating system or turning off the system power. For more information about the power supplies, see ["About Power Supplies"](#) on page 61.

## Rackmounting Options

The Sun Fire V890 server can be installed in any standard Electronic Industries Association (EIA) 310-compliant 19-inch (48.3-cm) rack with at least 17 rack units (29.8 inches, 75.6 cm) of available vertical mounting space and sufficient load-

bearing capacity. An optional rackmounting kit is available for installing the server into racks with depths ranging from 32 inches (81.3 cm) to 36 inches (91.4 cm). Instructions for rackmounting the server are supplied with the rackmounting kit.

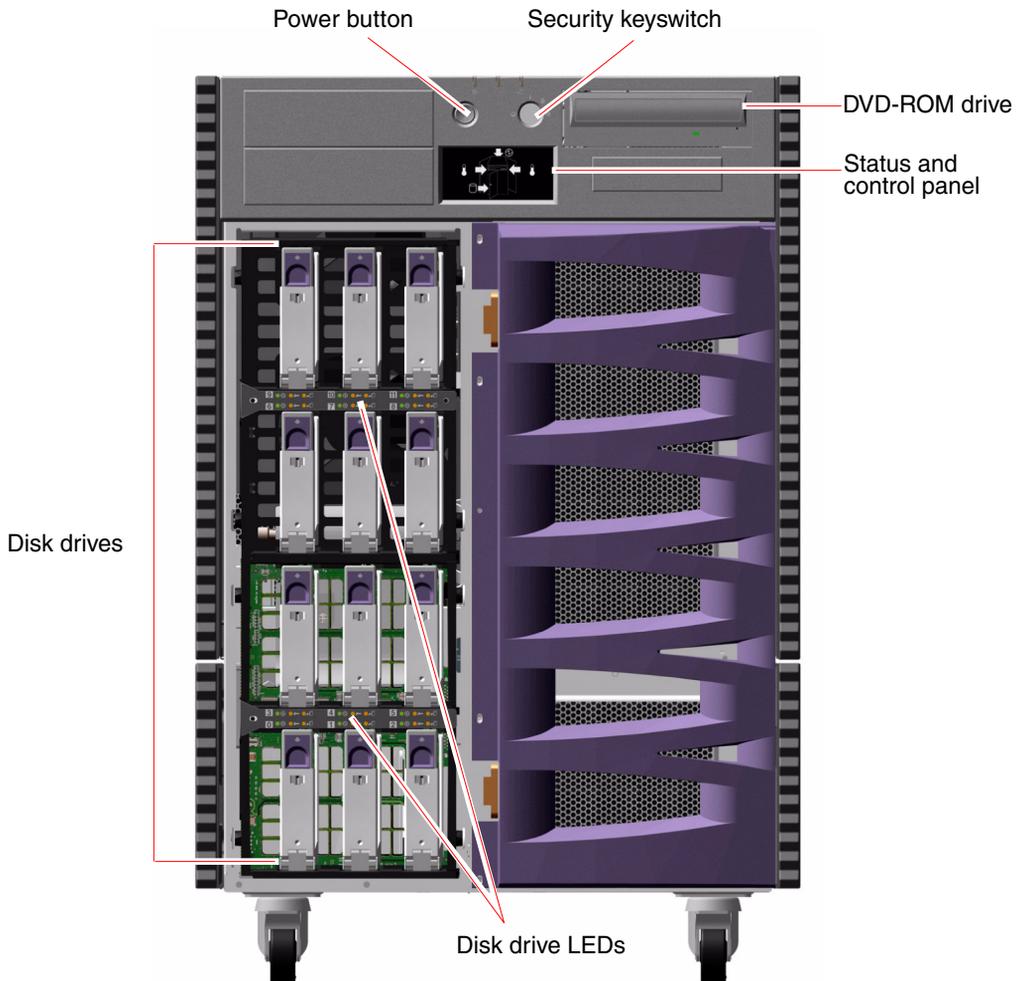
## Reliability, Availability, and Serviceability Features

System reliability, availability, and serviceability (RAS) are significantly enhanced. For more information about RAS features, see [“About Reliability, Availability, and Serviceability Features”](#) on page 15.

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# Locating Front Panel Features

The illustration below shows the system features that are accessible from the front panel with the front door open.



For information about front panel controls and indicators, see [“About the Status and Control Panel”](#) on page 11.

Access to the system's internal disk drives is through a large hinged door at the front of the system. The front door features a keylock for added security. When the key is in the horizontal position, the door is unlocked. Make sure that the key is in the horizontal position before you close the door. To prevent unauthorized access to the disk drives, lock the door by turning the key 90 degrees counterclockwise and remove the key.

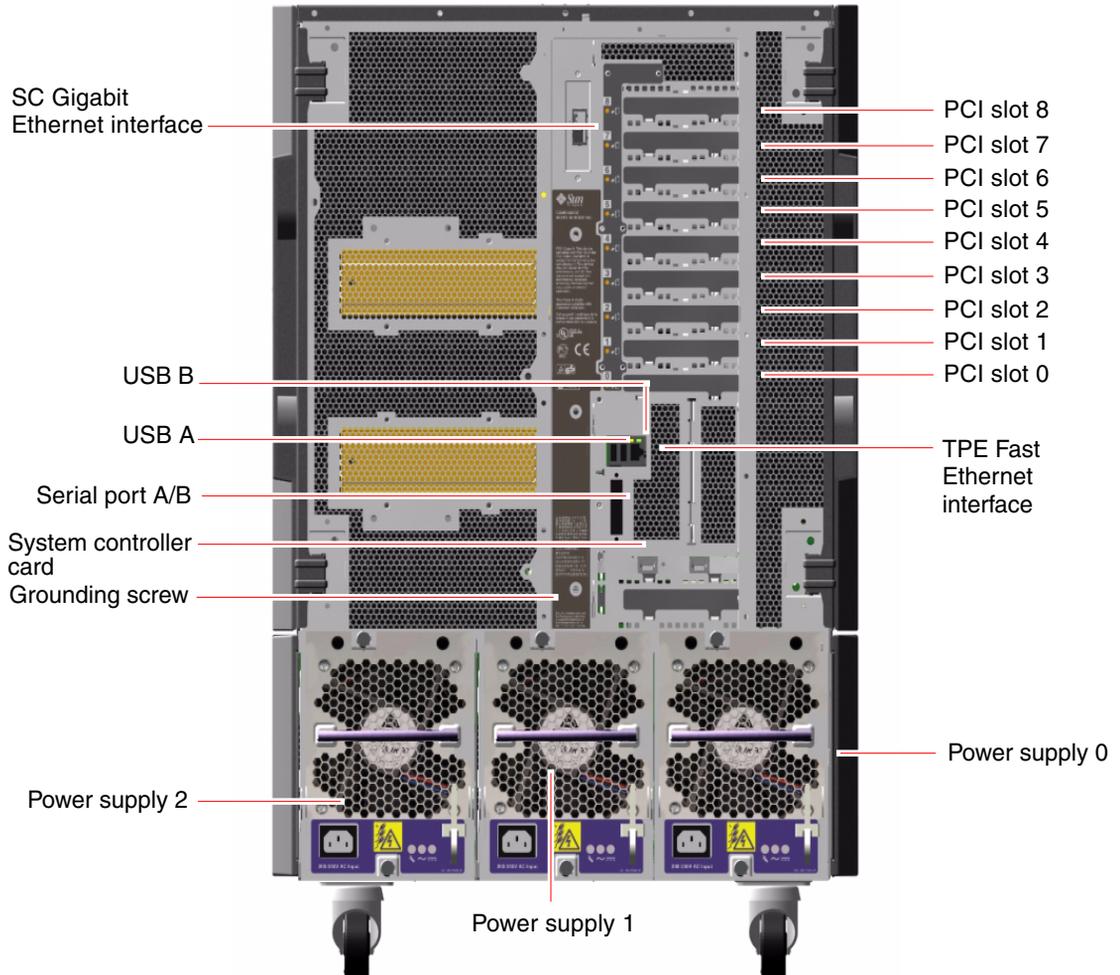
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**Note** – The same key operates the front panel keyswitch and the locks on the front and side doors.

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# Locating Rear Panel Features

The following figure shows the system features that are accessible from the rear panel.

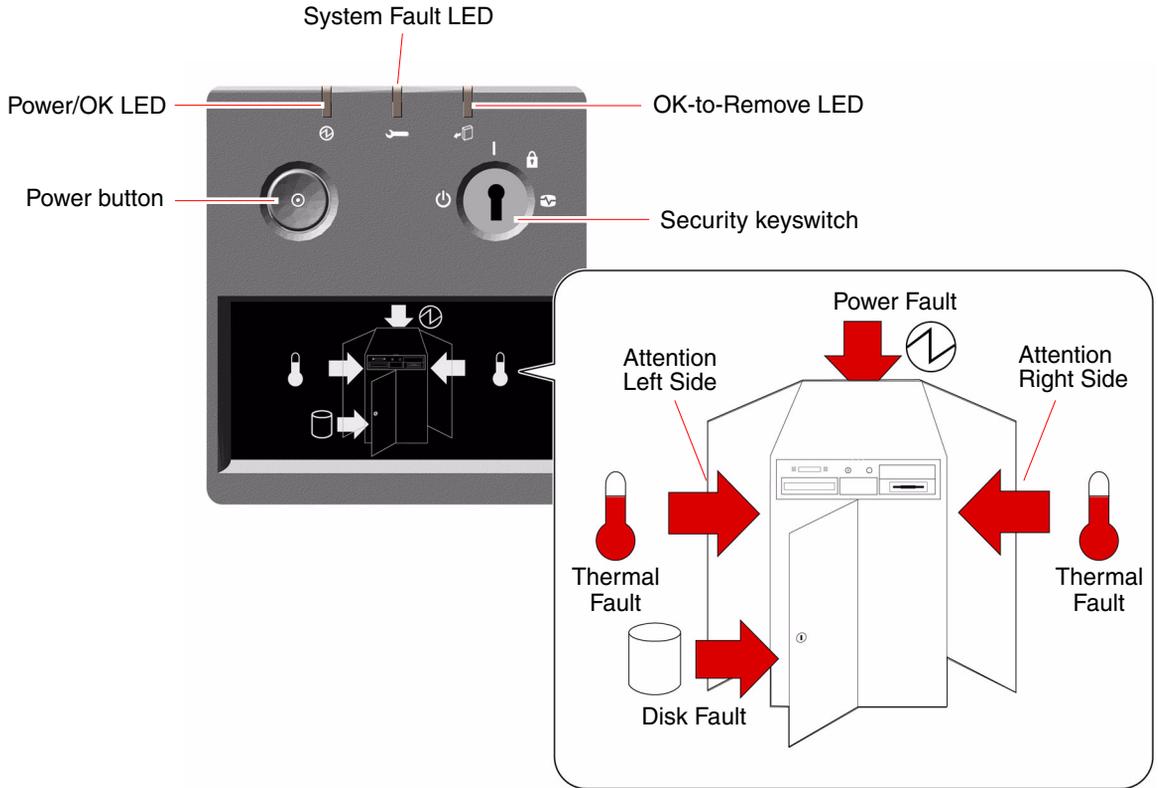


The three power supplies are accessible from the system rear panel. Each power supply has three LED indicators for displaying power status and fault conditions. See [“About Power Supply LEDs” on page 148](#) for additional details.

A grounding screw is located just above the center power supply. When installing a Sun Fire V890 server into a rack, or connecting the server to an external storage array, be sure to connect an appropriate grounding strap between the server’s grounding screw and the grounding screw on the rack enclosure or external storage array. A grounding strap prevents ground loops between systems and peripherals and helps guard against possible data loss.

# About the Status and Control Panel

The system status and control panel includes several LED status indicators, a Power button, and a security keyswitch. The following figure shows the status and control panel.



# LED Status Indicators

Several LED status indicators provide general system status, alert you to system problems, and help you to determine the location of system faults.

- At the top of the status and control panel, three general status LEDs provide a snapshot of the system status.
- Below the Power button and security keyswitch, a graphical display provides additional LED icons to indicate specific fault conditions and locations.

The general status LEDs work in conjunction with the specific fault LED icons. For example, a fault in the disk subsystem illuminates both the System Fault LED at the top of the panel and the Disk Fault icon in the graphical display below it. Fault LEDs within the enclosure help pinpoint the location of the faulty device. Since all front panel status LEDs are powered by the system's 5-volt standby power source, fault LEDs remain lit for any fault condition that results in a system shutdown. For more information about LED indicators on the rear panel and inside the enclosure, see ["LED Status Indicators" on page 141](#).

During system startup, the front panel LEDs are individually toggled on and off to verify that each one is working correctly. After that, the front panel LEDs operate as described in the following table.

Name	Icon	Description
Power/OK		This green LED lights when the system power is on.
System Fault		This amber LED lights to indicate a serious system fault. When this LED is lit, one or more icons in the display panel may also light to indicate the specific nature and location of the fault.
OK-to-Remove		This amber LED lights to indicate that an internal hot-pluggable component is ready for removal.
Disk Fault		This amber LED lights to indicate a serious disk subsystem fault that is likely to bring down the system. When this LED is lit, one or more disk LEDs may also be lit at the front of the disk cage, indicating the source of the fault. See <a href="#">"About Disk Drive LEDs" on page 156</a> .

Name	Icon	Description
Power Fault		This amber LED lights to indicate a serious power subsystem fault that is likely to bring down the system. When this LED is lit, one or more power supply LEDs may also be lit on the system rear panel. See <a href="#">“About Power Supply LEDs” on page 148</a> .
Thermal Fault		This amber LED lights to indicate a serious thermal fault (fan fault or overtemperature condition) that is likely to bring down the system. There are two Thermal Fault LEDs in the display to indicate whether the fault is located on the left or right side of the system. In the event of a fan fault, a fault LED inside the system will indicate the faulty fan assembly. See <a href="#">“About Fan Tray LEDs” on page 152</a> .
Attention Left Side		This amber LED lights to indicate that an internal component on the left side of the system requires servicing.
Attention Right Side		This amber LED lights to indicate that an internal component on the right side of the system requires servicing.

## Power Button

The system Power button is recessed to prevent accidentally turning the system on or off. The ability of the Power button to turn the system on or off is controlled by the security keyswitch.

If the operating system is running, pressing and releasing the Power button initiates a graceful software system shutdown. Pressing and holding in the Power button for five seconds causes an immediate hardware shutdown.



**Caution** – Whenever possible, you should use the graceful shutdown method. Forcing an immediate hardware shutdown may cause disk drive corruption and loss of data. Use this method only as a last resort.

# Security Keyswitch

The four-position security keyswitch controls the power-on modes of the system and prevents unauthorized users from powering off the system or reprogramming system firmware. The following table describes the function of each keyswitch setting.

Position	Icon	Description
Normal		This setting enables the system Power button to power the system on or off. If the operating system is running, pressing and releasing the Power button initiates a graceful software system shutdown. Pressing and holding the Power button in for five seconds causes an immediate hardware power off.
Locked		<p>The Locked setting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disables the system Power button to prevent unauthorized users from powering the system on or off</li><li>• Disables the keyboard Stop-A command, terminal Break key command, ~# tip window command, and RSC break command, preventing users from suspending system operation to access the system ok prompt</li><li>• Prevents unauthorized programming of the system flash PROMs</li></ul> <p>The Locked position is the recommended setting for normal day-to-day operations.</p>
Diagnostics		This setting puts the system into service mode, forcing power-on self-test (POST) and OpenBoot Diagnostics software to run at a Sun prescribed level during system startup and system resets. The Power button functions the same as when the keyswitch is in the Normal position.
Forced Off		<p>This setting forces the system to power off immediately and enter 5-volt standby mode. It also disables the system Power button. You may want to use this setting when AC power is interrupted and you do not want the system to restart automatically when power is restored. With the keyswitch in any other position, if the system was running prior to losing power, it restarts automatically once power is restored.</p> <p>The Forced Off setting also prevents an RSC console from restarting the system. However, the system controller card continues to operate using the system's 5-volt standby power.</p>

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# About Reliability, Availability, and Serviceability Features

Reliability, availability, and serviceability (RAS) are aspects of a system's design that affect its ability to operate continuously and to minimize the time necessary to service the system. Reliability refers to a system's ability to operate continuously without failures and to maintain data integrity. System availability refers to the percentage of time that a system remains accessible and usable. Serviceability relates to the time it takes to restore a system to service following a system failure. Together, reliability, availability, and serviceability features provide for near continuous system operation.

To deliver high levels of reliability, availability, and serviceability, the Sun Fire V890 system offers the following features:

- Hot-pluggable disk drives and PCI cards
- N+1 power supply redundancy
- Hot-swappable power supplies
- Redundant, hot-swappable fan trays
- Environmental monitoring and fault protection
- Automatic system recovery (ASR) capabilities
- Hardware watchdog mechanism
- Remote System Control (RSC) remote "lights out" management capability
- Support for disk and network multipathing with automatic failover capability
- Dual-loop enabled FC-AL mass storage subsystem
- Support for RAID 0, 1, 0+1, 1+0, and 5 storage configurations
- Error correction and parity checking for improved data integrity
- Easy access to all internal replaceable components
- Easily accessible LED status indicators
- Four different levels of system diagnostics

# Hot-Pluggable Disk Drives and PCI Cards

Sun Fire V890 system hardware is designed to support “hot-plugging” of internal disk drives and PCI cards. With the proper software support, a qualified service technician can install or remove these components while the system is running. Hot-plug technology significantly increases the system’s serviceability and availability, by providing the ability to:

- Increase storage, and I/O capacity dynamically to handle larger work loads and improve system performance
- Replace disk drives and PCI cards without service disruption

A qualified service technician can hot-plug any standard PCI card, provided a suitable software driver exists for the Solaris OS, and the driver supports PCI hot-plug operations. In addition, the card must comply with the PCI Hot-Plug Specification Revision 1.1, and the system must be running the Solaris 8 2/04 Operating System or a subsequent release that supports Sun Fire V890 PCI hot-plug operations.

PCI hot-plug procedures may involve software commands for preparing the system prior to removing a card and for reconfiguring the operating system after installing a PCI card. For more information about PCI hot-plug procedures, see [“About Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components” on page 127](#).



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**Caution** – Do not attempt to hot-plug a PCI card until you are certain that its device drivers support PCI hot-plug operations; otherwise, you may cause a system panic. For a list of Sun PCI cards and device drivers that support PCI hot-plug operations, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes*.

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For additional information about the system’s hot-pluggable components, see [“About Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components” on page 127](#).

## N+1 Power Supply Redundancy

The system includes three power supplies, two of which must be operational for the system to function. The third supply provides N+1 redundancy, allowing the system to continue operating should one of the power supplies fail.

For more information about power supplies, redundancy, and configuration rules, see [“About Power Supplies” on page 61](#).

## Hot-Swappable Power Supplies

Power supplies in a redundant configuration feature a “hot-swap” capability. You can remove and replace a faulty power supply without shutting down the operating system. The power supplies are easily accessed from the rear of the system, without the need to remove system covers.

## Redundant, Hot-Swappable Fan Trays

The basic system configuration includes two sets of three fan tray assemblies to provide system cooling. One set of three fan tray assemblies provides primary cooling, and the other set ensures redundancy that protects against cooling failures. Only the primary fan trays are active during normal system operation. If a primary fan tray fails, the environmental monitoring subsystem detects the failure and automatically activates the appropriate secondary fan tray.

All fan trays feature a hot-swap capability. Qualified service technicians can remove and replace a faulty fan tray without shutting down the operating system. For additional details, see [“About Fan Trays” on page 64](#).

## Environmental Monitoring and Control

The Sun Fire V890 system features an environmental monitoring subsystem designed to protect against:

- Extreme temperatures
- Lack of adequate airflow through the system
- Power supply problems

Monitoring and control capabilities reside at the operating system level as well as in the system’s flash PROM firmware. This ensures that monitoring capabilities remain operational even if the system has halted or is unable to boot.

The environmental monitoring subsystem uses an industry standard I<sup>2</sup>C bus. The I<sup>2</sup>C bus is a simple two-wire serial bus, used throughout the system to allow the monitoring and control of temperature sensors, fans, power supplies, status LEDs, and the front panel keyswitch.

## Thermal Monitoring

Temperature sensors are located throughout the system to monitor the ambient temperature of the system and the temperature of each processor. The monitoring subsystem frequently polls each sensor and uses the sampled temperatures to report and to respond to any overtemperature or undertemperature conditions.

The hardware and software together ensure that the temperatures within the enclosure do not stray outside predetermined “safe operation” ranges. If the temperature observed by a sensor falls below a low-temperature warning threshold or rises above a high-temperature warning threshold, the monitoring subsystem software generates a WARNING message to the system console. If the temperature exceeds a low- or high-temperature critical threshold, the software will issue a CRITICAL message and proceed to gracefully shut down the system. In both cases, the System Fault and Thermal Fault LEDs on the front status panel are illuminated to indicate the nature of the problem.

This thermal shutdown capability is also built into the hardware circuitry as a fail-safe measure. This feature provides backup thermal protection in the unlikely event that the environmental monitoring subsystem becomes disabled at both the software and firmware levels.

All error and warning messages are displayed on the system console (if one is attached) and are logged in the `/var/adm/messages` file. Front panel fault LEDs remain lit after an automatic system shutdown to aid in problem diagnosis.

## Fan Monitoring

The monitoring subsystem is also designed to detect fan failures. The system features three primary fan trays, which include a total of five individual fans, plus three additional (secondary) fan trays for a total of 10 individual fans. During normal operation, only the five primary fans are active. If any fan fails, the monitoring subsystem detects the failure and:

- Generates an error message and logs it in the `/var/adm/messages` file
- Lights the System Fault and Thermal Fault LEDs on the status and control panel
- Lights the appropriate fan fault LED inside the system
- Automatically activates the appropriate secondary fan tray

## Power Subsystem Monitoring

The power subsystem is monitored in a similar fashion. The monitoring subsystem periodically polls the power supply status registers for a power supply OK status, indicating the status of each supply’s 3.3V, 5.0V, 12V, and 48V DC outputs.

If a power supply problem is detected, an error message is displayed on the system console and logged in the `/var/adm/messages` file. The System Fault and Power Fault LEDs on the status and control panel are also lit. LEDs located on the back of each power supply will indicate the source and nature of the fault.

For more information about error messages generated by the environmental monitoring subsystem, see *Sun Fire V890 Diagnostics and Troubleshooting*. You can find this document at: <http://www.sun.com/documentation>. For more information about system LEDs, see [Chapter 8](#).

## Automatic System Recovery

The Sun Fire V890 system provides a feature called *automatic system recovery* (ASR). The ASR feature isolates failures and provides for the automatic restoration of the operating system after certain non-fatal hardware faults or failures cause an interruption. ASR does not prevent the operating system from going down in the event of a hardware problem.

For more information, see [“About Automatic System Recovery” on page 109](#).

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**Note** – To enhance system restoration and server availability, Sun has recently introduced a new standard (default) OpenBoot firmware configuration. These changes, which affect the behavior of servers like the Sun Fire V890, are described in *OpenBoot PROM Enhancements for Diagnostic Operation*. This document is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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## Hardware Watchdog Mechanism

To detect and respond to system hang conditions, the Sun Fire V890 system features a hardware watchdog mechanism—a hardware timer that is continually reset as long as the operating system is running. In the event of a system hang, the operating system is no longer able to reset the timer. The timer will then expire and cause an automatic system reset, eliminating the need for operator intervention.

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**Note** – The hardware watchdog mechanism is not activated until you enable it.

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To enable this feature, you must edit the `/etc/system` file to include the following entry:

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set watchdog_enable = 1
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This change does not take effect until you reboot the system.

## Remote System Control Software

Remote System Control (RSC) software is a secure server management tool that lets you monitor and control your server over a serial port or a network connection. RSC provides remote system administration for geographically distributed or physically inaccessible systems. The RSC software works with the system controller card on the Sun Fire V890 system I/O board. The system controller card provides a private Ethernet connection to a remote console, and a serial connection to a local alphanumeric terminal.

Once RSC is configured to manage your server, you can use it to run diagnostic tests, view diagnostic and error messages, reboot your server, and display environmental status information from a remote console.

RSC provides the following features:

- Remote system monitoring and error reporting (including diagnostic output)
- Remote reboot, power-on, and power-off functions
- Ability to monitor system environmental conditions remotely
- Ability to run diagnostic tests from a remote console
- Remote event notification for overtemperature conditions, power supply failures, fatal system errors, or system crashes
- Remote access to detailed event logs
- Remote console functions via Ethernet or serial port

For additional details, see [“About the System Controller Card and RSC Software” on page 59](#) and [“About Sun Remote System Control Software” on page 133](#).

## Dual-Loop Enabled FC-AL Mass Storage Subsystem

The system’s dual-ported FC-AL disk drives and dual-loop enabled backplanes can be combined with an optional PCI FC-AL host adapter card to provide for fault tolerance and high availability of data. This dual-loop configuration enables each disk drive to be accessed through two separate and distinct data paths, providing:

- *Increased bandwidth* – Allowing data transfer rates up to 200 Mbytes per second versus 100 Mbytes per second for single-loop configurations
- *Hardware redundancy* – Providing the ability to sustain component failures in one path by switching all data transfers to an alternate path

The mass storage subsystem is described in greater detail in [Chapter 4](#). The split backplane configuration is described in [“Full vs. Split Backplane Configurations” on page 83](#), and in the [“Split Backplane Configurations” appendix in the Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual](#).

## Support for RAID Storage Configurations

Using a software RAID application such as Solstice DiskSuite™, you can configure system disk storage in a variety of different RAID levels. Configuration options include RAID 0 (striping), RAID 1 (mirroring), RAID 0+1 (striping plus mirroring), RAID 1+0 (mirroring plus striping), and RAID 5 (striping with interleaved parity) configurations. You choose the appropriate RAID configuration based on the price, performance, and reliability and availability goals for your system. You can also configure one or more drives to serve as “hot spares” to fill in automatically for a defective drive in the event of a disk failure.

For more information, see [“About Volume Management Software” on page 134](#).

## Error Correction and Parity Checking

Error-correcting code (ECC) is used on all internal system data paths to ensure high levels of data integrity. All data that moves between processors, memory, and PCI bridge chips have end-to-end ECC protection.

The system reports and logs correctable ECC errors. A correctable ECC error is any single-bit error in a 128-bit field. Such errors are corrected as soon as they are detected. The ECC implementation can also detect double-bit errors in the same 128-bit field and multiple-bit errors in the same nibble (4 bits).

In addition to providing ECC protection for data, the system offers parity protection on all system address buses. Parity protection is also used on the PCI bus, and in the UltraSPARC processors’ internal and external cache.

## Status LEDs

The system provides easily accessible light-emitting diode (LED) indicators to provide a visual indication of system and component status. LEDs are located on the system front panel, internal disk bays, power supplies, fan tray assemblies, and near each CPU/Memory board and PCI slot. Status LEDs eliminate guesswork and simplify problem diagnosis for enhanced serviceability.

Front panel status LEDs are described in [“About the Status and Control Panel” on page 11](#). For details on the system internal LEDs, see [Chapter 8](#).

## Four Levels of Diagnostics

For enhanced serviceability and availability, the system provides four different levels of diagnostic testing:

- Power-on self-test (POST)
- OpenBoot Diagnostics
- Sun Validation Test Suite (SunVTS™)
- Sun Management Center system monitoring and management software

POST and OpenBoot Diagnostics are firmware-resident diagnostics that can run even if the server is unable to boot the operating system. POST diagnostics check the functions of the core system hardware. OpenBoot Diagnostics focus on testing I/O subsystems and plug-in cards.

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Application-level diagnostics, such as SunVTS and Sun Management Center software, offer additional troubleshooting capabilities once the operating system is running. SunVTS software provides a comprehensive test of the system, including its external interfaces. SunVTS software also lets you run tests remotely over a network connection or from an RSC console. Sun Management Center software provides a variety of continuous system monitoring capabilities. It enables you to monitor system hardware status and operating system performance of your server. For more information about diagnostic tools, see *Sun Fire V890 Diagnostics and Troubleshooting*. You can find this document at: <http://www.sun.com/documentation>.

## Setting Up the System

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This chapter describes what you need to do to get the Sun Fire V890 server up and running. Where software is involved, this chapter explains some of what you need to do, and points you to the appropriate software manuals for the rest.

Tasks covered in this chapter include:

- [“How to Install the Sun Fire V890 Server”](#) on page 24
- [“How to Attach an Alphanumeric Terminal”](#) on page 31
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Other information covered in this chapter includes:

- [“About the Parts Shipped to You”](#) on page 23
- [“About Setting Up a Console”](#) on page 30

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## About the Parts Shipped to You

Standard features for the Sun Fire V890 server are installed at the factory. However, if you ordered options such as a monitor, these will be shipped to you separately.

Also, you should have received the Solaris Media Kit and documentation for all appropriate system software. Check that you have received everything you ordered.

Inspect the shipping carton for evidence of physical damage. If a shipping carton is damaged, request that the carrier's agent be present when the carton is opened. Keep all contents and packing material for the agent's inspection. Unpacking instructions are printed on the outside of the shipping carton.

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# How to Install the Sun Fire V890 Server

Each step in this procedure refers you to a particular document or to a section of this guide for instructions. Complete each step in the order listed.

