

# Dell EMC PowerEdge R750xs

## Installation and Service Manual

## Notes, cautions, and warnings

 **NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your product.

 **CAUTION:** A CAUTION indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.

 **WARNING:** A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.



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# About this document

This document provides an overview about the system, information about installing and replacing components, technical specifications, diagnostic tools, and guidelines to be followed while installing certain components.

# PowerEdge R750xs system overview

The PowerEdge R750xs system 2S, 2U system that supports:

- Up to two 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Intel Xeon Scalable processors with up to 32 cores per processor.
- 16 DDR4 DIMM slot
- Two AC or DC power supply units
- 16 x 2.5-inch SAS/ SATA + 8 x 2.5-inch NVMe drives.
- 16 x 2.5-inch SAS/ SATA drives.
- 12 x 3.5-inch SAS/ SATA + 2 x 2.5-inch SAS/ SATA or NVMe rear drives.
- 8 x 2.5-inch SAS/ SATA drives.
- 8 x 2.5-inch NVMe drives.
- 8 x 3.5-inch SAS/ SATA drives.

**NOTE:** For more information about how to hot swap NVMe PCIe SSD U.2 device, see the *Dell Express Flash NVMe PCIe SSD User's Guide* at <https://www.dell.com/support> > **Browse all Products** > **Data Center Infrastructure** > **Storage Adapters & Controllers** > **Dell PowerEdge Express Flash NVMe PCIe SSD** > **Documentation** > **Manuals and Documents**.

**NOTE:** All instances of SAS, SATA and NVMe drives are referred to as drives in this document, unless specified otherwise.

**NOTE:** For more information, see the *Dell EMC PowerEdge R750xs Technical Specifications* on the product documentation page.

## Topics:

- [Front view of the system](#)
- [Rear view of the system](#)
- [Inside the system](#)
- [System information label](#)
- [Rail sizing and rack compatibility matrix](#)
- [Locating the Express Service Code and Service Tag](#)

## Front view of the system



Figure 1. Front view of 16 x 2.5-inch SAS/SATA + 8 x 2.5-inch NVMe drive system



Figure 2. Front view of 12 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA drive system



Figure 3. Front view of 16 x 2.5-inch SAS/SATA drive system




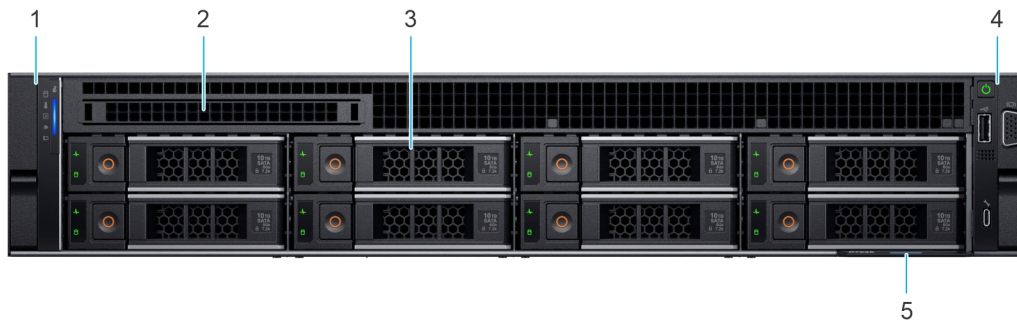
Figure 4. Front view of 8 x 2.5-inch NVMe drive system

Table 1. Features available on the front of the system

Item	Ports, panels, and slots	Icon	Description
1	Left control panel	N/A	<p>Contains the system health, system ID, status LED and the iDRAC Quick Sync 2 (wireless) indicator.</p> <p><b>i NOTE:</b> The iDRAC Quick Sync 2 indicator is available only on certain configurations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status LED: Enables you to identify any failed hardware components. There are up to five status LEDs and an overall system health LED (Chassis health and system ID) bar. For more information, see the Status LED indicators section.</li> <li>• Quick Sync 2 (wireless): Indicates a Quick Sync enabled system. The Quick Sync feature is optional. This feature allows management of the system by using mobile devices called as OpenManage Mobile (OMM) feature. Using iDRAC Quick Sync 2 with OpenManage Mobile (OMM) aggregates hardware or firmware inventory and various system level</li> </ul>

**Table 1. Features available on the front of the system (continued)**

Item	Ports, panels, and slots	Icon	Description
			diagnostic and error information that can be used in troubleshooting the system. For more information, see the <i>iDRAC User's Guide</i> available at <a href="https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals">https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals</a>
2	Drive	N/A	Enables you to install drives that are supported on your system.
3	Right control panel and VGA port		Contains the power button, USB port, iDRAC Direct micro port, and the iDRAC Direct status LED. VGA port enables you to connect a display device to the system.
4	Information tag	N/A	The Information tag is a slide-out label panel that contains system information such as Service Tag, NIC, MAC address, and so on. If you have opted for the secure default access to iDRAC, the Information tag also contains the iDRAC secure default password.




**Figure 5. Front view of the 8 x 3.5-inch drive system**

**Table 2. Features available on the front of the system**

Item	Ports, panels, and slots	Icon	Description
1	Left control panel	N/A	<p>Contains the system health, system ID, status LED and the iDRAC Quick Sync 2 (wireless) indicator.</p> <p><b>i NOTE:</b> The iDRAC Quick Sync 2 indicator is available only on certain configurations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status LED: Enables you to identify any failed hardware components. There are up to five status LEDs and an overall system health LED (Chassis health and system ID) bar. For more information, see the Status LED indicators section.</li> <li>• Quick Sync 2 (wireless): Indicates a Quick Sync enabled system. The Quick Sync feature is optional. This feature allows management of the system by using mobile devices called as OpenManage Mobile (OMM) feature. Using iDRAC Quick Sync 2 with OpenManage Mobile (OMM) aggregates hardware or firmware inventory and various system level diagnostic and error information that can be used in troubleshooting the system. For more information, see the <i>iDRAC User's Guide</i> available at <a href="https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals">https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals</a></li> </ul>
2	Optical drive blank	N/A	For the 8 x 3.5-inch drive system, a optical drive bay blank is installed.
3	Drive	N/A	Enables you to install drives that are supported on your system.

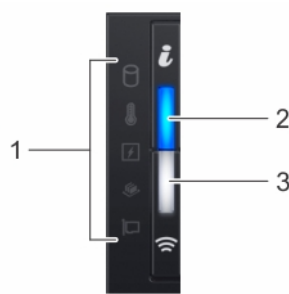


**Table 2. Features available on the front of the system (continued)**

Item	Ports, panels, and slots	Icon	Description
4	Right control panel and VGA port		Contains the power button, USB port, iDRAC Direct micro port, and the iDRAC Direct status LED. VGA port enables you to connect a display device to the system.
5	Information tag	N/A	The Information tag is a slide-out label panel that contains system information such as Service Tag, NIC, MAC address, and so on. If you have opted for the secure default access to iDRAC, the Information tag also contains the iDRAC secure default password.



**NOTE:** For more information, see the *Dell EMC PowerEdge R750xs Technical Specifications* on the product documentation page.

## Left control panel view



**Figure 6. Left control panel with optional iDRAC Quick Sync 2.0 indicator**

**Table 3. Left control panel**

Item	Indicator, button, or connector	Icon	Description
1	Status LED indicators	NA	Indicates the status of the system. For more information, see the <a href="#">Status LED indicators</a> section.
2	System health and system ID indicator		Indicates the status of the system. For more information, see the <a href="#">System health and system ID indicator codes</a> section.
3	iDRAC Quick Sync 2 wireless indicator (optional)		Indicates if the iDRAC Quick Sync 2 wireless option is activated. The Quick Sync 2 feature allows management of the system using mobile devices. This feature aggregates hardware/firmware inventory and various system level diagnostic/error information that can be used in troubleshooting the system. You can access system inventory, Dell Lifecycle Controller logs or system logs, system health status, and also configure iDRAC, BIOS, and networking parameters. You can also launch the virtual Keyboard, Video, and Mouse (KVM) viewer and virtual Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM), on a supported mobile device. For more information, see the Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide at <a href="http://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals">www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals</a>

**NOTE:** For more information about the indicator codes, see the [System diagnostics and indicator codes](#) section.

## Right control panel view

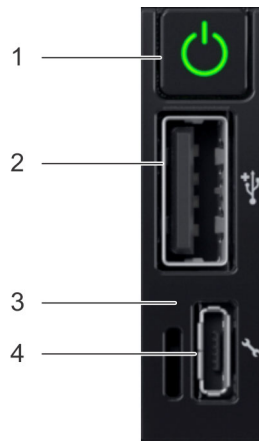


Figure 7. Right control panel

Table 4. Right control panel

Item	Indicator or button	Icon	Description
1	Power button		Indicates if the system is powered on or off. Press the power button to manually power on or off the system. <b>NOTE:</b> Press the power button to gracefully shut down an ACPI-compliant operating system.
2	USB 2.0-compliant port		The USB port is a 4-pin connector and 2.0-compliant. This port enables you to connect USB devices to the system.
3	iDRAC Direct LED indicator	N/A	The iDRAC Direct LED indicator lights up to indicate that the iDRAC Direct port is actively connected to a device.
4	iDRAC Direct port (Micro-AB USB)		The iDRAC Direct port (Micro-AB USB) enables you to access the iDRAC direct Micro-AB USB features. For more information, see the <a href="https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals">https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals</a> . <b>NOTE:</b> You can configure iDRAC Direct by using a USB to micro USB (type AB) cable, which you can connect to your laptop or tablet. Cable length should not exceed 3 feet (0.91 meters). Performance could be affected by cable quality.

**NOTE:** For more information, see the *Dell EMC PowerEdge R750xs Technical Specifications* on the product documentation page.

## Rear view of the system

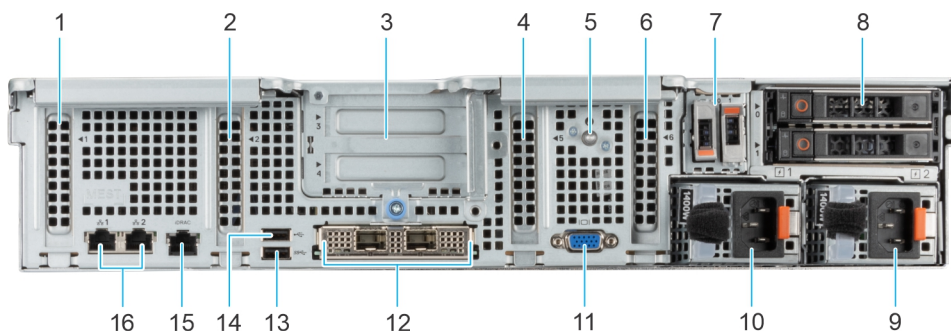


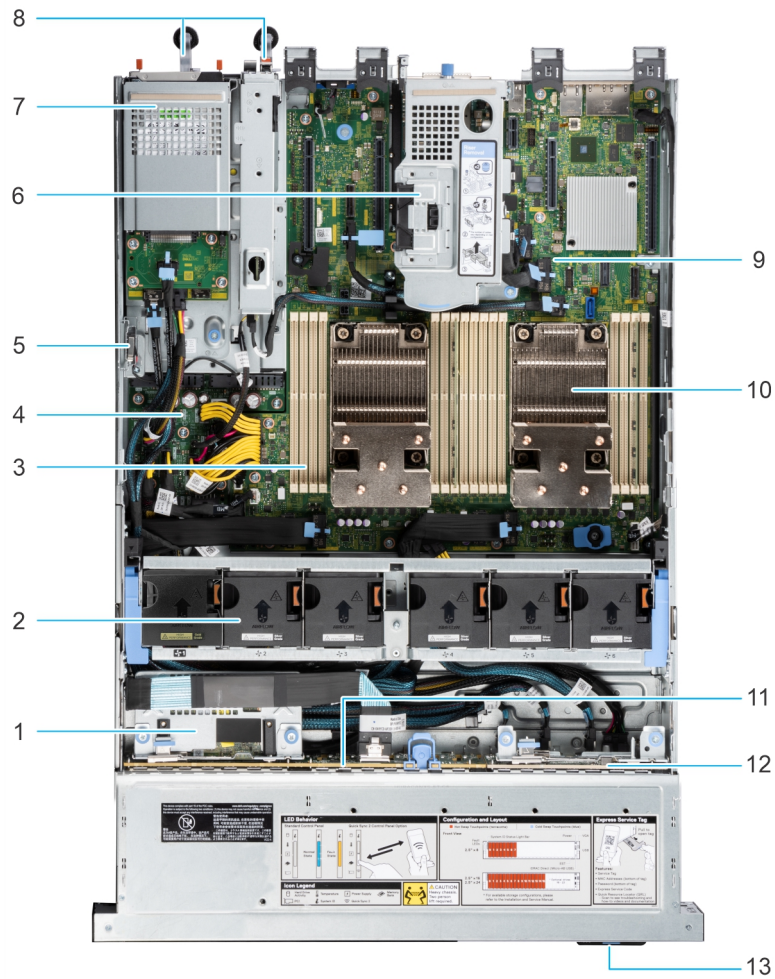
Figure 8. Rear view of the system

**Table 5. Rear view of the system**

Item	Ports, panels, or slots	Icon	Description
1	PCIe expansion card slot 1		Enables you to connect PCI Express expansion cards.
2	PCIe expansion card slot 2		Enables you to connect PCI Express expansion cards.
3	Expansion card riser with slot 3 and 4.		Enables you to connect PCI Express expansion card risers.
4	PCIe expansion card slot 5		Enables you to connect PCI Express expansion cards.
5	System identification button		<p>Press the system ID button:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To locate a particular system within a rack.</li> <li>To turn the system ID on or off.</li> </ul> <p>To reset iDRAC, press and hold the button for more than 16 seconds.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To reset iDRAC using system ID, ensure that the system ID button is enabled in the iDRAC setup.</li> <li>If the system stops responding during POST, press and hold the system ID button (for more than 5 seconds) to enter the BIOS progress mode.</li> </ul>
6	PCIe expansion card slot 6		Enables you to connect PCI Express expansion cards.
7	BOSS-S2 card module	N/A	Enables you to connect BOSS card.
8	Rear drive module	N/A	Enables you to install two rear NVMe or SAS/SATA drives.
9	Power supply unit (PSU 2)		Indicates the PSU.
10	Power supply unit (PSU 1)		Indicates the PSU.
11	VGA port		Enables you to connect a display device to the system.
12	Optional OCP	N/A	This port supports OCP 3.0. The NIC ports are integrated on the OCP card which is connected to the system board.
13	USB 3.0 port		This port is USB 3.0-compliant.
14	USB 2.0 port		This port is USB 2.0-compliant.
15	iDRAC dedicated port		Enables you to remotely access iDRAC. For more information, see the iDRAC User's Guide at <a href="http://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals">www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals</a>
16	Ethernet ports		The Ethernet ports that are integrated on the system board provide network connectivity. These NIC ports can also be shared with iDRAC when iDRAC network settings is set to shared mode.

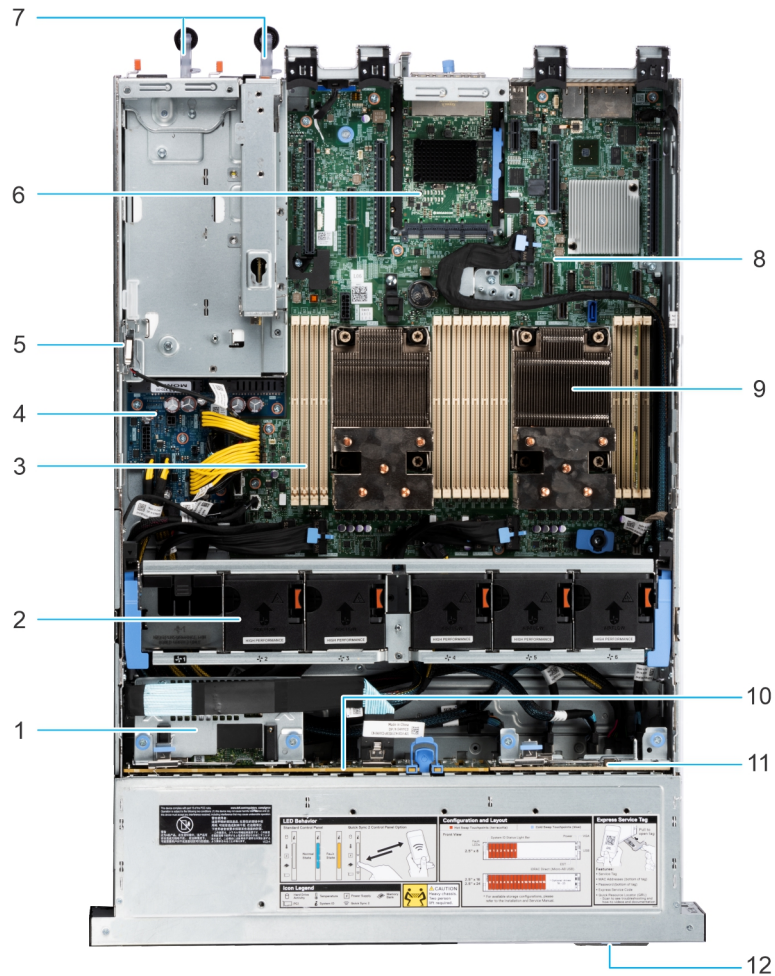
**NOTE:** For more information, see the *Dell EMC PowerEdge R750xs Technical Specifications* on the product documentation page.

# Inside the system



**Figure 9. Inside the system with riser**

- 1. Front PERC
- 2. Cooling Fans
- 3. Memory module slots
- 4. Power interposer board
- 5. Intrusion switch
- 6. Riser 1A/1B
- 7. Rear drive module
- 8. PSU 1 and PSU 2
- 9. System board
- 10. Processor heat sink
- 11. Backplane
- 12. NVMe backplane with provision for H755N PERC
- 13. Information tag

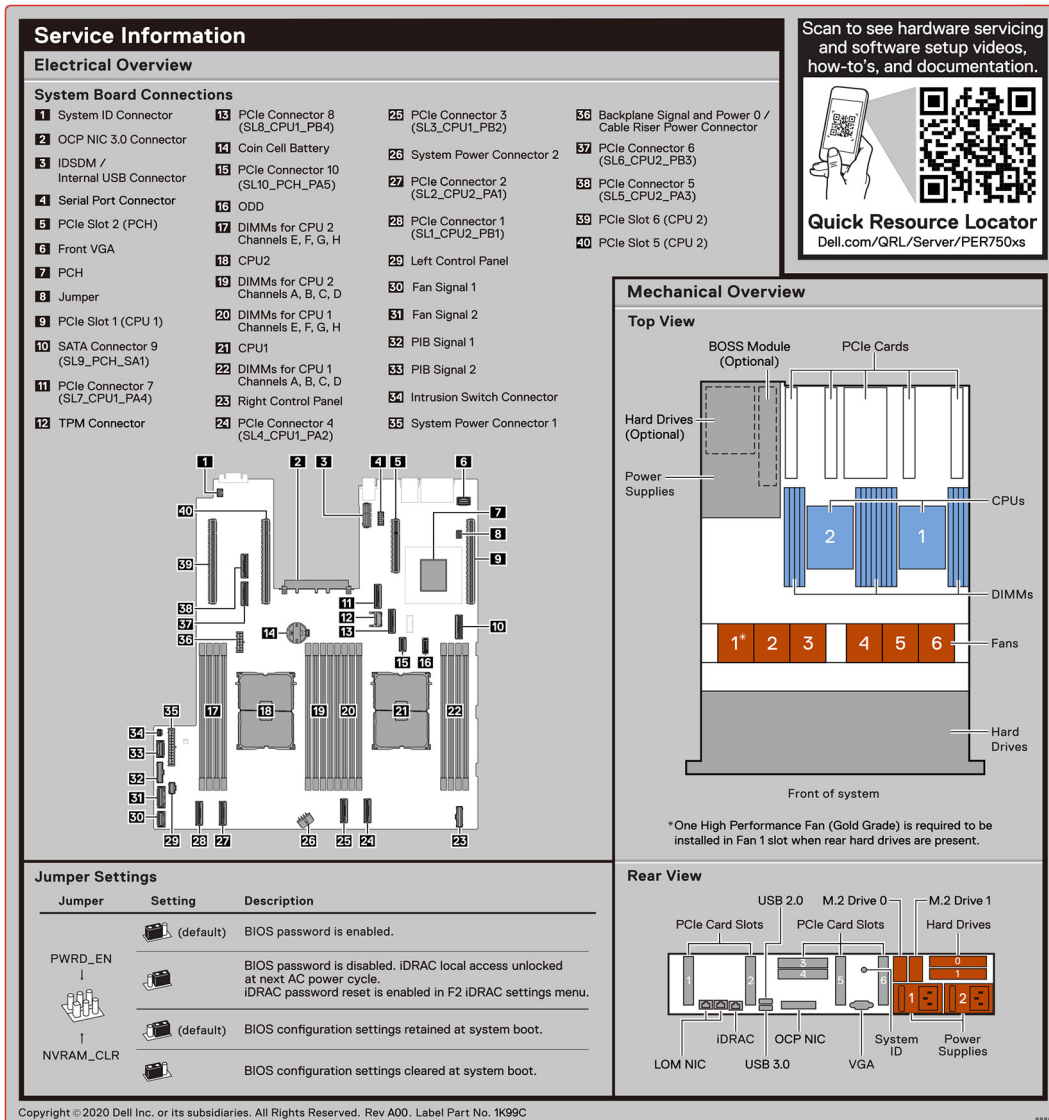


**Figure 10. Inside the system without riser**

- |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Front PERC   | 2. Cooling Fans           |
| 3. Memory module slots  | 4. Power interposer board |
| 5. Intrusion switch   | 6. OCP                    |
| 7. PSU 1 and PSU 2  | 8. System board           |
| 9. Processor heat sink  | 10. Backplane             |
| 11. 8 x 2.5-inch NVMe backplane with provision for H755N PERC | 12. Information tag       |

## System information label

The system information label is located on back of the system cover.



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Figure 11. Service information



### Service Information

#### System Touchpoints

- Hot swap touchpoints: Components with terracotta touchpoints can be serviced while the system is running.
- Cold swap touchpoints: Components with blue touchpoints require a full system shutdown before servicing.

### Memory Information

**⚠ Caution:** Memory (DIMMs) and CPUs may be hot during servicing.

Memory Population Configuration	Sequence
Memory-Optimized	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Latest population rules are documented in the Installation and Service Manual.

#### System Tasks

##### Front PERC (rear loading)

##### Adapter PERC

##### Hot Swap Boot Optimized M.2 Drives

**⚠ Caution:** Many repairs may only be done by a certified service technician. You should only perform troubleshooting and simple repairs as authorized in your product documentation, or as directed by the online or telephone service and support team. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty. Read and follow the safety instructions that came with the product.

To learn more about this Dell product or to order additional or replacement parts, go to [Dell.com/support](http://Dell.com/support)

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Figure 12. System tasks, hot swap, front PERC rear loading, memory information

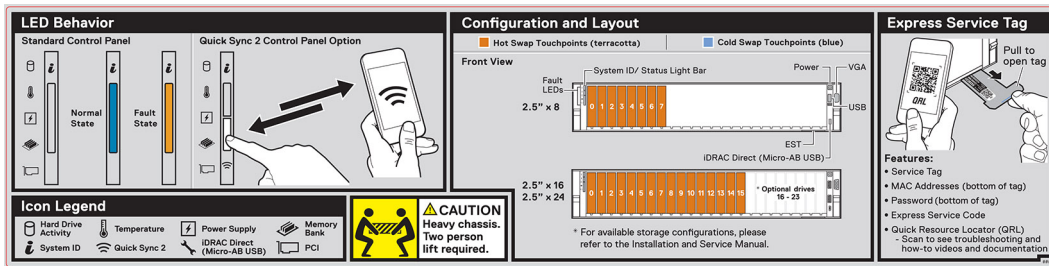


Figure 13. LED behavior, configuration and layout, express service tag for 2.5-inch drive system

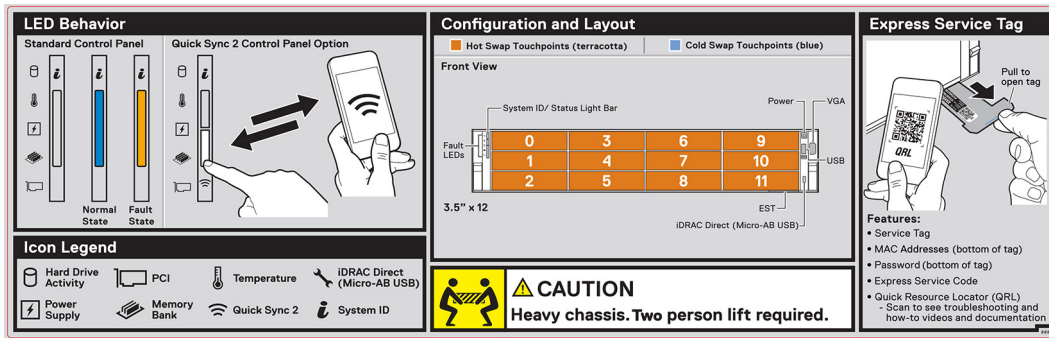


Figure 14. LED behavior, configuration and layout, express service tag for 3.5-inch drive system

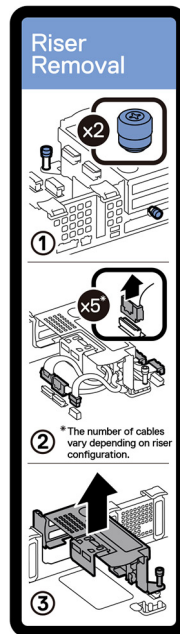


Figure 15. Riser removal

## Rail sizing and rack compatibility matrix

For specific information about the rail solutions compatible with your system, see the *Dell EMC Enterprise Systems Rail Sizing and Rack Compatibility Matrix* available at [https://i.dell.com/sites/csdocuments/Business\\_solutions\\_engineering-Docs\\_Documents/en/rail-rack-matrix.pdf](https://i.dell.com/sites/csdocuments/Business_solutions_engineering-Docs_Documents/en/rail-rack-matrix.pdf).

The document provides the information that is listed below:

- Specific details about rail types and their functionalities.
- Rail adjustability range for various types of rack mounting flanges.
- Rail depth with and without cable management accessories.

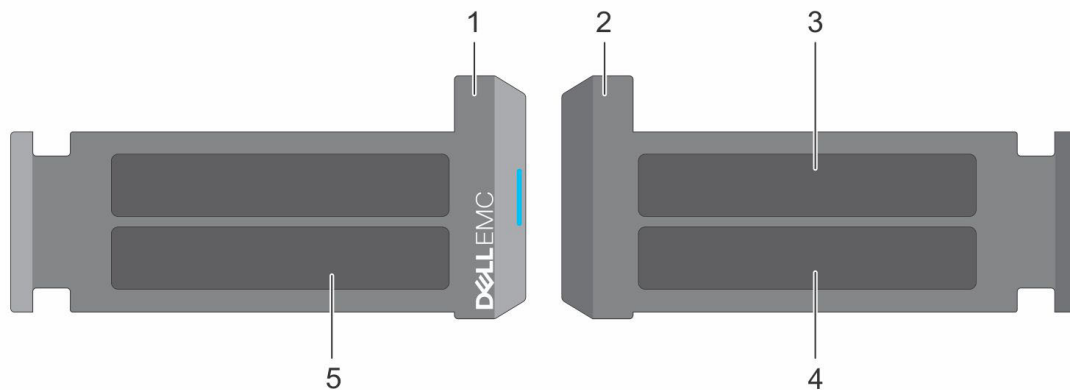


- Types of racks supported for various types of rack mounting flanges.

## Locating the Express Service Code and Service Tag

The unique Express Service Code and Service Tag are used to identify the system.

The information tag is located on the front of the system that includes system information such as the Service Tag, Express Service Code, Manufacture date, NIC, MAC address, QRL label, and so on. If you have opted for the secure default access to iDRAC, the Information tag also contains the iDRAC secure default password. If you have opted for iDRAC Quick Sync 2, the Information tag also contains the OpenManage Mobile (OMM) label, where administrators can configure, monitor, and troubleshoot the PowerEdge servers.



**Figure 16. Locating the Express Service Code and Service tag**

1. Information tag (front view)
2. Information tag (back view)
3. OpenManage Mobile (OMM) label
4. iDRAC MAC address and iDRAC secure password label
5. Service Tag, Express Service Code, QRL label

The Mini Enterprise Service Tag (MEST) label is located on the rear of the system that includes the Service Tag (ST), Express Service Code (Exp Svc Code), and Manufacture Date (Mfg. Date). The Exp Svc Code is used by Dell EMC to route support calls to the appropriate personnel.

Alternatively, the Service Tag information is located on a label on the left wall of the chassis.

# Initial system setup and configuration

This section describes the tasks for initial setup and configuration of the Dell EMC system. The section also provides general steps to set up the system and the reference guides for detailed information.

## Topics:

- [Setting up the system](#)
- [iDRAC configuration](#)
- [Resources to install operating system](#)

## Setting up the system

Perform the following steps to set up the system:

### Steps

1. Unpack the system.
2. Install the system into the rack. For more information, see the rail installation and cable management accessory guides relevant to your rail and cable management solution at [www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals](http://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals).
3. Connect the peripherals to the system and the system to the electrical outlet.
4. Power on the system.

For more information about setting up the system, see the *Getting Started Guide* that is shipped with your system.

**i** **NOTE:** For information about managing the basic settings and features of the system, see the *Dell EMC PowerEdge R750xs BIOS and UEFI Reference Guide* on the product documentation page.

## iDRAC configuration

The Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller (iDRAC) is designed to make you more productive as a system administrator and improve the overall availability of Dell EMC servers. iDRAC alerts you to system issues, helps you to perform remote management, and reduces the need for physical access to the system.

### Options to set up iDRAC IP address

To enable communication between your system and iDRAC, you must first configure the network settings based on your network infrastructure. The network settings option is set to **DHCP**, by default.





**i** **NOTE:** For static IP configuration, you must request for the settings at the time of purchase.


You can set up the iDRAC IP address using one of the interfaces in the table below. For information about setting up iDRAC IP address, see the documentation links provided in the table below.

**Table 6. Interfaces to set up iDRAC IP address**

Interface	Documentation links
iDRAC Settings utility	<i>Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide</i> at <a href="https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals">https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals</a> or for system specific <i>Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide</i> , go to <a href="https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals">https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals</a> > <b>Product Support</b> page of your system > <b>Documentation</b> .

**Table 6. Interfaces to set up iDRAC IP address (continued)**

Interface	Documentation links
	<p> <b>NOTE:</b> To determine the most recent iDRAC release for your platform and for latest documentation version, see KB article <a href="https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699">https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699</a>.</p>
OpenManage Deployment Toolkit	<p><i>OpenManage Deployment Toolkit User's Guide</i> available at <a href="https://www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals">https://www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals</a> &gt; Open Manage Deployment Toolkit.</p>
iDRAC Direct	<p><i>Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide</i> at <a href="https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals">https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals</a> or for system specific <i>Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide</i>, go to <a href="https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals">https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals</a> &gt; <b>Product Support</b> page of your system &gt; <b>Documentation</b>.</p> <p> <b>NOTE:</b> To determine the most recent iDRAC release for your platform and for latest documentation version, see KB article <a href="https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699">https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699</a>.</p>
Lifecycle Controller	<p><i>Lifecycle Controller User's Guide</i> at <a href="https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals">https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals</a> or for system specific <i>Lifecycle Controller User's Guide</i>, go to <a href="https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals">https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals</a> &gt; <b>Product Support</b> page of your system &gt; <b>Documentation</b>.</p> <p> <b>NOTE:</b> To determine the most recent iDRAC release for your platform and for latest documentation version, see KB article <a href="https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699">https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699</a>.</p>
Server LCD panel	<p>LCD panel section.</p>
iDRAC Direct and Quick Sync 2 (optional)	<p><i>Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide</i> at <a href="https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals">https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals</a> or for system specific <i>Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide</i>, go to <a href="https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals">https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals</a> &gt; <b>Product Support</b> page of your system &gt; <b>Documentation</b>.</p> <p> <b>NOTE:</b> To determine the most recent iDRAC release for your platform and for latest documentation version, see KB article <a href="https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699">https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699</a>.</p>

 **NOTE:** To access iDRAC, ensure that you connect the ethernet cable to the iDRAC dedicated network port or use the iDRAC Direct port by using the USB cable. You can also access iDRAC through the shared LOM mode, if you have opted for a system that has the shared LOM mode enabled.

## Options to log in to iDRAC

To log in to the iDRAC Web User Interface, open a browser and enter the IP address.

You can log in to iDRAC as:

- iDRAC user
- Microsoft Active Directory user
- Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) user

In the login screen displayed, if you have opted for secure default access to iDRAC, enter the iDRAC secure default password available on back of the Information Tag. If you have not opted for secure default access to iDRAC, enter the default user name and password – `root` and `calvin`. You can also log in by using your Single Sign-On or Smart Card.

 **NOTE:** Ensure that you change the default username and password after setting up the iDRAC IP address.

For more information about logging in to the iDRAC and iDRAC licenses, see the latest *Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide* at [www.dell.com/idracmanuals](http://www.dell.com/idracmanuals).

**NOTE:** To determine the most recent iDRAC release for your platform and for latest documentation version, see KB article <https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699>.

You can also access iDRAC using command-line protocol - RACADM. For more information, see the *iDRAC with Lifecycle Controller RACADM CLI Guide* available at [www.dell.com/idracmanuals](http://www.dell.com/idracmanuals).

You can also access iDRAC using automation tool - Redfish API. For more information, see the *iDRAC9 with Lifecycle Controller Redfish API Guide* available at <https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals>.

## Resources to install operating system

If the system is shipped without an operating system, you can install a supported operating system by using one of the resources provided in the table below. For information about how to install the operating system, see the documentation links provided in the table below.

**Table 7. Resources to install the operating system**

Resource	Documentation links
iDRAC	<i>Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide</i> at <a href="https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals">https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals</a> or for system specific <i>Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide</i> , go to <a href="https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals">https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals</a> > <b>Product Support</b> page of your system > <b>Documentation</b> . <b>NOTE:</b> To determine the most recent iDRAC release for your platform and for latest documentation version, see KB article at <a href="https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699">https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699</a> .
Lifecycle Controller	<i>Lifecycle Controller User's Guide</i> at <a href="https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals">https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals</a> or for system specific <i>Lifecycle Controller User's Guide</i> , go to <a href="https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals">https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals</a> > <b>Product Support</b> page of your system > <b>Documentation</b> . Dell recommends using Lifecycle Controller to install the OS, since all required drivers are installed on the system. <b>NOTE:</b> To determine the most recent iDRAC release for your platform and for latest documentation version, see KB article at <a href="https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699">https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699</a> .
OpenManage Deployment Toolkit	<a href="http://www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals">www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals</a> > OpenManage Deployment Toolkit
Dell certified VMware ESXi	<a href="http://www.dell.com/virtualizationsolutions">www.dell.com/virtualizationsolutions</a>

**NOTE:** For more information about Installation and How-to videos for supported operating systems on PowerEdge system, see [Supported Operating Systems for Dell EMC PowerEdge systems](#).

## Options to download firmware

You can download firmware from the Dell support site. For information about downloading firmware, see the [Downloading drivers and firmware](#) section.

You can also choose any one of the following options to download the firmware. For information about how to download the firmware, see the documentation links provided in the table below.

**Table 8. Options to download firmware**

Option	Documentation link
Using Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller Lifecycle Controller (iDRAC with LC)	<a href="http://www.dell.com/idracmanuals">www.dell.com/idracmanuals</a>
Using Dell Repository Manager (DRM)	<a href="http://www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals">www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals</a> > Repository Manager
Using Dell Server Update Utility (SUU)	<a href="http://www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals">www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals</a> > Server Update Utility
Using Dell OpenManage Deployment Toolkit (DTK)	<a href="http://www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals">www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals</a> > OpenManage Deployment Toolkit

**Table 8. Options to download firmware (continued)**

Option	Documentation link
Using iDRAC virtual media	<a href="http://www.dell.com/idracmanuals">www.dell.com/idracmanuals</a>

## Options to download and install OS drivers

You can choose any one of the following options to download and install OS drivers. For information about how to download or install OS drivers, see the documentation links provided in the table below.

**Table 9. Options to download and install OS drivers**

Option	Documentation
Dell EMC support site	<a href="#">Downloading drivers and firmware</a> section.
iDRAC virtual media	<i>Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide</i> at <a href="https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals">https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals</a> or for system specific <i>Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide</i> , go to <a href="https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals">https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals</a> > <b>Product Support</b> page of your system > <b>Documentation</b> . <b>NOTE:</b> To determine the most recent iDRAC release for your platform and for latest documentation version, see <a href="https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699">https://www.dell.com/support/article/sln308699</a> .

## Downloading drivers and firmware

It is recommended that you download and install the latest BIOS, drivers, and systems management firmware on the system.

### Prerequisites

Ensure that you clear the web browser cache before downloading the drivers and firmware.

### Steps

1. Go to [www.dell.com/support/drivers](http://www.dell.com/support/drivers).
2. Enter the Service Tag of the system in the **Enter a Dell Service Tag, Dell EMC Product ID or Model** field, and then press Enter.  
**NOTE:** If you do not have the Service Tag, click **Browse all products**, and navigate to your product.
3. On the displayed product page, click **Drivers & Downloads**.  
On the **Drivers & Downloads** page, all drivers that are applicable to the system are displayed.
4. Download the drivers to a USB drive, CD, or DVD.

# Minimum to POST and system management configuration validation

This section describes the minimum to POST system requirement and system management configuration validation of the Dell EMC system.

## Topics:

- [Minimum configuration to POST](#)
- [Configuration validation](#)

## Minimum configuration to POST

The components listed below are the minimum configuration to POST:

- One power supply unit
- System board
- One processor in socket processor 1
- One memory module (DIMM) installed in the socket A1

## Configuration validation

The new generation of PowerEdge systems have added interconnect flexibility and advanced iDRAC management features to collect precise system configuration information and report configuration errors.

When the system is powered on, information about installed cables, risers, backplanes, floating card (fPERC or BOSS), and processor is obtained from the CPLD and backplane memory maps is analyzed. This information forms a unique configuration, which is compared with one of the qualified configurations stored in a table maintained by iDRAC.

One or more sensors are assigned to each of the configuration elements. During POST, any configuration validation error is logged in the System Event Log (SEL)/LifeCycle (LC) log. The reported events are categorized in the configuration validation error table.

**Table 10. Configuration validation error**

Error	Description	Possible cause and recommendations	Example
Config Error	A configuration element within the closest match contains something that is unexpected and does not match any Dell qualified configuration.	Wrong configuration	Config Error: Backplane cable CTRS_SRC_SA1 and BP-DST_SA1
		The element reported in HWC8010 errors are assembled incorrectly. Verify element (cable, riser, etc) placement in the system.	Config Error : SL Cable PLANAR_SL7 and CTRL_DST_PA1
Config Missing	iDRAC found a configuration element missing within the closest match detected.	Missing or damaged cable, device, or part	Config Missing: Float card front PERC/HBA
		Missing element or cable is reported in HWC8010 error logs. Install the missing element (cable, riser, etc).	Config Missing : SL cable PLANAR_SL8 and CTRL_DST_PA1

**Table 10. Configuration validation error (continued)**

Error	Description	Possible cause and recommendations	Example
Comm Error	A configuration element is not responding to iDRAC using the management interface while running an inventory check.	System management sideband communication Unplug AC Power, reseal the element and replace the element if the problem persists.	Comm Error: Backplane 2

## Error messages

This section describes the error messages displayed on the screen during POST or captured in the system event log (SEL)/ LifeCycle (LC) log.

**Table 11. Error message HWC8010**

Error code	HWC8010
Message	The System Configuration Check operation resulted in the following issue involving the indicated component type
Arguments	Riser, floating card (fPERC or BOSS), backplane, processor, cable, or other components
Detailed Description	The issue identified in the message is observed in the System Configuration Check operation.
Recommended Response Action	Do the following and retry the operation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disconnect the input power.</li> <li>2. Check for proper cable connection and component placement. If the issue persists, contact the service provider.</li> </ol>
Category	System Health (HWC = Hardware Config)
Severity	Critical
Trap/EventID	2329

**Table 12. Error message HWC8011**


Error code	HWC8011
Message	The System Configuration Check operation resulted in multiple issues involving the indicated component type
Arguments	Riser, floating card (fPERC or BOSS), backplane, processor, cable, or other components
Detailed Description	Multiple issues are observed in the System Configuration Check operation.
Recommended Response Action	Do the following and retry the operation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disconnect the input power.</li> <li>2. Check for proper cable connection and component placement. If the issue persists, contact the service provider.</li> </ol>
Category	System Health (HWC = Hardware Config)
Severity	Critical


# Installing and removing system components

## Topics:

- Safety instructions
- Before working inside your system
- After working inside your system
- Recommended tools
- Optional front bezel
- System cover
- Drive backplane cover
- Optional optical drive
- Air shroud
- Cooling fans
- Side wall brackets
- Intrusion switch module
- Optional serial COM port
- Drives
- Drive backplane
- Cable routing
- System memory
- Processor and heat sink module
- Expansion cards and expansion card risers
- Optional IDSDM module
- MicroSD card
- Optional BOSS S2 card
- PERC
- Rear drive module
- Optional OCP card
- System battery
- Optional internal USB card
- Power supply unit
- Power interposer board
- System board
- Trusted Platform Module
- Control panel

## Safety instructions

 **NOTE:** Whenever you need to lift the system, get others to assist you. To avoid injury, do not attempt to lift the system by yourself.

 **CAUTION:** Ensure to have two or more people to lift the system horizontally from the box and place it on a flat surface, rack lift, or into the rails.

 **WARNING:** Opening or removing the system cover while the system is powered on may expose you to a risk of electric shock.

 **WARNING:** Do not operate the system without the cover for a duration exceeding five minutes. Operating the system without the system cover can result in component damage.



**CAUTION:** Many repairs may only be done by a certified service technician. You should only perform troubleshooting and simple repairs as authorized in your product documentation, or as directed by the online or telephone service and support team. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty. Read and follow the safety instructions that are shipped with your product.

**NOTE:** It is recommended that you always use an antistatic mat and antistatic strap while working on components inside the system.

**CAUTION:** To ensure proper operation and cooling, all system bays and fans must always be populated with a component or a blank.

**NOTE:** While replacing the hot swappable PSU, after next server boot; the new PSU automatically updates to the same firmware and configuration of the replaced one. For more information about the Part replacement configuration, see the *Lifecycle Controller User's Guide* at <https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals>.

**NOTE:** While replacing faulty storage controller, FC, or NIC card with the same type of card, after you power on the system; the new card automatically updates to the same firmware and configuration of the faulty one. For more information about the Part replacement configuration, see the *Lifecycle Controller User's Guide* at <https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals>.

## Before working inside your system

### Prerequisites

Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).

### Steps

1. Power off the system and all attached peripherals.
2. Disconnect the system from the electrical outlet, and disconnect the peripherals.
3. If applicable, remove the system from the rack.

For more information, see the *Rail Installation Guide* relevant to your rail solutions at [www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals](http://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals).

4. Remove the system cover.

## After working inside your system

### Prerequisites

Follow the safety guidelines listed in [Safety instructions](#).

### Steps

1. Replace the system cover.
2. If applicable, install the system into the rack.

For more information, see the *Rail Installation Guide* relevant to your rail solutions at [www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals](http://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals).

3. Reconnect the peripherals and connect the system to the electrical outlet, and then power on the system.

## Recommended tools

You need the following tools to perform the removal and installation procedures:

- Key to the bezel lock. The key is required only if your system includes a bezel.
- Phillips #1 screwdriver
- Phillips #2 screwdriver
- Torx #T30 screwdriver
- 5 mm hex nut screwdriver
- Plastic scribe
- 1/4-inch flat blade screwdriver

- Wrist grounding strap connected to the ground
- ESD mat
- Needle-nose pliers

You need the following tools to assemble the cables for a DC power supply unit:

- AMP 90871-1 hand-crimping tool or equivalent
- Tyco Electronics 58433-3 or equivalent
- Wire-stripper pliers to remove insulation from size 10 AWG solid or stranded, insulated copper wire

**i** **NOTE:** Use alpha wire part number 3080 or equivalent (65/30 stranding).

## Optional front bezel

**i** **NOTE:** LCD panel is optional on the front bezel. If the front bezel has an LCD panel, see [LCD panel](#) section.

## Removing the front bezel

The procedure to remove the front bezel with and without the LCD panel is the same.

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Keep the bezel key handy.

**i** **NOTE:** The bezel key is part of the LCD bezel package.

### Steps

1. Unlock the front bezel.
2. Press the release button, and disengage the left end of the bezel.
3. Unhook the right end, and remove the bezel.



**Figure 17. Removing the front bezel with the LCD panel**

### Next steps

Replace the front bezel.

## Installing the front bezel

The procedure to install the front bezel with and without the LCD panel is the same.

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Locate and remove the bezel key.

**NOTE:** The bezel key is part of the LCD bezel package.

### Steps

1. Align and insert the tabs on the bezel into the slots on the system.
2. Press the bezel until the release button clicks in place.
3. Lock the front bezel.

**Figure 18. Installing the front bezel with the LCD panel**



## System cover

### Removing the system cover

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Power off the system, and any attached peripherals.
3. Disconnect the system from the electrical outlet and peripherals.

### Steps

1. Using a 1/4-inch flat head or Phillips #2 screwdriver, rotate the lock counterclockwise to the unlock position.
2. Lift the release latch until the system cover slides back.
3. Lift the cover from the system.



**Figure 19. Removing the system cover**

### Next steps

Replace the system cover.

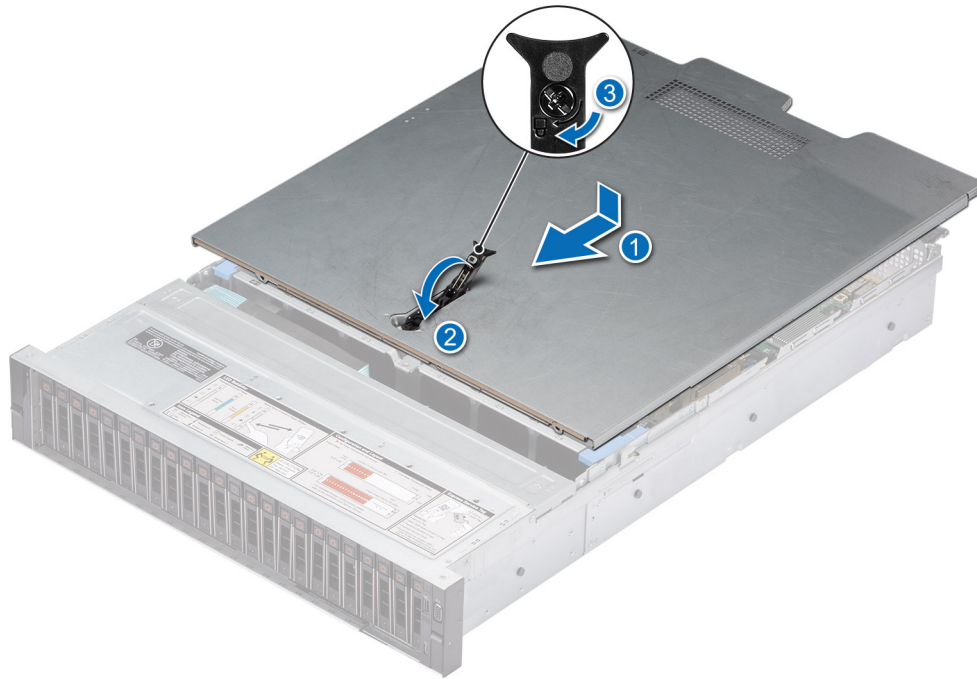
## Installing the system cover

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in [Before working inside your system](#).
3. Ensure that all internal cables are connected and routed properly, and no tools or extra parts are left inside the system.

### Steps

1. Align the tabs on the system cover with the guide slots on the system.
2. Close the system cover release latch.
3. Using a 1/4-inch flat head or Phillips #2 screwdriver, rotate the lock clockwise to the lock position.