## Before You Begin

The Sun Fire V890 server is a general-purpose server, which you can use for many types of applications. Exactly how you set up your machine depends on what you want it to do.

This procedure is intended to be as “generic” as possible, so as to cover the needs of most sites. Even so, you will need to make certain decisions to complete the procedure:

- On which network or networks do you intend your machine to operate?

For background information about network support, see [“About Network Interfaces” on page 90](#).

- How do you want to configure and use your system’s internal storage array?

For background information about internal storage array configuration options, see [“Mass Storage Subsystem Configuration” on page 77](#).

- What software do you intend to load?

Software included in the Solaris Media Kit or other software products may impose certain disk space or disk partitioning requirements. Refer to the documentation accompanying the software to determine those requirements.

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**Note** – Refer to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for information about the software applications and Solaris OS for your system, before you install your Sun Fire V890 server.

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## What to Do

1. **Verify that you have received all the parts of your system.**

See [“About the Parts Shipped to You” on page 23](#).

## 2. Set up the system in an appropriate environment.

The Sun Fire V890 server can be installed as a deskside or a rackmounted system. If you are installing the system in a rack, follow the instructions in the *Sun Fire V890 Server Rackmounting Guide*, which is available at <http://www.sun.com/documentation>.

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**Note** – Do not install optional equipment into a system that you are rackmounting until after you have installed the system into the rack.

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If you are installing your server as a deskside system and need information about positioning the system in an appropriate environment, see the *Site Planning Guide for Entry-Level Servers*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

## 3. Connect an AC power cord to each AC inlet at the back of each power supply. Connect the opposite end of each power cord to a grounded, dedicated AC power outlet.

Use the power cord supplied with the V890 server. The V890 server uses 200-240 VAC line input only.

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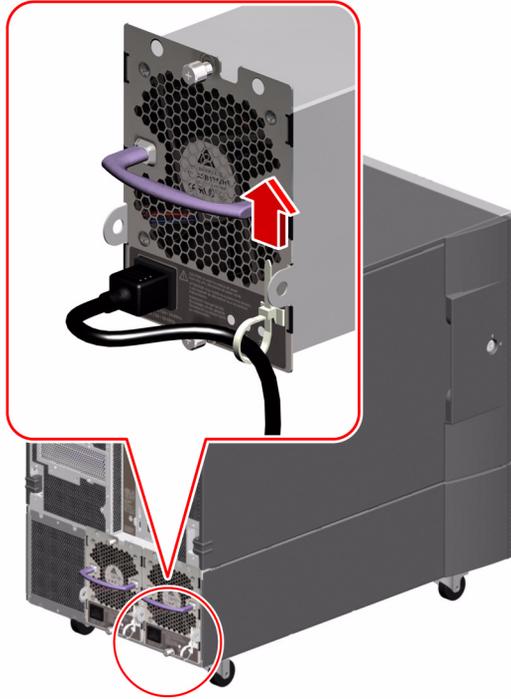
**Note** – You must connect each power supply to a dedicated AC circuit. Consult your local electrical codes for any additional requirements.

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## 4. Attach a strain relief to each AC power cord.

The strain relief is a plastic tie-wrap and pedestal that is inserted into the rear panel of the server. Use these reliefs to manage the power cords after you have installed the cords into the AC inlets in the server.

**To use a strain relief**, press the tab to release the tie-wrap. Wrap the loose end of the tie-wrap around the AC power cord and thread the tie-wrap through the opening in the relief pedestal. Pull up the end of the tie-wrap to tighten it.



**5. Install any optional components shipped with your system.**

If you ordered options that are not factory-installed, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual* for installation instructions.

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**Note** – Do not install optional PCI cards into the system until after you have powered on and tested the system.

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**Caution** – The AC power cords provide a discharge path for static electricity, so they must remain plugged in to AC power outlets when installing or handling any internal component, *except for the system controller card*. Prior to servicing the system controller card, make sure that all AC power cords are disconnected.

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**Caution** – All internal options (except disk drives and power supplies) must be installed only by qualified service personnel. Installation procedures for these components are covered in the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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**6. If necessary, configure the serial port jumpers and connect any serial peripheral devices.**

Two serial port jumpers located on the system I/O board are used to configure the system's serial ports to operate in compliance with the Electronics Industries Association EIA-423 or EIA-232D standards. The jumpers are factory-set for the EIA-423 standard, which is the default standard for North American users. Compliance with the EIA-232D standard is required for digital telecommunication in nations of the European Community. If you require EIA-232D compliance, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual* and [“About Serial Port Jumpers” on page 70](#). For information about serial port characteristics, see [“About the Serial Ports” on page 67](#).



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**Caution** – All internal jumper modifications must be performed only by qualified service personnel.

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**7. Set up a system console.**

You must set up a terminal or console in order to install system software and to view diagnostic messages.

At initial installation, you can either establish a `tip` connection from another server or attach an alphanumeric (ASCII) terminal to the serial port. See [“About Setting Up a Console” on page 30](#).

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**Note** – By default, power-on self-test (POST) messages are output to serial port A (`ttya`). After initial installation you can configure the system to use RSC as the system console and the system will redirect POST output to the RSC console. To perform initial installation, you need a console connected to serial port A to view POST diagnostic output.

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**Note** – You cannot use RSC to perform the initial installation of the Solaris OS. You must install the operating system prior to setting up an RSC console.

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**8. Prepare the network interface(s).**

The Sun Fire V890 server provides two on-board Ethernet interfaces as part of the standard configuration—one Fast Ethernet interface and one Gigabit Ethernet interface. A variety of supported PCI cards can provide connections to additional Ethernet or other network types. For details about network interface options and configuration procedures, see the following sections:

- [“About Network Interfaces” on page 90](#)
- [“How to Configure the Primary Network Interface” on page 92](#)
- [“How to Configure Additional Network Interfaces” on page 94](#)

## 9. Turn on power to your server.

See [“How to Power On the System”](#) on page 35.

When you power on the system for the first time, your system automatically runs power-on self-test (POST) and OpenBoot Diagnostics tests and displays the output on your console. The system also enables automatic system recovery (ASR).

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**Note** – The system may take up to 30 minutes or longer to run diagnostic tests and display status messages before the ok prompt appears on the system console. The time depends on the system configuration (number of processors, memory modules, and PCI cards) and the standard configuration of the OpenBoot variables, which by default are set at `diag-level=max` and `verbosity=normal`. To estimate boot time, and to customize the standard configuration after initial power-on, see the *OpenBoot PROM Enhancements for Diagnostic Operation* guide, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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## 10. Install and boot the Solaris Operating System.

See the installation instructions provided with your Solaris software. You should also consult the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for information about the Solaris OS for your system.

## 11. Install and configure Remote System Control (RSC) software.

Install the Remote System Control (RSC) software, which is included in the Solaris Media Kit. You must manually install the RSC software before you can use RSC.

For information about configuring and using RSC, see the *Sun Remote System Control (RSC) 2.2 User's Guide*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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**Note** – Once you install RSC software, you can configure the system to use RSC as the system console. For detailed instructions, see [“How to Redirect the System Console to RSC”](#) on page 42.

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## 12. (Optional) Load additional software from the Solaris Media Kit.

The Solaris Media Kit (sold separately) includes several CDs containing software to help you operate, configure, and administer your server. See the documentation provided with the Solaris Media Kit for a complete listing of included software and detailed installation instructions.

## 13. Check and update the FC-AL disk backplane firmware.

Installing the latest version of FC-AL backplane firmware ensures that the I/O system runs properly. Refer to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for information about checking and loading the latest backplane firmware.

**14. Load any required and recommended patches for the system, if necessary.**

Your system may be preinstalled with all required patches. Refer to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for information about patches. Check the SunSolve Online<sup>SM</sup> web site for any recent patches and service information about the system at <http://sunsolve.sun.com>.

**15. Set any desired OpenBoot PROM configuration options.**

You can control several aspects of system behavior through OpenBoot PROM commands and configuration variables. For additional details, see [“Configuring System Firmware” on page 103](#).

**16. Configure any additional network interfaces.**

The Sun Fire V890 server provides two on-board Ethernet interfaces. Additional interfaces and connections are available by installing the appropriate PCI interface cards. See the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD for installation instructions.

**17. Load the electronic documentation from the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.**

Directions for loading the documentation are printed in the booklet that accompanies the CD.

**18. Turn the system keyswitch to the Locked position.**

The Locked position is the recommended setting for day-to-day operations. This setting disables the system Power button, disables certain types of break commands that allow access to the ok prompt, and prevents unauthorized programming of the system’s flash PROMs.

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# About Setting Up a Console

To install your server or to diagnose problems, you need some way to enter system commands and to view system output. There are four ways to do this.

1. Attach an alphanumeric (ASCII) character terminal to serial port A.

You can attach a simple terminal to serial port A. For instructions, see [“How to Attach an Alphanumeric Terminal” on page 31](#).

2. Establish a `tip` connection from another Sun system.

For general information about establishing a `tip` connection, see the *OpenBoot 4.x Command Reference Manual*, which is available at <http://docs.sun.com>, under Solaris on Sun Hardware. Refer to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for late-breaking details.

3. Install a local graphics console on your server.

The server is often shipped without a mouse, keyboard, monitor, or frame buffer for the display of graphics. To install a local graphics console on a server, a qualified service technician must install a graphics frame buffer card in a PCI slot, and attach a monitor, mouse, and keyboard to the appropriate rear panel ports. For detailed instructions, see [“How to Configure a Local Graphics Console” on page 33](#).

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**Note** – Power-on self-test (POST) messages are output to serial port A (`ttya`) or the RSC console only.

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4. Set up a Remote System Control (RSC) console.

RSC is a secure server management tool that lets you monitor and control your server over a serial port or a network connection. RSC provides convenient remote system administration for geographically distributed or physically inaccessible systems. For additional details, see [“About the System Controller Card and RSC Software” on page 59](#) and [“About Sun Remote System Control Software” on page 133](#).

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**Note** – You cannot use an RSC console to perform the initial installation of the Solaris OS. The operating system must be installed prior to setting up an RSC console. Once you install the operating system and the RSC software, you can configure the system to use RSC as the system console. For detailed instructions, see [“How to Redirect the System Console to RSC” on page 42](#).

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# How to Attach an Alphanumeric Terminal

## Before You Begin

If your server is configured without a local graphics console, you need to attach an alphanumeric (ASCII) terminal to the server in order to install the Solaris Operating System and to run diagnostic tests. Alternatively, you can install a local graphics console, create a `tip` connection from another Sun system, or set up an RSC console. For more information, see [“About Setting Up a Console” on page 30](#).

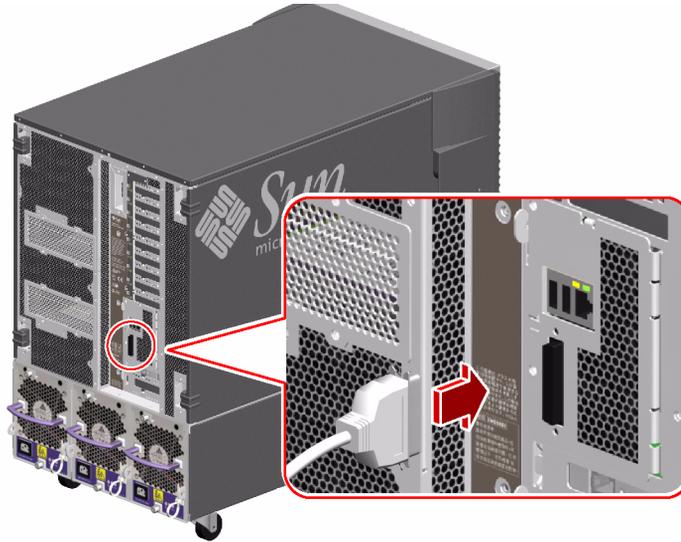
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**Note** – You cannot use an RSC console to perform the initial installation of the Solaris OS. The Solaris OS must be installed prior to setting up an RSC console.

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## What to Do

1. Connect a DB-25 null modem serial cable or a DB-25 serial cable and null modem adapter to the terminal’s serial port.
2. Connect the opposite end of the cable to the system’s serial port connector or to serial port A on the serial splitter cable.



**3. Connect the terminal's power cable to an AC outlet.**

**4. Set the terminal to receive:**

- At 9600 baud
- An 8-bit signal with no parity and 1 stop bit

See the documentation accompanying your terminal for more information.

## What Next

You can now issue system commands and view system messages. Continue with your installation or diagnostic procedure as needed.

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# How to Configure a Local Graphics Console

## Before You Begin

If your server is configured without a local alphanumeric (ASCII) terminal, you need to install a local graphics console in order to install the Solaris Operating System and to run diagnostic tests. Alternatively, you can attach an alphanumeric terminal, create a `tip` connection from another Sun system, or set up an RSC console. For more information, see [“About Setting Up a Console” on page 30](#).

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**Note** – You cannot use an RSC console to perform the initial installation of the Solaris OS. The Solaris OS must be installed prior to setting up an RSC console.

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To install a local graphics console, you must have:

- A supported PCI-based graphics frame buffer card and software driver
- A monitor with appropriate resolution
- A Sun Type-6 USB keyboard
- A Sun-compatible USB three-button mouse

## What to Do

### 1. Install the graphics card into an appropriate PCI slot.

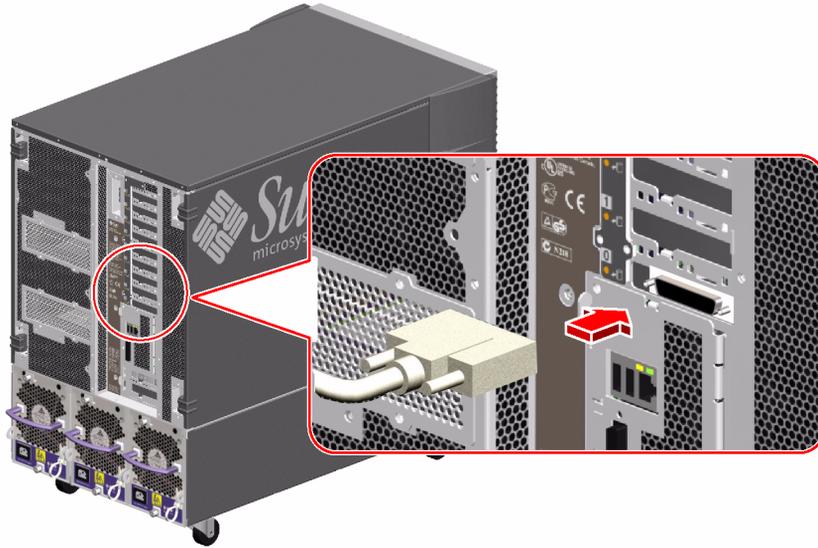
For information about PCI buses and slots, see [“About PCI Cards and Buses” on page 56](#).

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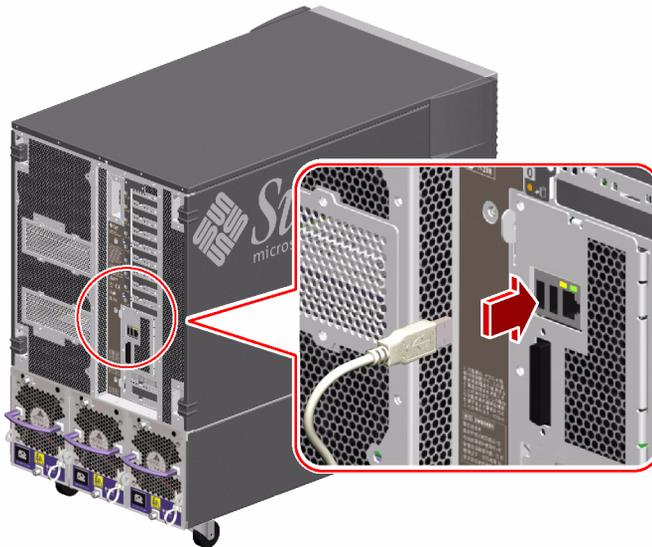
**Note** – PCI cards must be installed only by qualified service personnel. Installation procedures for PCI cards are covered in the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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2. Attach the monitor's video cable to the graphic card's video port.  
Tighten the thumbscrews to secure the connection.



3. Connect the monitor's power cord to an appropriate AC power outlet.
4. Attach the keyboard cable to one of the system's USB ports.



5. Attach the mouse cable to the system's remaining USB port, or to a USB port on the keyboard, if applicable.

## What Next

You can now issue system commands and view system messages. Continue with your installation or diagnostic procedure as needed.

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# How to Power On the System

## Before You Begin

Do not use this power-on procedure if the operating system is already installed and you have just added a new internal option or external storage device. To power on the system after adding one of these options, see:

- [“How to Initiate a Reconfiguration Boot” on page 40](#)

## What to Do



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**Caution** – Before you power on the system, make sure that the front and side doors and all plastic outer panels are properly installed.

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1. Turn on power to any peripherals and external storage devices.
2. Turn on power to the alphanumeric terminal or local graphics console, if present.

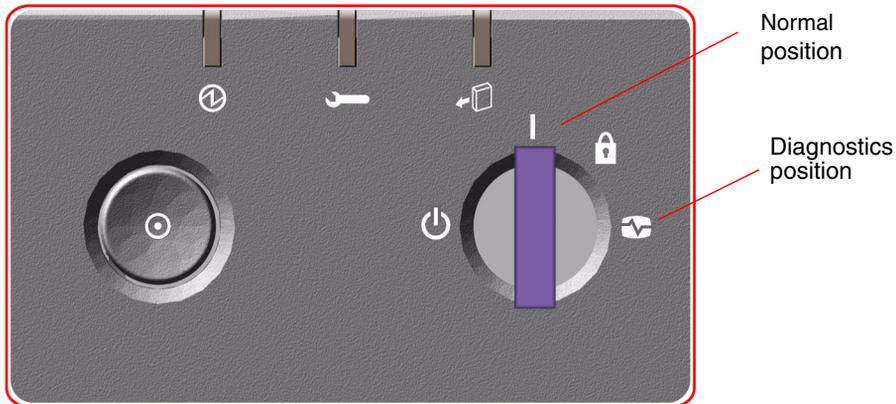
**3. Insert the system key into the front panel keyswitch and turn it to the Normal or Diagnostics position.**

*Normal* position will enable the standard OpenBoot configuration for diagnostic testing as defined for your system.

*Diagnostics* position will enable service mode and a Sun prescribed level of diagnostic execution. Your system will automatically run maximum POST and OpenBoot Diagnostics tests and display the output.

For information about the standard default Open Boot configuration for diagnostic testing, see the *OpenBoot PROM Enhancements for Diagnostic Operations Guide*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

See [“About the Status and Control Panel” on page 11](#) for more keyswitch information.



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**Note** – The system will require a manual boot to the operating environment when the keyswitch is in the Diagnostics position.

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**Note** – For high availability environments, place the keyswitch in the Locked or Normal position.

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4. Press the Power button to the left of the keyswitch to power on the system.

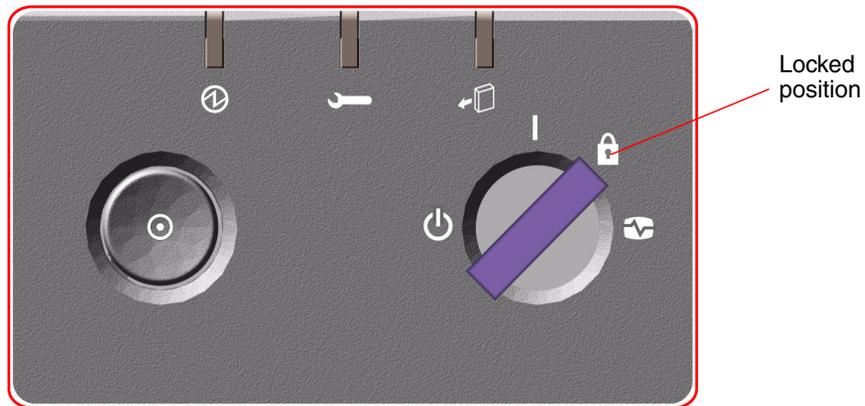
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**Note** – The system may take up to 30 minutes or longer to run diagnostic tests and display status messages before the ok prompt appears on the system console. The time depends on the system configuration (number of processors, memory modules, and PCI cards) and the configuration of the OpenBoot variables, which by default are set at `diag-level=max` and `verbosity=normal`. To estimate boot time, and to customize the standard configuration after initial power on, see the *OpenBoot PROM Enhancements for Diagnostic Operation* guide, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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5. Turn the keyswitch to the Locked position.

This prevents anyone from accidentally powering off the system.



6. Remove the key from the keyswitch and keep it in a secure place.

## What Next

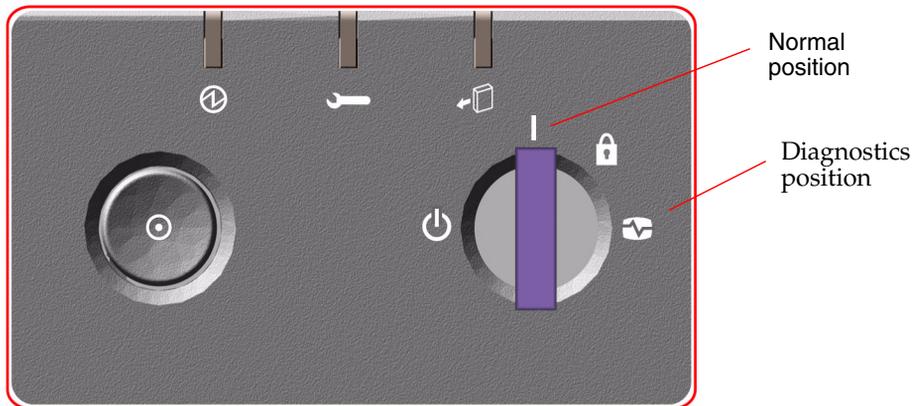
The system's front panel LED indicators provide power-on status information. For more information about the system LEDs, see [“About the Status and Control Panel” on page 11](#).

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# How to Power Off the System

## What to Do

1. Notify users that the system will be powered down.
2. Back up the system files and data, if necessary.
3. Ensure that the front panel keyswitch is in the Normal or Diagnostics position.



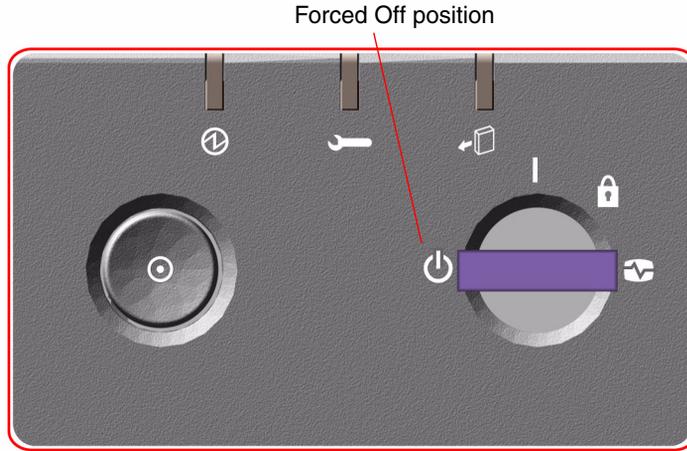
4. Press and release the Power button on the system front panel.  
The system begins a graceful software system shutdown.

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**Note** – Pressing and releasing the Power button initiates a graceful software system shutdown. Pressing and holding in the Power button for five seconds causes an immediate hardware shutdown. Whenever possible, you should use the graceful shutdown method. Forcing an immediate hardware shutdown may cause disk drive corruption and loss of data. Use this method only as a last resort.

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5. Wait for the front panel Power/OK LED to turn off.
6. Turn the keyswitch fully counterclockwise to the Forced Off position.



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**Caution** – Be sure to turn the keyswitch to the Forced Off position before handling any internal components. Otherwise, it is possible for an RSC user to restart the system remotely while you are working inside it. The Forced Off position is the only keyswitch position that prevents an RSC user from restarting the system.

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7. Remove the key from the keyswitch and keep it in a secure place.

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# How to Initiate a Reconfiguration Boot

After installing any new internal option or external storage device, you must perform a reconfiguration boot so that the operating system is able to recognize the newly installed device(s). In addition, if a qualified service technician removes a device and does not install a replacement device prior to rebooting the system, you must perform a reconfiguration boot in order for the operating system to recognize the configuration change. This requirement also applies to any component that is connected to the system's I<sup>2</sup>C bus, including memory modules, CPU/Memory boards, and power supplies.

This requirement *does not* apply to any component that is:

- Installed or removed as part of a hot-plug operation
- Installed or removed before the operating system is installed
- Installed as an identical replacement for a component that is already recognized by the operating system, excluding FCAL disk drives



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**Caution** – All internal options (except disk drives and power supplies) must be installed only by qualified service personnel. Installation procedures for these components are covered in the Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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## Before You Begin



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**Caution** – Before you power on the system, make sure that the front and side doors and all plastic outer panels are properly installed.

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You need a system console in order to issue software commands; see:

- [“About Setting Up a Console” on page 30](#)

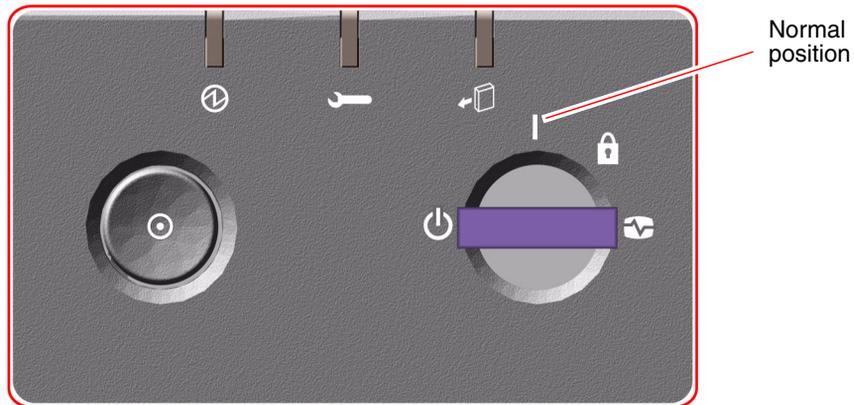
## What to Do

### 1. Turn on power to any peripherals and external storage devices.

Read the documentation supplied with the device for specific instructions.

### 2. Turn on power to the console.

3. Insert the system key into the front panel keyswitch and turn the keyswitch to the Normal position.
4. Press the Power button to the left of the keyswitch to power on the system.



5. When the diagnostic tests are completed, the system banner is displayed on the system console followed by the `ok` prompt.

The system banner contains the Ethernet address and host ID.

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**Note** – The system may take up to 30 minutes or longer to run diagnostic tests and display status messages before the `ok` prompt appears on the system console. The time depends on the system configuration (number of processors, memory modules, and PCI cards) and the standard default configuration of the OpenBoot variables, which by default are set at `diag-level=max` and `verbosity=normal`. To customize the standard configuration after initial power on, see the *OpenBoot PROM Enhancements for Diagnostic Operation* guide, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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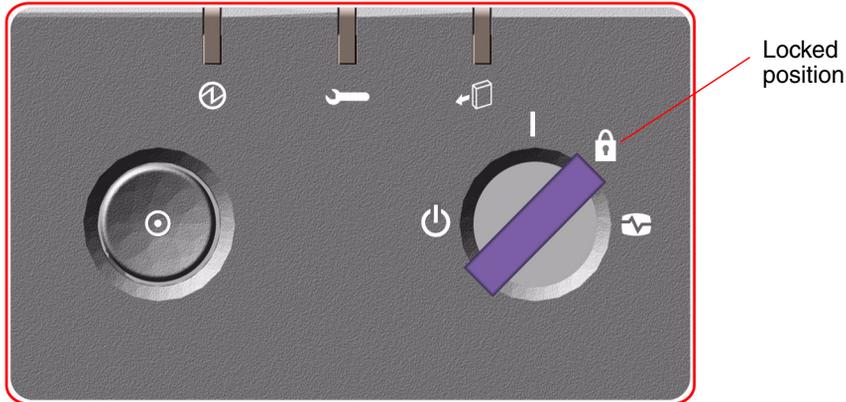
6. At the `ok` prompt, type:

```
ok env-on
   Environmental monitor is ON
ok boot -r
```

The `env-on` command re-enables the OpenBoot environmental monitor, which may have been disabled as a result of the abort key sequence. The `boot -r` command rebuilds the device tree for the system, incorporating any newly installed options so that the operating system will recognize them.

7. Turn the keyswitch to the Locked position, remove the key, and keep it in a secure place.

This prevents anyone from accidentally powering off the system.



## What Next

The system's front panel LED indicators provide power-on status information. For more information about the system LEDs, see [“About the Status and Control Panel”](#) on page 11.

If your system encounters a problem during system start-up, and the keyswitch is in the Normal position, try restarting the system with the keyswitch in the Diagnostics position to determine the source of the problem. Turn the front panel keyswitch to the Diagnostics position and power cycle the system.

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## How to Redirect the System Console to RSC

Perform this procedure if, after installing the Solaris Operating System and the RSC software, you want to configure the system to use RSC as the system console. For more information about RSC, see [“About the System Controller Card and RSC Software”](#) on page 59 and [“About Sun Remote System Control Software”](#) on page 133.