**Figure 20. Installing the system cover**

#### **Next steps**

Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside your system](#).

## **Drive backplane cover**

### **Removing the drive backplane cover**

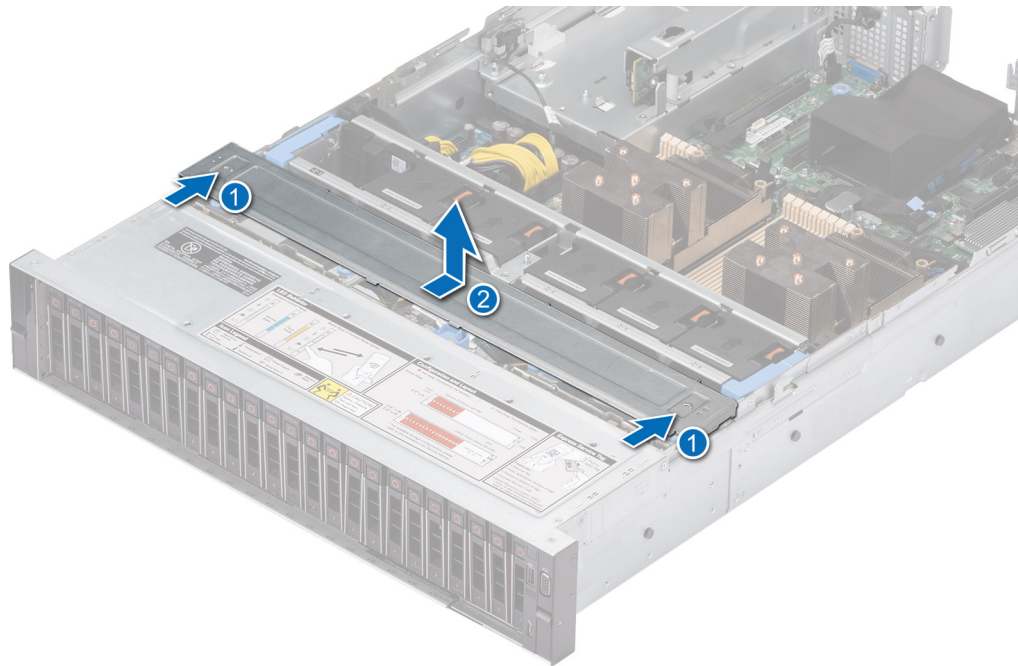
#### **Prerequisites**

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).

#### **Steps**

1. Slide the drive backplane cover in the direction of the arrows marked on the drive backplane cover.
2. Lift the drive backplane cover from the system.





**Figure 21. Removing the drive backplane cover**

#### **Next steps**

Replace the drive backplane cover.

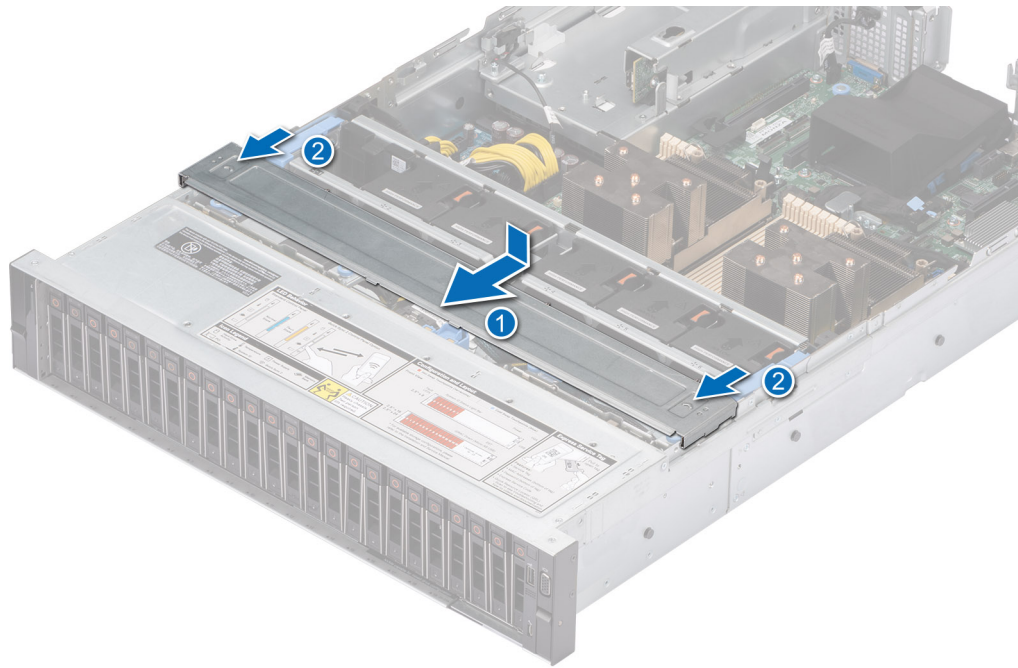
## **Installing the drive backplane cover**

#### **Prerequisites**

Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).

#### **Steps**

1. Align the drive backplane cover with the guide slots on the system.
2. Slide the drive backplane cover toward the front of the system until the drive backplane cover fits into place.



**Figure 22. Installing the drive backplane cover**

### Next steps

Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside your system](#).

## Optional optical drive

This is a service technician replaceable part only.

## Removing the optical disk drive

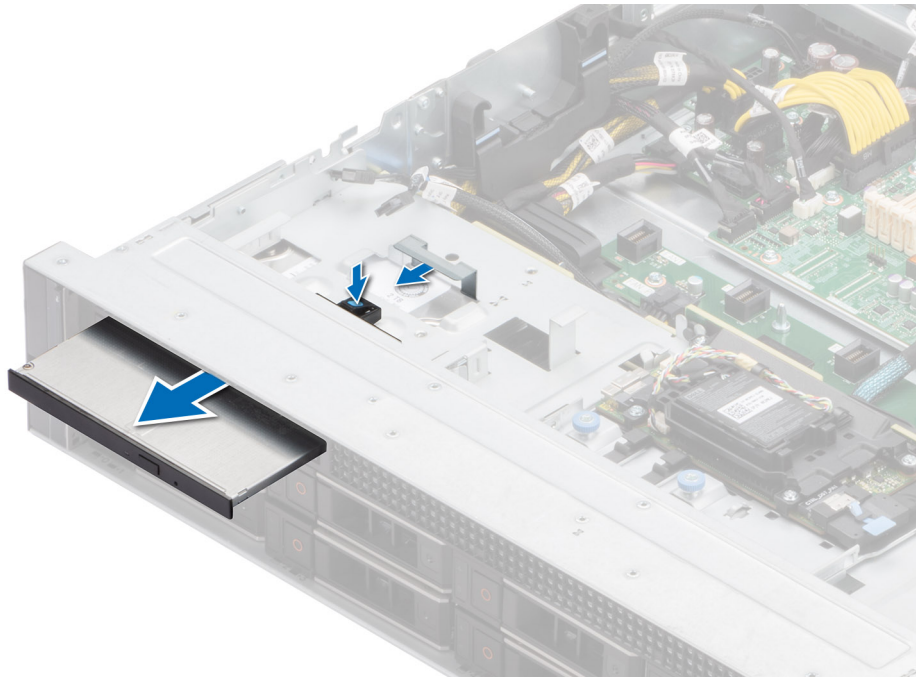
### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. Disconnect the cables connected to the optical disk drive.

**i** **NOTE:** The optical disk drive is optional and is shipped with 8 x 3.5-inch backplane configuration.

### Steps

1. Press the tab to release the optical disk drive from the optical disk drive bay.
2. Slide the optical disk drive out of the system.



**Figure 23. Removing the optical disk drive**

### Next steps

Replace the optical disk drive.

## Installing the optical disk drive

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).

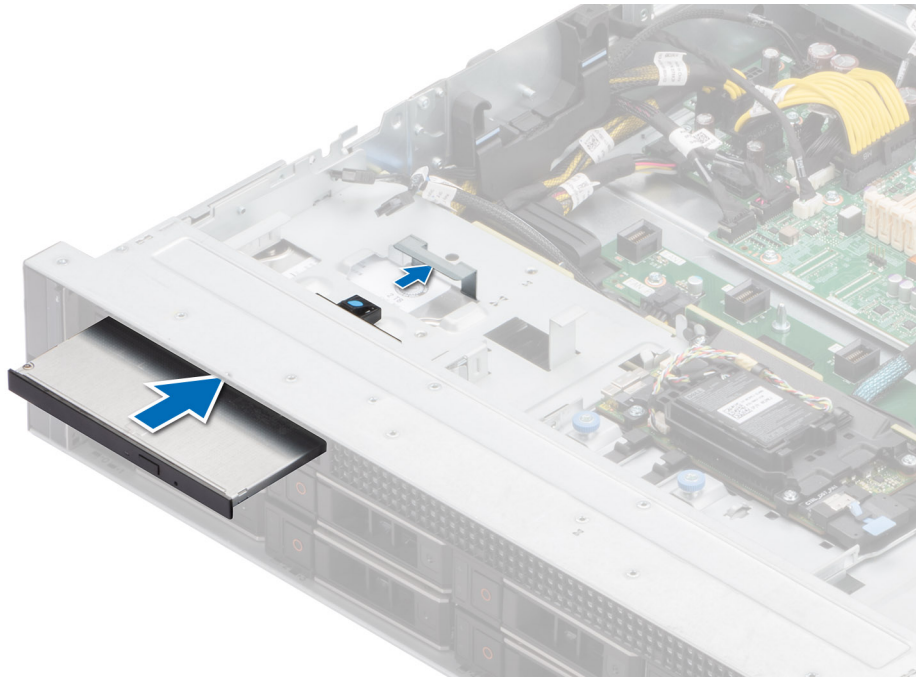
**NOTE:** Ensure that you note the routing of the cables as you remove them from the system board. Route the cable properly when you replace it to prevent the cable from being pinched or crimped.

**NOTE:** The optical disk drive is optional and is shipped with 8 x 3.5-inch backplane configuration.

### Steps

1. Align and slide the optical disk drive into the optical disk drive slot on the system until it latches.
2. Connect the power cable and signal cable to the optical disk drive.





**Figure 24. Installing the optical disk drive**

**Next steps**

1. [Install the system cover.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your system.](#)

# Air shroud

## Removing the air shroud

### Prerequisites

**CAUTION:** Never operate your system with the air shroud removed. The system may get overheated quickly, resulting in shutdown of the system and loss of data.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).

### Steps

Hold the air shroud at both ends and lift the air shroud out of the system.

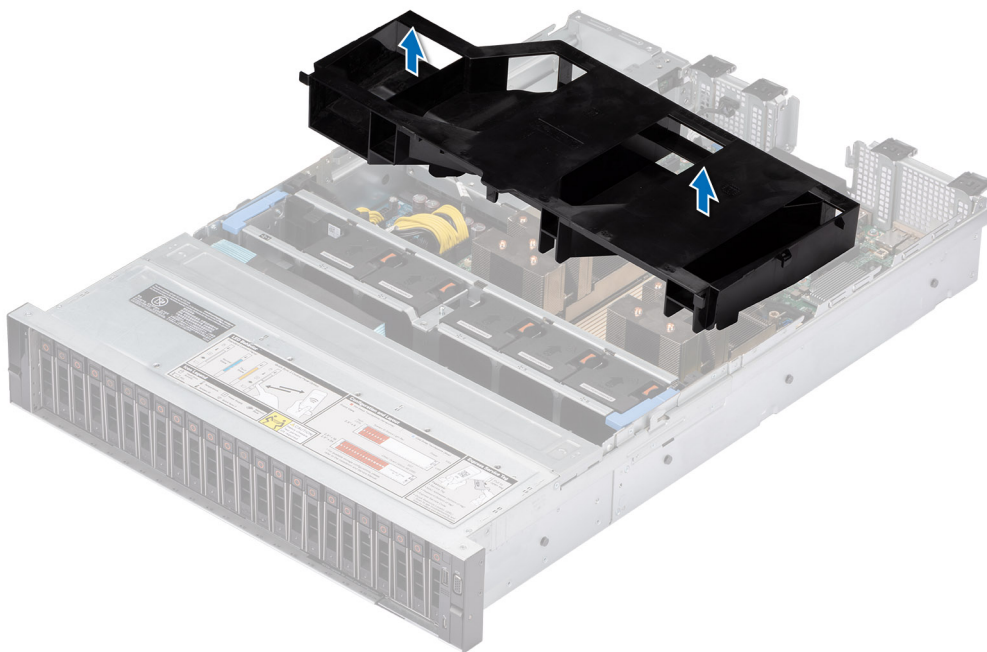


Figure 25. Removing the air shroud

### Next steps

Replace the air shroud.

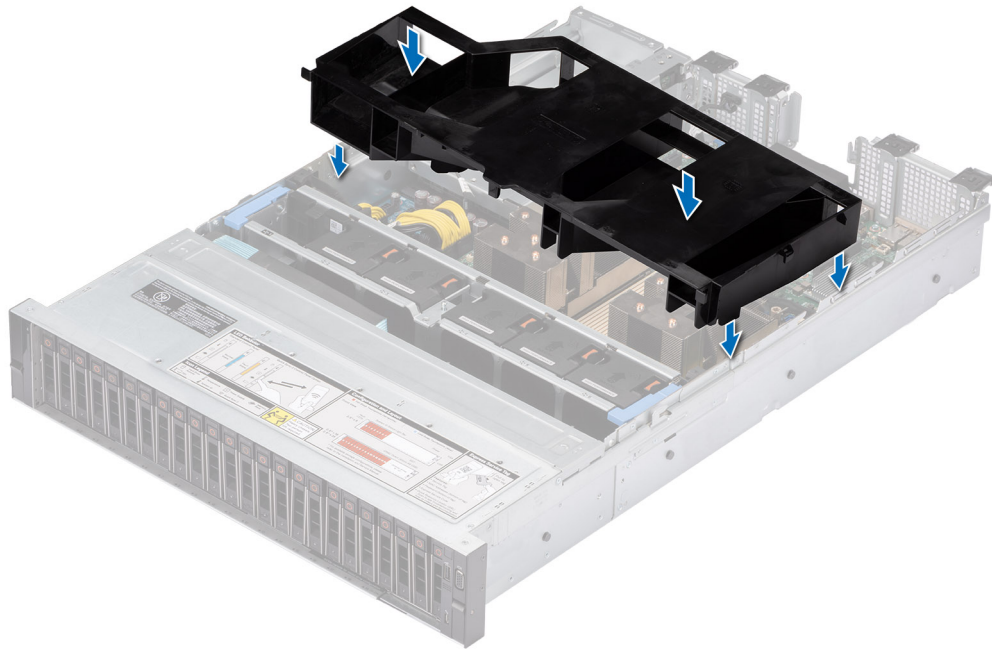
## Installing the air shroud

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).

### Steps

1. Align the slot on the air shroud with the standoff on the system.
2. Lower the air shroud into the system until it is firmly seated.



**Figure 26. Installing the air shroud**

#### **Next steps**

Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside your system](#).

## **Cooling fans**

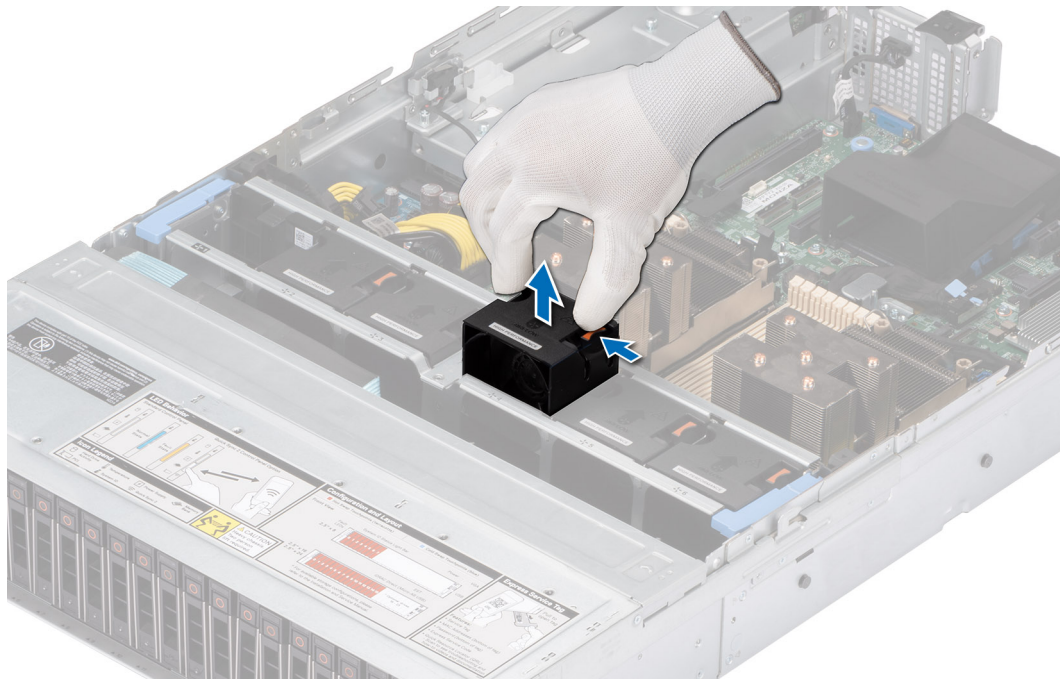
### **Removing a cooling fan**

#### **Prerequisites**

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the air shroud](#).

#### **Steps**

Press the orange release tab and lift the cooling fan to disconnect the fan from the connector on the cooling fan cage board.



**Figure 27. Removing a cooling fan**

#### **Next steps**

Replace the cooling fan.

## **Installing a cooling fan**

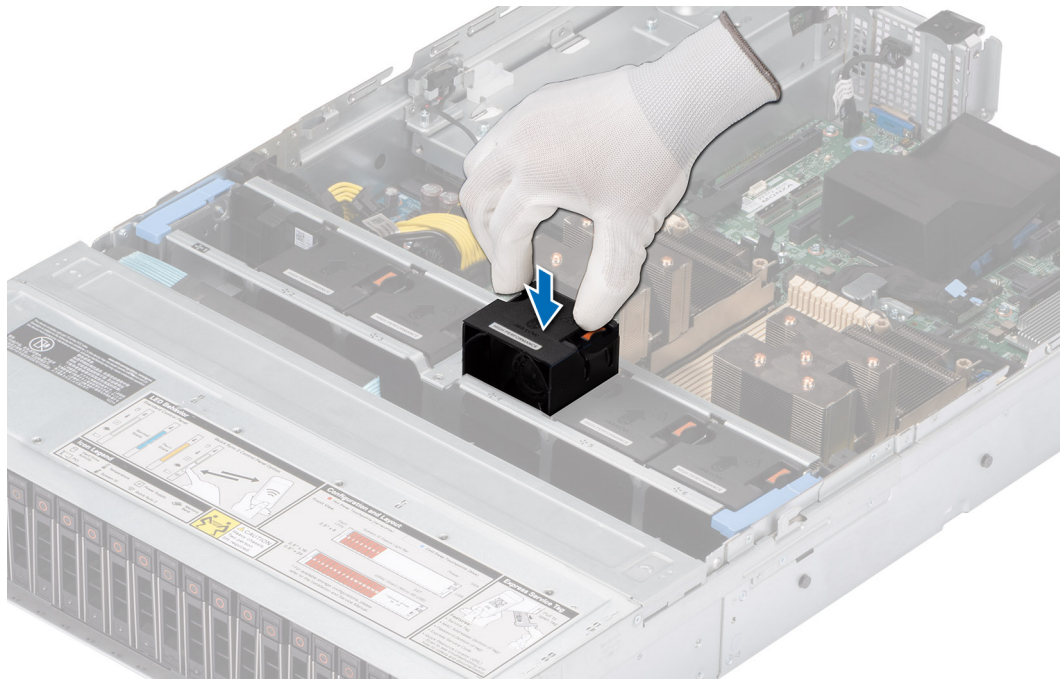
#### **Prerequisites**

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).

#### **Steps**

Align and slide the cooling fan into the cooling fan cage until the fan clicks into place.

**i** **NOTE:** Install high-performance fan (Gold Grade) in the Fan 1 slot while installing rear drive module.



**Figure 28. Installing a cooling fan**

#### **Next steps**

1. [Install the air shroud.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside your system.](#)

## **Removing the cooling fan cage**

#### **Prerequisites**

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system.](#)
3. [Remove the air shroud.](#)

#### **Steps**

1. Lift the blue release levers to unlock the cooling fan cage from the system.
2. Hold the release levers, and lift the cooling fan cage away from the system.



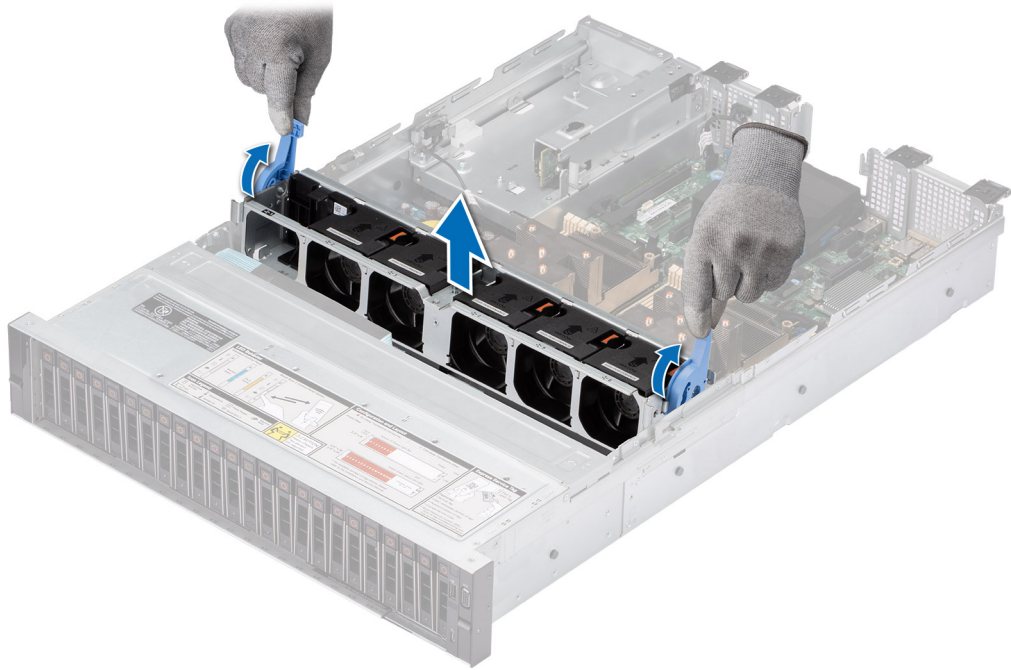


Figure 29. Removing the cooling fan cage

#### Next steps

1. [Replace the cooling fan cage.](#)

## Installing the cooling fan cage

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).

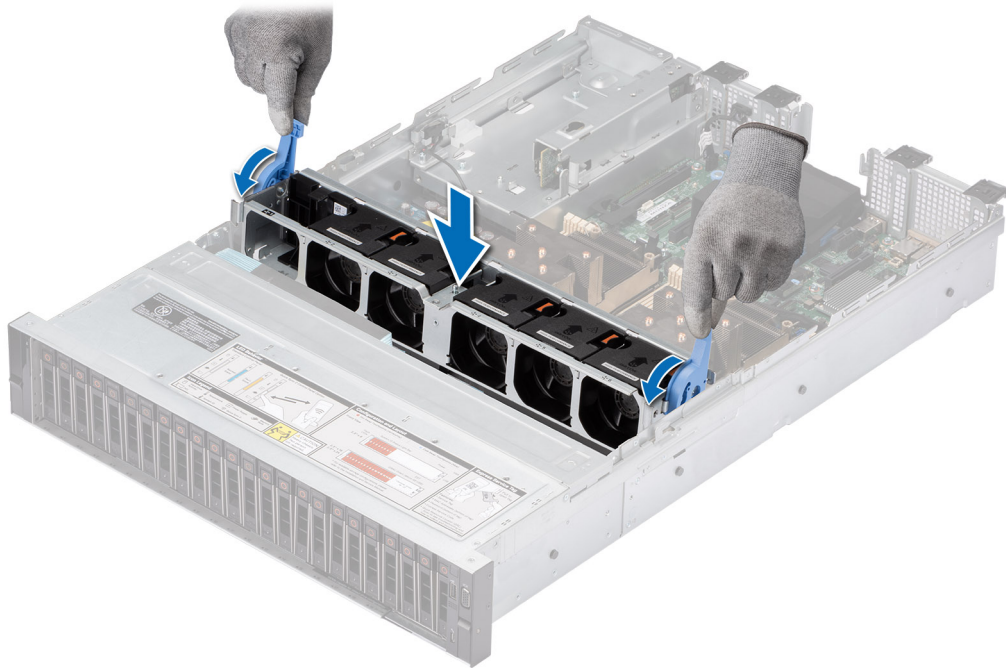


**CAUTION:** Ensure that the cables inside the system are correctly installed and retained by the cable retention bracket before installing the cooling fan cage assembly. Incorrectly installed cables may get damaged.