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**Note** – When you configure the system to use RSC as the system console, power-on self-test (POST) diagnostic output is redirected to the RSC console.

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## Before You Begin

This procedure assumes that you are familiar with the OpenBoot firmware and that you know how to enter the OpenBoot environment. For more information about the OpenBoot firmware, see the *OpenBoot 4.x Command Reference Manual*, which is available at <http://docs.sun.com>, under Solaris on Sun Hardware. Refer also to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for late-breaking information.

## What to Do

1. **Type the following commands at the system `ok` prompt:**

```
ok diag-console rsc  
ok setenv input-device rsc-console  
ok setenv output-device rsc-console
```

The system permanently stores the new settings. The changes will take effect after the next reset.

2. **To cause the changes to take effect immediately, reset the system, type:**

```
ok reset-all
```

The system permanently stores the changes and boots automatically if the OpenBoot variable `auto-boot?` is set to `true` (its default value).

A power cycle will also cause the changes to take effect immediately.

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**Note** – In the unlikely event that the system controller card fails while the system console is directed to RSC, the system console will be unavailable. To recover from this situation, press the system Power button to initiate a graceful software shutdown. Then turn the keyswitch to the Diagnostics position or use the OpenBoot emergency procedure for resetting ID PROM configuration variables to their default values. See [“About OpenBoot Emergency Procedures” on page 119](#). These measures will *temporarily* redirect the system console to the factory default device. If you are not installing a replacement system controller card right away, you may want to restore the local system console until a replacement card is available. See [“How to Restore the Local System Console” on page 45](#).

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**Caution** – All internal options (except disk drives and power supplies) must be installed only by qualified service personnel. Installation procedures for these components are covered in the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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## What Next

For instructions on how to use the system controller card and RSC software, see the *Sun Remote System Control (RSC) User's Guide*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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# How to Restore the Local System Console

Perform this procedure if your system is configured to use RSC as the system console and you need to redirect the system console to a local graphics console, alphanumeric terminal, or an established `tip` connection. For more information about RSC, see “[About the System Controller Card and RSC Software](#)” on page 59 and “[About Sun Remote System Control Software](#)” on page 133.

## Before You Begin

This procedure assumes that you are familiar with the OpenBoot firmware and that you know how to enter the OpenBoot environment. For more information about the OpenBoot firmware, see the *OpenBoot 4.x Command Reference Manual*, which is available at <http://docs.sun.com>, under Solaris on Sun Hardware. Refer also to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for late-breaking information.

## What to Do

1. Type the following commands at the system `ok` prompt:

```
ok diag-console ttya
ok setenv input-device keyboard
ok setenv output-device screen
```

The system permanently stores the new settings. The changes will take effect after the next reset.

2. To cause the changes to take effect immediately, type:

```
ok reset-all
```

The system permanently stores the parameter changes and boots automatically if the OpenBoot variable `auto-boot?` is set to `true` (its default value).

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**Note** – A power-cycle will also cause the changes to take effect immediately.

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# Hardware Configuration

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This chapter provides hardware configuration information for the Sun Fire V890 server. The following topics are covered in this chapter:

- [“About CPU/Memory Boards” on page 48](#)
- [“About Memory Modules” on page 51](#)
- [“About PCI Cards and Buses” on page 56](#)
- [“About the System Controller Card and RSC Software” on page 59](#)
- [“About Power Supplies” on page 61](#)
- [“About Fan Trays” on page 64](#)
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- [“About the Serial Ports” on page 67](#)
- [“About the USB Ports” on page 68](#)
- [“About Hardware Jumpers” on page 69](#)
- [“About Serial Port Jumpers” on page 70](#)
- [“About Flash PROM Jumpers” on page 72](#)

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**Note** – For configuration information about the internal mass storage subsystem, see [“Mass Storage Subsystem Configuration” on page 77](#). For configuration information about network interfaces, see [“Configuring Network Interfaces” on page 89](#).

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## About CPU/Memory Boards

The system motherboard provides slots for up to four CPU/Memory boards. Each CPU/Memory board incorporates two UltraSPARC chip multithreading (CMP) processors, with 16 Mbytes of static random access memory (SRAM) Level 2 external cache memory per processor, and slots for 16 memory modules. The external cache memory cannot be upgraded.

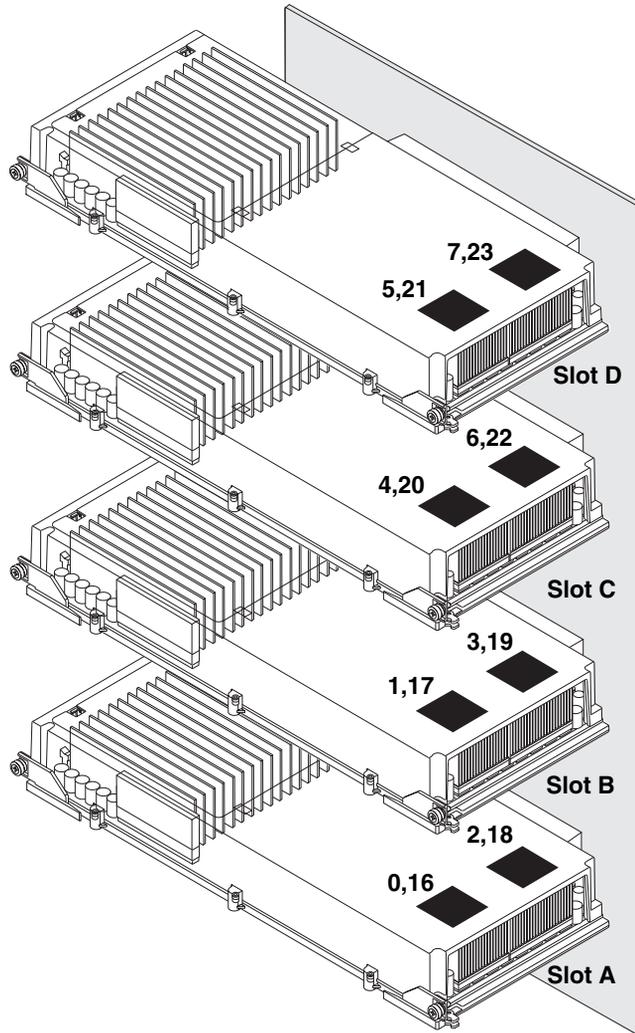
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**Note** – You must use CPU/Memory boards of the same speed within a Sun Fire V890 system.

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Chip multithreading technology allows two threads per UltraSPARC processor. With this dual-threaded architecture, each UltraSPARC processor consists of two virtual processors with shared memory. A dynamic arbitration scheme enables each thread to make optimal use of the available memory, resulting in higher performance.

The following illustration shows the four CPU/Memory board slots on the system motherboard. The slots are labeled A through D from bottom to top. The virtual processors (CPUs) in the system have unique numbers, depending on the slot where each CPU/Memory board resides. For example, a CPU/Memory board installed in slot D always contains CPUs 5 and 21 and 7 and 23, even if there are no other CPU/Memory boards installed in the system.



The UltraSPARC processor is a high-performance, highly integrated, CMP processor that enables an increase in application throughput while maintaining binary compatibility. It implements a 64-bit SPARC International Version 9 Instruction Set Architecture (ISA).

The UltraSPARC processor improves throughput performance in commercial applications such as databases, web servers, and high-performance technical computing. It supports both 2D and 3D graphics, as well as image processing, video compression and decompression, and video effects through the sophisticated Visual Instruction Set (VIS) extension. VIS provides high levels of multimedia performance, including real-time video compression and decompression and two streams of MPEG-2 decompression at full broadcast quality with no additional hardware support.

The Sun Fire V890 server employs a shared-memory multiprocessor architecture with all processors sharing the same physical address space. The UltraSPARC processors, main memory, and I/O subsystem communicate via a high-speed system interconnect bus, operating at a clock rate of 150 MHz. In a system configured with multiple CPU/Memory boards, all main memory is accessible from any processor over the system bus. The main memory is shared logically by all processors and I/O devices in the system.

For information about memory modules and memory configuration guidelines, see [“About Memory Modules” on page 51](#).



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**Caution** – CPU/Memory boards must be installed only by a qualified service technician. After installing a CPU/Memory board, you must perform a reconfiguration boot in order for the environmental software to recognize the new device. See [“How to Initiate a Reconfiguration Boot” on page 40](#).

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**Caution** – Either a CPU/Memory board or an air baffle must be installed in each CPU/Memory slot at all times. After removing a CPU/Memory board, a qualified service technician must install a replacement board or an air baffle immediately to avoid an automatic thermal shutdown. For installation instructions, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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# About Memory Modules

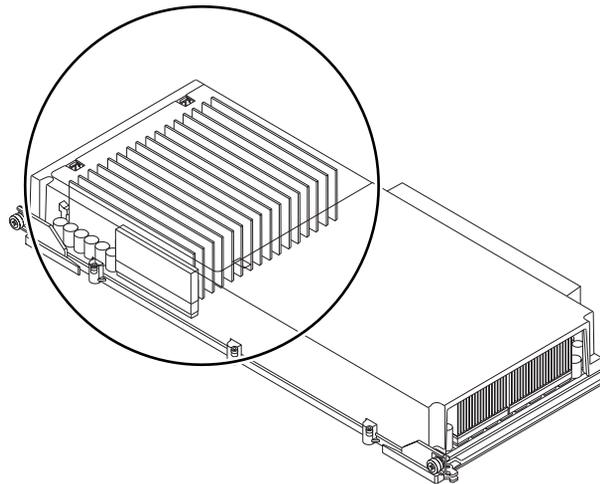
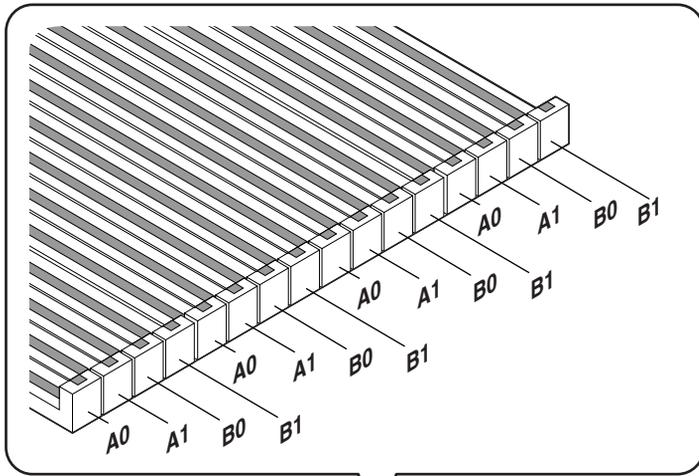
The Sun Fire V890 server uses 3.3-volt, high-capacity dual inline memory modules (DIMMs). The DIMMs are built with synchronous dynamic random access memory (SDRAM) chips that operate at a 75-MHz clock frequency. The system supports DIMMs of various capacities. For details, see the *Sun Fire V490/V890 CPU/Memory Module Configuration Guide*, available from:

<http://www.sun.com/products-n-solutions/hardware/docs/Servers/>

Each CPU/Memory board contains slots for 16 DIMMs. Total system memory available depends on the capacity of the DIMMs installed.

Within each CPU/Memory board, the 16 DIMM slots are organized into groups of four. The system reads from, or writes to, all four DIMMs in a group simultaneously. DIMMs, therefore, must be added in sets of four.

The figure below shows the DIMM slots and DIMM groups on a Sun Fire V890 CPU/Memory board. Every fourth slot belongs to the same DIMM group. The four groups are designated A0, A1, B0, and B1.



Qualified service technicians must physically remove a CPU/Memory board from the system before installing or removing DIMMs. The DIMMs must be added four at a time within the same DIMM group and be identical—that is, all DIMMs must be from the same manufacturing vendor and must have the same capacity (for example, four 512-Mbyte DIMMs, or four 1-Gbyte DIMMs).

# Memory Interleaving

You can maximize the system's memory bandwidth by taking advantage of its memory interleaving capabilities. Sun Fire V890 systems support two-way, four-way, and eight-way memory interleaving. In most cases, higher interleaving factors result in greater system performance. However, actual performance results may vary depending on the system application.

The system's interleaving capabilities are summarized as follows:

- Memory interleaving is limited to memory within the same CPU/Memory board. Memory interleaving between CPU/Memory boards is not supported.
- Eight-way interleaving occurs automatically when all 16 DIMM slots in a CPU/Memory board are filled with identical capacity DIMMs (16 identical DIMMs).
- Four-way interleaving occurs automatically between any two DIMM groups that are configured identically (eight identical capacity DIMMs).
- Two-way interleaving occurs automatically in any DIMM group where the DIMM capacities do not match the capacities used in any other group.

# Independent Memory Subsystems

Each Sun Fire V890 CPU/Memory board contains two independent memory subsystems (one per UltraSPARC processor). Memory controller logic incorporated into the UltraSPARC processor enables each processor to control its own memory subsystem. One processor controls DIMM groups A0 and A1, while the other processor controls DIMM groups B0 and B1.

The Sun Fire V890 system uses a shared-memory architecture. During normal system operations, the total system memory is shared by all processors in the system. However, in the event of a processor failure, the two DIMM groups associated with the failed processor become unavailable to all other processors in the system.

The following table shows the association between the processors and their corresponding DIMM groups.

Processor Number	CPU/Memory Slot	Associated DIMM Groups
0	Slot A	A0, A1
2	Slot A	B0, B1
1	Slot B	A0, A1
3	Slot B	B0, B1

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Processor Number	CPU/Memory Slot	Associated DIMM Groups
4	Slot C	A0, A1
6	Slot C	B0, B1
5	Slot D	A0, A1
7	Slot D	B0, B1

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## Configuration Rules

- DIMMs must be added four-at-a-time within the same group of DIMM slots; every fourth slot belongs to the same DIMM group.
- Each group used must have four identical DIMMs installed—that is, all four DIMMs must be from the same manufacturing vendor and must have the same capacity (for example, four 512-Mbyte or four 1-Gbyte DIMMs).
- Each CPU/Memory board must be populated with a minimum of 8 identical DIMMs



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**Caution** – All internal options (except disk drives and power supplies) must be installed only by qualified service personnel. For information about installing or removing DIMMs, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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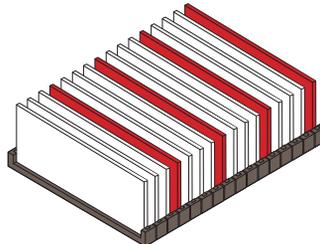
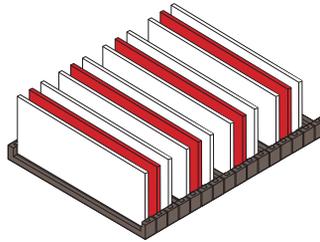
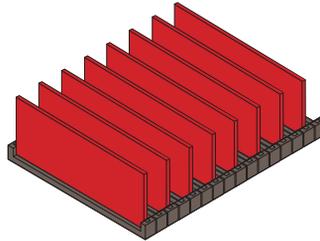
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**Caution** – DIMMs are made of electronic components that are extremely sensitive to static electricity. Static from your clothes or work environment can destroy the modules. Do not remove a DIMM from its antistatic packaging until you are ready to install it on the CPU/Memory board. Handle the modules only by their edges. Do not touch the components or any metal parts. Always wear an antistatic grounding strap when you handle the modules. For more information about avoiding electrostatic discharge, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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The following table summarizes the guidelines for installing DIMMs in a CPU/Memory board. DIMMs must be installed by a qualified service technician. Refer to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD for installation instructions.

Population Sequence	Memory Interleaving Factor
<p>Install first eight DIMMs into groups A0 and B0 (so that every other slot is occupied).</p>	<p>Four-way interleaving if all eight DIMMs are identical; two-way interleaving otherwise</p>
<p>Install next four DIMMs into group A1.</p>	<p>Four-way interleaving between any two groups configured identically; two-way interleaving in any group that does not match the capacities used in any other group</p>
<p>Fill last four available slots (group B1).</p>	<p>Eight-way interleaving if all 16 DIMMs are identical; four-way interleaving between any two groups configured identically; two-way interleaving in any group that does not match the capacities used in any other group</p>



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## About PCI Cards and Buses

All system communication with storage peripherals and network interface devices is mediated by two Peripheral Component Interconnect (PCI) bridge chips, located on the system's motherboard. Each bridge chip manages communication between the system's main interconnect bus and two PCI buses, giving the system a total of four separate PCI buses. The four PCI buses support up to nine PCI interface cards and four motherboard devices.

The following table describes the PCI bus characteristics and maps each bus to its associated bridge chip, motherboard devices, and PCI slots. All slots comply with PCI Local Bus Specification Revision 2.1.

PCI Bridge	PCI Bus	Clock Rate (MHz)/ Bandwidth (bits)/ Voltage (V)	Motherboard Devices	PCI Slots
0	PCI A	66 MHz/ 64 bits/ 3.3V	Gigabit Ethernet controller FC-AL controller	None. Used for integrated controllers only
0	PCI B	33 MHz/ 64 bits/ 5V	IDE controller (interface to the IDE DVD-ROM drive)	Slots 0, 1, 2, 3
1	PCI C	33 or 66 MHz/ 64 bits/ 3.3V	None	Slots 7 and 8
1	PCI D	33 MHz/ 64 bits/ 5V	System controller card, RIO ASIC (Ethernet, USB, and EBus interfaces)	Slots 4, 5, 6

The system's PCI hot-plug feature allows a qualified service technician to remove and install PCI cards while the system is running. A qualified service technician can hot-plug any standard PCI card, provided that its Solaris device drivers support PCI hot-plug operations, and the system is running a Solaris Operating System that supports Sun Fire V890 PCI hot-plug operations. In addition, the PCI card must comply with the PCI Hot-Plug Specification Revision 1.1.

PCI hot-plug procedures may involve software commands for preparing the system prior to removing a card and for reconfiguring the operating system after installing a PCI card. For more information about PCI hot-plug procedures, see ["About Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components" on page 127](#).



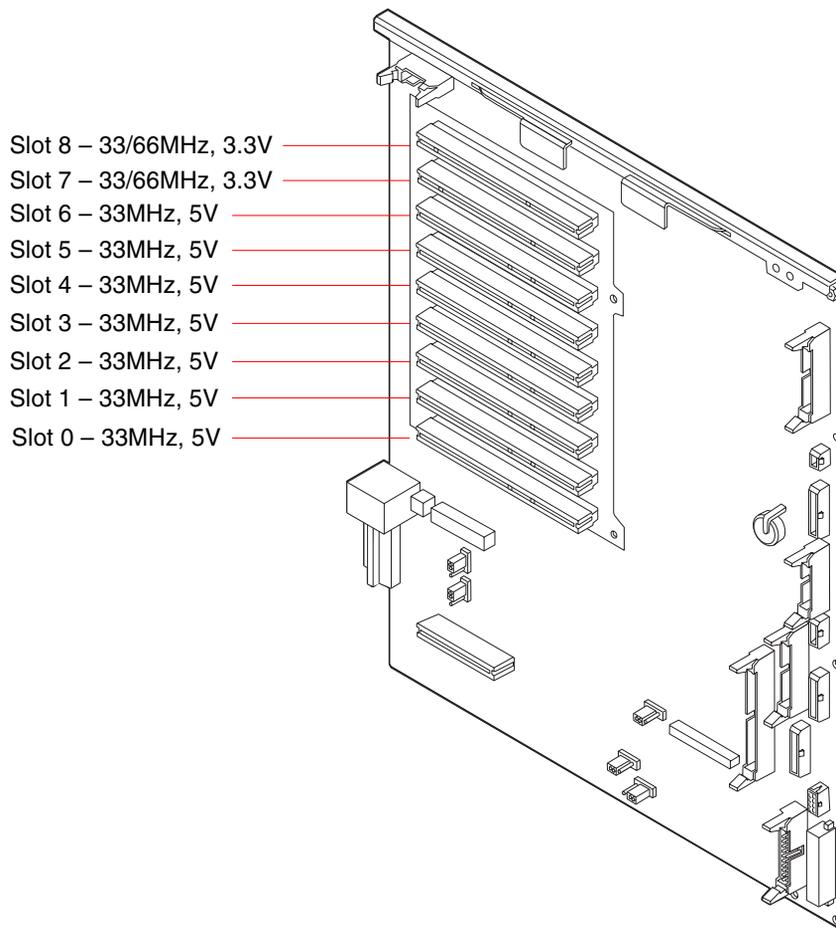
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**Caution** – Do not attempt to hot-plug a PCI card until you are certain that its device drivers support PCI hot-plug operations; otherwise, you may cause a system panic. For a list of Sun PCI cards and device drivers that support PCI hot-plug operations, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes*.

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Status LEDs provide power, fault, and hot-plug status indications for each PCI slot. A contact push button is also provided for each slot, which allows the service technician to initiate the hot-plug procedure at the server. For information about the status indicator LEDs, see [“About PCI Slot LEDs” on page 144](#).

The following figure shows the PCI slots on the I/O board.



# Configuration Rules

- All slots accept short or long PCI cards.
- 5V PCI cards must be installed into 5V slots. 3.3V PCI cards must be installed into 3.3V slots. All slots accept universal (3.3V/5V) PCI cards.
- All slots accept either 32-bit or 64-bit PCI cards.
- All slots comply with PCI Local Bus Specification Revision 2.1.
- Each slot can supply up to 25 watts of power. The total power used for all nine slots must not exceed 135 watts.
- Compact PCI (cPCI) cards and SBus cards are not supported.
- Slots 7 and 8 can operate at either 33 or 66 MHz; however, both slots always operate at the same speed. When the system is booted, if neither slot contains a 33-MHz PCI card, both slots operate at 66 MHz. If you then add a PCI card to either slot via a hot-plug operation, the card must be a 66-MHz card; a 33-MHz card will fail to operate under these conditions.
- If either slot 7 or 8 contains a 33-MHz PCI card when the system is booted, both slots operate at 33 MHz. In this case, either slot can accept a 33-MHz or 66-MHz card via a hot-plug operation; however, 66-MHz cards will operate at 33 MHz.
- For best performance, install high-throughput cards into slots 7 and 8.
- You can improve overall system availability by installing redundant network or storage interfaces on separate PCI buses and PCI bridges. For additional information, see [“About Multipathing Software” on page 131](#).



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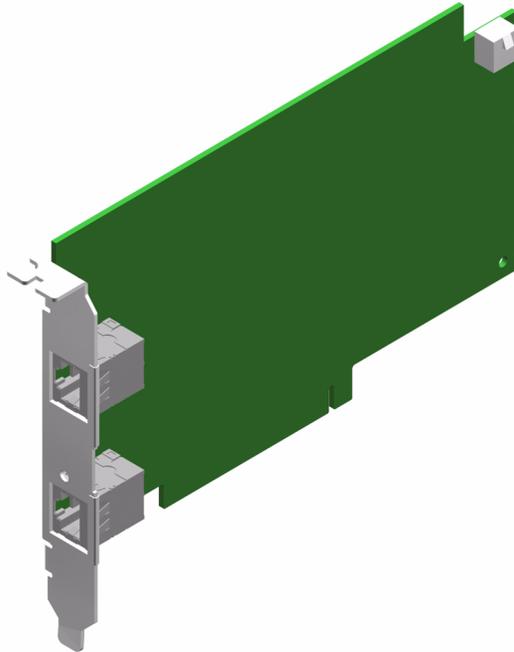
**Caution** – All internal options (except disk drives and power supplies) must be installed only by qualified service personnel. For information about installing or removing PCI cards, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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# About the System Controller Card and RSC Software

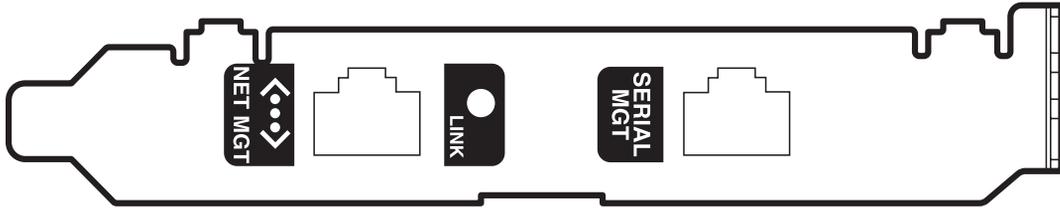
The system controller (SC) card, combined with the Remote System Control (RSC) software, enables access, monitoring, and control of the Sun Fire V890 server from a remote location. It is a fully independent processor card with its own resident firmware, power-on self-test (POST) diagnostics, and real-time operating system. The card features serial and Ethernet interfaces that provide simultaneous access to the Sun Fire V890 server for multiple RSC users. RSC users are provided secure access to the system's Solaris and OpenBoot console functions and have full control over POST and OpenBoot Diagnostics.



The system controller card runs independently of the host server, and operates on 5-volt standby power from the system's power supplies. The card features on-board devices that interface with the system's environmental monitoring subsystem and can automatically alert administrators to system problems. Together these features allow the system controller card and RSC software to serve as a "lights-out" management tool that continues to function even when the server operating system goes offline or the system is powered off.

The system controller card plugs in to a dedicated slot on the system I/O board and provides the following ports through an opening in the system rear panel:

- 10-Mbps Ethernet port via an RJ-45 twisted-pair Ethernet (TPE) connector
- EIA-232D serial port via an RJ-45 connector



The two system controller ports can be used simultaneously.

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**Note** – You must install the Solaris Operating System and the Sun Remote System Control software prior to setting up an RSC console. For more information, see [“About Sun Remote System Control Software” on page 133](#).

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Once you install the operating system and the RSC software, you can then configure the system to use RSC as the system console. For detailed instructions, see [“How to Redirect the System Console to RSC” on page 42](#).

## Configuration Rule

A qualified service technician can install the system controller card into a dedicated slot at the base of the system I/O board. Never move the system controller card to another system slot, as it is *not* a PCI-compatible card.

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**Note** – The system controller card is *not* a hot-pluggable component. Before installing or removing a system controller card, a qualified service technician must power off the system and disconnect all system power cords.

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**Caution** – All internal options (except disk drives and power supplies) must be installed only by qualified service personnel. For information about installing or removing the system controller card, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

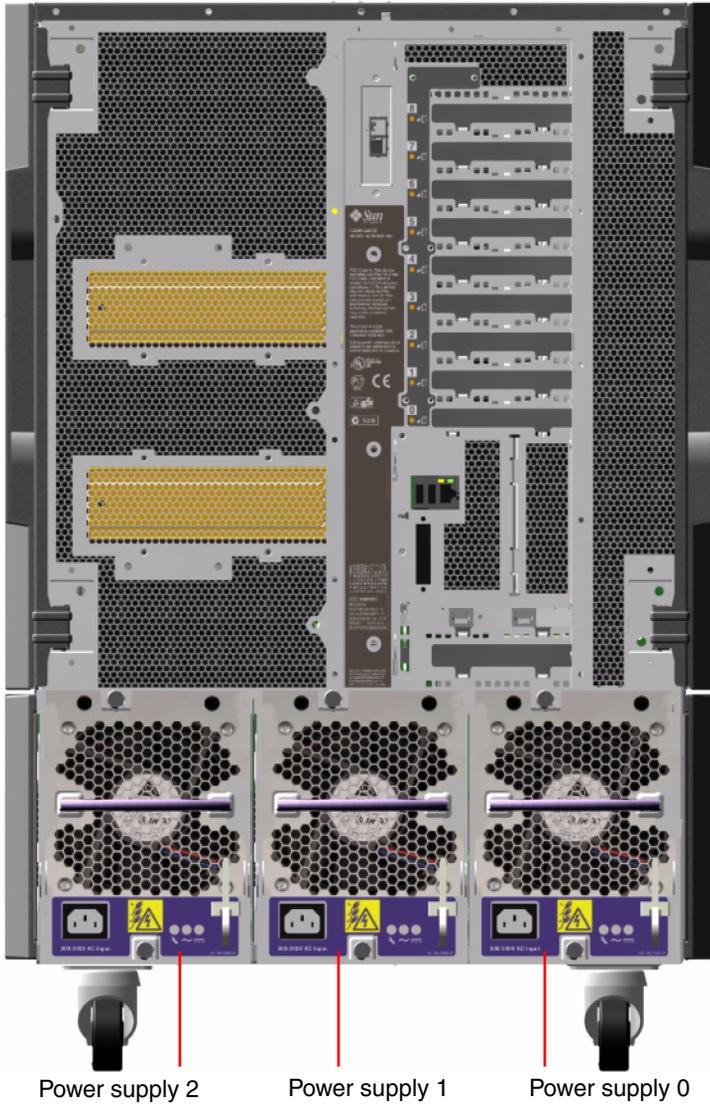
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# About Power Supplies

A central power distribution board delivers DC power to all internal system components. The system's power supplies plug in to connectors on this board, and all of the supplies installed share equally in satisfying the power demands of the system.

Sun Fire V890 power supplies are modular units, designed for fast, easy installation or removal, even while the system is fully operational. Power supplies are installed in bays at the rear of the system, as shown in the following figure.



The system can accommodate a maximum of three power supplies, each with its own 10-amp AC power cord. Each power supply provides up to 1629 watts of DC power at 200-240 VAC line input. The basic system configuration comes with three power supplies installed. The third power supply provides N+1 power redundancy, allowing the system to continue operating should any one of the power supplies fail.