2. Follow the procedure listed in [Before working inside your system](#).
3. If installed, [remove the air shroud](#).

#### Steps

1. Align the guide rails on the cooling fan cage with the standoffs on the system.
2. Lower the cooling fan cage into the system.
3. Lower the blue release levers to lock the cooling fan cage into the system.



**Figure 30. Installing the cooling fan cage**

### Next steps

1. If removed, [Install the air shroud](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside your system](#).

## Removing the cooling fan cage board

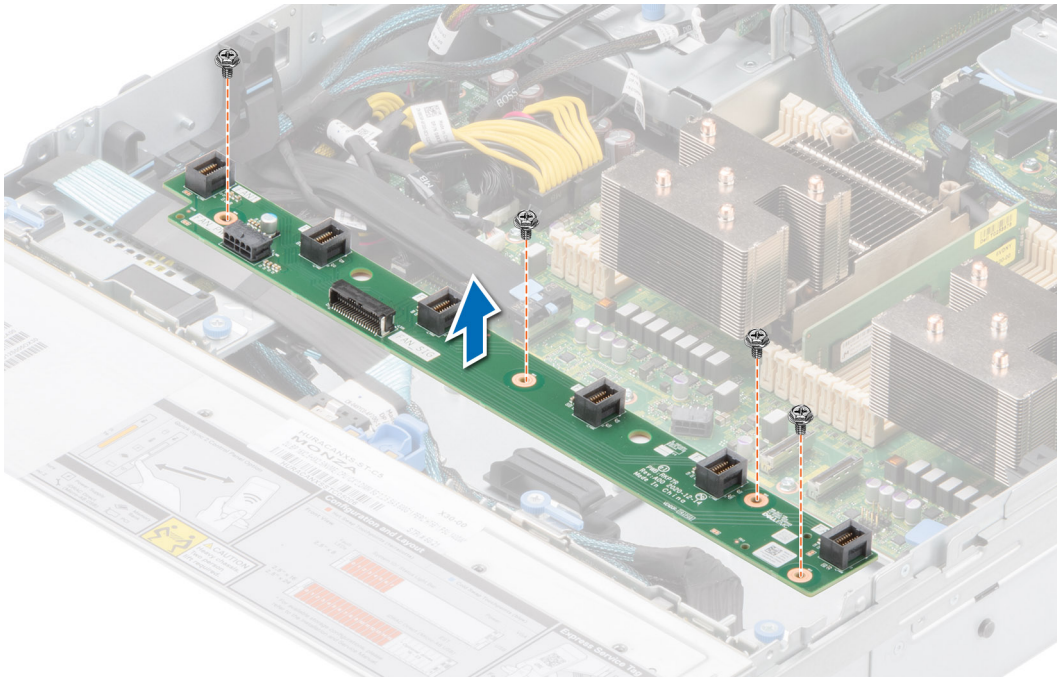
### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. Remove the following components:
  - a. [Air shroud](#)
  - b. [Cooling fan cage](#)
  - c. Disconnect all cables from the fan board.

### Steps

Loosen the four screws on the fan board and, lift up the fan board out of the system.





**Figure 31. Removing the cooling fan cage board.**

**Next steps**

Replace the cooling fan cage board.

## Installing the cooling fan cage board

**Prerequisites**

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in [Before working inside your system](#).

**Steps**

1. Lower the cooling fan cage board into the system as shown in the image.
2. Fasten the four screws on the fan board and connect all the cables.

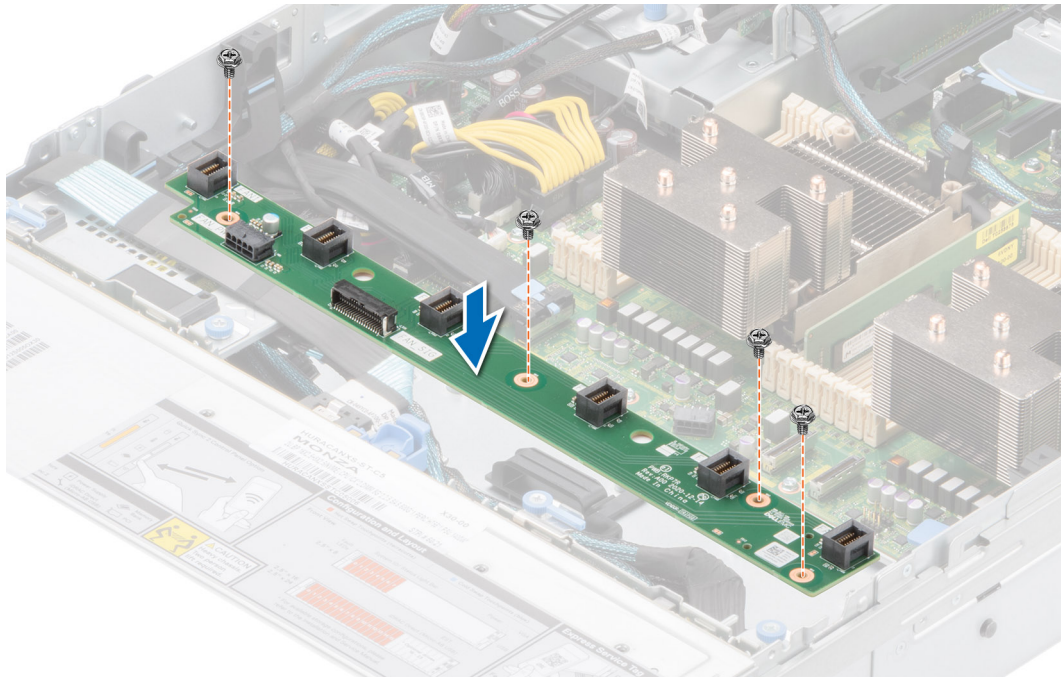


Figure 32. Installing the cooling fan cage board

### Next steps

1. Replace the following components:
  - a. [Cooling fan cage assembly](#)
  - b. [Air shroud](#)
  - c. [System cover](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside your system](#).

## Side wall brackets

### Removing the side wall bracket

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the drive backplane cover](#).
4. If installed, [remove the air shroud](#).
5. [Remove the cooling fan cage](#).

**i** **NOTE:** There are two side wall brackets on left and right of the chassis. The remove and install procedure remains the same for both.

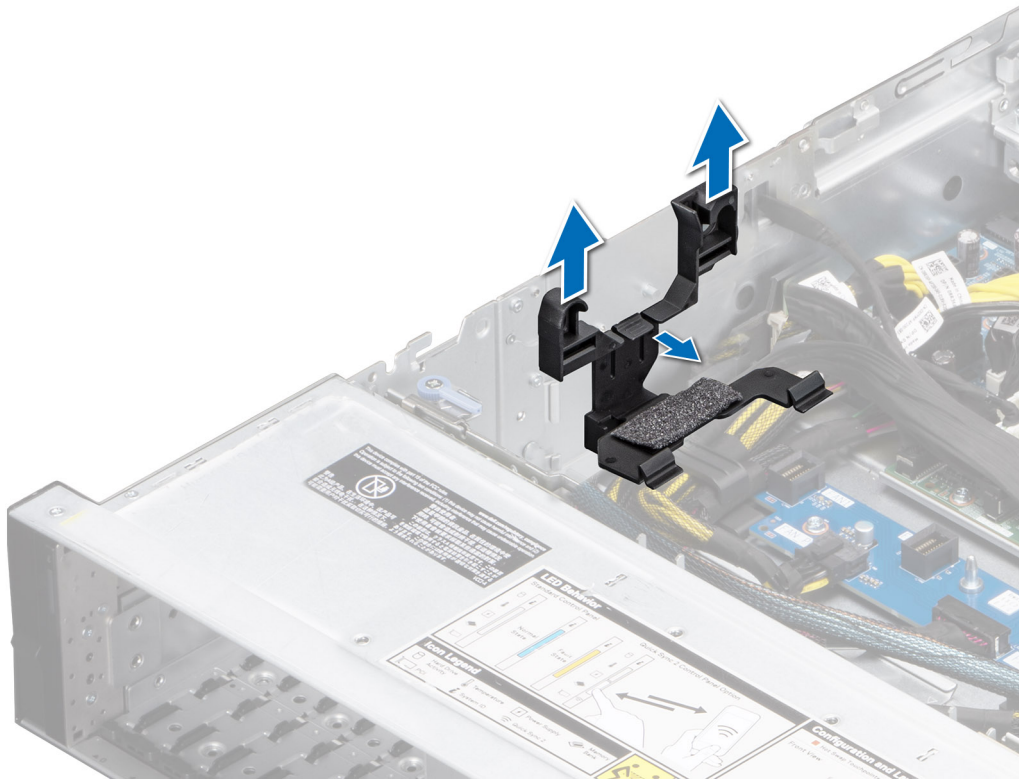
**i** **NOTE:** Ensure that you note the routing of the cables as you remove them from the system board. Route the cable properly when you replace it to prevent the cable from being pinched or crimped.

#### Steps

1. Press the tab to release the side wall bracket cover.

**i** **NOTE:** Unroute the cables to release them from the side wall bracket.

2. Release the bracket from the chassis, and lift it away from the system.



**Figure 33. Removing the side wall bracket**

### Next steps

Replace the side wall bracket.

## Installing the side wall bracket

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. If installed, [remove air shroud](#).
4. Remove [cooling fan cage](#).

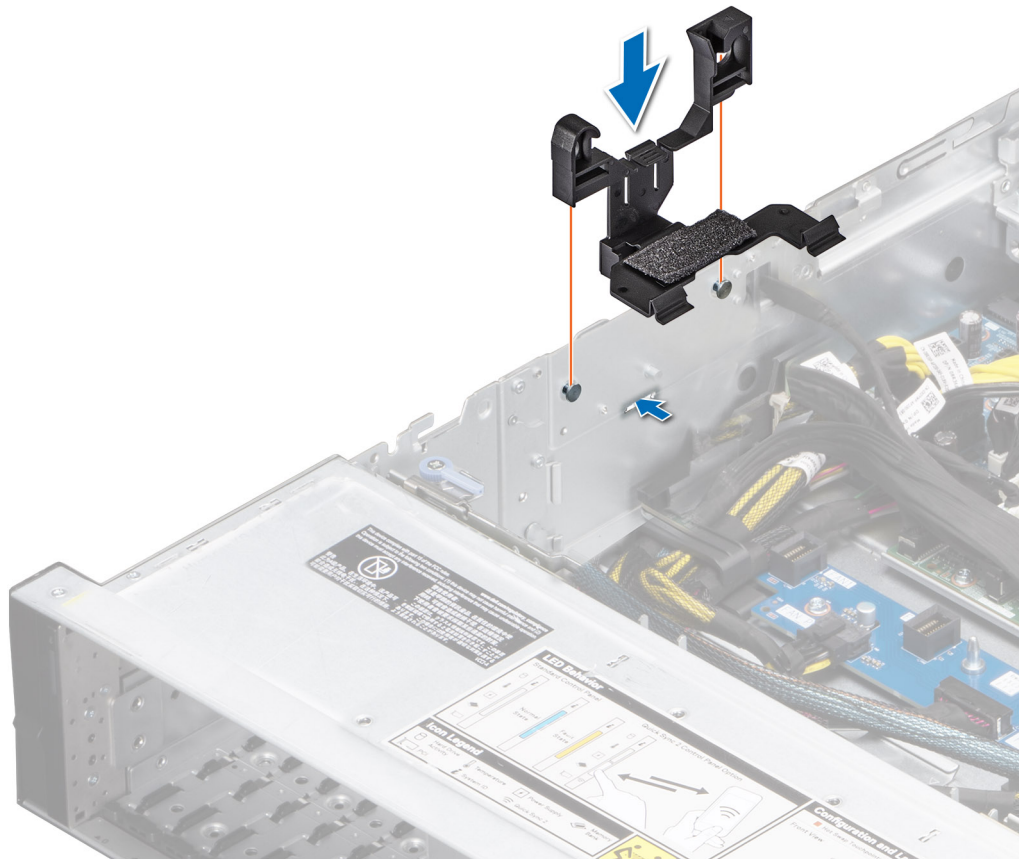
**i** **NOTE:** There are two side wall brackets on left and right of the chassis. The remove and install procedure remains the same for both.

**i** **NOTE:** Ensure that you note the routing of the cables as you remove them from the system board. Route the cable properly when you replace it to prevent the cable from being pinched or crimped.

### Steps

1. Align the side wall bracket with the tabs on the chassis.
2. Press the side wall bracket with your thumbs until the bracket firmly clicks into place.

**i** **NOTE:** Route the cables through the side wall bracket.



**Figure 34. Installing the side wall bracket**

### Next steps

1. [Install the air shroud.](#)
2. [Install the backplane cover.](#)
3. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your system.](#)

## Intrusion switch module

This is a service technician replaceable part only.

## Removing the intrusion switch module

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system.](#)
3. [Remove the air shroud.](#)

### Steps

1. Remove the power cable from the power interposer board and the system board and then disconnect and remove the intrusion switch cable from the connector on the system board.

Observe the routing of the cable as you remove it from the system.

2. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver, remove the screw securing the intrusion switch module.
3. Lift the intrusion switch module out of the system.





**Figure 35. Removing the intrusion switch module**

### Next steps

Replace the intrusion switch module.

## Installing the intrusion switch

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the air shroud](#).

### Steps

1. Align and insert the intrusion switch module into the slot on the system until firmly seated.
2. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver, tighten the screw securing the intrusion switch module.
3. Connect the intrusion switch cable to the connector on the system board.

**NOTE:** Route the cable properly when you replace it to prevent the cable from being pinched or crimped.



**Figure 36. Installing the intrusion switch**

#### **Next steps**

1. [Install the air shroud.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside your system.](#)

## **Optional serial COM port**

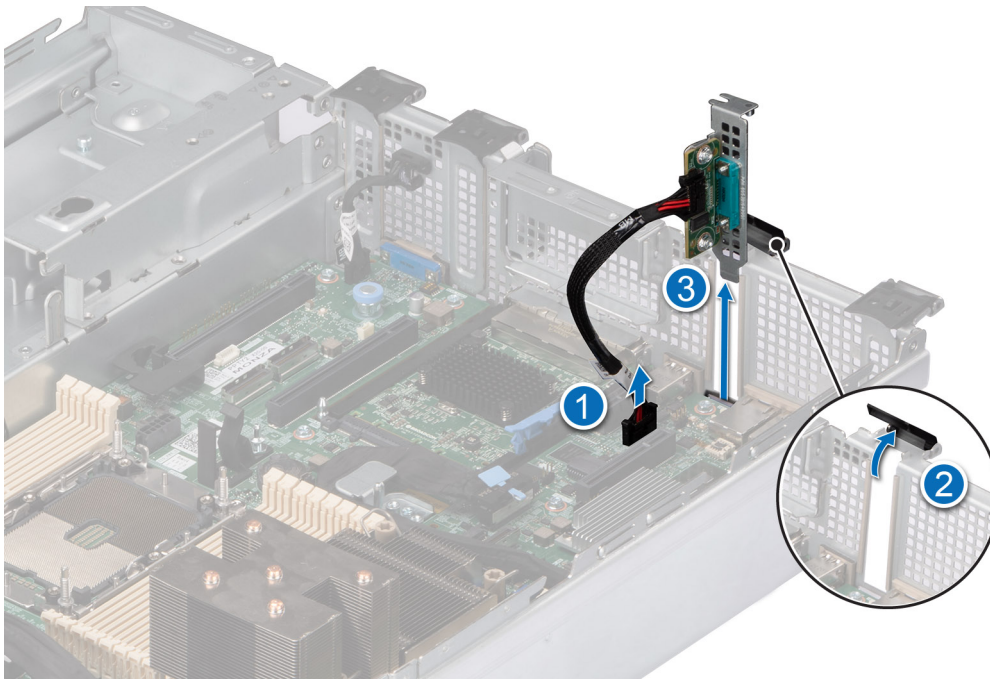
### **Removing the optional serial COM port**

#### **Prerequisites**

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system.](#)

#### **Steps**

1. Disconnect and remove the serial COM port cable from the connector on the system board.  
Observe the routing of the cable as you remove it from the system.
2. Lift the serial COM port module out of the system.



**Figure 37. Removing the Serial COM port**

### Next steps

Replace the serial COM port.

## Installing the optional serial COM port

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. Remove the PCIe blank from the rear of the system.

### Steps

1. Align and insert the serial COM port into the slot on the system until firmly seated.
2. Connect the serial port cable to the connector on the system board.

**NOTE:** Route the cable properly when you replace it to prevent the cable from being pinched or crimped.



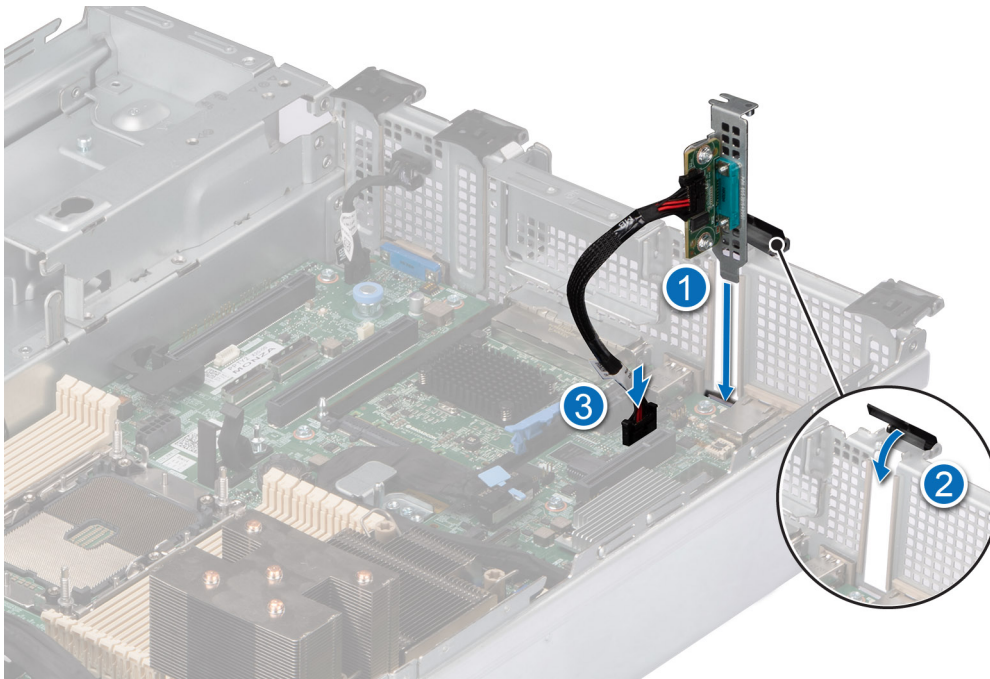


Figure 38. Installing the Serial COM port

#### Next steps

Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside your system](#).

## Drives

### Removing a drive blank

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. If installed, [remove the front bezel](#).

**CAUTION:** To maintain proper system cooling, drive blanks must be installed in all empty drive slots.

#### Steps

Press the release button, and slide the drive blank out of the drive slot.

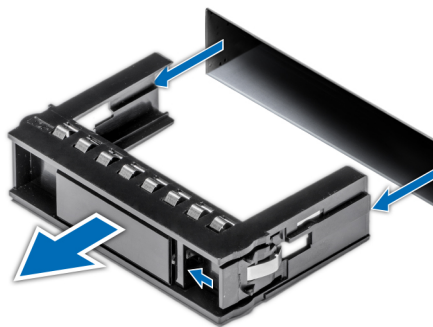


Figure 39. Removing a drive blank

### Next steps

Installing a drive or replace the drive blank.

## Installing a drive blank

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. If installed, [remove the front bezel](#).

### Steps

Insert the drive blank into the drive slot until the release button clicks into place.

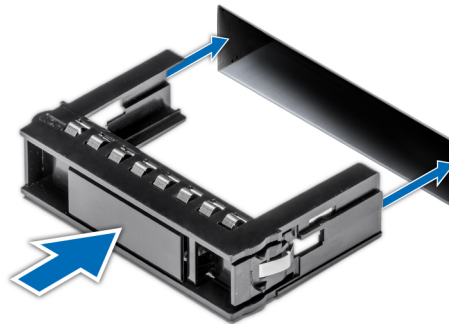


Figure 40. Installing a drive blank

### Next steps

If removed, [install the front bezel](#).

## Removing the drive carrier

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. If installed, [remove the front bezel](#).
3. Using the management software, prepare the drive for removal.

If the drive is online, the green activity or fault indicator blinks while the drive is powering off. When the drive indicators are off, the drive is ready for removal. For more information, see the documentation for the storage controller.

**CAUTION:** Before attempting to remove or install a drive while the system is running, see the documentation for the storage controller card to ensure that the host adapter is configured correctly to support drive removal and insertion.

**CAUTION:** To prevent data loss, ensure that your operating system supports drive installation. See the documentation supplied with your operating system.

### Steps

1. Press the release button to open the drive carrier release handle.
2. Holding the drive carrier release handle, slide the drive carrier out of the drive slot.



Figure 41. Removing a drive carrier

### Next steps

Install a [drive carrier](#) or [drive blank](#).

## Installing the drive carrier

### Prerequisites

- CAUTION:** Before removing or installing a drive while the system is running, see the documentation for the storage controller card to ensure that the host adapter is configured correctly to support drive removal and insertion.
- CAUTION:** Combining SAS and SATA drives in the same RAID volume is not supported.
- CAUTION:** When installing a drive, ensure that the adjacent drives are fully installed. Inserting a drive carrier and attempting to lock its handle next to a partially installed carrier can damage the partially installed carrier's shield spring and make it unusable.
- CAUTION:** To prevent data loss, ensure that your operating system supports hot-swap drive installation. See the documentation supplied with your operating system.
- CAUTION:** When a replacement hot swappable drive is installed and the system is powered on, the drive automatically begins to rebuild. Ensure that the replacement drive is blank or contains data that you wish to overwrite. Any data on the replacement drive is immediately lost after the drive is installed.

**NOTE:** Ensure that the drive carrier's release handle is in the open position before inserting the carrier into the slot.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. If installed, [remove the front bezel](#).
3. Remove the drive carrier or remove the drive blank when you want to assemble the drives in to the system.

### Steps

1. Slide the drive carrier into the drive slot.
2. Close the drive carrier release handle to lock the drive in place.



**Figure 42. Installing a drive carrier**

### Next steps


If removed, [install the front bezel](#).

## Removing the drive from the drive carrier

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).

### Steps

1. Using a Phillips #1 screwdriver, remove the screws from the slide rails on the drive carrier.
  - NOTE:** If the drive or SSD carrier has Torx screw, use Torx 6 (for 2.5-inch drive) or Torx 8 (for 3.5-inch drive) screwdriver to remove the drive. 
2. Lift the drive out of the drive carrier.