Each power supply provides a total of five DC output voltages (3.3V, 5.0V, 12V, 48V, and 5.0V standby). Output current is shared equally between each of the supplies via active current sharing circuitry.

Power supplies in a redundant configuration feature a hot-swap capability. You can remove and replace a faulty power supply without shutting down the operating system or turning off the system power. For additional details, see [“About Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components” on page 127](#).

Each power supply has three status LEDs to provide power and fault status information. For additional details, see [“About Power Supply LEDs” on page 148](#).

## Configuration Rules

- Sun Microsystems recommends that you connect each power supply to a dedicated AC circuit. Consult your local electrical codes for any additional requirements.
- The minimum system configuration requires two power supplies. The basic system configuration comes with three power supplies installed. Systems configured with only one power supply are not supported.
- A system configured with two power supplies may shut down abruptly if either power supply fails. The third power supply enables the system to remain fully operational should any one of the power supplies fail.
- Power supply bays 0 and 1 must always contain power supplies. If a power supply in either bay fails and the system can continue to operate, you must leave the failed power supply in its bay until you are able to install a functioning replacement power supply. A failed power supply in bay 0 or 1 still acts as an air baffle, channeling airflow to cool the bottom row of disk drives in the disk cage. The failed power supply should be replaced as soon as possible to regain N+1 power redundancy.



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**Caution** – If any power supply fails, leave the supply in its bay until you are ready to install a replacement.

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For information about installing power supplies, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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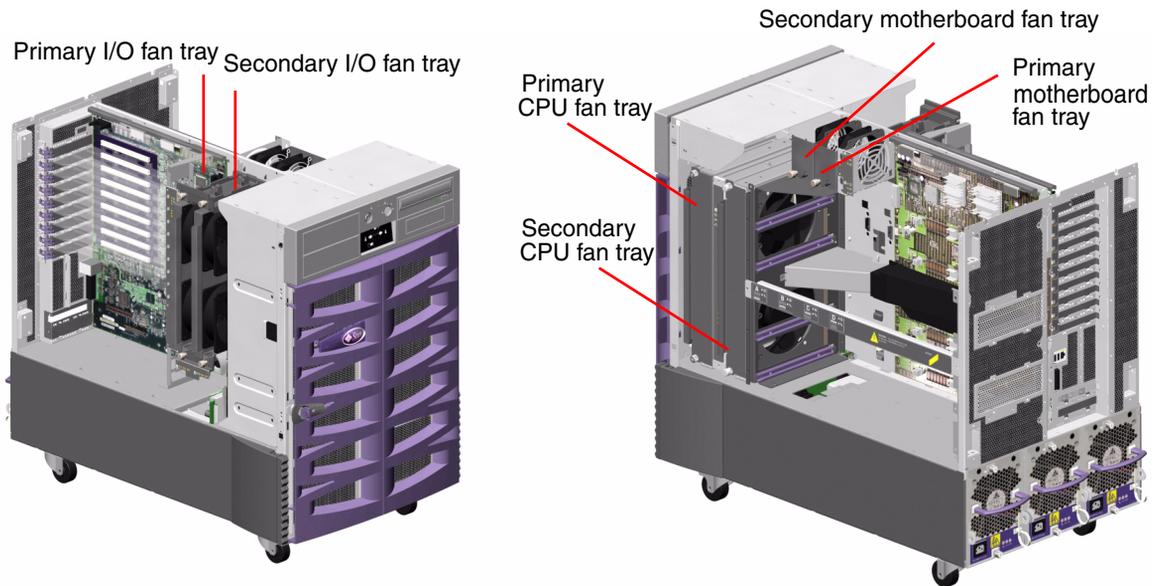
## About Fan Trays

The basic system is equipped with three fan trays: a CPU fan tray, an I/O fan tray, and a motherboard fan tray. The CPU and I/O fan trays contain two fans apiece, while the motherboard fan tray contains a single fan. All systems are equipped with this primary set of fan trays and redundant cooling from a secondary set of the same fan trays.

The motherboard fan tray is also known as the I/O bridge fan tray since its primary purpose is to cool the I/O bridge chips on the system motherboard.

The following table describes the system's fan trays.

<b>Fan(s)</b>	<b>Bay</b>	<b>Description</b>
Primary CPU fan tray	1	One fan tray with two 6-inch fans
Secondary CPU fan tray	2	One fan tray with two 6-inch fans
Primary I/O fan tray	3	One fan tray with two 4-inch fans
Secondary I/O fan tray	4	One fan tray with two 4-inch fans
Primary motherboard fan tray	5	One 3-inch fan
Secondary motherboard fan tray	6	One 3-inch fan



Only the primary fan trays are running during normal system operation. If a primary fan tray fails, the environmental monitoring subsystem detects the failure and automatically activates the secondary fan tray.

All fan trays feature a hot-swap capability. Qualified service technicians can remove and replace a faulty fan tray without shutting down the operating system or turning off the system power. For additional details, see [“About Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components”](#) on page 127.

For each fan in the system, the environmental monitoring subsystem monitors or controls the following:

- Fan present (monitored)
- Fan speed in revolutions per minute (RPM) (monitored) – Used to detect early fan degradation
- Fan power input (controlled) – Used to increase or decrease the airflow and cooling capacity
- Fan fault LEDs (controlled)

Only the primary CPU fans have variable speed control. The secondary CPU fans, the primary and secondary motherboard fans, and the primary and secondary I/O fans can only be turned fully on or fully off. Fan speed is controlled by the environmental monitoring subsystem in response to temperature conditions inside the system. For additional details, see [“Environmental Monitoring and Control” on page 17](#).

Status indicator LEDs provide power, fault, and hot-swap indications for each fan tray. For information about the status indicator LEDs, see [“About Fan Tray LEDs” on page 152](#).



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**Caution** – All internal options (except disk drives and power supplies) must be installed only by qualified service technicians. For information about installing or removing fan tray assemblies, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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## Configuration Rules

- The minimum system configuration requires a complete set of three working fan trays—an I/O fan tray, a CPU fan tray, and a motherboard fan tray.
- If the system does not include a secondary CPU fan tray, a CPU fan tray filler panel must be installed in its place.



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**Caution** – A complete set of three working fan trays must be present in the system at all times. After removing a fan tray, if the system is left with fewer than three working fan trays, a qualified service technician must install a replacement fan tray immediately to avoid an automatic thermal shutdown. For more information, see [“Environmental Monitoring and Control” on page 17](#).

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## About Removable Media Devices

The Sun Fire V890 system provides front-panel access to three mounting bays. One bay houses an IDE DVD-ROM drive, which comes standard in all system configurations. The other two bays can house optional wide (68-pin) SCSI removable devices, which must be ordered separately. The tape drive option also requires a SCSI cable and a SCSI adapter card; both must be ordered separately. A qualified service technician can easily convert the two SCSI device bays into a single full-height bay by removing a metal shelf divider.

The SCSI bus that supports the removable media devices is Fast/Wide-capable (20 Mbytes per second) and can support single-ended, wide SCSI devices.

Target addresses (also known as SCSI IDs) for the SCSI bus are available in the ranges of 0 through 5 and 8 through 15.

The target address reserved for the optional tape drive is 5.

If no tape drive is installed, you can use this address for an external device. If you later install an internal tape drive, you must use 5 as its address and assign a different address to the external device.



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**Caution** – All internal options (except disk drives and power supplies) must be installed only by qualified service personnel. For information about installing or removing removable media devices, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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## About the Serial Ports

The system provides two serial communication ports through a single, shared DB-25 connector located on the rear panel. The primary port is capable of both synchronous and asynchronous communication, while the secondary port is asynchronous only. In synchronous mode, the primary port operates at any rate from 50 Kbaud to 256 Kbaud when the clock is generated internally. When the clock is generated from an external source, the synchronous port operates at rates up to 384 Kbaud. In asynchronous mode, either port supports baud rates of 50, 75, 110, 200, 300, 600, 1200, 1800, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 76800, 115200, 153600, 230400, 307200, and 460800.

The primary port is accessible by connecting a standard serial cable to the rear panel serial port connector. To access the secondary port, you must attach a serial port splitter cable (Sun part number X985A) to the rear panel serial port connector. The connector labeled "A" on the splitter cable provides the primary port; the connector labeled "B" provides the secondary port.

A qualified service technician can configure both serial ports to comply with the Electronics Industries Association EIA-423 or EIA-232D standards using jumpers located on the system's I/O board. The jumpers are factory-set for the EIA-423 standard, which is the default standard for North American users. Compliance with the EIA-232D standard is required for digital telecommunication in nations of the European Community. For more information about configuring the serial port jumpers, see [""](#) on page 71.

See ["Reference for the Serial Port A and B Connectors"](#) on page 176 for the connector diagram, rear panel icon, and pin assignments.

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## About the USB Ports

The system's rear panel provides two Universal Serial Bus (USB) ports for connection to USB peripheral devices such as:

- Sun Type-6 USB keyboard
- Sun USB three-button mouse
- Modems
- Printers
- Scanners
- Digital cameras

For USB port locations, see ["Locating Rear Panel Features"](#) on page 9.

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**Note** – For Sun Fire V890 servers, you must order the keyboard and mouse as options. If the version of your Sun Type 6 keyboard does not have an integrated USB hub, the keyboard and mouse will consume both USB ports on the system rear panel. If you need to connect additional USB devices, you must add a USB hub.

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The USB ports are compliant with the Open Host Controller Interface (Open HCI) specification for USB Revision 1.0. Both ports support isochronous and asynchronous modes and enable data transmission at speeds of 1.5 Mbps and 12 Mbps. Note that the USB data transmission speed is significantly faster than that of the standard serial ports, which operate at a maximum rate of 460 Kbaud.

The USB ports are accessible by connecting a USB cable to either rear panel USB connector. The connectors at each end of a USB cable are different, so you cannot connect them incorrectly. One connector plugs in to the system or USB hub; the other plugs in to the peripheral device. Up to 126 USB devices can be connected to the bus simultaneously, through the use of USB hubs.

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**Note** – The Universal Serial Bus provides power for smaller USB devices such as modems. Larger USB devices, such as scanners, require their own power source.

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Both USB ports support hot-plugging. You can connect and disconnect the USB cable and peripheral devices while the system is running, without affecting system operations.

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**Note** – You can only perform USB hot-plug operations while the operating system is running. USB hot-plug operations are not supported when the system ok prompt is displayed.

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## About Hardware Jumpers

The hardware jumpers in the Sun Fire V890 server have the following functions:

- J2902 and J2903 on the system I/O board are used to configure the serial ports for either EIA-423 or EIA-232D operation. For information about the EIA-423 and EIA-232D jumper settings, see [“” on page 71](#).
- J3002, J3003, and J3004 are used to affect the operation of the OpenBoot flash PROM located on the system I/O board. See [“About Flash PROM Jumpers” on page 72](#).
- J01701, J01003, and J0803 are used to affect the operation of the flash PROM located on the FC-AL disk backplane. See [“About Flash PROM Jumpers” on page 72](#).



**Caution** – All internal jumper modifications must be performed only by qualified service personnel.

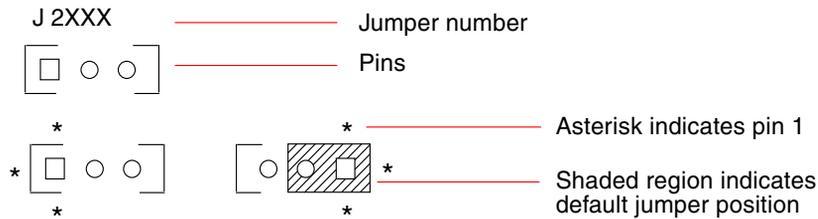
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**Caution** – Do not change the configuration of J0501 and J0502 on the system controller card from the default settings; otherwise, the system controller card will not boot.

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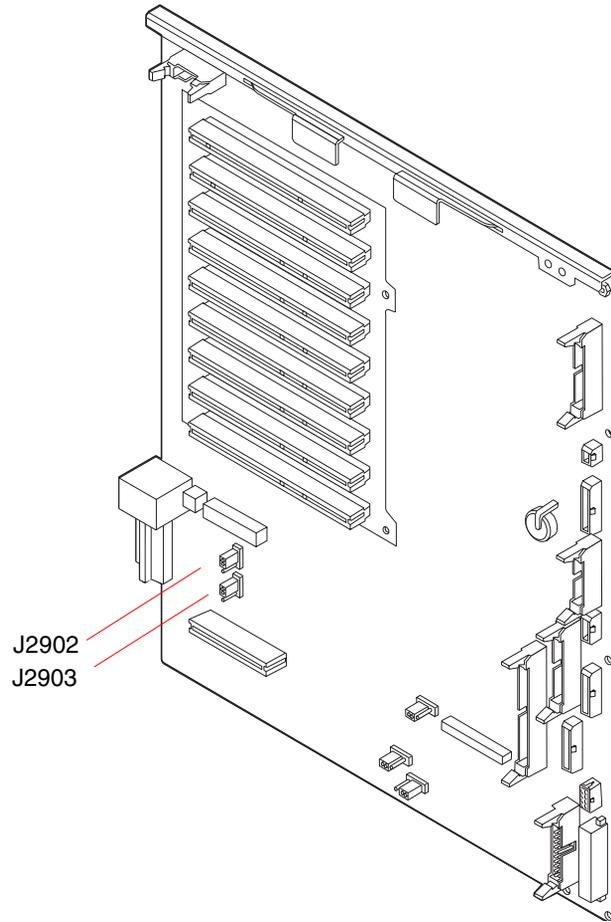
All jumpers are marked with identification numbers. For example, the serial port jumpers on the system I/O board are marked J2902 and J2903. Jumper pins are located immediately adjacent to the identification number. The default jumper positions are indicated with shaded regions. Pin 1 is marked with an asterisk (\*) in any of the positions shown below.



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## About Serial Port Jumpers

The serial port jumpers (J2902 and J2903) on the system I/O board configure the system's two serial ports for either EIA-423 or EIA-232D signal levels. EIA-423 levels are the default standard for North American users. EIA-232D levels are required for digital telecommunication in nations of the European Community.



Jumper	Shunt on Pins 1 + 2 Selects	Shunt on Pins 2 + 3 Selects	Default Setting
J2902 	EIA-232D	EIA-423	2 + 3
J2903 	EIA-232D	EIA-423	2 + 3

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# About Flash PROM Jumpers

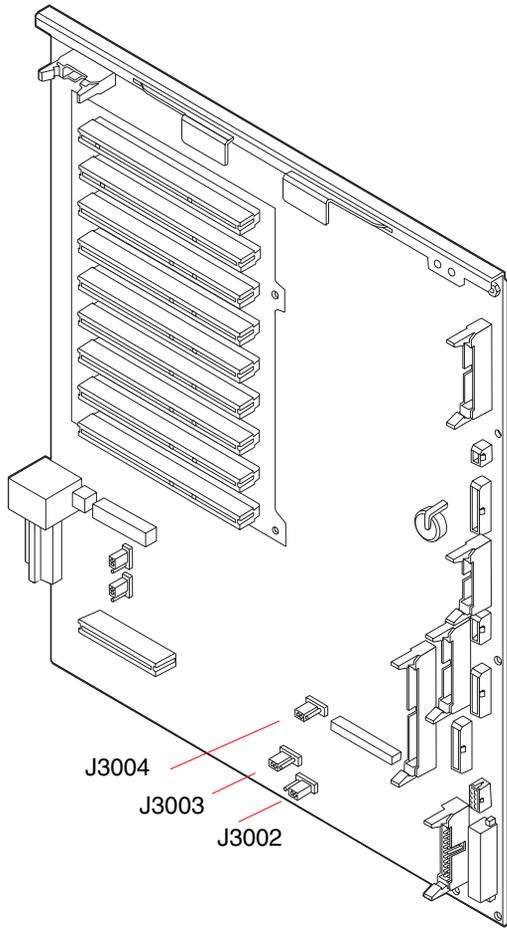
The Sun Fire V890 system uses flash PROMs to enable the reprogramming of specific firmware code blocks held in nonvolatile system memory, and to enable remote reprogramming of that code by an authorized system administrator over a local area network. Firmware updates, when required, are available for download from the SunSolve Online web site at <http://sunsolve.sun.com>.

Instructions for performing a firmware update procedure are provided with the downloaded firmware image.

Several jumpers located on the system I/O board and FC-AL disk backplane affect flash PROM operation. The jumper locations and settings are provided in the sections that follow. For an explanation of how each jumper affects the flash PROM update procedure, see the instructions supplied with the firmware image.

## System I/O Board

The locations and functions of the flash PROM jumpers on the system I/O board are shown below.



Jumper	Shunt on Pins 1 + 2 Selects	Shunt on Pins 2 + 3 Selects	Default Setting
J3004 	OpenBoot flash PROM	For factory use only	1 + 2
J3003 	Write-protect	Write-enable	2 + 3
J3002 	High half booting	Normal booting	2 + 3

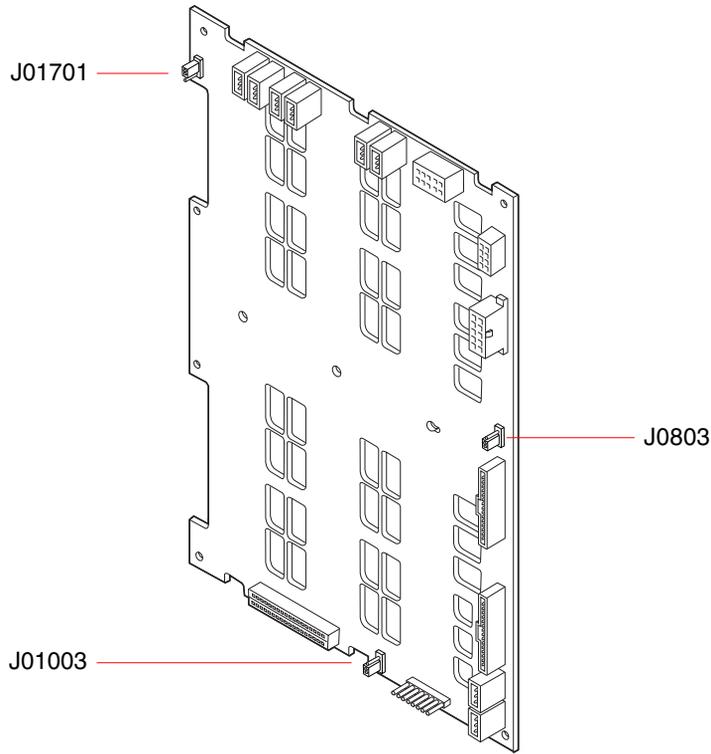
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**Note** – Jumper J3003 is factory-set so that the flash PROM is write-enabled. You use the keyswitch located on the front panel to write-protect the flash PROM. When the switch is set to the Locked position, the flash PROM is write-protected. When the switch is set to the Normal position or to the Diagnostics position, the flash PROM is write-enabled.

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## FC-AL Disk Backplane

The locations and functions of the flash PROM jumpers on the Fibre Channel-Arbitrated Loop (FC-AL) disk backplane are shown below.



Jumper	Shunt on Pins 1 + 2 Selects	Shunt on Pins 2 + 3 Selects	Default Setting
J01701	 High half booting, Loop B	Normal booting, Loop B	2 + 3
J0803	 High half booting, Loop A	Normal booting, Loop A	2 + 3
J01003	 Flash PROM	For factory use only	1 + 2



# Mass Storage Subsystem Configuration

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This chapter describes the features of the Sun Fire V890 mass storage subsystem, its components, and supported configurations. The following topics are covered in this chapter:

- [“About FC-AL Technology” on page 77](#)
- [“About Sun Fire V890 Mass Storage Features” on page 79](#)
- [“About the Mass Storage Subsystem Components” on page 80](#)
- [“About the FC-AL Disk Backplanes” on page 82](#)
- [“About Internal Disk Drives” on page 84](#)
- [“About FC-AL Host Adapters” on page 86](#)
- [“About FC-AL Device Addresses” on page 88](#)

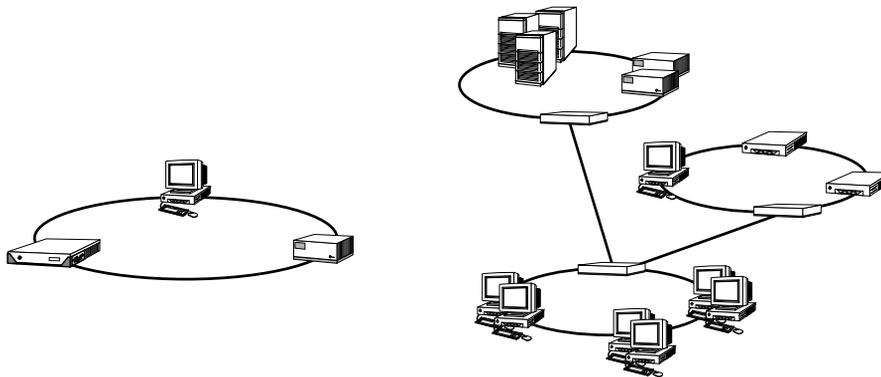
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## About FC-AL Technology

Fibre Channel (FC) is a high-performance serial interconnect standard designed for bidirectional, point-to-point communication among servers, storage systems, workstations, switches, and hubs.

Fibre Channel-Arbitrated Loop (FC-AL) is an important enhancement to the FC standard, developed specifically to meet the needs of storage system interconnects. Employing a simple loop topology, FC-AL can support both simple configurations and complex arrangements of hubs, switches, servers, and storage systems.

FC-AL devices employ a high-performance Gigabit serial interface, which supports multiple standard protocols such as Small Computer Systems Interface (SCSI) and Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM). By supporting these standard protocols, FC-AL preserves any investment in existing legacy systems, firmware, applications, and software.



The unique features of FC-AL provide many advantages over other data transfer technologies. The following table lists the features and advantages of FC-AL. For additional information about FC-AL technology, visit the Fibre Channel Association web site at <http://www.fibrechannel.com>.

FC-AL Features	Advantages
Supports 100-Mbyte per second data transfer rate (200 Mbytes per second with dual porting)	High throughput meets the demands of current generation high-performance processors and disks.
Capable of addressing up to 126 devices, plus a single controller, per loop	High connectivity controlled by one device allows flexible and simpler configurations.
Supports distances up to 10 km between devices using fiber-optic cable (up to 30 meters using copper cable)	Long distances between devices offers improved data availability by allowing remote mirroring and campus clustering.
Provides for reliability, availability, and serviceability (RAS) features such as hot-pluggable and dual-ported disks, redundant data paths, and multiple host connections	RAS features provide improved fault tolerance and data availability.
Supports standard protocols such as IP and SCSI	Migration to FC-AL produces small or no impact on software and firmware.
Implements a simple serial protocol over copper or fiber cable	Configurations that use serial connections are less complex because of the reduced number of cables per connection.
Supports redundant array of independent disks (RAID)	RAID support enhances data availability.

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# About Sun Fire V890 Mass Storage Features

The FC-AL technology implemented in the Sun Fire V890 mass storage subsystem significantly enhances the server's reliability, availability, and serviceability (RAS) and performance capabilities.

The following table describes Sun Fire V890 mass storage subsystem features that enhance RAS capabilities.

Features	RAS Capabilities
Dual-ported FC-AL disk drives, dual-loop backplanes, and multiple FC-AL host adapters	These features provide fault tolerance and high availability of data. You can implement automatic failover by configuring up to four independent and redundant data paths using up to four FC-AL host adapters and appropriate multipathing software. If a component in any path fails, the software automatically detects the failure and switches all data transfers to an alternate path. For additional details, see <a href="#">“About Multipathing Software” on page 131</a> .
Support for RAID software	Using a software RAID application (like Solstice DiskSuite), you can ensure high availability of data through fault tolerance and data redundancy. For more information, see <a href="#">“About Volume Management Software” on page 134</a> .
Hot-pluggable disk drives	Hot-pluggable disk drives ensure high data availability and enhanced serviceability. You can quickly replace a failed disk drive in a powered-on system, without affecting the rest of the system's capabilities. For more information, see <a href="#">“About Internal Disk Drives” on page 84</a> and <a href="#">“About Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components” on page 127</a> .

The following table describes the performance features of the Sun Fire V890 mass storage subsystem.

Features	Performance Enhancements
Dual-ported FC-AL disk drives, dual-loop backplanes, and multiple FC-AL host adapters	These features enable simultaneous access to the internal storage array via two separate loops. When combined with volume management software that takes advantage of the Sun Fire V890 server's multipathing capability, disk throughput can be increased. For additional details, see <a href="#">"About the FC-AL Disk Backplanes" on page 82</a> and <a href="#">"About Volume Management Software" on page 134</a> .
Support for RAID levels 0, 0+1, 1+0, and 5	When configured with optional RAID software, the Sun Fire V890 system supports RAID levels 0, 0+1, 1+0, and 5, which incorporate disk striping. Disk striping distributes contiguous blocks of data across multiple disks. This speeds up data access by enabling multiple disk controllers to access the data simultaneously. For additional information, see <a href="#">"About Volume Management Software" on page 134</a> .

## About the Mass Storage Subsystem Components

All Sun Fire V890 servers include the following mass storage subsystem components.

Component	Quantity	Description
FC-AL disk backplane	1	Base backplane providing connections for up to six dual-ported FC-AL disk drives. See <a href="#">"About the FC-AL Disk Backplanes" on page 82</a> .
On-board FC-AL host adapter	1	Integrated into the system motherboard. Manages FC-AL I/O operations and data transfers on Loop A of the mass storage subsystem. See <a href="#">"About FC-AL Host Adapters" on page 86</a> .

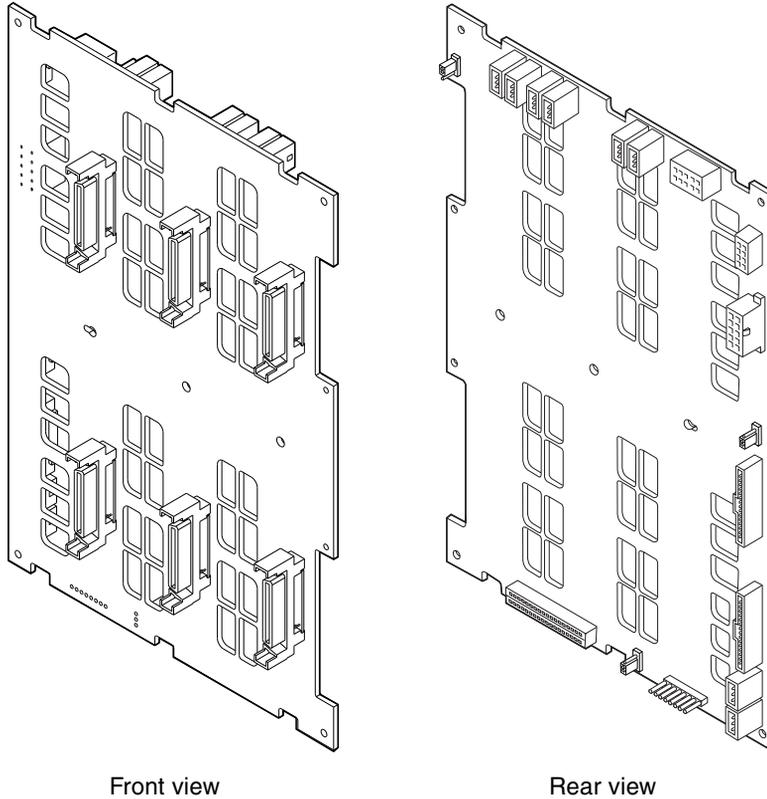
The following mass storage subsystem components are available as system options.

Component	Quantity	Description
Expansion FC-AL disk backplane	1	Expands the base array to accommodate up to 12 disks. See <a href="#">“About the FC-AL Disk Backplanes” on page 82.</a>
FC-AL disk drives	Up to 12 (6 per backplane)	Low-profile (1.0-inch) dual-ported disks, available in various storage capacities. See <a href="#">“About Internal Disk Drives” on page 84.</a>
PCI FC-AL host adapter cards	Up to 9	PCI host adapter cards for controlling internal or external FC-AL devices. These plug in to PCI slots on the system I/O board. Up to three PCI FC-AL host adapters can be connected internally to manage FC-AL I/O operations and data transfers on Loops A and B of the mass storage subsystem. See <a href="#">“About FC-AL Host Adapters” on page 86.</a>

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# About the FC-AL Disk Backplanes

All Sun Fire V890 servers include a single FC-AL disk backplane with connections for up to six disks. An optional expansion backplane may be installed above the base backplane to accommodate up to six additional disks.



The FC-AL backplane accepts low-profile (1.0-inch) dual-ported FC-AL disk drives. Each disk drive connects to the backplane via a standard 40-pin single connector attachment (SCA) interface. Incorporating all power and signal connections into a single, blind-mating connector, SCA technology makes it easy to add or remove disk drives from the system. Disks using SCA connectors provide higher availability and better serviceability than disks using other types of connectors.

## Dual-Loop Configurations

The FC-AL disk backplane provides dual-loop access to all internal disk drives, in both full and split backplane configurations (see [“Full vs. Split Backplane Configurations” on page 83](#)). Dual-loop configurations enable each disk drive to be accessed through two separate and distinct data paths. This capability provides:

- *Increased bandwidth* – Allowing data transfer rates up to 200 Mbytes per second versus 100 Mbytes per second for single-loop configurations
- *Hardware redundancy* – Providing the ability to sustain component failures in one path by switching all data transfers to an alternate path

For more information on the RAS and performance capabilities of the mass storage subsystem, see [“About Sun Fire V890 Mass Storage Features” on page 79](#).

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**Note** – To take advantage of the dual-loop capability of the FC-AL backplanes, an optional PCI FC-AL host adapter card must be installed to control the second loop (Loop B). For more information, see [“About FC-AL Host Adapters” on page 86](#).

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Port bypass controllers (PBCs) on the disk backplane ensure loop integrity. When a disk or external device is unplugged or fails, the PBCs automatically bypass the device, closing the loop to maintain data availability.

Each backplane also includes two integrated SSC100 SCSI Enclosure Services (SES) controllers, one for each loop. The SES controllers:

- Interpret enclosure service commands from the host software
- Manage the backplane’s FC-AL loop configuration
- Monitor status signals from disks and disk backplanes
- Control disk status LEDs

When a second backplane is installed to form an expanded 12-disk array, only the SES controllers on the base backplane are active; the SES controllers on the upper backplane remain inactive.

## Full vs. Split Backplane Configurations

In the expanded 12-disk array, the two FC-AL disk backplanes are connected by internal cables. These cables extend Loop A (and optionally, Loop B) between the two backplanes. This is sometimes called a *full backplane configuration*. The dual-loop, full backplane configuration provides redundancy of disks, data paths, and host adapters.

It is also possible to set up a *split backplane configuration*, in which, unlike the full backplane configuration, there is no cabling between the base and expansion backplanes. In the dual-loop, split backplane configuration, there are four independent loops, two on each backplane; this provides redundancy of disks, data paths, host adapters, and backplanes.

Split backplane configurations must be set up by a qualified service technician. For details, see the “Split Backplane Configurations” appendix in the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*.

## Configuration Rules

- The FC-AL disk backplane requires low-profile (1.0-inch) disk drives.
- The optional expansion disk backplane is installed above the base backplane.



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**Caution** – All internal options (except disk drives and power supplies) must be installed only by qualified service personnel. For information about installing or removing an FC-AL disk backplane, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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## About Internal Disk Drives

The Sun Fire V890 mass storage subsystem accommodates up to 12 low-profile (1.0-inch) FC-AL disk drives. Disks are available in various storage capacities. .



All Sun Fire V890 disk drives are dual-ported for multipath access. When used in a dual-loop configuration, each drive can be accessed through two separate and distinct data paths. Dual data paths provide the following benefits:

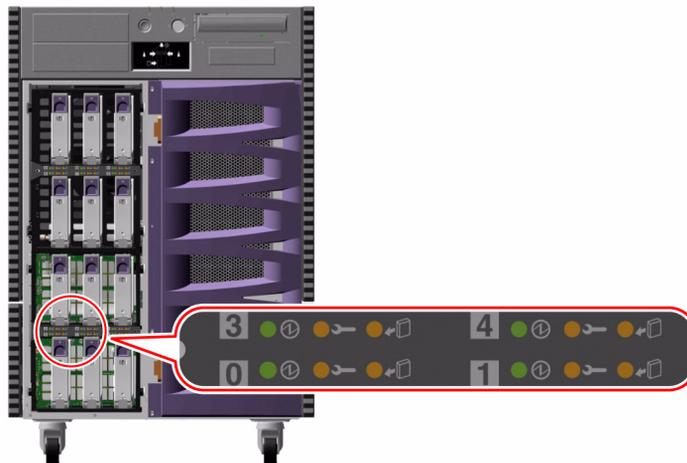
- *Increased bandwidth* – Allowing data transfer rates up to 200 Mbytes per second versus 100 Mbytes per second for single-loop configurations
- *Hardware redundancy* – Providing the ability to sustain component failures in one path by switching all data transfers to an alternate path

For more information on the RAS and performance capabilities of the mass storage subsystem, see [“About Sun Fire V890 Mass Storage Features” on page 79](#).

Sun Fire V890 disk drives are hot-pluggable. You can add, remove, or replace disks while the system continues to operate. This capability significantly reduces system downtime associated with disk drive replacement. Disk drive hot-plug procedures involve software commands for preparing the system prior to removing a disk drive and for reconfiguring the operating system after installing a drive. For additional details, see [“About Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components” on page 127](#).

At the front of the system disk cage are several disk drive status LEDs. There are three LEDs associated with each drive, indicating the drive’s operating status, hot-plug readiness, and any fault conditions associated with the drive. These status LEDs help administrators to quickly identify drives requiring service. For additional details, see [“About Disk Drive LEDs” on page 156](#).

The following figure shows the system’s 12 internal disk slots and associated LEDs. Disk slots are labeled from 0 to 11.



# Configuration Rule

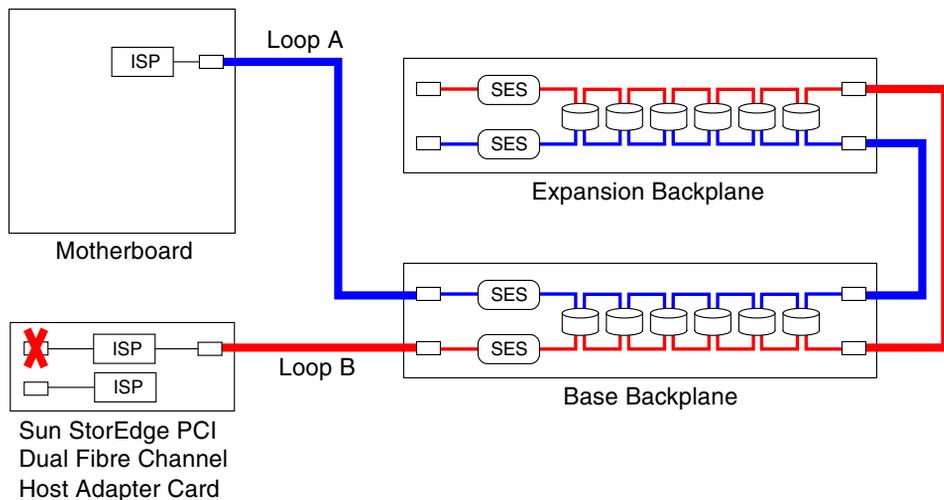
Disk drives must be Sun standard FC-AL disks with low-profile (1.0-inch) form factors.

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## About FC-AL Host Adapters

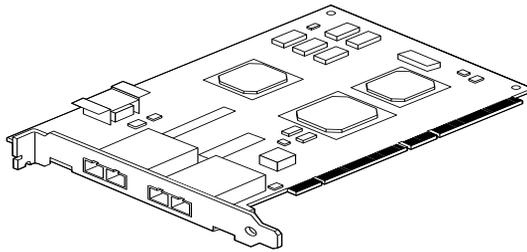
The Sun Fire V890 server uses a Qlogic ISP2200A intelligent Fibre Channel processor as its on-board FC-AL controller. Integrated into the system motherboard, the ISP2200A resides on PCI Bus A and supports a 64-bit, 66-MHz PCI interface. The on-board FC-AL controller controls FC-AL operations on Loop A of the base backplane (and the upper backplane when the two are joined as an expanded array).

To take advantage of the dual-loop capability of the FC-AL backplanes, an optional PCI FC-AL host adapter card is required to control the second loop (Loop B). For this purpose, Sun offers the Sun StorEdge PCI Dual Fibre Channel Host Adapter card (part number X6727A). This card provides two separate FC-AL channels, each controlled by a Qlogic ISP2200A processor. Each channel provides an external port for connection to external Fibre Channel devices. One of the channels also provides an internal port for connection to the Loop B port on the base FC-AL disk backplane. If the internal port is used, external Port 1 is unavailable for connection to external devices.



To provide additional hardware redundancy, two split backplane configurations are available as field-installed options. See the “Split Backplane Configurations” appendix in the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*.

A variety of PCI FC-AL host adapter cards are available from Sun Microsystems and other vendors for controlling external FC-AL devices. These include dual-channel cards and combination cards. Dual-channel cards contain two FC-AL controllers for controlling two separate loops with a single card. Combination cards combine an FC-AL controller with a controller of another type (for example, a Gigabit Ethernet controller). For more information, see the documentation supplied with the host adapter card.



Sun StorEdge PCI Dual Fibre Channel Host Adapter Card

## Configuration Rules

- The Sun Fire V490 server supports Sun FC-AL host adapter cards that incorporate the Qlogic ISP2200 series intelligent Fibre Channel processor. Sun host adapter cards that use the Qlogic ISP2100 series processor are not supported. For a list of supported cards, contact your authorized Sun sales representative.
- If your system is configured with a Sun StorEdge PCI Dual Fibre Channel Host Adapter card, and its internal port is connected to the Loop B port of the FC-AL disk backplane, *you must not use the card's external Port 1*. Connecting Port 1 to external devices under these circumstances is considered an unsupported configuration. In this case, use only Port 2 to connect to external devices.
- Do not use the internal port of the Sun StorEdge PCI Dual Fibre Channel Host Adapter card to connect to the Loop A port of the FC-AL disk backplane. You must connect the card's internal port to Loop B only.
- For best performance, install 66-MHz FC-AL host adapter cards in a 66-MHz PCI slot (slot 7 or 8, if available). See [“About PCI Cards and Buses” on page 56](#).



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**Caution** – All internal options (except disk drives and power supplies) must be installed only by qualified service personnel. For information about installing or removing a PCI FC-AL host adapter card, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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## About FC-AL Device Addresses

In a Sun Fire V890 internal storage array, each FC-AL device is assigned a unique selection ID based on its physical location in the storage array. Each slot on the disk backplane is hard-wired to a different selection ID.

Each FC-AL disk drive is connected directly to a Fibre Channel loop and appears as a separate node on the loop. Each node on a loop is assigned a unique arbitrated loop physical address (AL\_PA), one of 127 available addresses per loop.

AL\_PA values may be hard-assigned or soft-assigned and are determined when the loop is initialized—typically when booting the system or when adding or removing a device as part of a hot-plug operation. Hard-assigned AL\_PAs are established first, according to the selection ID for each device. If, for any reason, there are conflicts with hard-assigned addresses during loop initialization, the devices involved automatically revert to soft-assigned addresses to resolve the conflicts.

The AL\_PA values that are hard-assigned to each device depend on the device's location within its backplane (disk slot number). The following table shows the selection IDs and AL\_PA values that are hard-assigned to Sun Fire V890 internal FC-AL devices, depending on the device location. Both selection IDs and AL\_PA values are expressed as hexadecimal numbers.

Base Backplane	Sel ID	AL_PA	Expansion Backplane	Sel ID	AL_PA
Disk 0	00	EF	Disk 6	08	D9
Disk 1	01	E8	Disk 7	09	D6
Disk 2	02	E4	Disk 8	0A	D5
Disk 3	03	E2	Disk 9	0B	D4
Disk 4	04	E1	Disk 10	0C	D3
Disk 5	05	E0	Disk 11	0D	D2
SES processor	06	DC			

# Configuring Network Interfaces

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This chapter describes the networking options of the system and provides information and instructions required to plan and configure the supported network interfaces.

Tasks covered in this chapter include:

- [“How to Configure the Primary Network Interface” on page 92](#)
- [“How to Configure Additional Network Interfaces” on page 94](#)
- [“How to Attach a Fiber-Optic Gigabit Ethernet Cable” on page 97](#)
- [“How to Attach a Twisted-Pair Ethernet Cable” on page 99](#)
- [“How to Select the Boot Device” on page 101](#)

Other information covered in this chapter includes:

- [“About Network Interfaces” on page 90](#)
- [“About Redundant Network Interfaces” on page 91](#)

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# About Network Interfaces

The Sun Fire V890 server provides two on-board Ethernet interfaces—one Gigabit Ethernet and one Fast Ethernet interface. The 100BASE-TX Fast Ethernet interface is located on the system I/O board and conforms to the IEEE 802.3u Ethernet standard. The Fast Ethernet interface is an auto-sensing, switchable interface that can operate at 100 Mbps or 10 Mbps. It negotiates automatically with the remote end of the link (link partner) to select a common mode of operation.

The 1000BASE-SX Gigabit Ethernet interface resides on the system motherboard and conforms to the IEEE 802.3z Ethernet standard. The Gigabit Ethernet interface operates at 1000 Mbps only.

Two rear panel connectors provide access to the on-board Ethernet interfaces:

- One 1000BASE-SX compliant SC connector for connecting 62.5/125-micron or 50/125-micron fiber-optic cable to the Gigabit Ethernet interface
- One RJ-45 connector for connecting Category-5 twisted-pair Ethernet (TPE) cable to the Fast Ethernet interface

Additional Ethernet interfaces or connections to other network types are available by installing the appropriate PCI interface cards. A Gigabit Ethernet or Fast Ethernet PCI card can serve as a redundant network interface for one of the system's on-board interfaces. If the active network interface becomes unavailable, the system can automatically switch to the redundant interface to maintain availability. This capability is known as *automatic failover* and must be configured at the Solaris Operating System level. For additional details, see [“About Redundant Network Interfaces” on page 91](#).

The `ge` Gigabit Ethernet driver, the `eri` Fast Ethernet driver, and drivers for several other network interfaces are installed automatically during the Solaris installation procedure. For more information, see the Solaris documentation included with your software.

For instructions on configuring the system's network interfaces, see:

- [“How to Configure the Primary Network Interface” on page 92](#)
- [“How to Configure Additional Network Interfaces” on page 94](#)

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# About Redundant Network Interfaces

You can configure your system with redundant network interfaces to provide a highly available network connection. Such a configuration relies on special Solaris software features to detect a failed or failing network interface and automatically switch all network traffic over to the redundant interface. This capability is known as automatic failover.

To set up redundant network interfaces, you can enable automatic failover between the two similar interfaces using the multipathing feature of the Solaris Operating System. For additional details, see [“About Multipathing Software” on page 131](#). A qualified service technician can also install a pair of identical PCI network interface cards, or add a single card that provides an interface identical to one of the two on-board Ethernet interfaces.

To help maximize system availability, make sure that any redundant network interfaces reside on separate PCI buses, supported by separate PCI bridges. For additional details, see [“About PCI Cards and Buses” on page 56](#).

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# How to Configure the Primary Network Interface

## Before You Begin

You must perform the following tasks:

- Complete the installation steps in [“How to Install the Sun Fire V890 Server” on page 24](#).
- Attach a cable to the appropriate network connector on the system rear panel; see [“How to Attach a Fiber-Optic Gigabit Ethernet Cable” on page 97](#) or [“How to Attach a Twisted-Pair Ethernet Cable” on page 99](#).

If you are using a PCI network interface card, see the documentation supplied with the card.

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**Note** – All internal options (except disk drives and power supplies) must be installed only by qualified service personnel. Installation procedures for these components are covered in the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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## What to Do

### 1. Choose a host name for the system.

The host name must be unique within the network. It can consist only of alphanumeric characters and the dash (-). Do not use a dot in the host name. Do not begin the name with a number or a special character. The name must not be longer than 30 characters.

### 2. Determine the unique Internet Protocol (IP) address of the network interface and make a note of it.

You need to furnish the address in a later step.

An IP address must be assigned by your network administrator. Each network device or interface must have a unique IP address.

### 3. Resume the installation of the system.

Return to [“How to Install the Sun Fire V890 Server” on page 24](#).

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**Note** – During installation of the Solaris Operating System, the software automatically detects the system’s on-board network interfaces and any installed PCI network interface cards for which native Solaris device drivers exist. The operating system then asks you to select one of the interfaces as the primary network interface and prompts you for its host name and IP address. You can configure only one network interface during installation of the operating system. You must configure any additional interfaces separately, after the operating system is installed. For more information, see [“How to Configure Additional Network Interfaces” on page 94](#).

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## What Next

After completing this procedure, the primary network interface is ready for operation. However, in order for other network devices to communicate with the system, you must enter the system’s IP address and host name into the namespace on the network name server. For information about setting up a network name service, consult:

- *Solaris Naming Configuration Guide* for your specific Solaris release

The device driver for the system’s on-board Sun GigaSwift Ethernet interfaces is automatically installed with the Solaris release. For information about operating characteristics and configuration parameters for this driver, refer to the following document:

- *Platform Notes: The Sun GigaSwift Ethernet Device Driver*

This document is available at <http://docs.sun.com>, under Solaris on Sun Hardware. Refer also to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for late-breaking details.

If you want to set up an additional network interface, you must configure it separately, after installing the operating system. See:

- [“How to Configure Additional Network Interfaces” on page 94](#)

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**Note** – The Sun Fire V890 system conforms to the Ethernet 10/100BASE-T standard, which states that the Ethernet 10BASE-T link integrity test function should always be enabled on both the host system and the Ethernet hub. If you have problems establishing a connection between this system and your hub, verify that the Ethernet hub also has the link integrity test function enabled. Consult the manual provided with your hub for more information about the link integrity test function.

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# How to Configure Additional Network Interfaces

## Before You Begin

Perform the following tasks to prepare an additional network interface:

- Install the Sun Fire V890 server as described in [“How to Install the Sun Fire V890 Server” on page 24](#).
- If you are setting up a redundant network interface, see [“About Redundant Network Interfaces” on page 91](#).
- If you need to install a PCI network interface card, follow the installation instructions in the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*.
- Attach an Ethernet cable to the appropriate port on the system rear panel; see [“How to Attach a Fiber-Optic Gigabit Ethernet Cable” on page 97](#) or [“How to Attach a Twisted-Pair Ethernet Cable” on page 99](#).

If you are using a PCI network interface card, see the documentation supplied with the card.

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**Note** – All internal options (except disk drives and power supplies) must be installed only by qualified service personnel. Installation procedures for these components are covered in the *Sun Fire V890 Server Service Manual*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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## What to Do

### 1. Choose a network host name for each new interface.

The host name must be unique within the network. It can consist of alphanumeric characters and the dash (-). Do not use a dot in the host name. Do not begin the name with a number or a special character.

Usually an interface host name is based on the machine host name. For example, if the machine is assigned the host name `sunrise`, the added network interface could be named `sunrise-1`. The machine's host name is assigned when Solaris software is installed. For more information, see the installation instructions accompanying the Solaris software.

**2. Determine the IP address for each new interface.**

An IP address must be assigned by your network administrator. Each interface on a network must have a unique IP address.

**3. Boot the operating system (if it is not already running) and log on to the system as superuser.**

Be sure to perform a reconfiguration boot if you just added a new PCI network interface card. See [“How to Initiate a Reconfiguration Boot” on page 40](#).

Type the `su` command at the system prompt, followed by the superuser password.

```
$ su
Password:
```

**4. Create an appropriate `/etc/hostname` file for each new network interface.**

The name of the file you create should be of the form `/etc/hostname.typenum`, where *type* is the network interface type identifier (some common types are `le`, `hme`, `eri`, and `ge`) and *num* is the device instance number of the interface according to the order in which it was installed in the system.

For example, the file names for the system’s on-board Fast Ethernet and Gigabit Ethernet interfaces are `/etc/hostname.eri0` and `/etc/hostname.ge0`, respectively. Both interfaces have a device instance number of 0 since each interface is the first one of its type installed in the system. If you add a PCI Gigabit Ethernet adapter card as a second `ge` interface, its file name should be `/etc/hostname.ge1`. At least one of these files—the primary network interface—should exist already, having been created automatically during the Solaris installation process.

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**Note** – The documentation accompanying the network interface card should identify its type. Alternatively, you can enter the `show-devs` command from the `ok` prompt to obtain a list of all installed devices.

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**5. Edit the `/etc/hostname` file(s) created in Step 4 to add the host name(s) determined in Step 1.**

Following is an example of the `/etc/hostname` files required for a system called `sunrise`, which has two on-board Ethernet interfaces (`ge0` and `eri0`) and a PCI Gigabit Ethernet adapter card (`ge1`). A network connected to the on-board `eri0`

interface will know the system as `sunrise`, while networks connected to the `ge0` and `ge1` interfaces will know the system as `sunrise-1` and `sunrise-2`, respectively.

```
sunrise # cat /etc/hostname.eri0
sunrise
sunrise # cat /etc/hostname.ge0
sunrise-1
sunrise # cat /etc/hostname.ge1
sunrise-2
```

#### 6. Create an entry in the `/etc/hosts` file for each active network interface.

An entry consists of the IP address and the host name for each interface.

The following example shows an `/etc/hosts` file with entries for the three network interfaces used as examples in this procedure.

```
sunrise # cat /etc/hosts
#
# Internet host table
#
127.0.0.1    localhost
129.144.10.57 sunrise loghost
129.144.14.26 sunrise-1
129.144.11.83 sunrise-2
```

#### 7. Manually plumb and enable each new interface using the `ifconfig` command.

For example, for the logical interface `ge0`, type:

```
sunrise # ifconfig ge0 plumb up
```

For more information, see the `ifconfig(1M)` man page.

## What Next

After completing this procedure, any new network interfaces are ready for operation. However, in order for other network devices to communicate with the system through the new interface, the IP address and host name for each new interface must be entered into the namespace on the network name server. For information about setting up a network name service, consult

- *Solaris Naming Configuration Guide* for your specific Solaris release

The `eri` and `ge` device drivers for the system's on-board Ethernet interfaces are automatically configured during Solaris installation. For information about operating characteristics and configuration parameters for these drivers, refer to the following documents:

- *Platform Notes: The eri FastEthernet Device Driver*
- *Platform Notes: The Sun GigabitEthernet Device Driver*

These documents are available with your Solaris software and online at <http://docs.sun.com>, under Solaris on Sun Hardware. Refer also to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for late-breaking information.

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**Note** – The Sun Fire V890 system conforms to the Ethernet 10/100BASE-T standard, which states that the Ethernet 10BASE-T link integrity test function should always be enabled on both the host system and the Ethernet hub. If you have problems establishing a connection between this system and your Ethernet hub, verify that the hub also has the link test function enabled. Consult the manual provided with your hub for more information about the link integrity test function.

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# How to Attach a Fiber-Optic Gigabit Ethernet Cable

## Before You Begin

Complete the prerequisite steps in:

- [“How to Install the Sun Fire V890 Server” on page 24](#)

# What to Do

## 1. Select a fiber-optic cable that meets all Sun Fire V890 cabling requirements.

The Sun Fire V890 on-board Gigabit Ethernet interface supports 50/125-micron or 62.5/125-micron multimode, duplexed, fiber-optic cable. The cable must meet UL910 and UL1651 specifications and must have a standard dual SC connector with a UL94V-2 rating (or better).

Cable lengths must not exceed 300 meters for 62.5/125-micron cable, or 550 meters for 50/125-micron cable.

If your system includes a PCI Gigabit Ethernet adapter card, see the documentation supplied with the card for cable requirements.

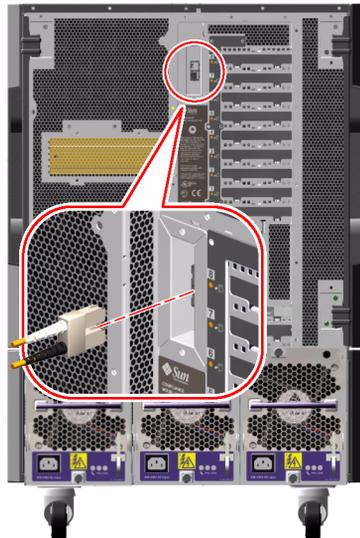
## 2. Locate the dual SC connector for the Gigabit Ethernet interface.

See [“Locating Rear Panel Features” on page 9](#). For a PCI Gigabit Ethernet adapter card, see the documentation supplied with the card.

## 3. Remove any dust covers from the SC connectors.

## 4. Connect the fiber-optic cable to the Gigabit Ethernet connector and to the Ethernet network.

The cable and connector are keyed for correct mating orientation.



## What Next

If you are installing your system, complete the installation procedure. Return to:

- [“How to Install the Sun Fire V890 Server” on page 24](#)

If you are adding an additional network interface to the system, then you need to configure that interface. See:

- [“How to Configure Additional Network Interfaces” on page 94](#)

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# How to Attach a Twisted-Pair Ethernet Cable

## Before You Begin

Complete the prerequisite steps in:

- [“How to Install the Sun Fire V890 Server” on page 24](#)

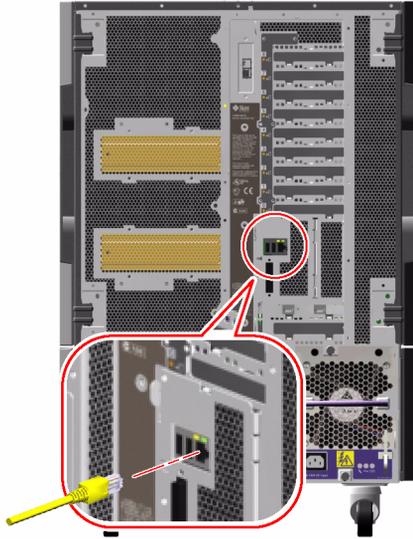
## What to Do

1. **Locate the RJ-45 twisted-pair Ethernet (TPE) connector for the appropriate Fast Ethernet interface.**

See [“Locating Rear Panel Features” on page 9](#). For a PCI Fast Ethernet adapter card, see the documentation supplied with the card.

2. **Plug in a Category-5 unshielded twisted-pair (UTP) cable to the appropriate RJ-45 connector.**

You should hear the connector tab click into place. The UTP cable length must not exceed 100 meters (328 feet).



3. **Connect the other end of the cable to the RJ-45 outlet to the appropriate network device.**

You should hear the connector tab click into place.

Consult your network administrator if you need more information about how to connect to your network.

## What Next

If you are installing your system, complete the installation procedure. Return to:

- [“How to Install the Sun Fire V890 Server” on page 24](#)

If you are adding an additional network interface to the system, then you need to configure that interface. See:

- [“How to Configure Additional Network Interfaces” on page 94](#)

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# How to Select the Boot Device

The boot device is specified by the setting of an OpenBoot firmware configuration variable called `boot-device`. The default setting of this variable is `disk net`. Because of this setting, the firmware first attempts to boot from the system hard drive, and if that fails, from the on-board Fast Ethernet interface.

## Before You Begin

Before you can select a boot device, you must complete the installation procedure. See:

- [“How to Install the Sun Fire V890 Server” on page 24](#)

Specifically, you must set up a system console and power on the system. See:

- [“How to Attach an Alphanumeric Terminal” on page 31](#)
- [“How to Configure a Local Graphics Console” on page 33](#)
- [“How to Power On the System” on page 35](#)

If you want to boot from a network, you must also connect the network interface to the network and configure the network interfaces. See:

- [“How to Attach a Twisted-Pair Ethernet Cable” on page 99](#)
- [“How to Configure the Primary Network Interface” on page 92](#)
- [“How to Configure Additional Network Interfaces” on page 94](#)

This procedure assumes that you are familiar with the OpenBoot firmware and that you know how to enter the OpenBoot environment. For more information about the OpenBoot firmware, see the *OpenBoot 4.x Command Reference Manual*, which is available at <http://docs.sun.com>, under Solaris on Sun Hardware. Refer also to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for late-breaking details.

## What to Do

1. At the `ok` prompt, type:

```
ok setenv boot-device device-specifier
```

where the *device-specifier* is one of the following:

- `cdrom` – Specifies the CD-ROM drive
- `disk` – Specifies the system boot disk

- `disk0` – Specifies internal disk 0
- `disk1` – Specifies internal disk 1
- `disk2` – Specifies internal disk 2
- `disk3` – Specifies internal disk 3
- `disk4` – Specifies internal disk 4
- `disk5` – Specifies internal disk 5
- `disk6` – Specifies internal disk 6
- `disk7` – Specifies internal disk 7
- `disk8` – Specifies internal disk 8
- `disk9` – Specifies internal disk 9
- `disk10` – Specifies internal disk 10
- `disk11` – Specifies internal disk 11
- `tape` – Specifies the SCSI tape drive (if present)
- `net` – Specifies the on-board Fast Ethernet interface
- `gem` – Specifies the on-board Gigabit Ethernet interface
- *full path name* – Specifies the device or network interface by its full path name

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**Note** – You can also specify the name of the program to be booted as well as the way the boot program operates. For more information, see the *OpenBoot 4.x Command Reference Manual* for your specific Solaris software.

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If you want to specify a network interface other than an on-board Ethernet interface as the default boot device, you can determine the full path name of each interface by typing:

```
ok show-devs
```

The `show-devs` command lists the system devices and displays the full path name of each PCI device. An example of a path name for a Fast Ethernet PCI card is shown below:

```
/pci@8,700000/pci@2/SUNW,hme@0,1
```

## 2. To cause variable changes to take effect, type:

```
ok reset-all
```

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**Note** – To store variable changes, you can also power cycle the system using the front panel Power button.

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# Configuring System Firmware

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This chapter describes the OpenBoot firmware commands and configuration variables available for configuring the following aspects of the Sun Fire V890 system behavior:

- OpenBoot environmental monitoring
- Automatic system recovery (ASR)

In addition, this chapter provides information about keyboard commands and alternative methods for performing OpenBoot emergency procedures.