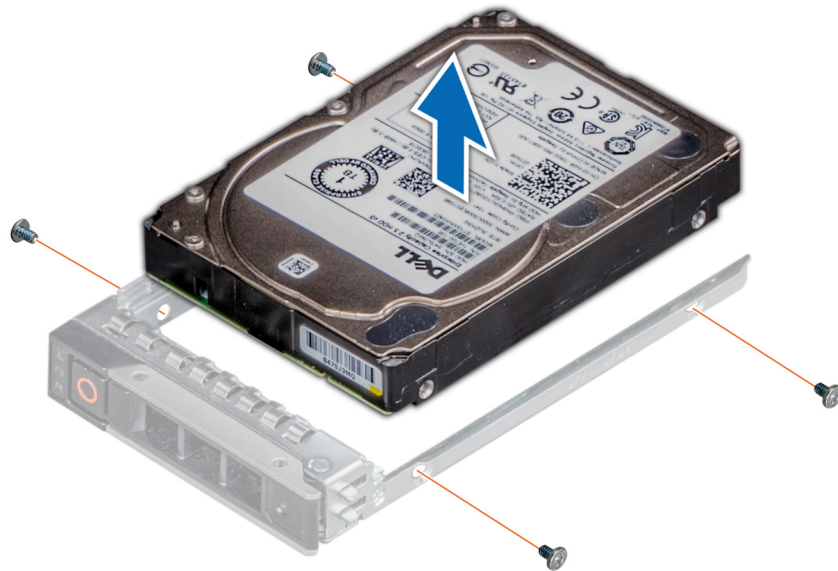


Figure 43. Removing the drive from the drive carrier

### Next steps

Install the drive into the drive carrier.

## Installing the drive into the drive carrier


### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).

**NOTE:** When installing a drive into the drive carrier, ensure that the screws are torqued to 4 in-lbs.

### Steps

1. Insert the drive into the drive carrier with the drive connector facing towards the rear of the carrier.
2. Align the screw holes on the drive with the screws holes on the drive carrier.
3. Using a Phillips #1 screwdriver, secure the drive to the drive carrier with the screws.

**NOTE:** If the drive or SSD carrier has Torx screw, use Torx 6 (for 2.5-inch drive) or Torx 8 (for 3.5-inch drive) screwdriver to install the drive. 



**Figure 44. Installing a drive into the drive carrier**

**Next steps**

1. [Install the drive carrier.](#)

## Drive backplane

This is a service technician replaceable part only.

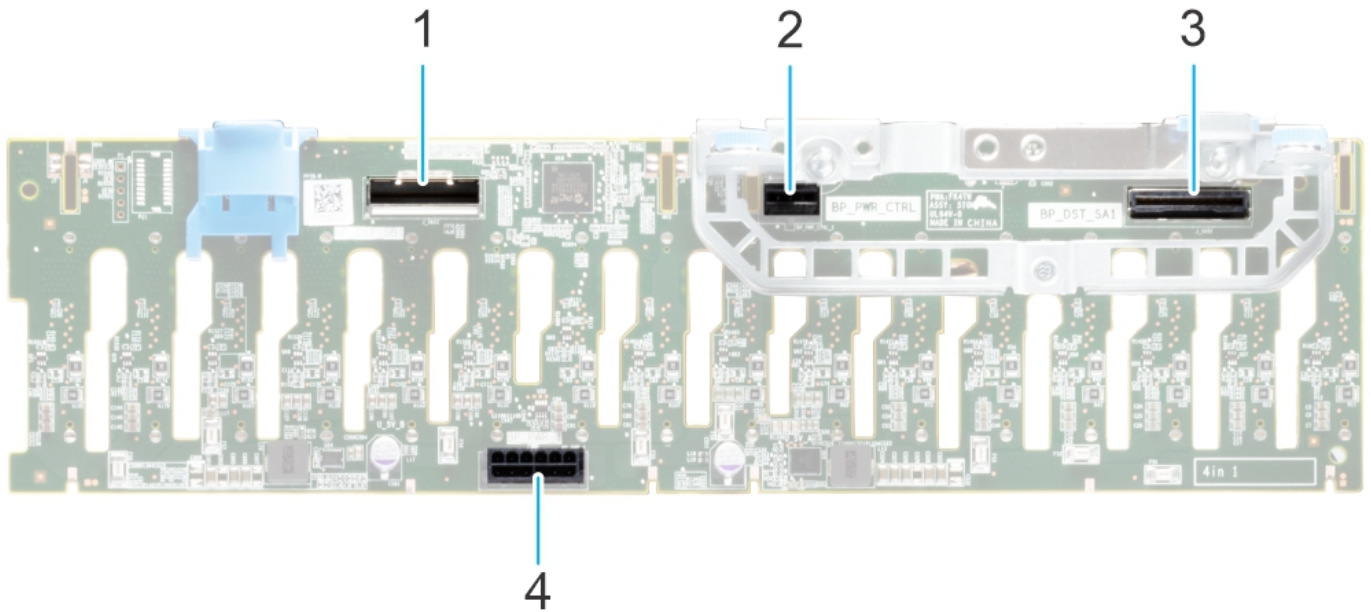
## Drive backplane

Depending on your system configuration, the drive backplanes supported are listed here:

**Table 13. Supported backplane options**

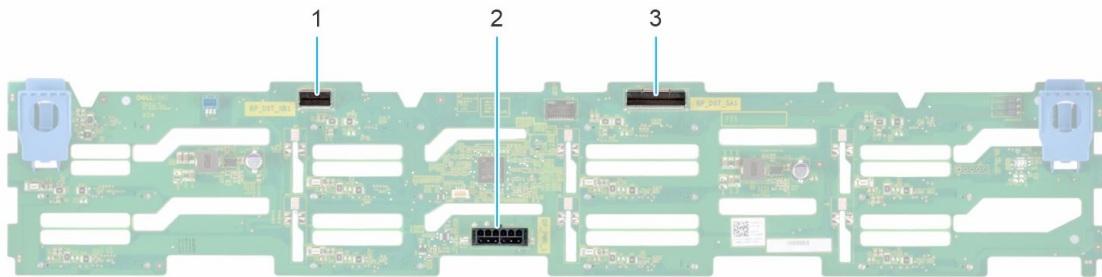
System	Supported drives options
PowerEdge R750xs	16 x 2.5-inch SAS/SATA + 8 x 2.5-inch NVMe backplane
	16 x 2.5-inch SAS/SATA backplane
	12 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA backplane + 2 x 2.5-inch SAS/SATA or NVMe (optional rear drive module)
	8 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA backplane
	8 x 2.5-inch SAS/SATA backplane
	8 x 2.5-inch NVMe backplane





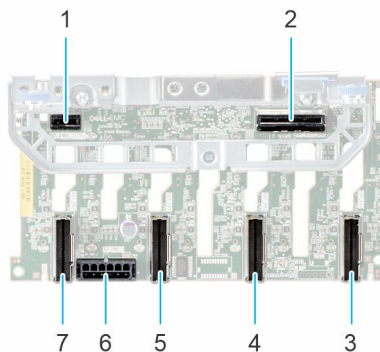
**Figure 45. 16x 2.5-inch SAS/SATA backplane**

1. BP\_DST\_SB1
2. BP\_PWR\_CTRL (backplane power and signal cable to system board)
3. BP\_DST\_SB1
4. BP\_PWR\_1 (backplane power to system board)



**Figure 46. 12x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA backplane**

1. BP\_DST\_SB1
2. BP\_PWR\_1 (backplane power and signal cable to system board)
3. BP\_DST\_SA1



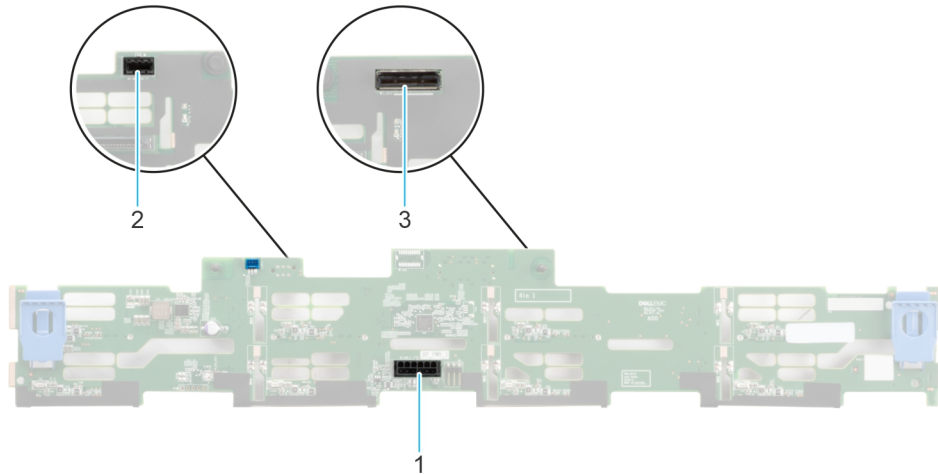
**Figure 47. 8 x 2.5-inch NVMe backplane**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BP_PWR_CTRL</li> <li>3. DST_PA1 (PCIe/NVMe connector)</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. BP_DST_SA1 (PERC to backplane)</li> <li>4. DST_PB1 (PCIe/NVMe connector)</li> </ol> |
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- 5. DST\_PA2 (PCIe/NVMe connector)
- 7. DST\_PB2 (PCIe/NVMe connector)

- 6. BP\_PWR\_1 (backplane power and signal cable to system board)



**Figure 48. 8 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA backplane**

- 1. BP\_PWR\_1 (PERC to backplane)
- 2. BP\_DST\_SA1 (SAS/SATA connector)
- 3. Front mounted front PERC connector

## Removing the drive backplane

### Prerequisites

**CAUTION:** To prevent damage to the drives and backplane, remove the drives from the system before removing the backplane.

**CAUTION:** Note the number of each drive and temporarily label them before you remove the drive so that you can reinstall them in the same location.

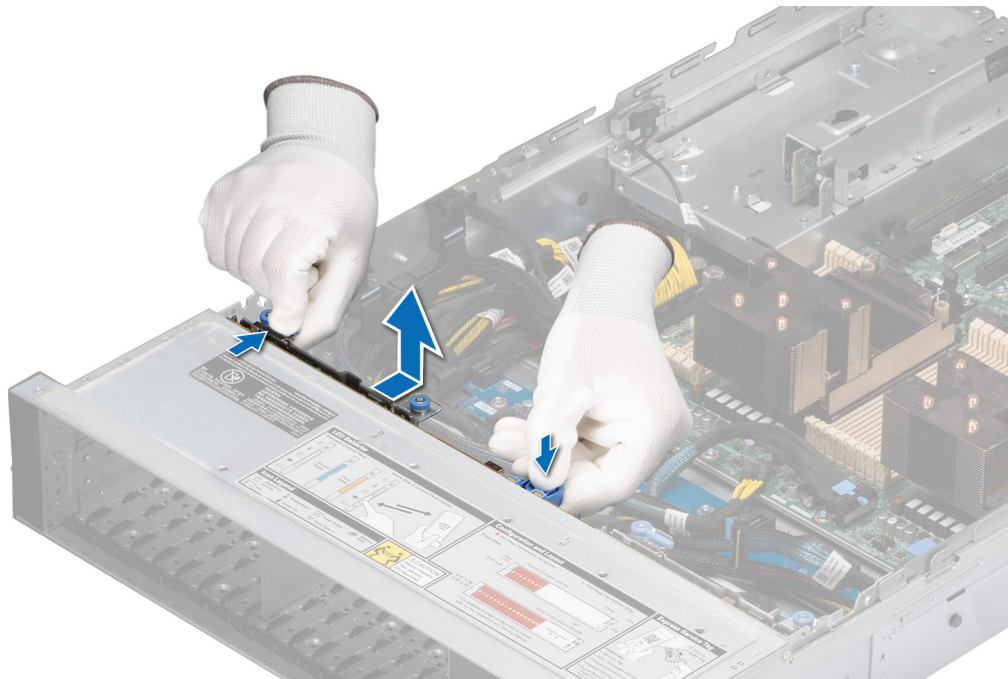
**NOTE:** The procedure to remove the backplane is similar for all backplane configurations.

- 1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
- 2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
- 3. [Remove the air shroud](#).
- 4. [Remove the drive backplane cover](#).
- 5. Remove all the drives.
- 6. If installed, disconnect the optical drive signal and power cables from the system.
- 7. Disconnect the drive backplane cables from the connectors on the system board.

### Steps

- 1. Press the blue release tabs to disengage the drive backplane from the hooks on the system.
- 2. Lift the drive backplane out of the system.

**NOTE:** To avoid damaging the backplane, ensure that you move the control panel cables from the cable routing clips before removing the backplane.



**Figure 49. Removing the drive backplane**

### Next steps

Replace the drive backplane.

## Installing the drive backplane

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the air shroud](#).
4. [Remove the drive backplane cover](#).
5. [Remove all the drives](#).

**i** **NOTE:** To avoid damaging the backplane, ensure to move the control panel cables from the cable routing clips before removing the backplane.

**i** **NOTE:** Route the cable properly when you replace it to prevent the cable from being pinched or crimped.

### Steps

1. Use the hooks on the system as guides to align the slots on the backplane with the guides on the system.
2. Slide the drive backplane into the guides and lower the backplane until the blue release tabs click into place.

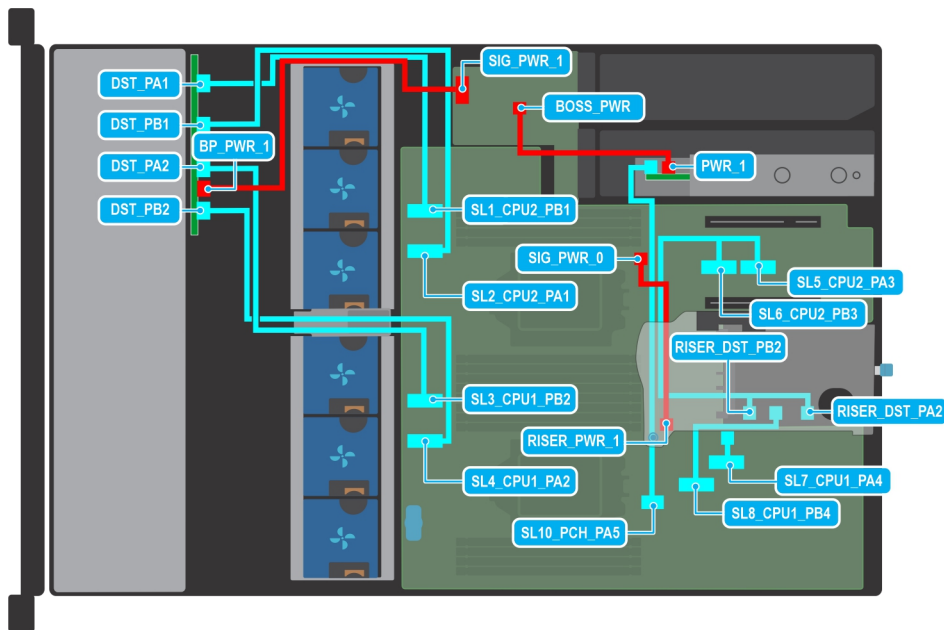


**Figure 50. Installing the drive backplane**

**Next steps**

1. Reconnect all the disconnected cables to the backplane.
2. Install all the drives.
3. Install the drive backplane cover.
4. Install the air shroud.
5. Follow the procedure listed in *After working inside the system*.

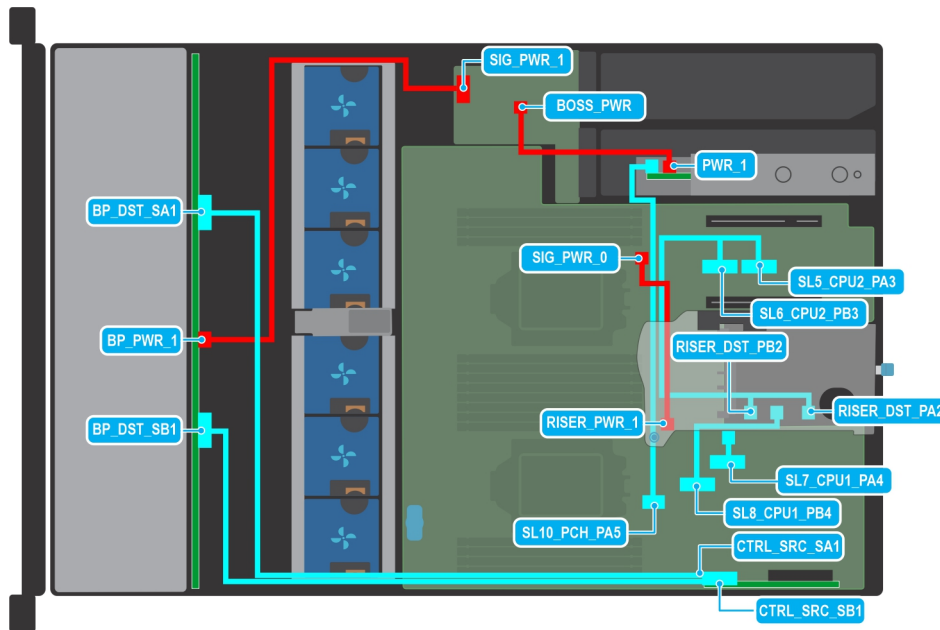
## Cable routing



**Figure 51. Cable routing - 8 x 2.5-inch NVMe drive backplane to the system board (S150) with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card**

**Table 14. Cable routing - 8 x 2.5-inch NVMe drive backplane to the system board (S150) with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card**

From	To
DST_PA1 (Signal connector on backplane)	SL1_CPU2_PB1 (Signal connector on system board)
DST_PB1 (Signal connector on backplane)	SL2_CPU2_PA1 (Signal connector on system board)
DST_PA2 (Signal connector on backplane)	SL3_CPU2_PB2 (Signal connector on system board)
DST_PB2 (Signal connector on backplane)	SL4_CPU1_PA1 (Signal connector on system board)
BP_PWR_1 (Power connector on backplane)	SIG_PWR_1 (Power connector on PIB)
PWR_1 (BOSS card power connector)	BOSS_PWR (Power connector for BOSS card on system board)
Signal connector on BOSS card	SL10_PCH_PA5 (Signal connector for BOSS card on system board)
RISER_PWR_1 (Power connector on the riser)	SIG_PWR_0 (Power connector for cabled riser on system board)
RISER_DST_PB2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL6_CPU2_PB3 (Signal connector on system board)
RISER_DST_PA2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL5_CPU2_PA3 (Signal connector on system board)
Signal connector on riser	SL7_CPU1_PA4 (Signal connector on riser)
Signal connector on riser	SL8_CPU1_PB4 (Signal connector on riser)



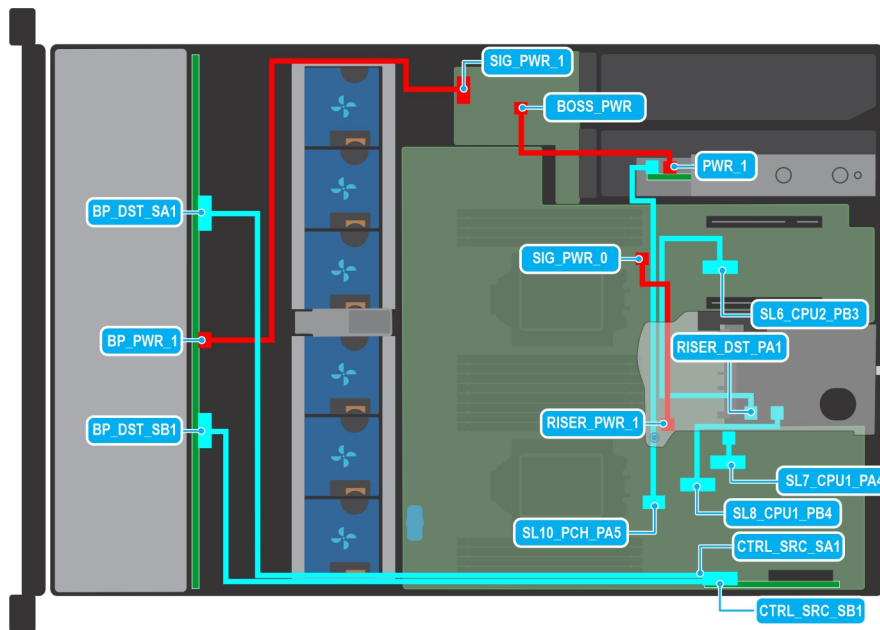
**Figure 52. Cable routing - 12 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA drive backplane to the rear PERC adapter with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card**

**Table 15. Cable routing - 12 x 3.5-inch drive backplane to the rear PERC adapter and with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card**

From	To
BP_DST_SA1 (Signal connector on backplane)	CTRL_SRC_PA1 (Signal connector on PERC adapter)
BP_DST_SB1 (Signal connector on backplane)	CTRL_SRC_PB1 (Signal connector on PERC adapter)
BP_PWR_1 (Power connector on backplane)	SIG_PWR_1 (Power connector on PIB)

**Table 15. Cable routing - 12 x 3.5-inch drive backplane to the rear PERC adapter and with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card (continued)**

From	To
PWR_1 (BOSS card power connector)	BOSS_PWR (Power connector for BOSS card on system board)
Signal connector on BOSS card	SL10_PCH_PA5 (Signal connector for BOSS card on system board)
RISER_PWR_1 (Power connector on the riser)	SIG_PWR_0 (Power connector for cabled riser on system board)
RISER_DST_PB2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL6_CPU2_PB3 (Signal connector on system board)
RISER_DST_PA2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL5_CPU2_PA3 (Signal connector on system board)
Signal connector on riser	SL7_CPU1_PA4 (Signal connector on riser)
Signal connector on riser	SL8_CPU1_PB4 (Signal connector on riser)



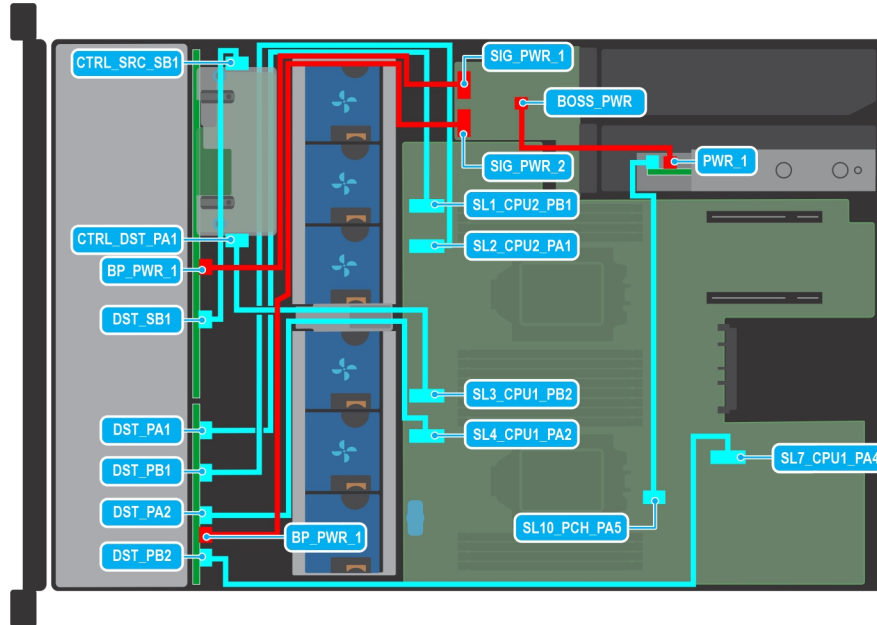
**Figure 53. Cable routing - 12 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA drive backplane to the rear PERC adapter with cable riser 1B and BOSS S2 card**

**Table 16. Cable routing - 12 x 3.5-inch drive backplane to the rear PERC adapter and with cable riser 1B and BOSS S2 card**

From	To
BP_DST_SA1 (Signal connector on backplane)	CTRL_SRC_SA1 (Signal connector on PERC adapter)
BP_DST_SB1 (Signal connector on backplane)	CTRL_SRC_SB1 (Signal connector on PERC adapter)
BP_PWR_1 (Power connector on backplane)	SIG_PWR_1 (Power connector on PIB)
PWR_1 (BOSS card power connector)	BOSS_PWR (Power connector for BOSS card on system board)
Signal connector on BOSS card	SL10_PCH_PA5 (Signal connector for BOSS card on system board)
RISER_PWR_1 (Power connector on the riser)	SIG_PWR_0 (Power connector for cabled riser on system board)
RISER_DST_PA1 (Signal connector on riser)	SL6_CPU2_PB3 (Signal connector on system board)