Tasks covered in this chapter include:

- [“How to Enable OpenBoot Environmental Monitoring” on page 106](#)
- [“How to Disable OpenBoot Environmental Monitoring” on page 107](#)
- [“How to Obtain OpenBoot Environmental Status Information” on page 108](#)
- [“How to Enable ASR” on page 113](#)
- [“How to Disable ASR” on page 114](#)
- [“How to Deconfigure a Device Manually” on page 116](#)
- [“How to Reconfigure a Device Manually” on page 117](#)
- [“How to Obtain ASR Status Information” on page 118](#)
- [“How to Implement Stop-N Functionality” on page 121](#)

Other information covered in this chapter includes:

- [“About OpenBoot Environmental Monitoring” on page 104](#)
- [“About Automatic System Recovery” on page 109](#)
- [“About Manually Configuring Devices” on page 114](#)
- [“About OpenBoot Emergency Procedures” on page 119](#)
- [“Reference for Device Identifiers” on page 123](#)

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**Note** – To enhance system restoration and server availability, Sun has recently introduced a new standard (default) OpenBoot firmware configuration. These changes, which affect the behavior of servers like the Sun Fire V890, are described in *OpenBoot PROM Enhancements for Diagnostic Operation*. This document is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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**Note** – The procedures in this chapter assume that you are familiar with the OpenBoot firmware and that you know how to enter the OpenBoot environment. For more information about the OpenBoot firmware, see the *OpenBoot 4.x Command Reference Manual*, which is available at <http://docs.sun.com>, under Solaris on Sun Hardware. Refer to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for late-breaking details.

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## About OpenBoot Environmental Monitoring

Environmental monitoring and control capabilities for Sun Fire V890 systems reside at both the operating system level and the OpenBoot firmware level. This ensures that monitoring capabilities are operational even if the system has halted or is unable to boot. Whenever the system is under OpenBoot control, the OpenBoot environmental monitor checks the state of the system power supplies, fans, and temperature sensors every 30 seconds. If it detects any voltage, current, fan speed, or temperature irregularities, the monitor generates a warning message to the system console. In the event of a critical fan failure or overtemperature condition, the monitor generates a shutdown warning and automatically powers off the system after 30 seconds to prevent hardware damage.

For additional information about the system's environmental monitoring capabilities, see [“Environmental Monitoring and Control” on page 17](#).

## Enabling or Disabling the OpenBoot Environmental Monitor

The OpenBoot environmental monitor is enabled by default whenever the system is operating at the `ok` prompt. However, you can enable or disable it yourself using the OpenBoot commands `env-on` and `env-off`. For more information, see:

- [“How to Enable OpenBoot Environmental Monitoring” on page 106](#)
- [“How to Disable OpenBoot Environmental Monitoring” on page 107](#)

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**Note** – Using the Stop-A keyboard command to enter the OpenBoot environment will immediately disable the OpenBoot environmental monitor. If you want the OpenBoot environmental monitor enabled, you must re-enable it prior to rebooting the system. If you enter the OpenBoot environment through any other means—by halting the operating system, by power-cycling the system, or as a result of a system panic—the OpenBoot environmental monitor will remain enabled.

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## Automatic System Shutdown

If the OpenBoot environmental monitor detects a critical fan failure or overtemperature condition, it will initiate an automatic system shutdown sequence. In this case, a warning similar to the following is generated to the system console:

```
WARNING: SYSTEM POWERING DOWN IN 30 SECONDS!  
Press Ctrl-C to cancel shutdown sequence and return to ok prompt.
```

If necessary, you can type Control-C to abort the automatic shutdown and return to the system ok prompt; otherwise, after the 30 seconds expire, the system will power off automatically.

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**Note** – Typing Control-C to abort an impending shutdown also has the effect of disabling the OpenBoot environmental monitor. This gives you enough time to replace the component responsible for the critical condition without triggering another automatic shutdown sequence. After replacing the faulty component, you must type the `env-on` command to reinstate OpenBoot environmental monitoring.

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**Caution** – If you type Control-C to abort an impending shutdown, you should immediately replace the component responsible for the critical condition. If a replacement part is not immediately available, power off the system to avoid damaging system hardware.

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## OpenBoot Environmental Status Information

The OpenBoot command `.env` lets you obtain status on the current state of everything of interest to the OpenBoot environmental monitor. You can obtain environmental status at any time, regardless of whether OpenBoot environmental

monitoring is enabled or disabled. The `.env` status command simply reports the current environmental status information; it does not take action if anything is abnormal or out of range.

For an example of `.env` command output, see [“How to Obtain OpenBoot Environmental Status Information”](#) on page 108.

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## How to Enable OpenBoot Environmental Monitoring

The OpenBoot environmental monitor is enabled by default whenever the system is operating at the `ok` prompt. However, you can enable or disable it yourself using the OpenBoot commands `env-on` and `env-off`.

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**Note** – The commands `env-on` and `env-off` only affect environmental monitoring at the OpenBoot level. They have no effect on the system’s environmental monitoring and control capabilities while the operating system is running.

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### Before You Begin

This procedure assumes that you are familiar with the OpenBoot firmware and that you know how to enter the OpenBoot environment. For more information about the OpenBoot firmware, see the *OpenBoot 4.x Command Reference Manual*, which is available at <http://docs.sun.com>, under Solaris on Sun Hardware. Refer to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for late-breaking details.

### What to Do

- **To enable OpenBoot environmental monitoring, type `env-on` at the system `ok` prompt.**

```
ok env-on
Environmental monitor is ON
ok
```

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# How to Disable OpenBoot Environmental Monitoring

The OpenBoot environmental monitor is enabled by default whenever the system is operating at the `ok` prompt. However, you can enable or disable it yourself using the OpenBoot commands `env-on` and `env-off`.

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**Note** – The commands `env-on` and `env-off` only affect environmental monitoring at the OpenBoot level. They have no effect on the system’s environmental monitoring and control capabilities while the operating system is running.

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**Note** – Using the Stop-A keyboard command to enter the OpenBoot environment will immediately disable the OpenBoot environmental monitor. You must then re-enable the environmental monitor prior to rebooting the system. If you enter the OpenBoot environment through any other means—by halting the operating system, by power-cycling the system, or as a result of a system panic—the OpenBoot environmental monitor will remain enabled.

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## What to Do

- **To disable OpenBoot environmental monitoring, type `env-off` at the system `ok` prompt.**

```
ok env-off
Environmental monitor is OFF
ok
```

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# How to Obtain OpenBoot Environmental Status Information

You can use the OpenBoot command `.env` at the system `ok` prompt to obtain status information about the system's power supplies, fans, and temperature sensors.

## What to Do

- To obtain OpenBoot environmental status information, type `.env` at the system `ok` prompt.

```
ok .env
Environmental Status:

Power Supplies:
PS0:                Present, receiving AC power
PS1:                Present, receiving AC power
PS2:                Present, receiving AC power

Fans:
Tray 1 (CPU):       Present, Fan A @ 3225 RPM, Fan B @ 3157 RPM
Tray 2 (CPU):       Present, Fan A @ 3529 RPM, Fan B @ 3571 RPM
Tray 3 (I/O):       Present, Fan A @ 3529 RPM, Fan B @ 3488 RPM
Tray 4 (I/O):       Present, Fan A @ 3157 RPM, Fan B @ 3030 RPM
Fan 5 (IO-Bridge): Present, Fan   @ 3846 RPM
Fan 6 (IO-Bridge): Present, Fan   @ 3658 RPM

Temperatures:
CMP0:                Ambient = 32 deg. C, Die = 56 deg. C
CMP1:                Ambient = 34 deg. C, Die = 52 deg. C
CMP2:                Ambient = 31 deg. C, Die = 52 deg. C
CMP3:                Ambient = 33 deg. C, Die = 57 deg. C
CMP4:                Ambient = 36 deg. C, Die = 59 deg. C
CMP5:                Ambient = 32 deg. C, Die = 53 deg. C
CMP6:                Ambient = 33 deg. C, Die = 59 deg. C
CMP7:                Ambient = 32 deg. C, Die = 56 deg. C
Motherboard:         Ambient = 22 deg. C
I/O Board:           Ambient = 19 deg. C
Disk Backplane 0:   Ambient = 19 deg. C

Environmental monitor is ON
```

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**Note** – You can obtain environmental status at any time, regardless of whether OpenBoot environmental monitoring is enabled. The `.env status` command simply reports the current environmental status information; it does not take action if anything is abnormal or out of range.

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## About Automatic System Recovery

To some, *automatic system recovery* (ASR) implies an ability to shield the operating system in the event of a hardware failure, allowing the operating system to remain up and running. The implementation of ASR on the Sun Fire V890 server is different. ASR on the Sun Fire V890 server provides for automatic fault isolation and restoration of the operating system following non-fatal faults or failures of these hardware components:

- Processors
- Memory modules
- PCI buses and cards
- IDE bus
- FC-AL subsystem
- Fast Ethernet interface
- Gigabit Ethernet interface
- USB interface
- Serial interfaces

In the event of such a hardware failure, firmware-based diagnostic tests isolate the problem and mark the device (using the 1275 Client Interface, via the device tree) as either *failed* or *disabled*. The OpenBoot firmware then deconfigures the failed device and reboots the operating system. This all occurs automatically, as long as the Sun Fire V890 system is capable of functioning without the failed component.

Once restored, the operating system will not attempt to access any deconfigured device. This prevents a faulty hardware component from keeping the entire system down or causing the system to crash repeatedly.

As long as the failed component is electrically dormant (that is, it does not cause random bus errors or introduce noise into signal lines), the system reboots automatically and resumes operation. Be sure to contact a qualified service technician about replacing the failed component.

# Auto-Boot Options

The `auto-boot?` OpenBoot configuration variable controls whether the operating system boots after each reset. The default setting for Sun platforms is `true`.

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**Note** – The system will not boot automatically when it is in service mode. For details, see [“Reset Scenarios” on page 112](#).

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If a system fails power-on diagnostics, then `auto-boot?` is ignored and the system does not start up unless an operator boots the system manually. This behavior obviously provides limited system availability. Therefore, the Sun Fire V890 OpenBoot firmware provides a second OpenBoot configuration variable switch called `auto-boot-on-error?`. This switch controls whether the system will attempt to boot when a subsystem failure is detected.

Both the `auto-boot?` and `auto-boot-on-error?` switches must be set to `true` (their default values) to enable an automatic boot following the firmware detection of a non-fatal subsystem failure.

```
ok setenv auto-boot? true
ok setenv auto-boot-on-error? true
```

The system will not attempt to boot if it is in service mode, or following any fatal non-recoverable error. For examples of fatal non-recoverable errors, see [“Error Handling Summary” on page 111](#).

# Error Handling Summary

Error handling during the power-on sequence falls into one of three cases summarized in the following table.

Scenario	System Behavior	Notes
No errors are detected	The system attempts to boot if <code>auto-boot?</code> is true.	By default, <code>auto-boot?</code> and <code>auto-boot-on-error?</code> are both true.
Non-fatal errors are detected	The system attempts to boot if <code>auto-boot?</code> and <code>auto-boot-on-error?</code> are both true.	Non-fatal errors include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IDE bus failure</li><li>• FC-AL subsystem failure <sup>1</sup></li><li>• Gigabit or Fast Ethernet interface failure</li><li>• USB interface failure</li><li>• Serial interface failure</li><li>• PCI card failure</li><li>• Processor failure <sup>2</sup></li><li>• Memory failure <sup>3</sup></li></ul>
Fatal non-recoverable errors are detected	The system will not boot regardless of OpenBoot configuration variable settings.	Fatal non-recoverable errors include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All processors failed</li><li>• All logical memory banks failed</li><li>• Flash RAM cyclical redundancy check (CRC) failure</li><li>• Critical FRU-ID SEEPROM configuration data failure</li><li>• Critical application specific integrated circuit (ASIC) failure</li></ul>

1. A working alternate path to the boot disk is required. For more information, see [“About Multipathing Software” on page 131](#).

2. A single processor failure causes the entire CPU/Memory module to be deconfigured. Reboot requires that another functional CPU/Memory module be present.

3. Since each physical DIMM belongs to two logical memory banks, the firmware deconfigures both memory banks associated with the affected DIMM. This leaves the CPU/Memory module operational, but with one of the processors having a reduced complement of memory.

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**Note** – If POST or OpenBoot Diagnostics detects a non-fatal error associated with the normal boot device, the OpenBoot firmware automatically deconfigures the failed device and tries the next-in-line boot device, as specified by the `boot-device` configuration variable.

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# Reset Scenarios

The system keyswitch position and two OpenBoot configuration variables, `diag-switch?` and `diag-trigger`, control whether and how the system runs firmware diagnostics in response to system reset events.

When you set the system keyswitch to the Diagnostics position, the system is in service mode and runs tests at Sun-specified levels, ignoring the settings of OpenBoot configuration variables.

Setting the `diag-switch?` variable to `true` also puts the system in service mode, producing *exactly* the same results as setting the system keyswitch to the Diagnostics position.

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**Note** – Auto-booting is disabled when the system is in service mode.

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When you set the system keyswitch to the Normal position, *and* when the OpenBoot `diag-switch?` variable is set to `false` (its default value), the system is in normal mode. When the system is in this mode, you can control diagnostics and auto-boot behavior by setting OpenBoot configuration variables, principally `diag-trigger`.

The following table describes the various settings (keywords) of the `diag-trigger` variable. You can use the first three of these keywords in any combination.

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Keyword	Function
<code>power-on-reset</code> (default)	Reset caused by power-cycling the system.
<code>error-reset</code> (default)	Reset caused by certain hardware error events, such as a RED State Exception, Watchdog Reset, or Fatal Resets.
<code>user-reset</code>	Reset caused by operating system panics or by user-initiated commands from OpenBoot ( <code>reset-all</code> , <code>boot</code> ) or from Solaris OS ( <code>reboot</code> , <code>shutdown</code> , <code>init</code> ).
<code>none</code>	Diagnostic tests are not executed.

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## Normal Mode and Service Mode Information

You will find a full description of normal and service modes, as well as detailed information about the OpenBoot configuration variables that affect ASR behavior, in *OpenBoot PROM Enhancements for Diagnostic Operation*, which is available on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

# ASR User Commands

The OpenBoot commands `.asr`, `asr-disable`, and `asr-enable` are available for obtaining ASR status information and for manually deconfiguring or reconfiguring system devices. For more information, see:

- [“How to Deconfigure a Device Manually” on page 116](#)
- [“How to Reconfigure a Device Manually” on page 117](#)
- [“How to Obtain ASR Status Information” on page 118](#)

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## How to Enable ASR

The automatic system recovery (ASR) feature is enabled by default when the system is in normal mode. However, if you have edited the OpenBoot configuration variables controlling ASR, follow this procedure to restore them. See [“Reset Scenarios” on page 112](#) for more information.

### What to Do

1. Type the following at the system `ok` prompt:

```
ok setenv diag-switch? false
ok setenv auto-boot? true
ok setenv auto-boot-on-error? true
```

2. Set the `diag-trigger` and `diag-script` variables as shown. Type:

```
ok setenv diag-trigger power-on-reset error-reset
ok setenv diag-script normal
```

The system permanently stores the parameter changes.

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## How to Disable ASR

To disable the automatic system recovery (ASR) feature, either place the system in service mode, or edit OpenBoot configuration variables as described in this procedure. See [“Reset Scenarios” on page 112](#) for more information.

### What to Do

- Type the following at the system `ok` prompt:

```
ok setenv auto-boot-on-error? false
```

The system permanently stores the parameter change.

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## About Manually Configuring Devices

This section explains the difference between deconfiguring a device and a slot, tells what happens if you try to deconfigure all of a system’s processors, and also discusses how to obtain device paths.

### Deconfiguring Devices vs. Slots

For some devices, different things happen when you deconfigure a slot than when you deconfigure the device that resides within a slot.

If you deconfigure a PCI *device*, the device in question can still be probed by firmware and recognized by the operating system. Solaris OS “sees” such a device, reports it as *failed*, and refrains from using it.

If you deconfigure a PCI *slot*, firmware will not even probe the slot, and the operating system will not “know about” any devices that may be plugged into the slot.

In both cases, the devices in question are rendered unusable. So why make the distinction? Occasionally, a device may fail in such a way that probing it disrupts the system. In cases such as these, deconfiguring the slot in which the device resides is more likely to contain the problem.

## Deconfiguring All System Processors

You can use the `asr-disable` command to deconfigure all system processors. Doing this will not crash the system. The OpenBoot system firmware, even though it reports all processors as deconfigured, in actuality keeps one processor functioning well enough to run the firmware.

## Device Paths

When manually deconfiguring and reconfiguring devices, you might need to determine the full physical paths to those devices. You can do this by typing:

```
ok show-devs
```

The `show-devs` command lists the system devices and displays the full path name of each device. An example of a path name for a Fast Ethernet PCI card is shown below:

```
/pci@8,700000/pci@2/SUNW,hme@0,1
```

You can display a list of current device aliases by typing:

```
ok devalias
```

You can also create your own device alias for a physical device by typing:

```
ok devalias alias_name physical_device_path
```

where *alias\_name* is the alias that you want to assign, and *physical\_device\_path* is the full physical device path for the device.

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**Note** – If you manually deconfigure a device alias using `asr-disable`, and then assign a different alias to the device, the device will remain deconfigured even though the device alias has changed.

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You can determine which devices are currently disabled by typing:

```
ok .asr
```

See [“How to Obtain ASR Status Information” on page 118](#).

The related deconfiguration and reconfiguration procedures are covered in:

- [“How to Deconfigure a Device Manually” on page 116](#)
- [“How to Reconfigure a Device Manually” on page 117](#)

Device identifiers are listed in:

- [“Reference for Device Identifiers” on page 123](#)

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## How to Deconfigure a Device Manually

To support the ability to boot even when nonessential components fail, the OpenBoot firmware provides the `asr-disable` command, which lets you manually deconfigure system devices. This command “marks” a specified device as *disabled*, by creating an appropriate “status” property in the corresponding device tree node. By convention, UNIX will not activate a driver for any device so marked.

### What to Do

1. At the `ok` prompt, type:

```
ok asr-disable device-identifier
```

where the *device-identifier* is one of the following:

- Any full physical device path as reported by the OpenBoot `show-devs` command
- Any valid device alias as reported by the OpenBoot `devalias` command
- An identifier for a device given in [“Reference for Device Identifiers” on page 123](#)

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**Note** – Manually deconfiguring a single processor causes the entire CPU/Memory board to be deconfigured, including both processors and all memory residing on the board.

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OpenBoot configuration variable changes take effect after the next system reset.

2. To effect the changes immediately, type:

```
ok reset-all
```

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**Note** – To immediately effect the changes, you can also power cycle the system using the front panel Power button.

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## How to Reconfigure a Device Manually

You can use the OpenBoot `asr-enable` command to reconfigure any device that you previously deconfigured with `asr-disable`.

### What to Do

1. At the `ok` prompt, type:

```
ok asr-enable device-identifier
```

where the *device-identifier* is one of the following:

- Any full physical device path as reported by the OpenBoot `show-devs` command
- Any valid device alias as reported by the OpenBoot `devalias` command
- An identifier for a device or a range of devices given in [“Reference for Device Identifiers” on page 123](#)

2. Do one of the following:

- a. If you are reconfiguring a processor, power cycle the system using the front panel Power button.

b. If you are reconfiguring any other device, type:

```
ok reset-all
```

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**Note** – To reconfigure a processor, you must power cycle the system. The `reset-all` command will not suffice to bring the processor back online.

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## How to Obtain ASR Status Information

### What to Do

- Type the following at the system `ok` prompt:

```
ok .asr
ASR Disablement Status
Component:      Status

CMP0:           Enabled
Memory Bank0:   Disabled
Memory Bank1:   Enabled
Memory Bank2:   Enabled
Memory Bank3:   Enabled
CMP1/Memory:    Enabled
CMP2/Memory:    Enabled
CMP3/Memory:    Enabled
CMP4/Memory:    Enabled
CMP5/Memory:    Enabled
CMP6/Memory:    Enabled
CMP7/Memory:    Enabled
IO-Bridge8:     Enabled
IO-Bridge9:     Enabled
GPTwo Slots:    Enabled
Onboard SCSI:   Enabled
Onboard FCAL:   Enabled
Onboard GEM:    Enabled
PCI Slots:      Enabled

The following devices have been ASR disabled:
/pci@8,700000/TSI,gfxp@5
```

In the `.asr` command output, any devices marked disabled have been manually deconfigured using the `asr-disable` command. In this example, the `.asr` output shows that one of the memory banks controlled by CMP 0, as well as the frame buffer card in PCI slot 0, have been deconfigured.

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**Note** – The `.asr` command only shows devices that have been manually disabled using the `asr-disable` command. It does not show devices that have been automatically deconfigured as a result of failing firmware diagnostics. To see which devices, if any, have failed POST diagnostics, use the `show-post-results` command, as described in *Sun Fire V890 Diagnostics and Troubleshooting*. You can find this document at: <http://www.sun.com/documentation>.

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For more information, see:

- [“About Automatic System Recovery” on page 109](#)
- [“How to Enable ASR” on page 113](#)
- [“How to Disable ASR” on page 114](#)
- [“How to Deconfigure a Device Manually” on page 116](#)
- [“How to Reconfigure a Device Manually” on page 117](#)

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## About OpenBoot Emergency Procedures

The following paragraphs describe the functions of the Stop commands on systems that use USB keyboards, such as the Sun Fire V890 system.

### Stop-A Functionality

Stop-A (Abort) issues a break that drops the system into OpenBoot firmware control (indicated by the display of the `ok` prompt). The key sequence works the same on the Sun Fire V890 server as it does on systems with older keyboards, except that it does not work during the first few seconds after the machine is reset.

### Stop-D Functionality

The Stop-D (`diags`) key sequence is not supported on systems with USB keyboards. However, the Stop-D functionality can be closely emulated by turning the system keyswitch to the Diagnostics position. For more information, see [“About the Status and Control Panel” on page 11](#).

The RSC `bootmode diag` command also provides similar functionality. For more information, see the *Sun Remote System Control (RSC) 2.2 User's Guide*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

## Stop-F Functionality

The Stop-F functionality is not available in systems with USB keyboards. However, the RSC `bootmode forth` command provides similar functionality. For more information, see the *Sun Remote System Control (RSC) 2.2 User's Guide*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

## Stop-N Functionality

The Stop-N sequence is a method of bypassing problems typically encountered on systems with misconfigured OpenBoot configuration variables. On systems with older keyboards, you did this by pressing the Stop-N sequence while powering on the system.

On systems with USB keyboards, like the Sun Fire V890, the implementation is somewhat more cumbersome, and involves waiting for the system to reach a particular state. For instructions, see [“How to Implement Stop-N Functionality” on page 121](#).

The drawback of using Stop-N on a Sun Fire V890 system is that, if diagnostics are enabled, it can take some time for the system to reach the desired state. Fortunately, an alternative exists: Place the system keyswitch in Diagnostics position.

Placing the system keyswitch in Diagnostics position will override OpenBoot configuration variable settings, allowing the system to recover to the `ok` prompt and letting you correct misconfigured settings.

Assuming you have access to RSC software, another possibility is to use the RSC `bootmode reset_nvram` command, which provides similar functionality. For more information, see the *Sun Remote System Control (RSC) User's Guide*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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# How to Implement Stop-N Functionality

## Before You Begin

This procedure implements Stop-N functionality on Sun Fire V890 systems, temporarily resetting OpenBoot configuration variables to their default settings. This procedure is most useful if you have not configured your Sun Fire V890 system to run diagnostic tests. You might find it more convenient to use the alternative method of placing the system keyswitch in Diagnostics position. For more background, see:

- [“About OpenBoot Emergency Procedures” on page 119](#)

For information about the system keyswitch, see:

- [“About the Status and Control Panel” on page 11](#)

## What To Do

1. **Turn on the power to the system.**

If POST diagnostics are configured to run, both the Fault and OK-to-Remove LEDs on the front panel will blink slowly.

2. **Wait until *only* the system Fault LED begins to blink *rapidly*.**

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**Note** – If you have configured the Sun Fire V890 system to run diagnostic tests, this could take upwards of 30 minutes.

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3. Press the front panel Power button twice, with no more than a short, one-second delay in between presses.

A screen similar to the following is displayed to indicate that you have temporarily reset OpenBoot configuration variables to their default values:

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Setting NVRAM parameters to default values.

Probing I/O buses

Sun Fire V890, No Keyboard
Copyright 1998-2004 Sun Microsystems, Inc. All rights reserved.
OpenBoot x.x, xxxx MB memory installed, Serial #xxxxxxx.
Ethernet address x:x:x:x:x:x, Host ID: xxxxxxxx.

System is operating in Safe Mode and initialized with factory
default configuration. No actual NVRAM configuration variables
have been changed; values may be displayed with 'printenv' and set
with 'setenv'. System will resume normal initialization and
configuration after the next hardware or software reset.

ok
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**Note** – Once the front panel LEDs stop blinking and the Power/OK LED stays lit, pressing the Power button again will begin a graceful shutdown of the system.

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## What Next

During the execution of OpenBoot firmware code, all OpenBoot configuration variables—including the ones that are likely to cause problems, such as input and output device settings—are temporarily set to “safe” factory default values. The only exception to this is auto-boot, which is set to false.

By the time the system displays the `ok` prompt, OpenBoot configuration variables have been returned to their original, and possibly misconfigured, values. These values do not take effect until the system is reset. You can display them with the `printenv` command and manually change them with the `setenv` command.

If you do nothing other than reset the system at this point, no values are permanently changed. All your customized OpenBoot configuration variable settings are retained, even ones that may have caused problems.

To correct such problems, you must either manually change individual OpenBoot configuration variables using the `setenv` command, or else type `set-defaults` to permanently restore the default settings for all OpenBoot configuration variables.

## Reference for Device Identifiers

Refer to the following table when manually specifying which devices to deconfigure and reconfigure. The related procedures are covered in:

- [“How to Deconfigure a Device Manually” on page 116](#)
- [“How to Reconfigure a Device Manually” on page 117](#)

Device Identifiers	Devices
<code>cmpx</code> , where <i>x</i> is a number 0–7, or 16–23.	Particular processors
<code>cmp0-bank0</code> , <code>cmp0-bank1</code> , <code>cmp0-bank2</code> , <code>cmp0-bank3</code> , ... <code>cmp7-bank0</code> , <code>cmp7-bank1</code> , <code>cmp7-bank2</code> , <code>cmp7-bank3</code>	Memory banks 0–3 for each processor
<code>gptwo-slotA</code> , <code>gptwo-slotB</code> , <code>gptwo-slotC</code> , <code>gptwo-slotD</code>	CPU/Memory board slots A–D
<code>ob-gem</code>	On-board Gigabit Ethernet controller
<code>ob-fcal</code>	On-board FC-AL controller
<code>ob-ide</code>	On-board IDE controller
<code>pci-slot0</code> , <code>pci-slot1</code> , ... <code>pci-slot8</code>	PCI slots 0–8
<code>hba8</code> , <code>hba9</code>	PCI bridge chips 0 and 1, respectively

**Note** – The device identifiers above are not case-sensitive; you can type them as uppercase or lowercase characters.

You can use wild cards within device identifiers to reconfigure a range of devices, as shown in the following table.

Device Identifiers	Devices
<code>*</code>	All devices
<code>cmp*</code>	All processors
<code>cmp0-bank*</code> , <code>cmp1-bank*</code> , ... <code>cmp7-bank*</code>	All memory banks for each processor
<code>hba*</code>	All PCI bridge chips
<code>gptwo-slot*</code>	All CPU/Memory board slots
<code>pci-slot*</code>	All PCI slots
<code>pci*</code>	All on-board PCI devices (on-board Gigabit Ethernet, FC-AL, and IDE controllers) and all PCI slots

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**Note** – You cannot *deconfigure* a range of devices. Wild cards are valid only for specifying a range of devices to *reconfigure*.

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## Server Administration

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This chapter provides an introduction to server administration tools supported on the Sun Fire V890 system. The following information is covered in this chapter:

- [“About Server Administration Software” on page 125](#)
- [“About Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components” on page 127](#)
- [“About Multipathing Software” on page 131](#)
- [“About Sun Management Center Software” on page 132](#)
- [“About Sun Remote System Control Software” on page 133](#)
- [“About Volume Management Software” on page 134](#)
- [“About the Solaris luxadm Utility” on page 138](#)
- [“About Sun Cluster Software” on page 139](#)

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### About Server Administration Software

A number of software-based administration tools are available to help you configure your system for performance and availability, monitor and manage your system, and identify hardware problems. These administration tools include:

- Solaris Dynamic Reconfiguration (DR) software
- Multipathing software
- Sun Management Center software
- Sun Remote System Control (RSC) software
- Volume management software
- Solaris luxadm utility
- Sun Cluster™ software

The following table provides a summary of each tool with a pointer to additional information.

<b>Tool</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>For More Information</b>
Solaris Dynamic Reconfiguration (DR) software	DR is used in conjunction with hot-plug operations and provides the ability to logically and physically attach or detach hardware resources (such as PCI cards) without impacting normal system operations.	See <a href="#">page 127</a> .
Multipathing software	Multipathing software is used to define and control alternate (redundant) physical paths to I/O devices. If the active path to a device becomes unavailable, the software can automatically switch to an alternate path to maintain availability.	See <a href="#">page 131</a> .
Sun Management Center software	Sun Management Center software is a convenient, single solution for managing multiple Sun servers, devices, and network resources. With its simple Java™ technology-based graphical interface, Sun Management Center lets you manage and monitor servers remotely from any location in the network. It also provides access to real-time system performance and configuration data, and helps diagnose potential capacity problems and performance bottlenecks.	See <a href="#">page 132</a> .
Sun Remote System Control (RSC) software	RSC is a remote management tool for monitoring and controlling geographically distributed or physically inaccessible servers over serial lines or an Ethernet network. RSC software works in conjunction with the system controller card in the Sun Fire V890 server to serve as a “lights out” management tool that continues to function even when the server operating system goes offline or the server is powered off.	See <a href="#">page 133</a> .

Tool	Description	For More Information
Volume management software	Volume management applications such as Solstice DiskSuite provide easy-to-use online disk storage management for enterprise computing environments. Using advanced RAID technology, these products ensure high data availability, excellent I/O performance, and simplified administration.	See <a href="#">page 134</a> .
Solaris luxadm utility	The Solaris luxadm utility is a command-line management tool for administering Sun Fire V890 internal FC-AL disk subsystems and attached external storage arrays. This utility is used to perform physical disk management tasks, including disk hot-plug operations.	See <a href="#">page 138</a> .
Sun Cluster software	Sun Cluster software enables multiple Sun servers to be interconnected so that they work together as a single, highly available and scalable system. Sun Cluster software delivers high availability—through automatic fault detection and recovery—and scalability, ensuring that mission-critical applications and services are always available when needed.	See <a href="#">page 139</a> .

## About Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components

Sun Fire V890 systems feature a variety of components that can be serviced while the machine is running.

*Hot-pluggable* components are components that a qualified service technician can install or remove while the system is running, without affecting the rest of the system's capabilities. However, in many cases, you must prepare the operating system prior to the hot-plug event by performing certain system administration tasks.

Components that can be serviced without such preparation are called *hot-swappable* components. These components can be removed or inserted at any time without preparing the operating system in advance.

Sun Fire V890 hot-pluggable components fall into three basic groups:

- Fan trays and power supplies
- Disk drives

- PCI cards

Each group is discussed in more detail in the sections that follow.

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**Note** – PCI and disk hot-plug operations are not supported when the system `ok` prompt is displayed. A qualified service technician can only perform these hot-plug operations while the operating system is running.

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**Caution** – The system controller (SC) card cannot be serviced while the system is running. Before installing or removing a system controller card, you must power off the system and disconnect all AC power cords.

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## Fan Trays and Power Supplies

Sun Fire V890 fan trays and power supplies are hot-swappable—they can be removed or inserted at any time without requiring prior software preparations. Keep in mind that a power supply is not considered hot-swappable unless it is part of an N+1 redundant power configuration. Do not remove a power supply from a working system if its removal would leave the system with fewer than two working power supplies.

You can install or remove a power supply or fan tray while the system is operating at the `ok` prompt. However, in the case of the power supply, you must issue a `reset-all` command at the `ok` prompt in order for the change to be recognized the next time the operating system is booted.

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**Note** – If you remove a power supply or fan tray while the operating system is running, wait for an acknowledgement message on the system console before installing a replacement part; otherwise, the environmental monitoring software will not recognize the new device and false error conditions will result.

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**Caution** – When hot-swapping a redundant fan tray, do not put your hand into the empty fan tray bay. The fans in the populated bay are still spinning.

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For additional information, see:

- [“About Power Supplies” on page 61](#)
- [“About Fan Trays” on page 64](#)

## Disk Drives

Sun Fire V890 internal disk drives are hot-pluggable. However, certain software preparations are required. To perform Sun Fire V890 disk drive hot-plug operations, you use the Solaris `luxadm` utility. The `luxadm` utility is a command-line tool for managing intelligent storage arrays such as Sun StorEdge™ A5x00 series disk arrays or Sun Fire V890 internal storage arrays.

For more information about `luxadm`, see “[About the Solaris luxadm Utility](#)” on [page 138](#). For complete disk hot-plug procedures, refer to *Platform Notes: Using luxadm Software*. This document is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD. Refer also to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for late-breaking details.



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**Caution** – When hot-plugging a disk drive, after disconnecting the drive from its backplane, allow 30 seconds or so for the drive to spin down completely before removing it from its drive bay.

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## PCI Cards

On Sun Fire V890 systems, PCI cards are hot-pluggable, while the system controller card cannot be serviced when the machine is running.

Hot-plug operations for PCI cards involve Dynamic Reconfiguration (DR). DR is an operating system feature that provides the ability to reconfigure system hardware while the system is running. DR lets you logically attach or detach hardware resources within an active operating system. The main benefit of DR is that a service provider can add or replace hardware resources with little or no impact on normal system operations.

PCI hot-plug procedures may involve software commands for preparing the system prior to removing a device, and for reconfiguring the operating system after installing a new device. In addition, certain system requirements must be met in order for hot-plug operations to succeed.

For information about system requirements and limitations, and for detailed PCI hot-plug procedures, refer to the *Sun Fire V890 Dynamic Reconfiguration User's Guide*, which is available at <http://docs.sun.com>, under Solaris on Sun Hardware. Refer to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for late-breaking details.



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**Caution** – A qualified service technician can hot-plug any standard PCI card that complies with PCI Hot-Plug Specification Revision 1.1, provided a suitable software driver exists for the Solaris OS, and the driver supports hot-plugging as described in the *Sun Fire V890 Dynamic Reconfiguration User's Guide*. The Sun Fire V890 system must be running the Solaris 8 7/01 operating system or a subsequent release that supports Sun Fire V890 PCI hot-plug operations. Do not attempt to hot-plug a PCI card until you are certain that its device drivers provide the proper support; otherwise, you may cause a system panic. For a list of Sun PCI cards and device drivers that support PCI hot-plug operations, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes*.

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**Note** – DR works in conjunction with (but does not require) multipathing software. You can use multipathing software to switch I/O operations from one I/O controller to another to prepare for DR operations. With a combination of DR and multipathing software, a qualified service technician can remove, replace, or deactivate a PCI controller card with little or no interruption to system operation. Note that this requires redundant hardware; that is, the system must contain an alternate I/O controller that is connected to the same device(s) as the card being removed or replaced. The alternate controller must reside on a different PCI card or be integrated into the Sun Fire V890 system motherboard or I/O board. For additional details, see [“About Multipathing Software” on page 131](#).

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## PCI Hot-Plug User Interfaces

There are two different methods for performing PCI hot-plug operations on Sun Fire V890 systems:

- Push-button method
- Command-line method

The push-button method relies on push buttons and status LEDs located near each PCI slot. A qualified service technician can initiate a PCI hot-plug operation by pressing the push button for the corresponding slot. The command-line method lets a qualified service technician initiate PCI hot-plug operations via a remote login session, an RSC console, or a locally attached console. This method involves the Solaris `cfgadm(1)` command.

Both hot-plug methods make use of the status LEDs located near each PCI slot. These LEDs indicate where and when it is safe to insert or remove a card, and also show whether the operation has succeeded or failed. For additional details on hot-plug status LEDs, see [“About PCI Slot LEDs” on page 144](#).

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**Note** – Regardless of the method you use, it is often necessary to perform additional administrative steps to prepare for a PCI hot-plug removal operation. Prior to performing a removal operation, you must ensure that the devices residing on the card are not currently in use. To identify and manually terminate usage of such devices, a system administrator can use standard Solaris OS commands such as `mount(1M)`, `umount(1M)`, `swap(1M)`, `ifconfig(1M)`, and `ps(1)`.

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## For More Information

For detailed PCI hot-plug procedures, refer to the *Sun Fire V890 Dynamic Reconfiguration User's Guide*, which is available at <http://docs.sun.com>, under Solaris on Sun Hardware. Refer to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for late-breaking details.

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# About Multipathing Software

Multipathing software lets you define and control redundant physical paths to I/O devices such as storage devices and networks. If the active path to a device becomes unavailable, the software can automatically switch to an alternate path to maintain availability. This capability is known as *automatic failover*. To take advantage of multipathing capabilities, your server must be configured with redundant hardware, such as redundant network interfaces or two FC-AL host bus adapters connected to the same dual-ported storage array.

Multipathing software is often used in conjunction with Solaris Dynamic Reconfiguration (DR) software (see “[About Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components](#)” on page 127). In response to a component failure in an active path, the multipathing software automatically switches to an alternate path, while the DR feature lets you remove and replace the faulty component without impacting normal system operations.

For Sun Fire V890 systems, two different types of multipathing software are available:

- Solaris IP Network Multipathing provides multipathing and load-balancing capabilities for IP network interfaces.
- Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager. See the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes* for details about this software.

## For More Information

For information about setting up redundant hardware interfaces for storage devices or networks, see:

- [“About Sun Fire V890 Mass Storage Features” on page 79](#)
- [“About Redundant Network Interfaces” on page 91](#)

For instructions on how to configure and administer Solaris IP Network Multipathing, consult the *IP Network Multipathing Administration Guide* provided with your specific Solaris release.

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## About Sun Management Center Software

Sun Management Center software provides a single solution for managing multiple Sun systems, devices, and network resources. With its intuitive Java technology-based graphical interface, Sun Management Center offers powerful management capabilities that let you:

- Manage and monitor your server remotely from any location in the network
- Display physical and logical views of your exact server configuration
- Monitor system health conditions
- Access real-time system performance and configuration data to diagnose potential capacity problems and performance bottlenecks
- Invoke SunVTS diagnostic software for online diagnosis of hardware problems
- Use predictive failure analysis features to warn of potential memory and disk hardware failures before they happen
- Organize systems by geographical location, server function, administrative responsibility, or other criteria for increased management flexibility
- Implement enterprise-wide security measures, such as authentication, data integrity, and access control lists

## For More Information

Sun Management Center software is provided on the Software Supplement CD supplied in the Solaris Media Kit for your release. For information about installing and using Sun Management Center software, see the following documents provided with the Sun Management Center software:

- *Sun Management Center Software Installation Guide*
- *Sun Management Center Software User's Guide*
- *Sun Management Center Software Supplement for Workgroup Servers*

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## About Sun Remote System Control Software

Sun Remote System Control (RSC) software is a remote server management tool that lets you monitor and control supported Sun servers over serial lines or over a network. RSC provides remote system administration for geographically distributed or physically inaccessible systems and complements existing Sun monitoring and diagnostics tools such as Sun Management Center, SunVTS, OpenBoot PROM, and OpenBoot Diagnostics.

RSC software works with the system controller card included in all Sun Fire V890 servers. The system controller card runs independently of the host server, and operates off of 5-volt standby power from the system's power supplies. Together the hardware and software allow RSC to serve as a "lights-out" management tool that continues to function even when the server operating system goes offline or the system is powered off.

The system controller card plugs in to a dedicated slot on the system I/O board and provides the following ports through an opening in the system rear panel:

- 10-Mbps Ethernet port via an RJ-45 twisted-pair Ethernet (TPE) connector
- EIA-232D serial port via an RJ-45 connector

## RSC Capabilities

Using RSC software, you can:

- Access Solaris and OpenBoot PROM console functions remotely via the serial and Ethernet ports on the system controller card
- Run power-on self-test (POST) and OpenBoot Diagnostics from a remote console
- Remotely monitor server environmental conditions, such as fan, temperature, and power supply status, even when the server is offline
- View a graphical representation of the server's front panel, including keyswitch position and LED states
- Perform remote server reboot, power-on, and power-off functions on demand
- Access a detailed log of RSC events, command history, and detected errors

## RSC User Interfaces

RSC offers the following user interfaces:

- A graphical user interface (GUI) that runs as a Java client application on workstations connected to the server through an Ethernet interface or through a standard serial connection
- A command-line interface (CLI) that you can access through an Ethernet network or through an alphanumeric terminal attached directly to the system controller card's serial port.

The Java technology-based GUI client application runs on workstations running the Solaris, Microsoft Windows 98, or Windows NT operating systems.

## For More Information

Sun RSC software is included on the Software Supplement CD for your specific Solaris release. For installation instructions, see the *Solaris Sun Hardware Platform Guide* provided in the Solaris Media Kit. For information about configuring and using RSC, see the *Sun Remote System Control (RSC) 2.2 User's Guide*, which is included on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD.

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## About Volume Management Software

Sun Microsystems offers two different volume management applications for use on Sun Fire V890 systems:

- Solstice DiskSuite software
- Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager

Volume management software lets you create disk volumes. Volumes are logical disk devices comprising one or more physical disks or partitions from several different disks. Once a volume is created, the operating system uses and maintains the volume as if it were a single disk. By providing this logical volume management layer, the software overcomes the restrictions imposed by physical disk devices.

Sun's volume management products also provide RAID data redundancy and performance features. RAID, which stands for *redundant array of independent disks*, is a technology that helps protect against disk and hardware failures. Through RAID technology, volume management software is able to provide high data availability, excellent I/O performance, and simplified administration.

Sun's volume management applications offer the following features:

- Support for several types of RAID configurations, which provide varying degrees of availability, capacity, and performance
- Hot-spare facilities, which provide for automatic data recovery when disks fail
- Performance analysis tools, which let you monitor I/O performance and isolate bottlenecks
- A graphical user interface, which simplifies storage management
- Support for online resizing, which enables volumes and their file systems to grow and shrink online
- Online reconfiguration facilities, which let you change to a different RAID configuration or modify characteristics of an existing configuration

## Multipathing Software

Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software for Solaris OS, which is part of the Sun SAN Foundation Suite, automates multipath I/O failover, failback, and SAN-wide load balancing. For more information about this product, see the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes*.

## RAID Concepts

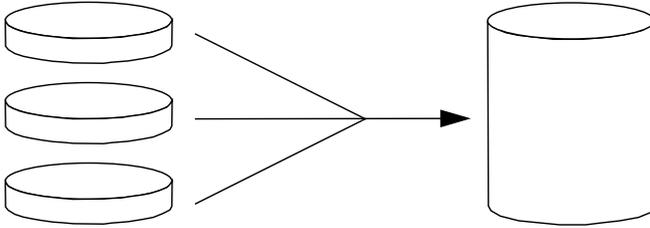
Solstice DiskSuite software supports RAID technology to optimize performance, availability, and user cost. RAID technology improves performance, reduces recovery time in the event of file system errors, and increases data availability even in the event of a disk failure. There are several levels of RAID configurations that provide varying degrees of data availability with corresponding trade-offs in performance and cost.

This section describes some of the most popular and useful of those configurations, including:

- Disk concatenation
- Disk mirroring (RAID 1)
- Disk striping (RAID 0)
- Disk striping with parity (RAID 5)
- Hot spares

## Disk Concatenation

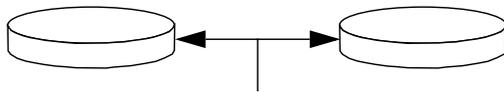
Disk concatenation is a method for increasing logical volume size beyond the capacity of one disk drive by creating one large volume from two or more smaller drives. This lets you create arbitrarily large partitions.



Using this method, the concatenated disks are filled with data sequentially, with the second disk being written to when no space remains on the first, the third when no room remains on the second, and so on.

## RAID 1: Disk Mirroring

Disk mirroring (RAID 1) is a technique that uses data redundancy—two complete copies of all data stored on two separate disks—to protect against loss of data due to disk failure. One logical volume is duplicated on two separate disks.

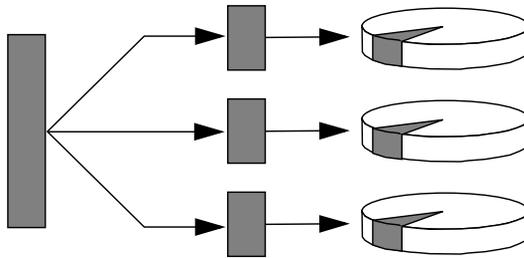


Whenever the operating system needs to write to a mirrored volume, both disks are updated. The disks are maintained at all times with exactly the same information. When the operating system needs to read from the mirrored volume, it reads from whichever disk is more readily accessible at the moment, which can result in enhanced performance for read operations.

RAID 1 offers the highest level of data protection, but storage costs are high, and write performance is reduced since all data must be stored twice.

## RAID 0: Disk Striping

Disk striping (RAID 0) is a technique for increasing system throughput by using several disk drives in parallel. Whereas in non-striped disks the operating system writes a single block to a single disk, in a striped arrangement, each block is divided and portions of the data are written to different disks simultaneously.



System performance using RAID 0 will be better than using RAID 1 or 5, but the possibility of data loss is greater because there is no way to retrieve or reconstruct data stored on a failed disk drive.

## RAID 5: Disk Striping With Parity

RAID 5 is an implementation of disk striping in which parity information is included with each disk write. The advantage of this technique is that if any one disk in a RAID 5 array fails, all the information on the failed drive can be reconstructed from the data and parity on the remaining disks.

System performance using RAID 5 will fall between that of RAID 0 and RAID 1; however, RAID 5 provides limited data redundancy. If more than one disk fails, all data is lost.

## Hot Spares (Hot Relocation)

In a *hot spares* arrangement, one or more disk drives are installed in the system but are unused during normal operation. Should one of the active drives fail, the data on the failed disk is automatically reconstructed and generated on a hot spare disk, enabling the entire data set to maintain its availability.

For more information, see the documentation supplied with Solstice DiskSuite software.

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# About the Solaris `luxadm` Utility

The `luxadm` program is a command-line management utility for administering the Sun Fire V890 internal Fibre Channel-Arbitrated Loop (FC-AL) storage subsystem and supported external storage arrays. You use `luxadm` to perform physical disk management tasks, including disk hot-plug operations. The `luxadm` utility is installed automatically when you install the Solaris OS.

The `luxadm` utility performs a variety of control and query tasks through a number of subcommands and command-line options. Using `luxadm`, you can:

- Assign a convenient enclosure name to the Sun Fire V890 internal storage array
- Display the physical and logical device paths, world wide names (WWNs), and enclosure names for storage arrays and individual disks
- Display configuration, environmental, and status information for any array or individual disk
- Reserve a specific disk for exclusive use by a single host
- Perform hot-plug insertion or removal of disks
- Download firmware and fcode updates for mass storage components

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**Note** – Setting the front panel keyswitch to the Locked position prevents reprogramming of system firmware. If the keyswitch is turned to the Locked position after a firmware update operation has started, the operation is allowed to proceed to completion. For more information about the front panel keyswitch, see [“About the Status and Control Panel” on page 11](#).

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## For More Information

*Platform Notes: Using luxadm Software* provides information about the `luxadm` utility, including descriptions of hot-plug procedures for Sun Fire V890 internal disk drives. This document is available on the Sun Fire V890 Documentation CD. Refer also to the `luxadm(1M)` man page, and for late-breaking information, to the *Sun Fire V890 Server Product Notes*.

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# About Sun Cluster Software

Sun Cluster software lets you connect multiple Sun servers in a cluster configuration. A *cluster* is a group of nodes that are interconnected to work as a single, highly available and scalable system. A *node* is a single instance of Solaris software—it may be running on a standalone server or on a domain within a standalone server. With Sun Cluster software, you can add or remove nodes while online, and mix and match servers to meet your specific needs.

Sun Cluster software delivers high availability through automatic fault detection and recovery, and scalability, ensuring that mission-critical applications and services are always available when needed.

With Sun Cluster software installed, other nodes in the cluster will automatically take over and assume the workload when a node goes down. It delivers predictability and fast recovery capabilities through features such as local application restart, individual application failover, and local network adapter failover. Sun Cluster software significantly reduces downtime and increases productivity by helping ensure continuous service to all users.

The software lets you run both standard and parallel applications on the same cluster. It supports the dynamic addition or removal of nodes, and enables Sun servers and storage products to be clustered together in a variety of configurations. Existing resources are used more efficiently, resulting in additional cost savings.

Sun Cluster software allows nodes to be separated by up to 10 kilometers. This way, in the event of a disaster in one location, all mission-critical data and services remain available from the other unaffected locations.

For more information, see the documentation supplied with the Sun Cluster software.



## LED Status Indicators

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This chapter provides information about the system's interior and rear panel LED status indicators. Topics covered in this chapter include:

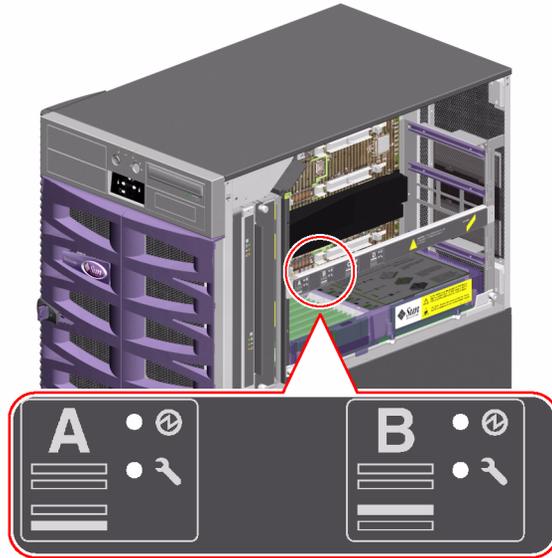
- [“About CPU/Memory Slot LEDs” on page 118](#)
- [“About PCI Slot LEDs” on page 119](#)
- [“About Power Supply LEDs” on page 121](#)
- [“About Fan Tray LEDs” on page 122](#)
- [“About Disk Drive LEDs” on page 123](#)
- [“About Gigabit Ethernet LEDs” on page 125](#)

For a description of the system's front panel LED indicators, see [“About the Status and Control Panel” on page 11](#).

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# About CPU/Memory Slot LEDs

The CPU/Memory slot LEDs are located on the horizontal panel between CPU/Memory slots B and C and are visible when the right side door is open. There are two LEDs for each CPU/Memory slot, as shown below.



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Icon	Name	LED Function
	Power On	Lights when the slot is receiving power.
	Fault	Reserved for future use.

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## About PCI Slot LEDs

The PCI slot LEDs are located on the vertical bracket on the right side of the PCI slots and are visible when the left side door is open. There are three LEDs for each PCI slot, as shown below.



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Icon	Name	LED Function
	Power On	Lights when the slot is receiving power.
	Fault	Blinks while the card is being tested, when a hot-plug operation is in progress, or when the card is powered on but logically detached from the operating system.  Stays lit if the card encounters a fault.
	OK-to-Remove	Lights when it is safe to remove the card.

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The following table shows how to interpret the various possible LED patterns.

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			<b>Interpretation</b>
Off	Off	Off	The slot power is off. A PCI card can be safely inserted to start a hot-plug operation.
On	Blinking	Off	The installed card is being tested, configured, or deconfigured, or the card is powered on but logically detached from the operating system.
On	Off	Off	The slot power is on and the PCI card is operating normally.
Off	On	On	The PCI card has encountered a fault. The card can be safely removed.
Off	Off	On	The card can be safely removed.

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**Note** – If the slot is empty and the Fault or OK-to-Remove LED is on, pressing the contact push button for the slot will clear the LED.

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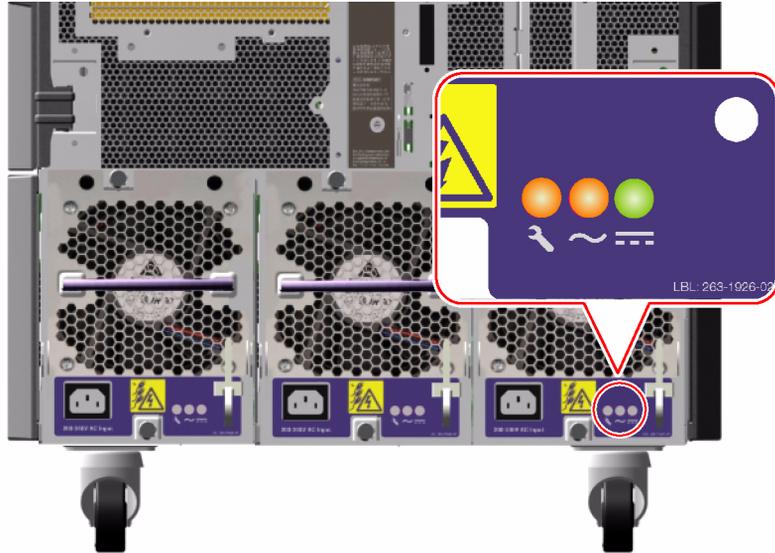
For more information about PCI cards and hot-plug operations, see:

- [“About PCI Cards and Buses” on page 56](#)
- [“About Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components” on page 127](#)

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# About Power Supply LEDs

There are three LEDs located on the rear of each power supply, as shown below.



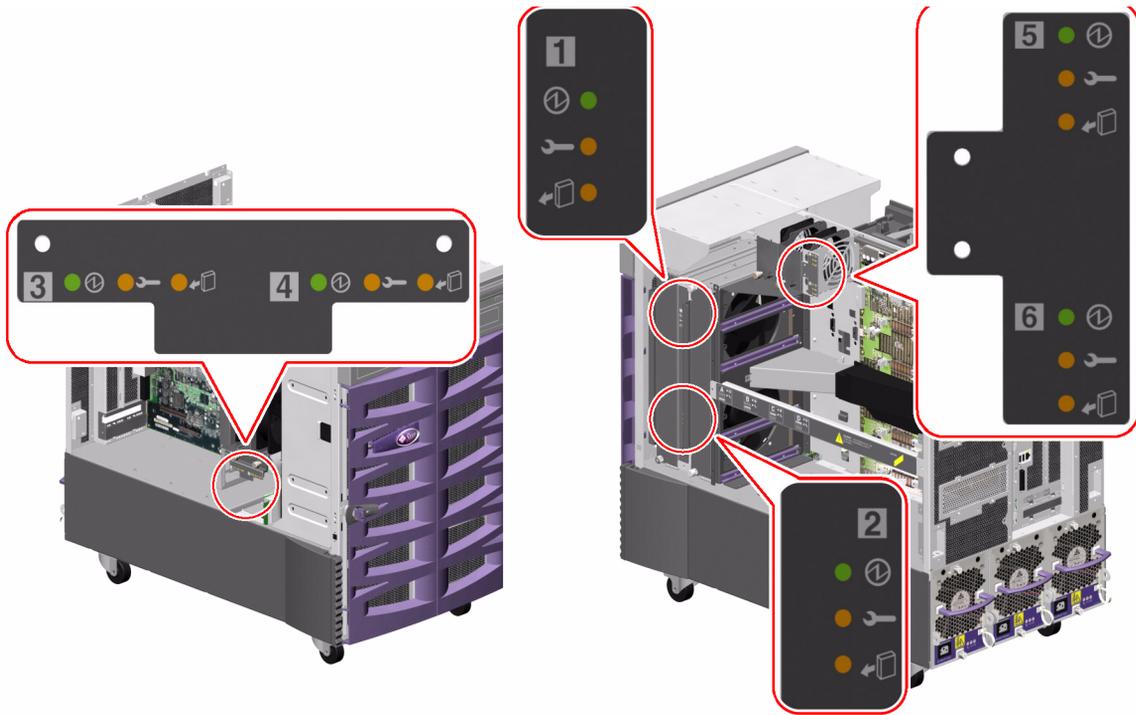
Icon	Name	LED Function
	Fault	Lights when the power supply encounters a fault.
	AC-Present Status	Lights when AC power input is present and within acceptable operating limits.
	DC Status	Lights when all DC outputs are functional and within acceptable operating limits.

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## About Fan Tray LEDs

The Thermal Fault LED on the system status and control panel indicates the overall status of the cooling system. The Thermal Fault LED lights when a fan fault or overtemperature condition is detected. LEDs inside the system indicate the fault status of each fan tray assembly.

The fan tray LEDs are located beside or beneath each fan tray assembly. There are three LEDs per fan tray, as shown below.



Icon	Name	LED Function
	Power On	Lights when the fan tray is receiving power.
	Fault	Lights when the fan tray encounters a fault.
	OK-to-Remove	Lights when it is safe to remove the fan tray assembly from a powered-on system (only when redundant fan trays are present).

The following table shows how to interpret the various possible LED patterns.

			Interpretation
Off	Off	Off	The fan tray is not receiving power or is improperly inserted.
On	Off	Off	The fan tray is receiving power and operating normally.
Off	On	On	The fan tray has encountered a fault and can be safely removed from a powered-on system.

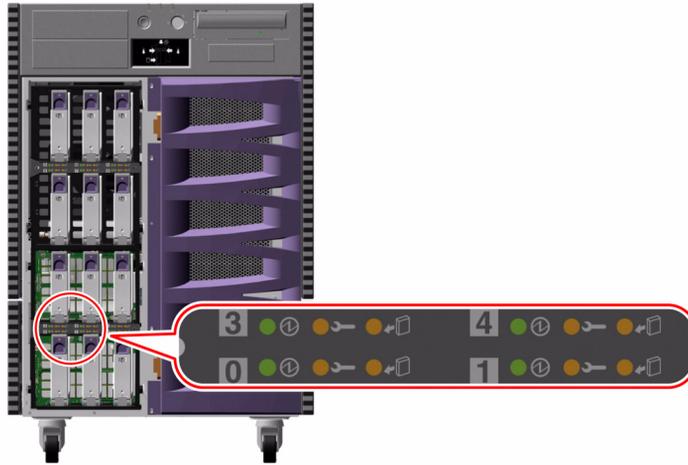
For more information about fan trays and hot-plug operations, see:

- [“About Fan Trays” on page 64](#)
- [“About Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components” on page 127](#)

## About Disk Drive LEDs

The Disk Fault LED on the system status and control panel indicates the general status of the disk subsystem. The Disk Fault LED lights when a fault is detected in the disk subsystem. LEDs inside the system indicate the fault status of individual disk drives.