**Table 16. Cable routing - 12 x 3.5-inch drive backplane to the rear PERC adapter and with cable riser 1B and BOSS S2 card (continued)**

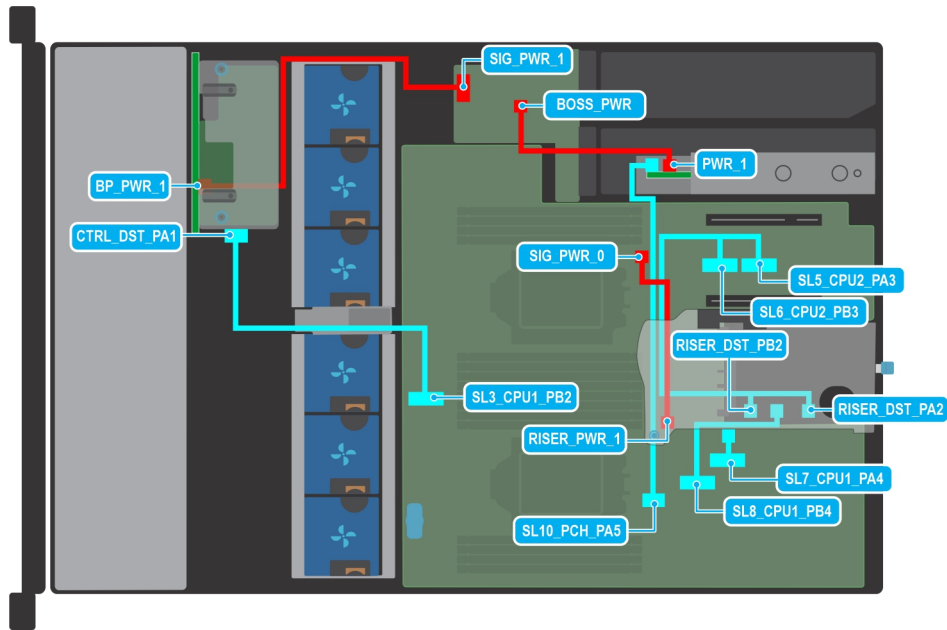
From	To
Signal connector on riser	SL7_CPU1_PA4 (Signal connector on riser)
Signal connector on riser	SL8_CPU1_PB4 (Signal connector on riser)



**Figure 54. Cable routing - 16 x 2.5-inch SAS/SATA + 8 x 2.5-inch NVMe drive backplane to the front PERC with BOSS S2 card**

**Table 17. Cable routing - 16 x 2.5-inch + 8 x 2.5-inch drive backplane to the front PERC with BOSS S2 card**

From	To
DST_PA1 (Signal connector on backplane)	SL1_CPU2_PB1 (Signal connector on system board)
DST_PB1 (Signal connector on backplane)	SL2_CPU2_PA1 (Signal connector on system board)
DST_PA2 (Signal connector on backplane)	SL3_CPU2_PB2 (Signal connector on system board)
DST_PB2 (Signal connector on backplane)	SL7_CPU1_PA4 (Signal connector on system board)
CTRL_DST_PA1 (Signal connector on the front PERC)	SL3_CPU2_PB2 (Signal connector on system board)
CTRL_SRC_SB1 (Signal connector on the front PERC)	DST_SB1 (Signal connector on backplane)
BP_PWR_1 ( Power connector on the backplane)	SIG_PWR_1 (Power connector on the PIB)
BP_PWR_1 ( Power connector on the backplane)	SIG_PWR_2 (Power connector on the PIB)
PWR_1 (BOSS card power connector)	BOSS_PWR (Power connector for BOSS card on system board)
Signal connector on the BOSS card.	SL10_PCH_PA5 (Signal connector on system board)

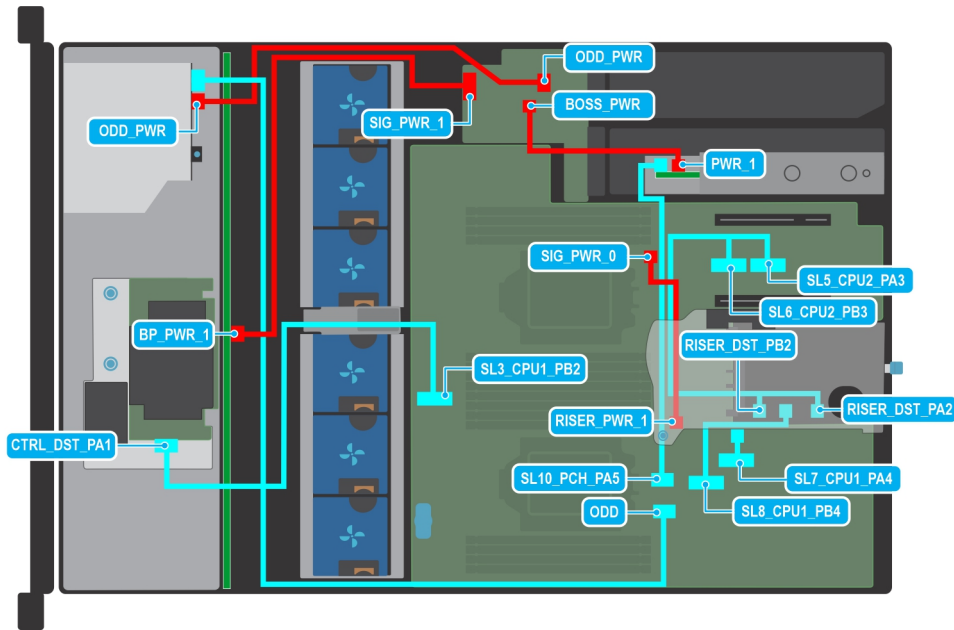


**Figure 55. Cable routing - 8 x 2.5-inch SAS/SATA drive backplane to the front PERC with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card**

**Table 18. Cable routing - 8 x 2.5-inch SAS/SATA drive backplane to the front PERC with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card**

From	To
BP_PWR_1 (Power connector on backplane)	SIG_PWR_1 (Power connector on the PIB)
CTRL_DST_PA1 (Signal connector on PERC)	SL3_CPU1_PB2 (Signal connector on system board)
PWR_1 (Power connector on BOSS S2 card)	BOSS_PWR (BOSS power connector on PIB)
RISER_PWR_1 (Power connector on the riser)	SIG_PWR_0 (Power connector for cabled riser on system board)
RISER_DST_PB2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL6_CPU2_PB3 (Signal connector on system board)
RISER_DST_PA2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL5_CPU2_PA3 (Signal connector on system board)
Signal connector on riser	SL7_CPU1_PA4 (Signal connector on riser)
Signal connector on riser	SL8_CPU1_PB4 (Signal connector on riser)

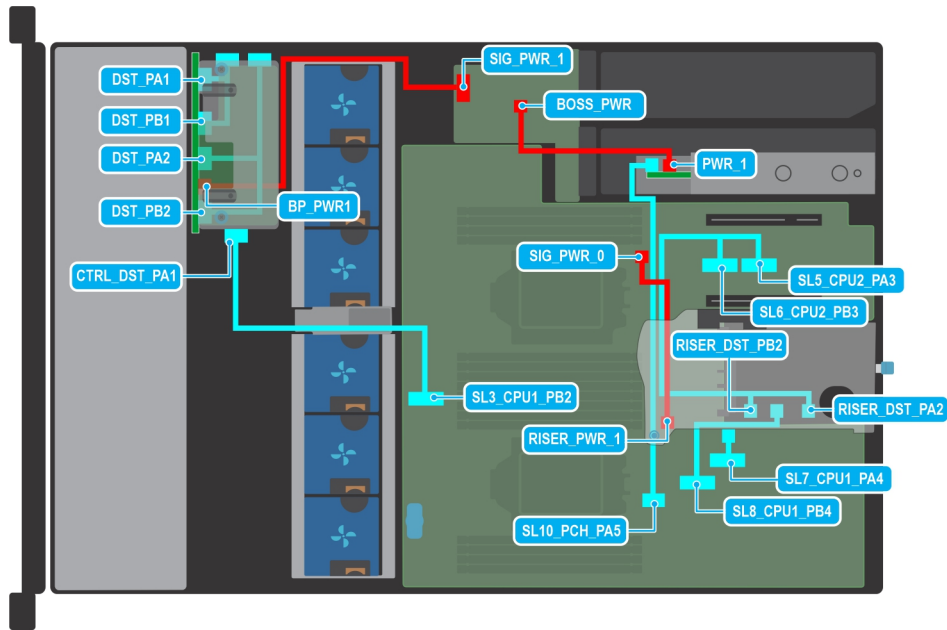




**Figure 56. Cable routing - 8 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA drive backplane to the front PERC with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card**

**Table 19. Cable routing - 8 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA drive backplane to the front PERC with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card**

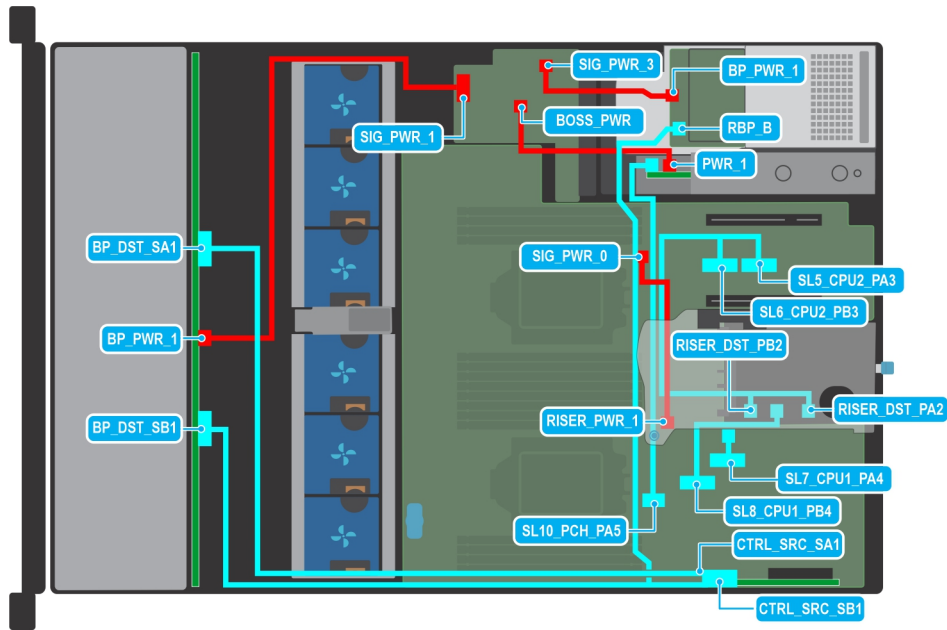
From	To
BP_PWR_1 (Power connector on backplane)	SIG_PWR_1 (Power connector on the PIB)
CTRL_DST_PA1 (Signal connector on PERC)	SL3_CPU1_PB2 (Signal connector on system board)
ODD_PWR (Power connector on optical drive)	ODD_PWR (Power connector on PIB)
SATA connector on ODD	ODD (SATA connector on system board)
RISER_PWR_1 (Power connector on the riser)	SIG_PWR_0 (Power connector for cabled riser on system board)
RISER_DST_PB2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL6_CPU2_PB3 (Signal connector on system board)
RISER_DST_PA2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL5_CPU2_PA3 (Signal connector on system board)
Signal connector on riser	SL7_CPU1_PA4 (Signal connector on riser)
Signal connector on riser	SL8_CPU1_PB4 (Signal connector on riser)



**Figure 57. Cable routing - 8 x 2.5-inch NVMe drive backplane to the front PERC with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card**

**Table 20. Cable routing - 8 x 2.5-inch NVMe drive backplane to the front PERC with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card**

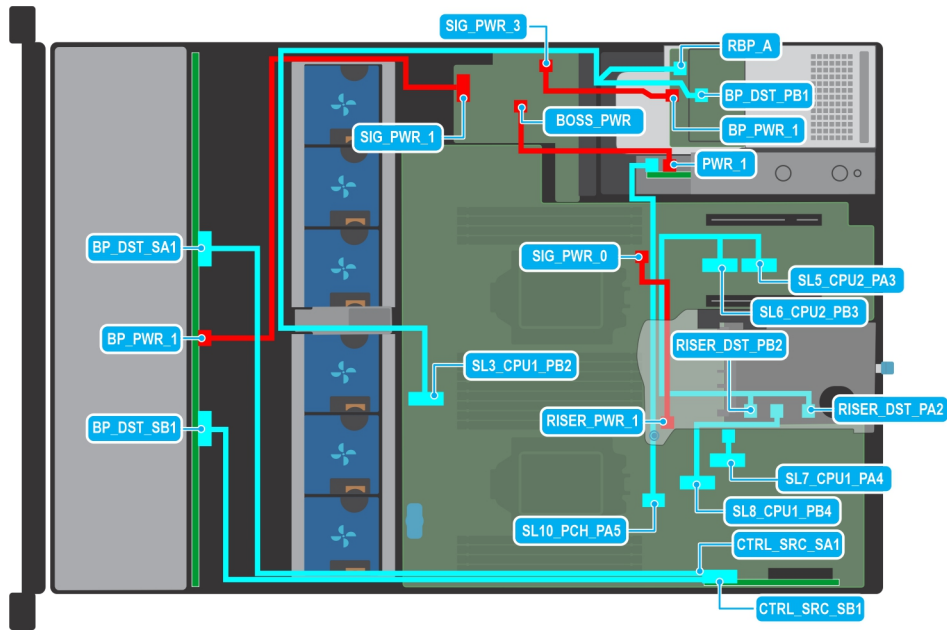
From	To
BP_PWR_1 (Power connector on backplane)	SIG_PWR_1 (Power connector on the PIB)
DST_PA1 (Signal connector on backplane)	Connector on front PERC
DST_PB1 (Signal connector on backplane)	Connector on front PERC
DST_PA2 (Signal connector on backplane)	Connector on front PERC
DST_PB2 (Signal connector on backplane)	Connector on front PERC
RISER_PWR_1 (Power connector on the riser)	SIG_PWR_0 (Power connector for cabled riser on system board)
RISER_DST_PB2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL6_CPU2_PB3 (Signal connector on system board)
RISER_DST_PA2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL5_CPU2_PA3 (Signal connector on system board)
Signal connector on riser	SL7_CPU1_PA4 (Signal connector on riser)
Signal connector on riser	SL8_CPU1_PB4 (Signal connector on riser)



**Figure 58. Cable routing - 12 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA drive backplane + 2 x 2.5-inch SAS/SATA with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card**

**Table 21. Cable routing - 12 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA drive backplane + Rear 2 x 2.5-inch SAS/SATA with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card**

From	To
BP_DST_SA1 (Signal connector on backplane)	CTRL_SRC_SA1 (Signal connector on PERC adapter)
BP_DST_SB1 (Signal connector on backplane)	CTRL_SRC_SB1 (Signal connector on PERC adapter)
BP_PWR_1 (Power connector on backplane)	SIG_PWR_1 (Power connector on PIB)
RBP_PWR (Power connector on rear module)	SIG_PWR_3 (Power connector on PIB)
RBP_B (SAS/SATA signal connector on rear module)	CTRL_SRC_SB1 (Signal connector on PERC adapter)
PWR_1 (BOSS card power connector)	BOSS_PWR (Power connector for BOSS card on system board)
Signal connector on BOSS card	SL10_PCH_PA5 (Signal connector for BOSS card on system board)
RISER_PWR_1 (Power connector on the riser)	SIG_PWR_0 (Power connector for cabled riser on system board)
RISER_DST_PB2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL6_CPU2_PB3 (Signal connector on system board)
RISER_DST_PA2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL5_CPU2_PA3 (Signal connector on system board)
Signal connector on riser	SL7_CPU1_PA4 (Signal connector on riser)
Signal connector on riser	SL8_CPU1_PB4 (Signal connector on riser)



**Figure 59. Cable routing - 12 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA drive backplane + Rear 2 x 2.5-inch NVMe with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card**

**Table 22. Cable routing - 12 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA drive backplane + Rear 2 x 2.5-inch NVMe with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card**

From	To
BP_DST_SA1 (Signal connector on backplane)	CTRL_SRC_SA1 (Signal connector on PERC adapter)
BP_DST_SB1 (Signal connector on backplane)	CTRL_SRC_SB1 (Signal connector on PERC adapter)
BP_PWR_1 (Power connector on backplane)	SIG_PWR_1 (Power connector on PIB)
RBP_PWR (Power connector on rear module)	SIG_PWR_3 (Power connector on PIB)
RBP_A (SAS/SATA signal connector on rear module)	SL3_CPU1_PB2 (Signal connector on PERC adapter)
PWR_1 (BOSS card power connector)	BOSS_PWR (Power connector for BOSS card on system board)
Signal connector on BOSS card	SL10_PCH_PA5 (Signal connector for BOSS card on system board)
RISER_PWR_1 (Power connector on the riser)	SIG_PWR_0 (Power connector for cabled riser on system board)
RISER_DST_PB2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL6_CPU2_PB3 (Signal connector on system board)
RISER_DST_PA2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL5_CPU2_PA3 (Signal connector on system board)
Signal connector on riser	SL7_CPU1_PA4 (Signal connector on riser)
Signal connector on riser	SL8_CPU1_PB4 (Signal connector on riser)

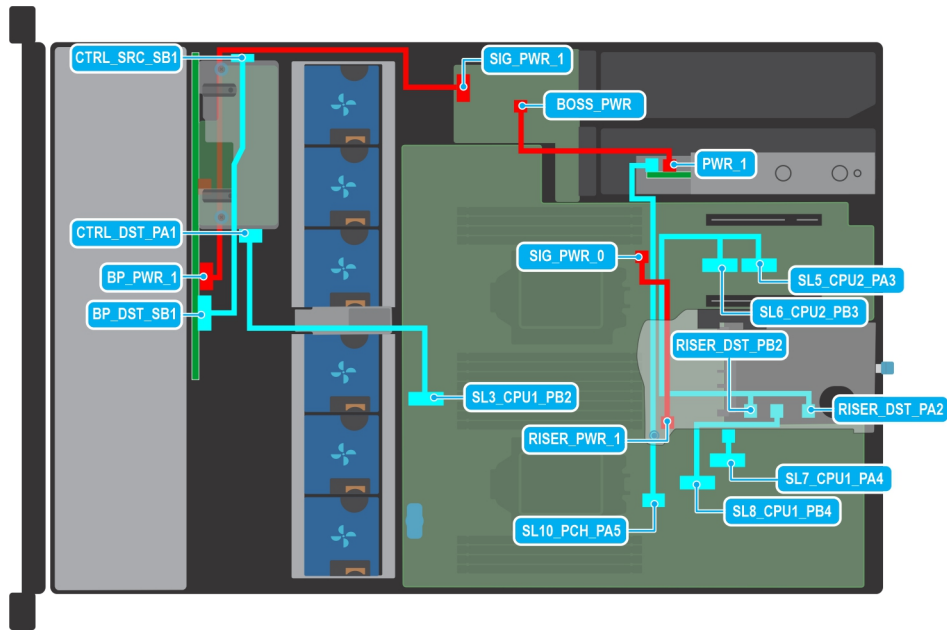


Figure 60. Cable routing - 16 x 2.5-inch drive backplane to the front PERC with riser 1A and BOSS S2 card

Table 23. Cable routing - 16 x 2.5-inch drive backplane to the front PERC with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card

From	To
BP_PWR1 ( Power connector on the backplane)	SIG_PWR_1 (Power connector on the PIB)
BP_DST_SB1 (Signal connector on backplane)	CTRL_SRC_SB1 (Signal connector on the front PERC)
CTRL_DST_PA1 (Signal connector on backplane)	SL3_CPU1_P2 (Signal connector on system board)
PWR_1 (BOSS card power connector)	BOSS_PWR (Power connector for BOSS card on system board)
Signal connector on BOSS card	SL10_PCH_PA5 (Signal connector for BOSS card on system board)
RISER_PWR_1 (Power connector on the riser)	SIG_PWR_0 (Power connector for cabled riser on system board)
RISER_DST_PB2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL6_CPU2_PB3 (Signal connector on system board)
RISER_DST_PA2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL5_CPU2_PA3 (Signal connector on system board)
Signal connector on riser	SL7_CPU1_PA4 (Signal connector on riser)
Signal connector on riser	SL8_CPU1_PB4 (Signal connector on riser)

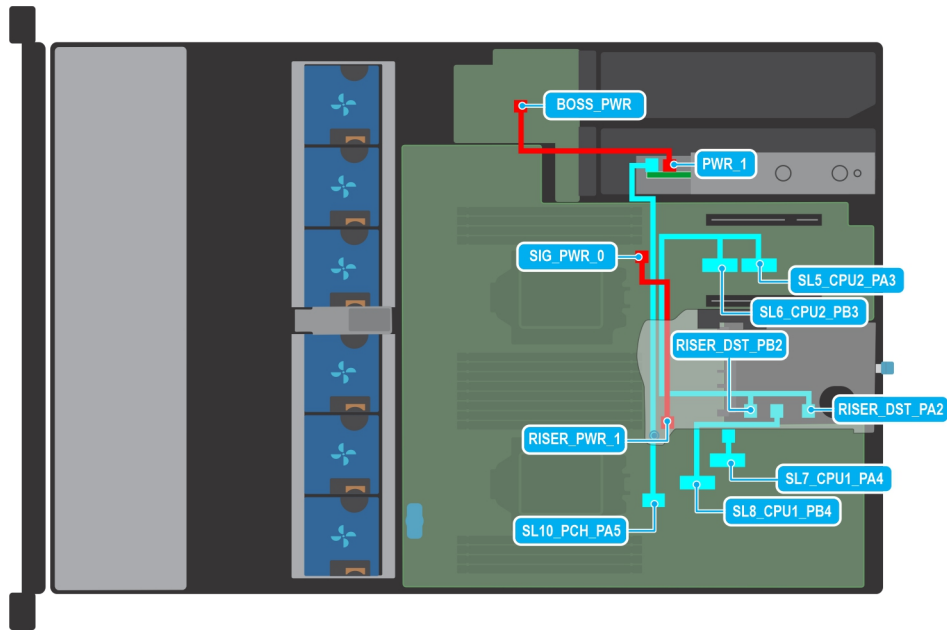


Figure 61. Cable routing - 0 drive configuration with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card

Table 24. Cable routing - 0 drive configuration with cable riser 1A and BOSS S2 card

From	To
PWR_1 (BOSS card power connector)	BOSS_PWR (Power connector for BOSS card on system board)
Signal connector on BOSS card	SL10_PCH_PA5 (Signal connector for BOSS card on system board)
RISER_PWR_1 (Power connector on the riser)	SIG_PWR_0 (Power connector for cabled riser on system board)
RISER_DST_PB2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL6_CPU2_PB3 (Signal connector on system board)
RISER_DST_PA2 (Signal connector on riser)	SL5_CPU2_PA3 (Signal connector on system board)
Signal connector on riser	SL7_CPU1_PA4 (Signal connector on riser)
Signal connector on riser	SL8_CPU1_PB4 (Signal connector on riser)

## System memory

### System memory guidelines

The PowerEdge R750xs system supports DDR4 registered DIMMs (RDIMMs). System memory holds the instructions that are executed by the processor.

Your system contains 16 memory sockets organized into 8 channels per processor.