There are three LEDs for each disk drive. The disk drive LEDs are located on the front of the disk cage, as shown below.



Icon	Name	LED Function
	Activity	<p>Blinks slowly while the disk drive is being tested, configured, or deconfigured during a hot-plug operation.</p> <p>Blinks rapidly as the disk drive spins up or spins down.</p> <p>Stays lit when the disk drive is at speed and operating normally but experiencing no read or write activity. Blinks rapidly and irregularly in response to disk read or write activity.</p>
	Fault	Lights when the disk drive encounters a fault.
	OK-to-Remove	<p>Lights when it is safe to remove the disk drive during a hot-plug operation.</p> <p>Blinks (under software control) to direct attention to a disk drive.</p>

The following table shows how to interpret the various possible LED patterns.

			Interpretation
Off	Off	Off	Slot power is off. A disk drive can be safely inserted as part of a hot-plug operation.
Rapid Blinking	Off	Off	Disk drive is spinning up or down.
Slow Blinking	Off	Off	Disk drive is being configured or deconfigured during a hot-plug operation.
On	Off	Off	Disk drive is up to speed and operating normally.
Irregular Blinking	Off	Off	Disk drive is experiencing read or write activity.
On	On	Off	Disk drive has encountered a fault.
Off	Off	On	Disk drive can be safely removed as part of a hot-plug operation.

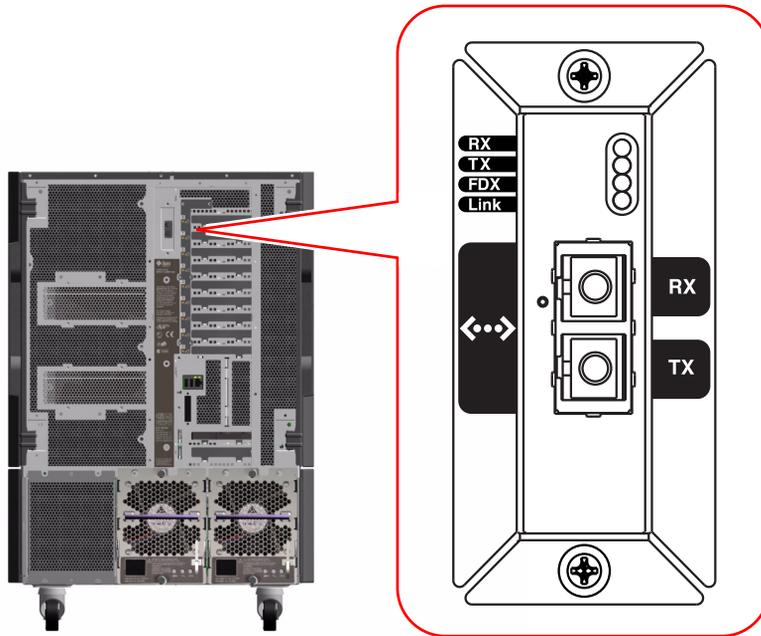
For more information about disk drives and hot-plug operations, see:

- [“About Internal Disk Drives” on page 84](#)
- [“About Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components” on page 127](#)

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## About Gigabit Ethernet LEDs

Four LEDs provide status information for the Gigabit Ethernet port. The LEDs are located above the Gigabit Ethernet port on the system rear panel, as shown below.



Label	Name	LED Function
RX	Receive Activity	Indicates data activity on the receive channel.
TX	Transmit Activity	Indicates data activity on the transmit channel.
FDX	Full Duplex	Indicates that the Gigabit Ethernet interface is operating in full-duplex mode.
Link	Link Present	Indicates that a link is established with a link partner.

## Using Removable Media Storage Devices

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This chapter contains basic information about how to use removable media storage devices.

The following tasks are covered in this chapter:

- [“How to Insert a CD or DVD Into the Drive” on page 162](#)
- [“How to Eject a CD or DVD With Software Commands” on page 164](#)
- [“How to Eject a CD or DVD Manually” on page 165](#)
- [“How to Eject a CD or DVD in an Emergency” on page 167](#)
- [“How to Clean a CD or DVD” on page 168](#)
- [“How to Insert a Tape Cartridge” on page 171](#)
- [“How to Remove a Tape Cartridge” on page 172](#)
- [“How to Control a Tape Drive” on page 173](#)
- [“How to Clean a Tape Drive” on page 173](#)

Other information covered in this chapter includes:

- [“About the DVD-ROM Drive” on page 162](#)
- [“About Tape Drives and Tape Cartridges” on page 170](#)

The Sun Fire V890 server provides front-panel access to three mounting bays. One bay houses an IDE DVD-ROM drive, which is standard in all system configurations.

The other two bays accommodate an optional wide (68-pin) SCSI removable device, which must be ordered separately. The tape drive option also requires a SCSI cable (Sun part number X912A) and a SCSI adapter card (Sun part number X6758A); both must be ordered separately.

You can easily convert the two SCSI device bays into a single full-height bay by removing the metal shelf divider.

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## About the DVD-ROM Drive

The digital versatile disc-read only memory (DVD-ROM) drive in your system ships with a specification sheet that contains the following information:

- Type of DVD-ROM discs that you can use with the drive
- Handling and storage information
- Physical characteristics
- Power requirements
- Cleaning instructions
- Description of DVD-ROM drive controls, indicators, and jumper settings

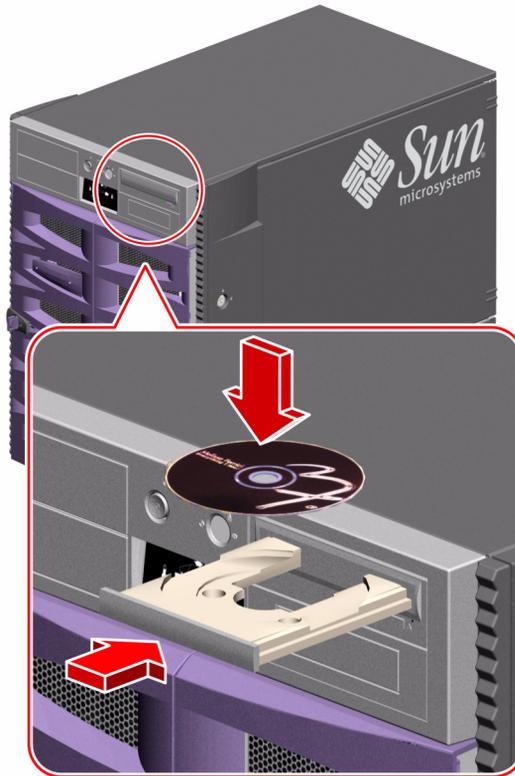
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## How to Insert a CD or DVD Into the Drive

### What to Do

- 1. Push the Eject button on the DVD-ROM drive to release the drive tray.**
- 2. Place a CD or DVD into the drive tray, label side up.**

A disc is a single-sided or double-sided storage medium. Place it into the tray with the appropriate label side up, as shown.



### 3. Gently push the tray back into the drive.

The drive has an automated closing mechanism that retracts the tray into the drive.

## What Next

You can eject a CD or DVD from the drive by using one of three methods:

- With software commands; see [“How to Eject a CD or DVD With Software Commands” on page 164](#)
- Manually; see [“How to Eject a CD or DVD Manually” on page 165](#)
- Using an emergency procedure; see [“How to Eject a CD or DVD in an Emergency” on page 167](#)

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# How to Eject a CD or DVD With Software Commands

## Before You Begin

If the server is set up without a system console, you need to set up one in order to issue software commands; see:

- [“About Setting Up a Console” on page 30](#)

## What to Do

1. From the system console device, change directories to a directory that is not in the `/cdrom` hierarchy.
2. Type the following command to eject the CD or DVD:

```
% eject cdrom
```

The disc should eject.

3. If the disc does not eject, kill any processes accessing the DVD-ROM drive and repeat Step 2.

The disc will not eject while the drive is in use. To kill any processes accessing the DVD-ROM drive, become superuser and type the following:

```
% su
Password:
# fuser -k /cdrom/cdrom0
```

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**Note** – You should warn users before abruptly halting processes. The command `fuser -u /cdrom/cdrom0` helps identify who is accessing the DVD-ROM drive. Refer to the *Solaris System Administrator's Guide* for more information about the `fuser` command.

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## What Next

You can also eject a disc by using one of these methods:

- Manually; see [“How to Eject a CD or DVD Manually” on page 165](#)
- Using an emergency procedure; see [“How to Eject a CD or DVD in an Emergency” on page 167](#)

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# How to Eject a CD or DVD Manually

## Before You Begin

If the server is set up without a system console, you need to set up one in order to issue software commands; see:

- [“About Setting Up a Console” on page 30](#)

## What to Do

- 1. From the system console device, change directories to a directory that is not in the `/cdrom` hierarchy.**
- 2. Press the Eject button on the front panel.**

The drive should eject the tray so that you can remove the disc.



3. If the disc does not eject, kill any processes accessing the DVD-ROM drive and repeat Step 2.

The disc will not eject while the drive is in use. To kill any processes accessing the DVD-ROM drive, become superuser and type the following:

```
% su
Password:
# fuser -k /cdrom/cdrom0
```

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**Note** – You should warn users before abruptly halting processes. The command `fuser -u /cdrom/cdrom0` helps identify who is accessing the DVD-ROM drive. Refer to the *Solaris System Administrator's Guide* for more information about the `fuser` command.

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## What Next

You can also eject a disc by using one of these methods:

- With software commands; see [“How to Eject a CD or DVD With Software Commands”](#) on page 164
- Using an emergency procedure; see [“How to Eject a CD or DVD in an Emergency”](#) on page 167

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## How to Eject a CD or DVD in an Emergency

### Before You Begin

Use the emergency ejection procedure *only in emergency situations*; for instance, if you unmount the disc and the Eject button does not function.

### What to Do

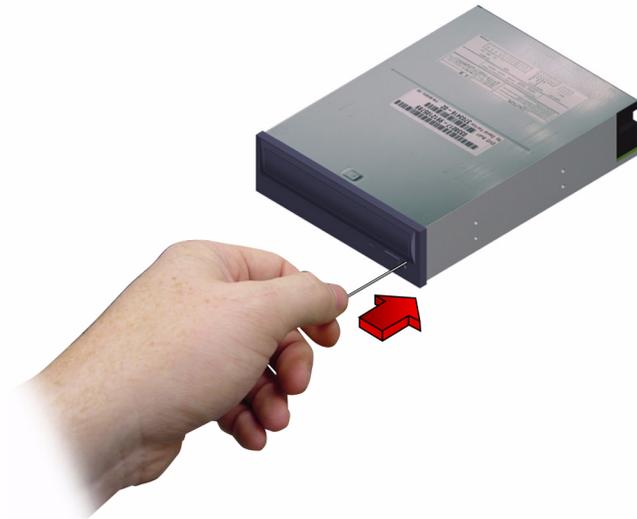


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**Caution** – If this procedure is used while a disc is mounted, you can degrade or destroy data in your system.

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1. **Turn off the power to your system.**  
See [“How to Power Off the System”](#) on page 38.
2. **Unfold and straighten one end of a large wire paper clip.**
3. **Insert the straightened end of the clip into the emergency eject hole and press firmly.**
4. **Pull the tray from the drive after the clip is inserted into the hole.**



## What Next

You can also eject a disc by using one of these methods:

- With software commands; see [“How to Eject a CD or DVD With Software Commands” on page 164](#)
- Manually; see [“How to Eject a CD or DVD Manually” on page 165](#)

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## How to Clean a CD or DVD

### Before You Begin

Eject the CD or DVD and remove it from the tray; see:

- [“How to Eject a CD or DVD With Software Commands” on page 164](#)

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**Note** – If the drive cannot read a disc, you may have a dusty or dirty disc.

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## What to Do

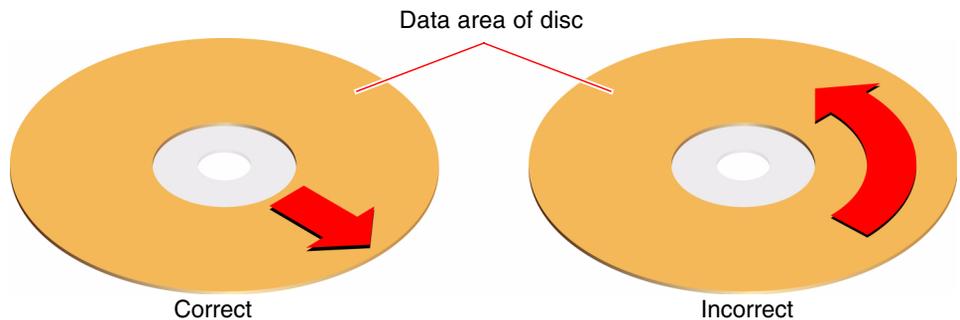
### 1. Clean the disc with compressed air.

Compressed air can remove most accumulations of dust and large dirt particles. If you have access to the drive's read head, verify that it is also dust free.

### 2. If spraying with compressed air fails to remove the dirt on a disc, wipe the disc using a soft, clean, lint-free, *dry* cloth.

- Wipe the data areas of the disc (on both sides if necessary) *radially* from the center to the outside.
- Do *not* wipe in a circular motion.
- Wipe only the affected areas of the disc.

The figure below shows the correct and incorrect way to clean a CD or DVD.



## What Next

To insert a CD or DVD into the drive, see:

- [“How to Insert a CD or DVD Into the Drive” on page 162.](#)

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# About Tape Drives and Tape Cartridges

There are a number of different tape drives offered by Sun Microsystems for your system. Each tape drive is shipped with a specification sheet that contains the following information:

- Type of cartridges that can be used with the drive
- Cartridge storage capacity
- Handling and storage information
- Physical characteristics
- Power requirements
- Cleaning instructions
- Description of controls, indicators, and jumper settings

## Handling and Storing Tape Cartridges

The following general handling and storage information applies to cartridges for any of the tape drives offered for your system:

- Keep cartridges away from anything magnetic.
- Store cartridges in a dust-free environment.
- Keep cartridges away from direct sunlight and sources of heat, cold, or humidity. Constant room temperature and 50 percent humidity is recommended.
- Do not touch the surface of the tape.

## Thermal Conditioning

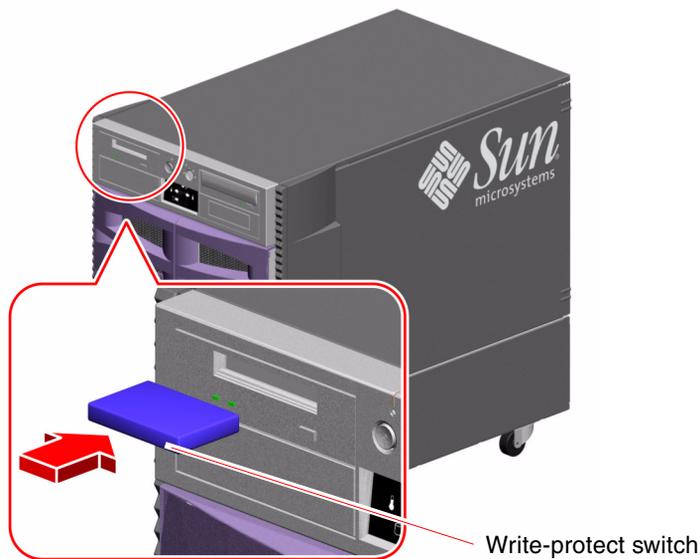
To ensure proper thermal conditioning, keep the tape cartridge at the same temperature as the drive for 24 hours. This applies to cartridges for any of the tape drives offered for your system.

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# How to Insert a Tape Cartridge

## What to Do

1. **Verify that the tape cartridge write-protect switch is set correctly.**  
If the lock window is open, the tape is write-protected.



2. **Insert the cartridge into the drive, label side up.**
3. **Push gently on the cartridge until it is pulled into the drive.**

## What Next

To remove a tape cartridge from the drive, see:

- [“How to Remove a Tape Cartridge” on page 172](#)

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# How to Remove a Tape Cartridge

## Before You Begin

The information in this section applies to a DDS-3 tape drive. If you have a different type of tape drive installed, see the specifications shipped with the drive for information.

## What to Do

1. **Check that there is no drive activity.**

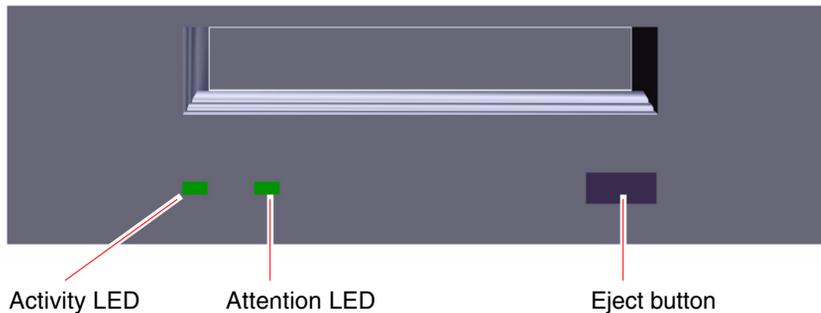
The green activity LED should be unlit. A flashing LED indicates drive activity.



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**Caution** – Do not eject the tape cartridge when the drive is active, or you may incur data loss or equipment damage.

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2. **Push the Eject button and remove the tape cartridge.**

## What Next

To insert a tape cartridge into the drive, see:

- [“How to Insert a Tape Cartridge” on page 171](#)

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# How to Control a Tape Drive

## What to Do

For information about software commands needed to read and write data with your tape drive, refer to the *Solaris Handbook for Sun Peripherals* or the *Solaris User's Guide*.

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# How to Clean a Tape Drive

## Before You Begin

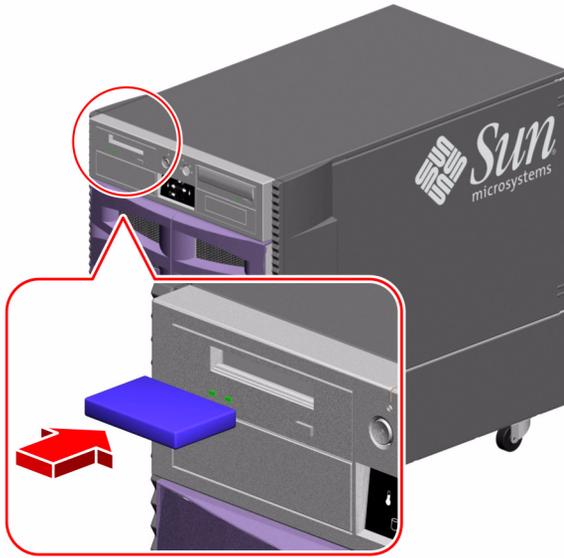
Observe these rules about *when* to clean a tape drive:

1. Clean the drive after the first four hours of use with a new tape.
2. After that, clean the tape drive after every 25 hours of use to maintain reliable operation.
3. Clean the drive twice as often if you use it in a dusty environment or operate it infrequently.

## What to Do

- **Insert a cleaning cartridge into the drive.**

The tape should play for a short while, and then eject automatically.



Do not use any cartridge other than a DDS-approved cleaning tape cartridge to clean your tape drive.

## Connector Pinouts

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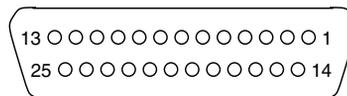
This appendix gives you reference information about the system's rear panel ports and pin assignments. Topics covered in this appendix include:

- ["Reference for the Serial Port A and B Connectors" on page 176](#)
- ["Reference for the USB Connectors" on page 177](#)
- ["Reference for the Twisted-Pair Ethernet Connector" on page 178](#)
- ["Reference for the System Controller Ethernet Connector" on page 179](#)
- ["Reference for the System Controller Serial Connector" on page 180](#)

# Reference for the Serial Port A and B Connectors

The serial port conforms to EIA-423 and EIA-232D specifications.

## Serial Port Connector Diagram



## Serial Port Signals

Signal descriptions ending in “A” indicate that the signal is associated with the port provided by a standard DB-25 serial cable or the connector labeled “A” on the optional DB-25 splitter cable. Signal descriptions ending in “B” indicate that the signal is associated with the port provided by the connector labeled “B” on the optional DB-25 splitter cable.

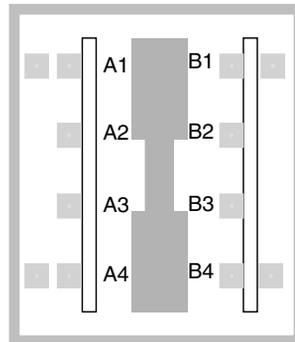
Pin	Signal Description	Pin	Signal Description
1	No Connection	14	Transmit Data B
2	Transmit Data A	15	Transmit Clock A (External)
3	Receive Data A	16	Receive Data B
4	Ready To Send A	17	Receive Clock A
5	Clear To Send A	18	Receive Clock B
6	Synchronous A	19	Ready To Send B
7	Signal Ground A	20	Data Terminal Ready A
8	Data Carrier Detect A	21	No Connection
9	No Connection	22	No Connection
10	No Connection	23	No Connection
11	Data Terminal Ready B	24	Transmit Clock A (Internal)
12	Data Carrier Detect B	25	Transmit Clock B

Pin	Signal Description	Pin	Signal Description
13	Clear To Send B		

## Reference for the USB Connectors

Two Universal Serial Bus (USB) connectors are located on the system I/O board and can be accessed from the rear panel.

### USB Connector Diagram



### USB Connector Signals

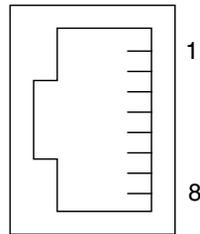
Pin	Signal Description	Pin	Signal Description
A1	+5 VDC	B1	+5 VDC
A2	Port Data_N	B2	Port Data_N
A3	Port Data_P	B3	Port Data_P
A4	Ground	B4	Ground

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# Reference for the Twisted-Pair Ethernet Connector

The twisted-pair Ethernet (TPE) connector is an RJ-45 connector located on the system I/O board and can be accessed from the rear panel.

## TPE Connector Diagram



## TPE Connector Signals

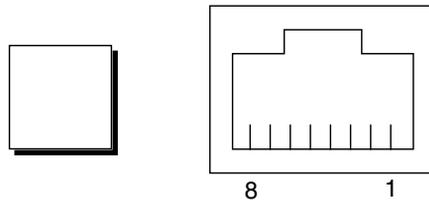
Pin	Signal Description	Pin	Signal Description
1	Transmit Data +	5	Common Mode Termination
2	Transmit Data -	6	Receive Data -
3	Receive Data +	7	Common Mode Termination
4	Common Mode Termination	8	Common Mode Termination

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# Reference for the System Controller Ethernet Connector

The system controller Ethernet connector is an RJ-45 connector located on the system controller board and can be accessed from the rear panel.

## System Controller Ethernet Connector Diagram



## System Controller Ethernet Connector Signals

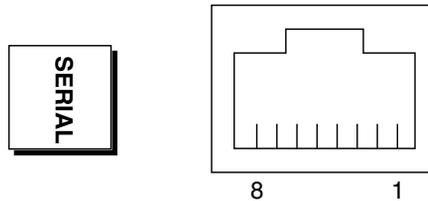
Pin	Signal Description	Pin	Signal Description
1	Transmit Data +	5	Common Mode Termination
2	Transmit Data -	6	Receive Data -
3	Receive Data +	7	Common Mode Termination
4	Common Mode Termination	8	Common Mode Termination

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# Reference for the System Controller Serial Connector

The system controller serial connector is an RJ-45 connector located on the system controller card and can be accessed from the rear panel.

## System Controller Serial Connector Diagram



## System Controller Serial Connector Signals

Pin	Signal Description	Pin	Signal Description
1	Ready To Send	5	Ground
2	Data Terminal Ready	6	Receive Data
3	Transmit Data	7	No Connection
4	Ground	8	Clear To Send

## System Specifications

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This appendix provides the following specifications for the Sun Fire V890 server:

- [“Reference for Physical Specifications” on page 182](#)
- [“Reference for Electrical Specifications” on page 182](#)
- [“Reference for Environmental Requirements” on page 183](#)
- [“Reference for Agency Compliance Specifications” on page 184](#)
- [“Reference for Clearance and Service Access Specifications” on page 185](#)

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## Reference for Physical Specifications

The dimensions and weight of the system are as follows.

Measurement	U.S.	Metric	Comments
Height (with casters)	28.1 in	71.4 cm	
Width	18.9 in	48.0 cm	
Depth	32.9 in	83.6 cm	
Weight:			
Minimum	194.0 lb	88.0 kg	Actual weight depends on the installed options
Maximum	288.0 lb	130.6 kg	
Power Cord	8.2 ft	2.5 m	

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## Reference for Electrical Specifications

The following table provides the electrical specifications for the system.

Parameter	Value
<b>Input</b>	
Nominal Frequencies	50 Hz or 60 Hz nominal
Nominal Voltage Range	Autoranging 200 to 240 VAC
Maximum Current AC RMS	8 A @ 200 VAC (each power cord for two power supplies per system)
AC Operating Range	180 to 264 Vrms, 47 - 63Hz
<b>Output</b>	
+3.3 VDC	3 to 72 A
+5 VDC	3 to 56 A
+12 VDC	1 to 35 A
+48 VDC	0 to 50 A
Maximum DC Power Output	2509 Watts
Maximum System AC Power Consumption	3200 Watts
Maximum System Heat Dissipation	10,912 BTU/hr
Volt-Ampere Rating	2078 VA with 1629 Watt load (PF=0.98)

# Reference for Environmental Requirements

The operating and non-operating environmental requirements for the system are as follows.

Parameter	Value
Operating	
Temperature	5°C to 35°C (41°F to 95°F)—IEC 68-2-1, 68-2-2
Humidity	20% to 80% RH, noncondensing; 27 °C max wet bulb—IEC 68-2-2, 68-2-3
Altitude	0 to 3000 meters (0 to 10,000 feet)—IEC 68-2-40, 68-2-41
Vibration:	
Deskside	0.0002 g <sup>2</sup> /Hz, 5 to 500 Hz (random)—IEC 68-2-6
Rackmounted	0.00015 g <sup>2</sup> /Hz, 5 to 500 Hz (random)—IEC 68-2-6
Shock:	
Deskside	4 g peak, 11 milliseconds half-sine pulse—IEC 68-2-27
Rackmounted	3 g peak, 11 milliseconds half-sine pulse—IEC 68-2-27
Declared Acoustics	6.7 bels dB(A) operating, 7.6 bels dB(A) at ok prompt
Non-Operating	
Temperature	-20°C to 60°C (-4°F to 140°F)—IEC 68-2-1, 68-2-2
Humidity	95% RH, noncondensing at 40°C—IEC 68-2-2, 68-2-3
Altitude	0 to 12,000 meters (0 to 40,000 feet)—IEC 68-2-40, 68-2-41
Vibration:	
Deskside	0.002 g <sup>2</sup> /Hz, 5 to 500 Hz (random)—IEC 68-2-6
Rackmounted	0.0015 g <sup>2</sup> /Hz, 5 to 500 Hz (random)—IEC 68-2-6
Shock:	
Deskside	15 g peak, 11 milliseconds half-sine pulse—IEC 68-2-27e
Rackmounted	10 g peak, 11 milliseconds half-sine pulse—IEC 68-2-27e
Handling Drops	50 mm—IEC 68-2-31
Threshold Impact	1 m/s—SUN 900-1813

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# Reference for Agency Compliance Specifications

The system complies with the following specifications.

Category	Relevant Standards
Safety	EN60950/IEC60950 TUV UL 60950, CB Scheme IEC 60950, C22.2 No. 60950 from UL
RFI/EMI	Australia/New Zealand AS/NZ 3548 Class A Industry Canada ICES-003 Class A European Community EN55022 Class A Japan VCCI Class A Taiwan CNS 13438 Class A US FCC 47CFR15.B Class A
Immunity	EN55024 EN61000-4-2 EN61000-4-3 EN61000-4-4 EN61000-4-5 EN61000-4-6 EN61000-4-8 EN61000-4-11
X-ray	US DHHS 21CFR Subchapter J PTB German X-ray Decree

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# Reference for Clearance and Service Access Specifications

Minimum clearances needed for proper cooling are as follows.

<b>Blockage</b>	<b>Required Clearance</b>
Front blockage only	3.0 in (7.6 cm)
Rear blockage only	3.5 in (8.9 cm)
Front and rear blockage	
Front clearance	3.5 in (8.9 cm)
Rear clearance	4.0 in (10.2 cm)

Minimum clearances needed for servicing the system are as follows.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Required Clearance</b>
Front	
Deskside system	36 in (91 cm)
Rackmounted system	48 in (122 cm)
Rear	36 in (91 cm)
Right	36 in (91 cm)
Left	36 in (91 cm)



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