Memory channels are organized as follows:

Table 25. Memory channels

Processor	Channel A	Channel B	Channel C	Channel D	Channel E	Channel F	Channel G	Channel H
Processor 1	A1	A5	A3	A7	A2	A6	A4	A8
Processor 2	B1	B5	B3	B7	B2	B6	B4	B8

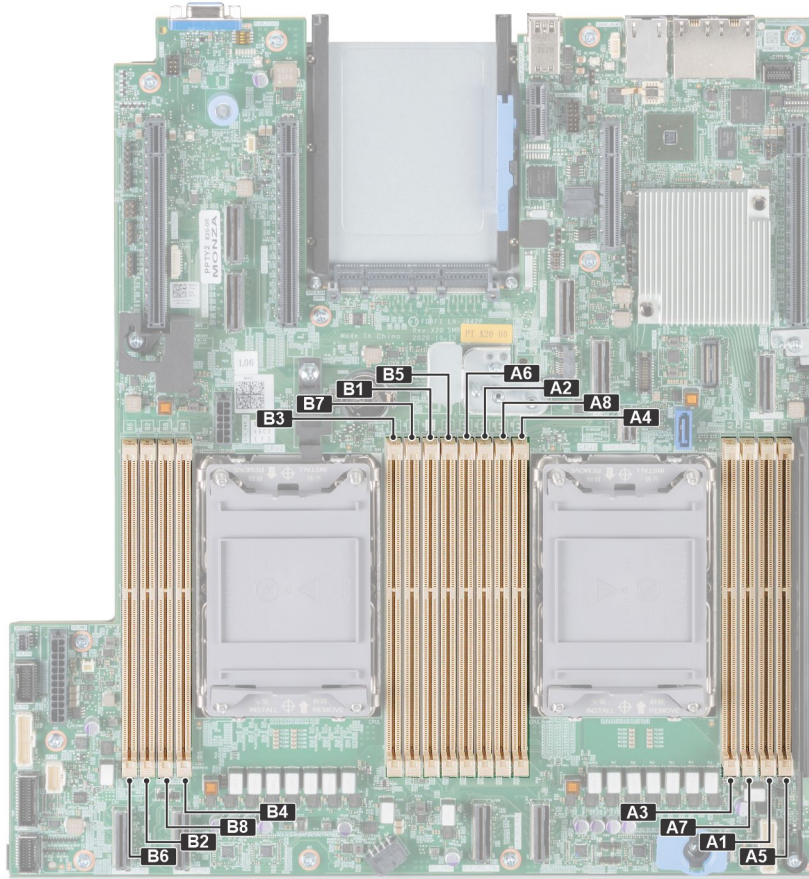


Figure 62. Memory socket location

Table 26. Supported memory matrix

DIMM type	Rank	Capacity	DIMM rated voltage and speed	Operating speed for DIMMs per Channel (DPC)
RDIMM	1R	8 GB	DDR4 (1.2V), 3200 MT/s	3200 MT/s
	2R	16 GB / 32 GB / 64 GB	DDR4 (1.2V), 3200 MT/s	3200 MT/s

## General memory module installation guidelines

To ensure optimal performance of your system, observe the following general guidelines when configuring your system memory. If your system's memory configurations fail to observe these guidelines, your system might not boot, stop responding during memory configuration, or operate with reduced memory.

The memory bus may operate at speeds of 3200 MT/s, 2933 MT/s depending on the following factors:

- System profile selected (for example, Performance Optimized, or Custom [can be run at high speed or lower])
- Maximum supported DIMM speed of the processors
- Maximum supported speed of the DIMMs

**i** **NOTE:** MT/s indicates DIMM speed in MegaTransfers per second.

The system supports Flexible Memory Configuration, enabling the system to be configured and run in any valid chipset architectural configuration. The following are the recommended guidelines for installing memory modules:

- All DIMMs must be DDR4.
- x4 and x8 DRAM based memory modules can be mixed.
- If memory modules with different speeds are installed, they operate at the speed of the slowest installed memory module(s).
- Populate memory module sockets only if a processor is installed.



- For single-processor systems, sockets A1 to A8 are available.
- For dual-processor systems, sockets A1 to A8 and sockets B1 to B8 are available.
- In Optimizer Mode, the DRAM controllers operate independently in the 64-bit mode and provide optimized memory performance.

**Table 27. Memory population rules**

Processor	Configuration	Memory population	Memory population information
Single processor	Optimizer (Independent channel) population order	A{1}, A{2}, A{3}, A{4}, A{5}, A{6}, A{7}, A{8}	1, 2, 3, 4 DIMMs are allowed.
Dual processor (Start with processor1. Processor 1 and processor 2 population should match)	Optimizer (Independent channel) population order	A{1}, B{1}, A{2}, B{2}, A{3}, B{3}, A{4}, B{4}, A{5}, B{5}, A{6}, B{6}, A{7}, B{7}, A{8}, B{8}	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 DIMMs are supported per system . <b>i</b> <b>NOTE:</b> Optimizer population order is not traditional for 8 and 16 DIMMs installations for dual processor.

- Memory modules of different capacities can be mixed provided other memory population rules are followed.  
**i** **NOTE:** For example, 8 GB and 16 GB memory modules can be mixed.
- Mixing of more than two memory module capacities in a system is not supported.
- Unbalanced or odd memory configuration results in a performance loss and system may not identify the memory modules being installed, so always populate memory channels identically with equal DIMMs for best performance.
- Supported RDIMM / LRDIMM configurations are 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 DIMMs per processor.
- Populate eight equal memory modules per processor (one DIMM per channel) at a time to maximize performance.  
**i** **NOTE:** Equal memory modules refer to DIMMs with identical electrical specification and capacity that may be from different vendors.

## Removing a memory module

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the air shroud](#).

**⚠ WARNING:** The memory modules are hot to touch for some time after the system has been powered off. Allow the memory modules to cool before handling them.

### Steps

1. Locate the appropriate memory module socket.
2. To release the memory module from the socket, simultaneously press the ejectors on both ends of the memory module socket to fully open.

**⚠ CAUTION:** Handle each memory module only by the card edges, ensuring not to touch the middle of the memory module or metallic contacts.

3. Lift the memory module away from the system.

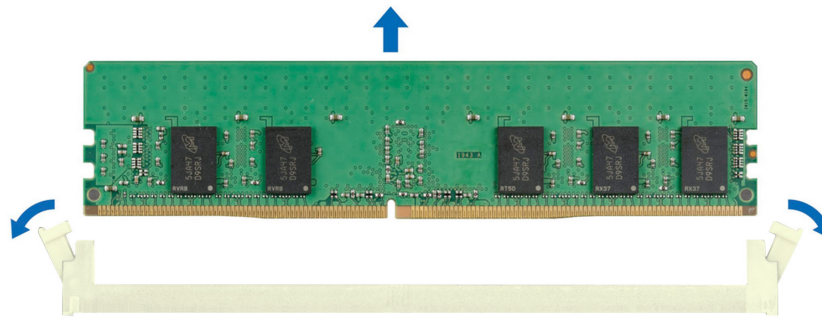


Figure 63. Removing a memory module

### Next steps

Replace the memory module.

## Installing a memory module

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the air shroud](#).

### Steps

1. Locate the appropriate memory module socket.

**CAUTION:** Handle each memory module only by the card edges, ensuring not to touch the middle of the memory module or metallic contacts.

2. If a memory module blank is installed in the socket, remove it.

**NOTE:** Ensure the socket ejector latches are fully open, before installing the memory module.

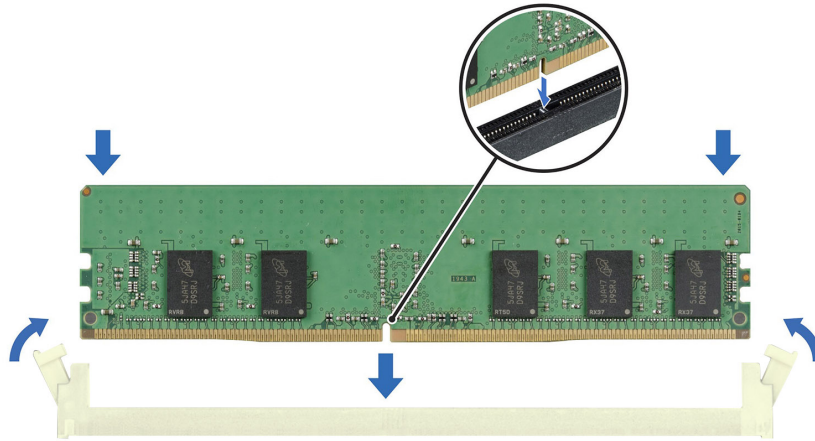
3. Align the edge connector of the memory module with the alignment key of the memory module socket, and insert the memory module in the socket.

**CAUTION:** To prevent damage to the memory module or the memory module socket during installation, do not bend or flex the memory module; insert both ends of the memory module simultaneously.

**NOTE:** The memory module socket has an alignment key that enables you to install the memory module in the socket in only one orientation.

**CAUTION:** Do not apply pressure at the center of the memory module; apply pressure at both ends of the memory module evenly.

4. Press the memory module with your thumbs until the ejectors firmly click into place. When the memory module is properly seated in the socket, the levers on the memory module socket align with the levers on the other sockets that have memory modules installed.



**Figure 64. Installing a memory module**

#### Next steps

1. [Install the air shroud.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside the system.](#)
3. To verify if the memory module has been installed properly, press F2 and navigate to **System Setup Main Menu > System BIOS > Memory Settings**. In the **Memory Settings** screen, the System Memory Size must reflect the updated capacity of the installed memory.
4. If the System Memory Size is incorrect, one or more of the memory modules may not be installed properly. Ensure that the memory modules are firmly seated in their sockets.
5. Run the system memory test in system diagnostics.

## Processor and heat sink module

This is a service technician replaceable part only.

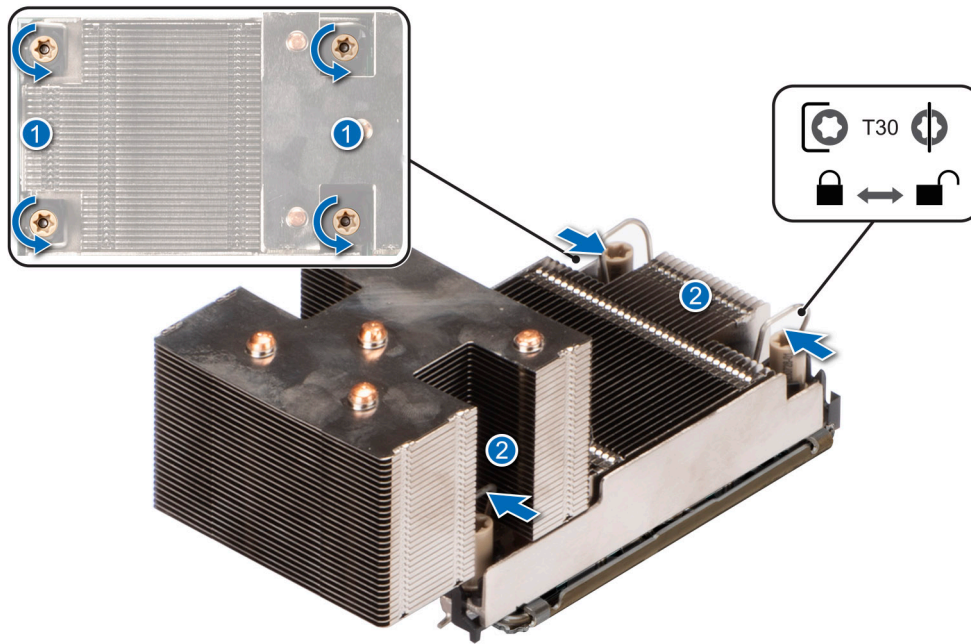
### Removing the processor and heat sink module

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system.](#)
3. [Remove the air shroud.](#)
  - NOTE:** The heat sink and processor are too hot to touch for some time after the system has been powered down. Allow the heat sink and processor to cool down before handling them.

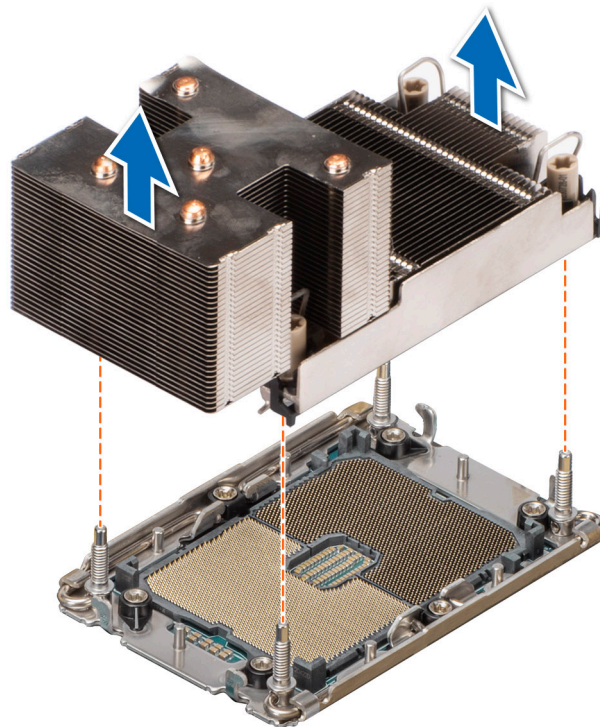
#### Steps

1. Ensure all four anti-tilt wires are in the locked position (outward position), and then using a Torx #T30 screwdriver, loosen the screws on the heat sink in the order that is mentioned below:
  - a. Loosen the first nut three turns.
  - b. Loosen the nut diagonally opposite to the nut you loosened first.
  - c. Repeat the procedure for the remaining two nuts.
  - d. Return to the first nut to loosen it completely.
2. Set the anti-tilt wires to the unlocked position (inward position).



**Figure 65. Loosening the screws and set the anti-tilt wires to the unlocked position**

3. Lift the processor and heat sink module (PHM) from the system and set the PHM aside with the processor side facing up.



**Figure 66. Removing a processor and heat sink module**

#### **Next steps**

If you are removing a faulty heat sink, [replace the heat sink](#), if not, [remove the processor](#).

# Removing the processor

## Prerequisites

**⚠ WARNING:** The heat sink may be hot to touch for some time after the system has been powered off. Allow the heat sink to cool before removing it.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the air shroud](#).
4. [Remove the heat sink](#).

**⚠ CAUTION:** You may find the CMOS battery loss or CMOS checksum error displayed during the first instance of powering on the system after the processor or system board replacement which is expected. To fix this, simply go to setup option to configure the system settings.

## Steps

1. Place the heat sink with the processor side facing up.
2. Using the thumb finger lift up the Thermal Interface Material (TIM) break lever to release the processor package from the TIM and carrier.

**i NOTE:** Ensure to hold the carrier to the heat sink as the TIM break is rotated.

3. Push the retaining clips on the processor bracket to unlock the bracket from the heat sink.

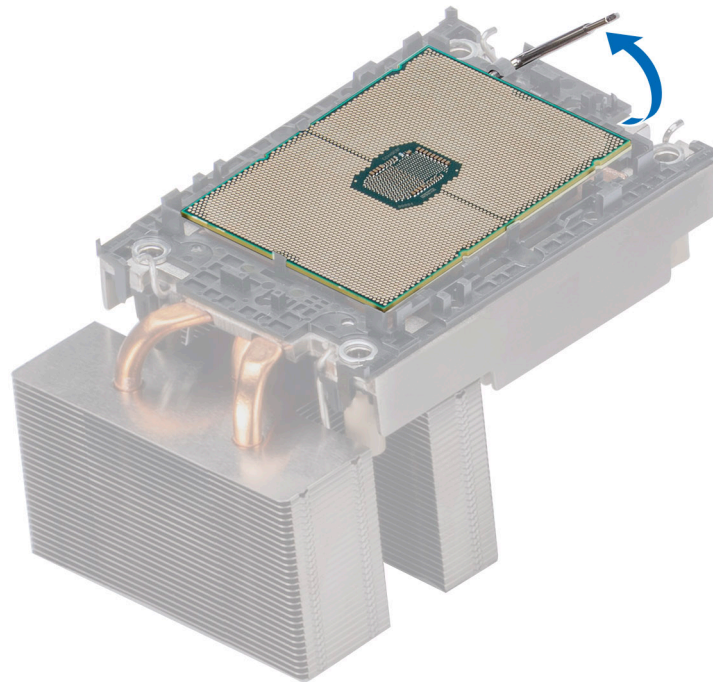
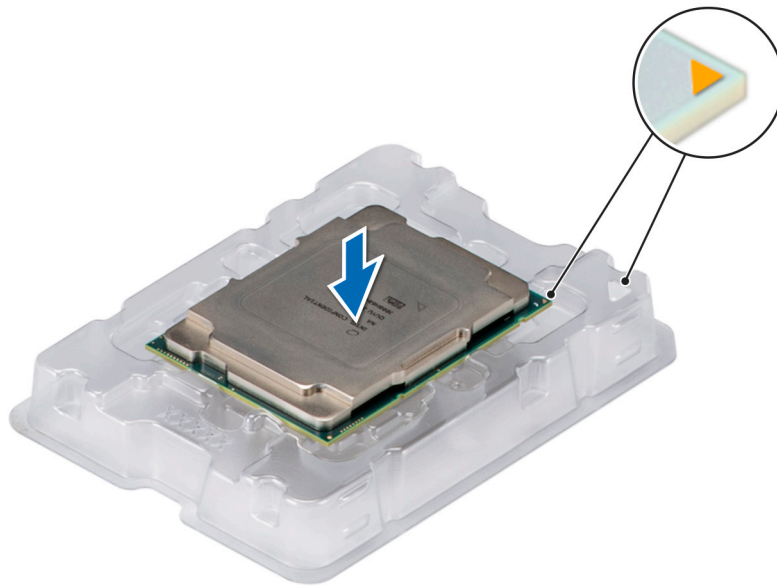


Figure 67. Lift up the TIM break lever

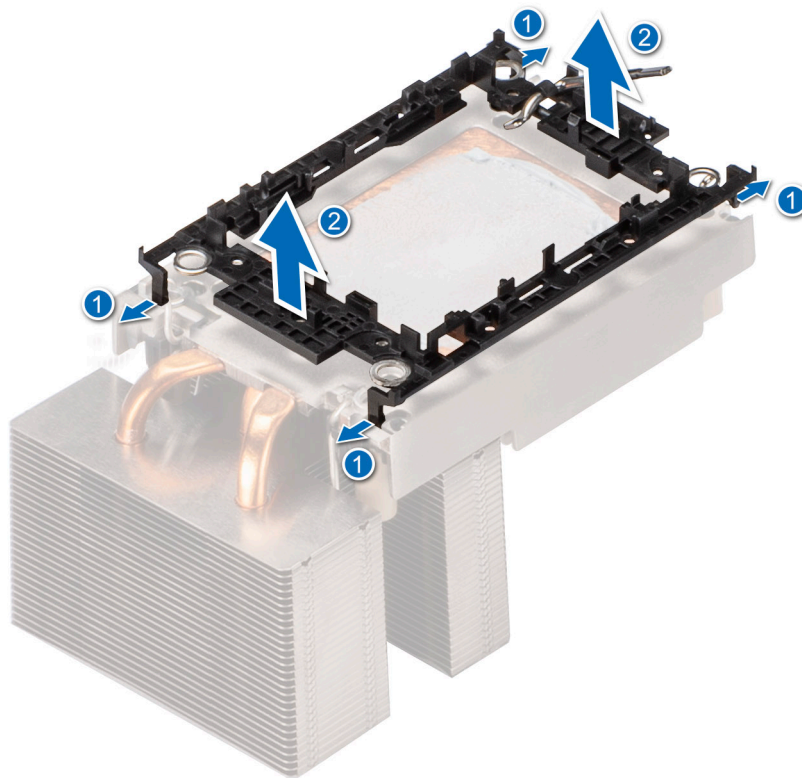




**Figure 68. Aligning pin 1 marks of processor with tray**

4. Lift the processor away from the carrier and place it into the processor tray. Ensure pin1 marks are aligned.
5. Flex the outer edges of the bracket to release the bracket from the processor.

**NOTE:** Ensure that the processor is placed in the processor tray after you remove it from the heat sink.



**Figure 69. Removing the processor carrier**

## Next steps

Replace the processor.

# Installing the processor

## Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in [Before working inside your system](#).

## Steps

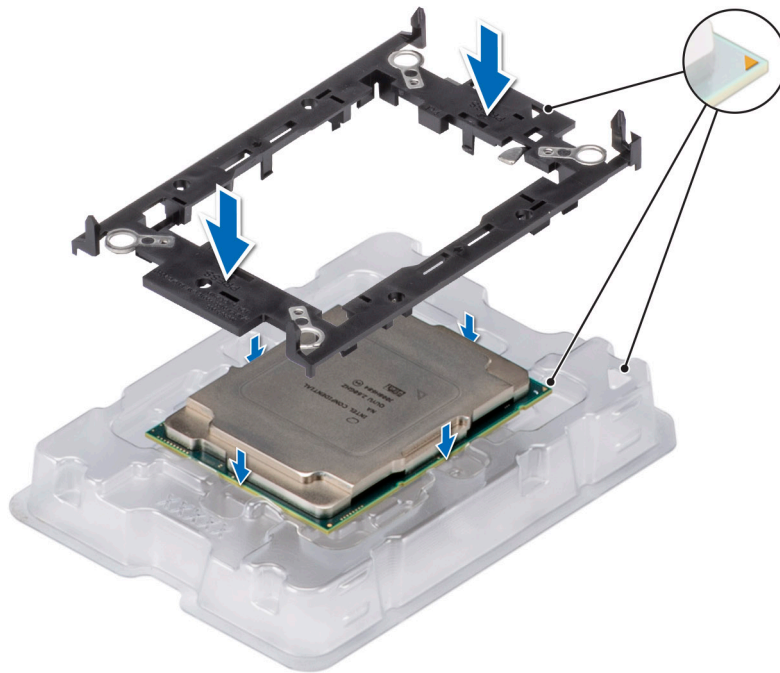
1. Place the processor in the processor tray.

**i** **NOTE:** Ensure that the pin 1 indicator on the processor tray is aligned with the pin 1 indicator on the processor.

2. Place the processor carrier on top of the processor that is in the processor tray aligning pin 1 indicator on the processor.

**i** **NOTE:** Ensure that the pin 1 indicator on the carrier is aligned with the pin 1 indicator on the processor before placing the carrier on the processor.

**i** **NOTE:** Ensure that the processor and the carrier are placed in the tray before you install the heat sink.

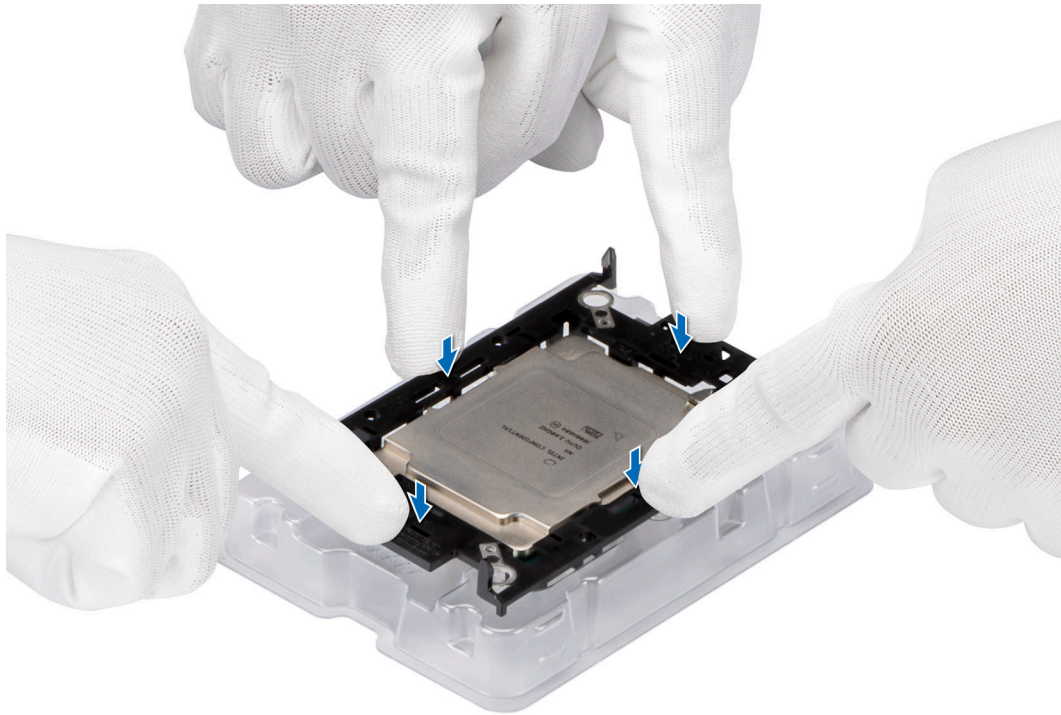


**Figure 70. Installing the processor carrier**

3. Align the processor with processor carrier by using your fingers to press the carrier on all the four sides until it clicks into place.

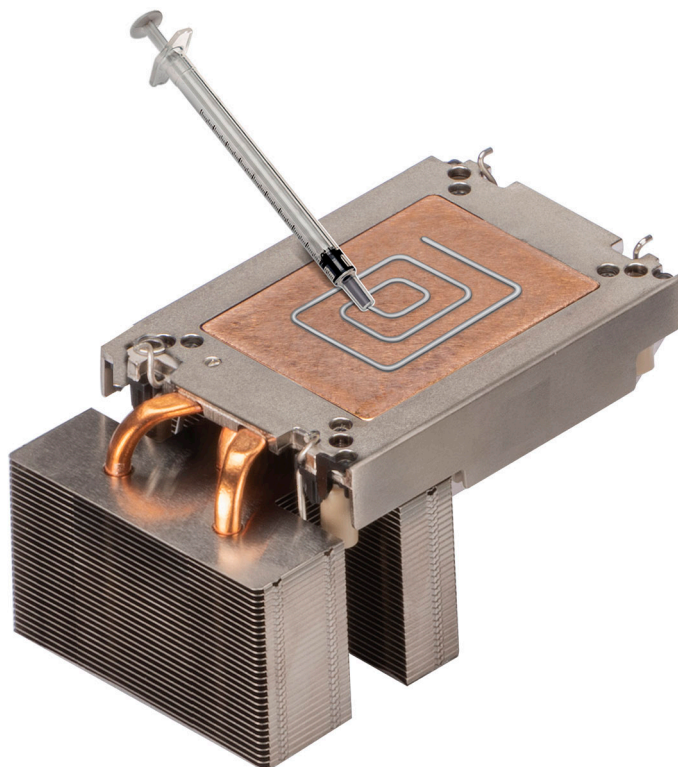
**i** **NOTE:** Ensure that the processor is securely latched to the processor carrier.





**Figure 71. Press the carrier on the four sides**

4. If you are using an existing heat sink, remove the thermal grease on the heat sink by using a clean lint-free cloth.
5. Use the thermal grease syringe included with your processor kit to apply the grease in a thin quadrilateral spiral on the bottom of the heat sink.



**Figure 72. Applying thermal grease**

**CAUTION:** Applying too much thermal grease can result in excess grease coming in contact with and contaminating the processor socket.

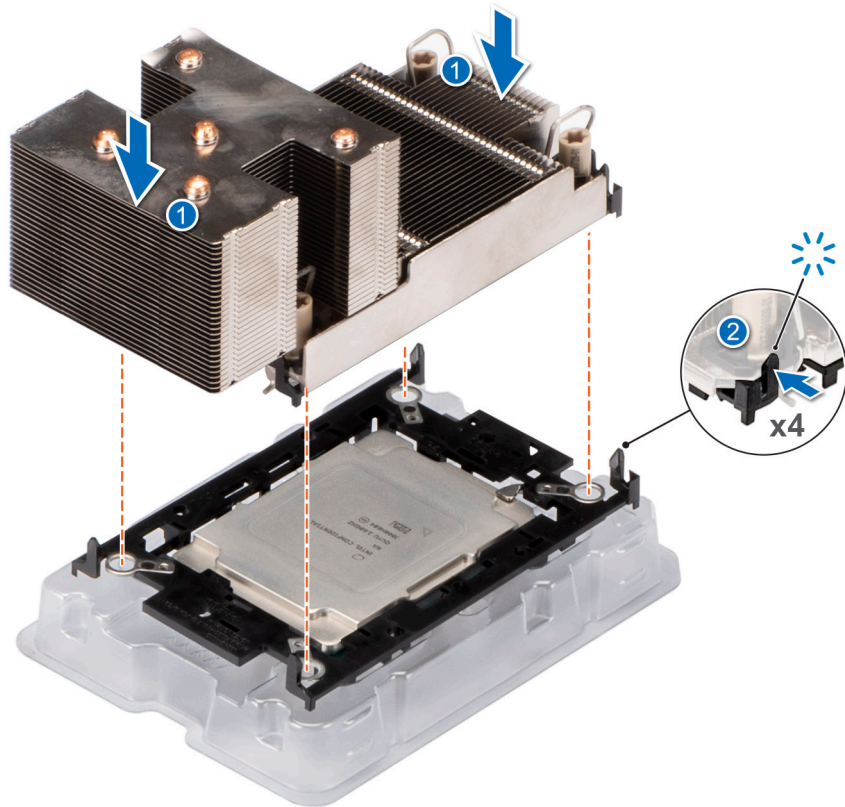
**NOTE:** The thermal grease syringe is intended for single use only. Dispose of the syringe after you use it.

6. For new heat sink, remove the Thermal Interface Material (TIM) protective film from the base of the heat sink.



**Figure 73. Remove the Thermal Interface Material (TIM) protective film**

7. Place the heat sink on the processor and press the heat sink until the carrier locks onto the heat sink at all the four corners.
  - CAUTION:** To avoid damaging the fins on the heat sink, do not press down on the heat sink fins.
  - NOTE:** Ensure that the pin 1 indicator on the heat sink is aligned with the pin 1 indicator on the carrier before placing the heat sink onto the processor carrier.
  - NOTE:** Ensure latching features on processor carrier and heat sink are aligned during assembly.



**Figure 74. Installing the heat sink onto the processor**

#### Next steps

1. Install the processor and heat sink module.
2. Install the air shroud.
3. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside the system](#).

## Installing the processor heat sink module

#### Prerequisites

Never remove the heat sink from a processor unless you intend to replace the processor or system board. The heat sink is necessary to maintain proper thermal conditions.

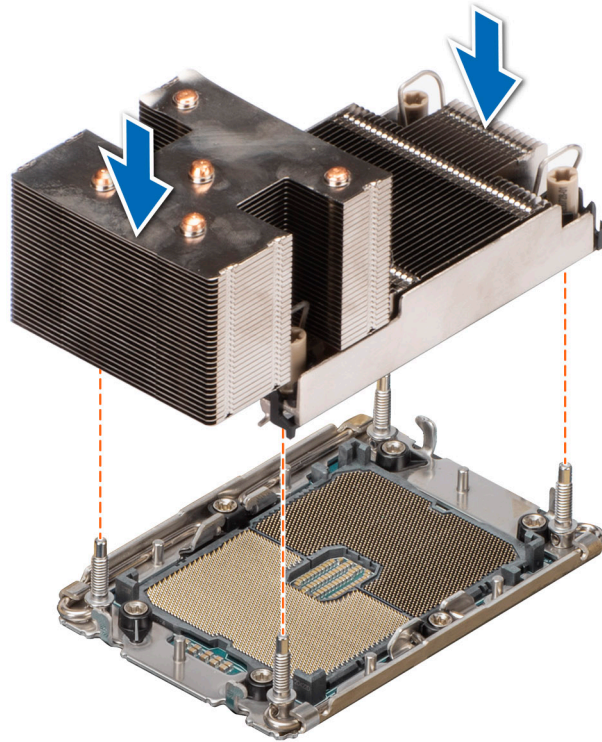
1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the air shroud](#).
4. If installed, remove the processor dust cover.

#### Steps

1. Align the pin 1 indicator of the processor heat sink module (PHM) to the system board and then place the processor heat sink module (PHM) on the processor socket.

**CAUTION:** To avoid damaging the fins on the heat sink, do not press down on the heat sink fins.

**NOTE:** Ensure that the processor heat sink module (PHM) is held parallel to the system board to prevent damaging the components.



**Figure 75. Installing the processor heat sink module**

2. Set the anti-tilt wires to the locked position (outward position), and then using the Torx #T30 screwdriver, tighten the screws (8 in-lbf) on the heat sink in the order below:
  - a. In a random order, tighten the first nut three turns.
  - b. Tighten the nut diagonally opposite to the nut you tighten first.
  - c. Tighten the nut diagonally opposite to the nut you tighten first.
  - d. Return to the first nut to tighten it completely.
  - e. Check all the nuts to ensure they are firmly secured.



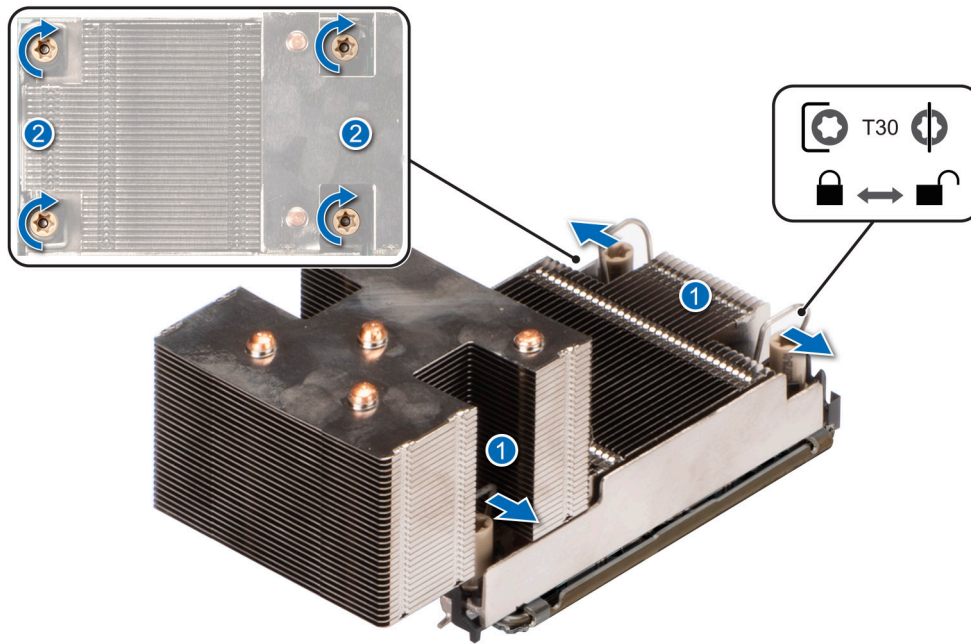


Figure 76. Set the anti-tilt wires to the locked position and tighten the screws

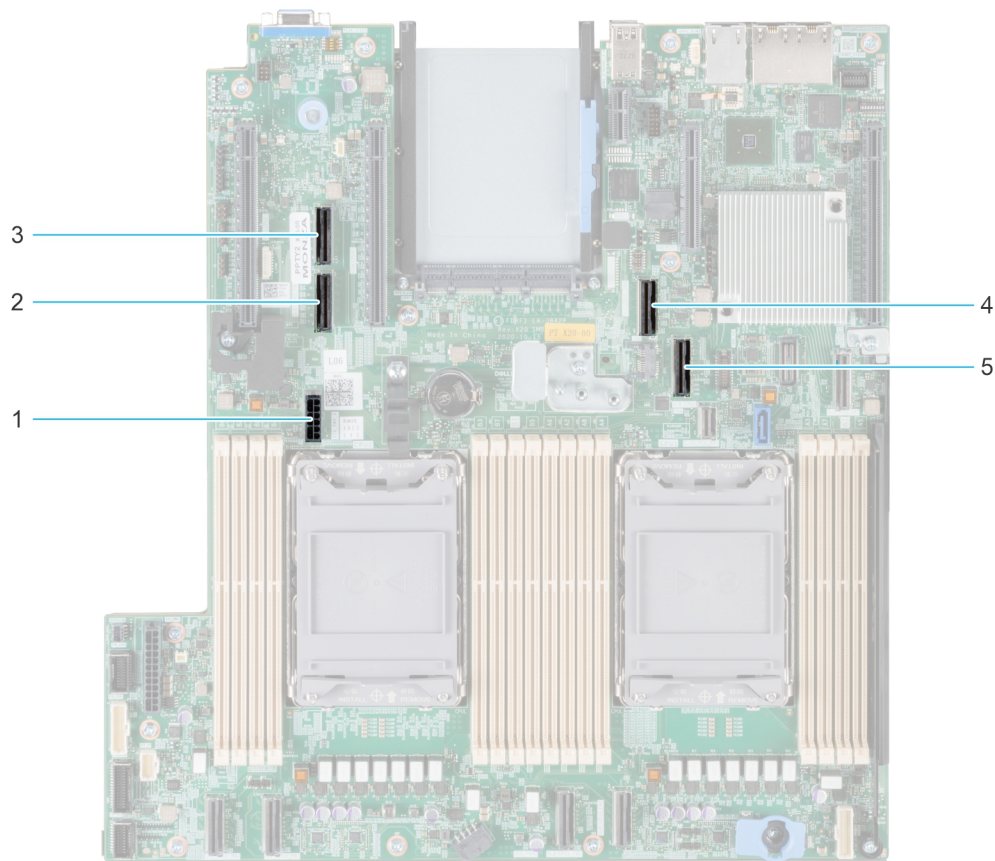
#### Next steps

1. [Install the air shroud.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside the system.](#)

## Expansion cards and expansion card risers

**NOTE:** A system event entry is logged in the iDRAC Lifecycle Controller if an expansion card riser is not supported or missing. It does not prevent your system from turning on. However, if a F1/F2 pause occurs with an error message, see *Troubleshooting expansion cards* section in the *Dell EMC PowerEdge Servers Troubleshooting Guide* at [www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals](http://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals).

## Expansion card installation guidelines



**Figure 77. Expansion card slot connectors**

1. SIG\_PWR\_0 (Riser power cable for Riser 1A and Riser 1B)
2. SL6\_CPU2\_PB3 (PCIe cable connector for Riser 1A and Riser 1B)
3. SL5\_CP2\_PA1 (PCIe cable connector for Riser 1B )
4. SL7\_CPU1\_PA4 (PCIe cable connector for Riser 1A and Riser 1B)
5. SL8\_CPU1\_PB4 (PCIe cable connector for Riser 1A and Riser 1B)

The following table describes the expansion card riser configurations:

**Table 28. Expansion card riser configurations**

Configurations	Expansion card risers	PCIe Slots	Controlling processor	Height	Length	Slot width	Power
Config0.	R1A	3	Processor 1	Low profile	Half length	x16	75 W
		4	Processor 2	Low profile	Half length	x16	75 W
Config1.	R1B	3	Processor 1 and 2	Low profile	Half length	x16	75 W
		4	Processor 1	Low profile	Half length	x8	75 W
Config2.	R1B	3	Processor 1 and 2	Low profile	Half length	x16	75 W
		4	Processor 1	Low profile	Half length	x8	75 W
Config3.	R1A	3	Processor 1	Low profile	Half length	x16	75 W
		4	Processor 2	Low profile	Half length	x16	75 W
Config4.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

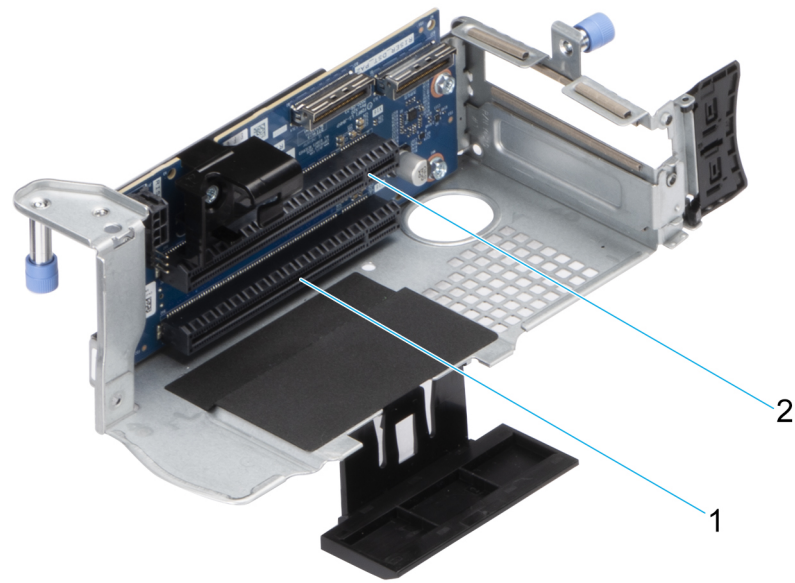
**Table 28. Expansion card riser configurations (continued)**

Configurations	Expansion card risers	PCIe Slots	Controlling processor	Height	Length	Slot width	Power
		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Config5.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

**NOTE:** Only one cable riser can be installed at a time in any given configuration.

**NOTE:** R1B is a SNAPI riser.

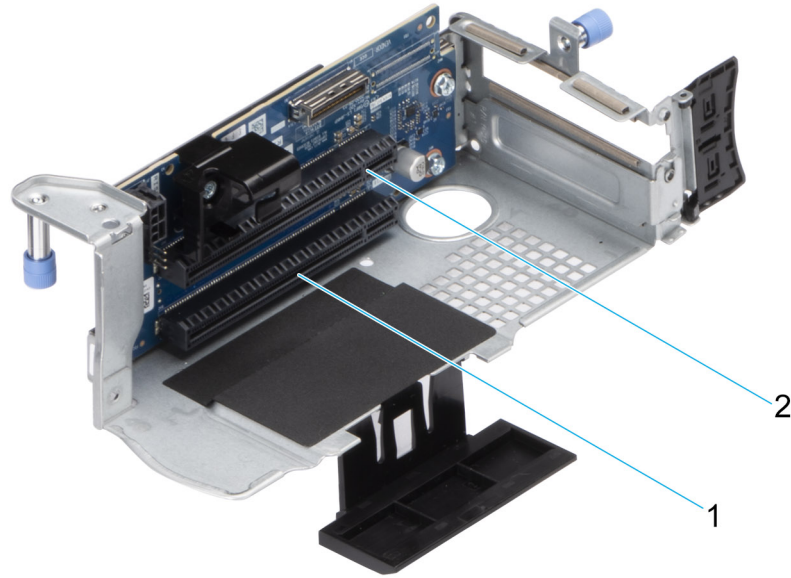
**NOTE:** Config 4 and 5 are no riser configuration.



**Figure 78. Riser 1A**

1. Slot 3
2. Slot 4





**Figure 79. Riser 1B (SNAPI)**

1. Slot 3
2. Slot 4

**NOTE:** The expansion-card slots are not hot-swappable.

The following table provides guidelines for installing expansion cards to ensure proper cooling and mechanical fit. The expansion cards with the highest priority should be installed first using the slot priority indicated. All the other expansion cards should be installed in the card priority and slot priority order.

**Table 29. Configuration 0: R1A**

Card type	Slot priority	Maximum number of cards
Dell Serial port module (LP)	2	1
fPERC	Integrated slot	1
Internal PERC adapter	1	1
Dell External Adapter	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Mellanox (NIC: 100Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1	5
Broadcom (NIC: 25Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Intel (NIC: 25Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Qlogic (NIC: 25Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Qlogic (NIC: 10Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
SolarFlare (NIC: 25Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Broadcom (HBA: FC32)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Marvell (HBA: FC32)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Avago (HBA: FC16)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Qlogic (HBA: FC16)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Broadcom (NIC: 10Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Intel (NIC: 10Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Qlogic (NIC: 10Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6

**Table 29. Configuration 0: R1A (continued)**

Card type	Slot priority	Maximum number of cards
Broadcom (NIC: 1Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Intel (NIC: 1Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Intel (OCP: 100Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Broadcom (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Marvell (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Mellanox (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
SolarFlare (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Broadcom (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Marvell (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Broadcom (OCP: 1Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 1Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Dell BOSS S2 Module	Integrated slot	1
Samsung (PCIe SSD AIC)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	1

**Table 30. Configuration 1: R1B**

Card type	Slot priority	Maximum number of cards
Dell Serial port module (LP)	2	1
fPERC	Integrated slot	1
Internal PERC adapter	1	1
Mellanox (NIC: 100Gb)	5, 6, 1	3
Intel (NIC: 25Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Mellanox (NIC: 25Gb)	3	1
Qlogic (NIC: 25Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
SolarFlare (NIC: 25Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Broadcom (HBA: FC32)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	3
Marvell (HBA: FC32)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Avago (HBA: FC16)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	3
QLogic (HBA: FC16)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Broadcom (NIC: 10Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Broadcom (NIC: 25Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Intel (NIC: 10Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Qlogic (NIC: 10Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Broadcom (NIC: 1Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Intel (NIC: 1Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Mellanox (NIC: HDR100 VPI)	3	1
Intel (OCP: 100Gb)	Integrated slot	1

**Table 30. Configuration 1: R1B (continued)**

Card type	Slot priority	Maximum number of cards
Broadcom (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Marvell (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Mellanox (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
SolarFlare (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Broadcom (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Marvell (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Broadcom (OCP: 1Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 1Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Dell External PERC Adapter	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Dell BOSS S2 Module	Integrated slot	1
Samsung (PCIe SSD AIC)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6

**Table 31. Configuration 2: R1B**

Card type	Slot priority	Maximum number of cards
Dell Serial port module (LP)	2	1
Internal PERC adapter	1	1
12Gbps SAS HBA	1	1
Intel (NIC: 100Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1	5
Mellanox (NIC: 100Gb)	5, 6, 1	3
Intel (NIC: 25Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Mellanox (NIC: 25Gb)	3	1
Qlogic (NIC: 25Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Broadcom (NIC: 10Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Broadcom (NIC: 25Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
SolarFlare (NIC: 25Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Broadcom (HBA: FC32)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Marvell (HBA: FC32)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Avago (HBA: FC16)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
QLogic (HBA: FC16)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Intel (NIC: 10Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Qlogic (NIC: 10Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Intel (NIC: 1Gb)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6
Mellanox (NIC: HDR100 VPI)	3	1
Broadcom (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Marvell (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1

**Table 31. Configuration 2: R1B (continued)**

Card type	Slot priority	Maximum number of cards
Mellanox (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
SolarFlare (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Broadcom (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Marvell (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Broadcom (OCP: 1Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 1Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Dell External PERC Adapter	1	1
Dell BOSS S2 Module	Integrated slot	1
Samsung (PCIe SSD AIC)	5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2	6

**Table 32. Configuration 3: R1A**

Card type	Slot priority	Maximum number of cards
Dell Serial port module (LP)	2	1
Intel (NIC: 100Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1	5
Mellanox (NIC: 100Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1	5
Broadcom (NIC: 25Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Intel (NIC: 25Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Mellanox (NIC: 25Gb)	3	1
Qlogic (NIC: 25Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
SolarFlare (NIC: 25Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Broadcom (HBA: FC32)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Marvell (HBA: FC32)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Avago (HBA: FC16)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
QLogic (HBA: FC16)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Broadcom (NIC: 10Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Intel (NIC: 10Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Qlogic (NIC: 10Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Broadcom (NIC: 1Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Intel (NIC: 1Gb)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Mellanox (NIC: HDR100 VPI)	3	1
Broadcom (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Marvell (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Mellanox (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
SolarFlare (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Broadcom (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Marvell (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1

**Table 32. Configuration 3: R1A (continued)**

Card type	Slot priority	Maximum number of cards
Intel (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Broadcom (OCP: 1Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 1Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Dell External PERC Adapter	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	6
Dell BOSS S2 Module	Integrated slot	1
Samsung (PCIe SSD AIC)	4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2	2

**Table 33. Configuration 4: No riser**

Card type	Slot priority	Maximum number of cards
Dell Serial port module (LP)	1	1
fPERC	Integrated slot	1
Internal PERC adapter	1	1
12Gbps SAS HBA	1	1
Intel (NIC: 100Gb)	5, 6, 1	3
Mellanox (NIC: 100Gb)	5, 6, 1	3
Broadcom (NIC: 25Gb)	5, 6, 1, 2	1
Intel (NIC: 25Gb)	5, 6, 1, 2	1
Mellanox (NIC: 25Gb)	Not supported	N/a
Qlogic (NIC: 25Gb)	5, 6, 1, 2	1
SolarFlare (NIC: 25Gb)	5, 6, 1, 2	4
Broadcom (HBA: FC32)	5, 6, 1, 2	4
Marvell (HBA: FC32)	5, 6, 1, 2	4
Avago (HBA: FC16)	5, 6, 1, 2	4
QLogic (HBA: FC16)	5, 6, 1, 2	4
Broadcom (NIC: 10Gb)	5, 6, 1, 2	4
Intel (NIC: 10Gb)	5, 6, 1, 2	4
Qlogic (NIC: 10Gb)	5, 6, 1, 2	4
Broadcom (NIC: 1Gb)	5, 6, 1, 2	4
Intel (NIC: 1Gb)	5, 6, 1, 2	4
Mellanox (NIC: HDR100 VPI)	Not supported	N/a
Mellanox (NIC: HDR VPI)	Not supported	N/a
Broadcom (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Marvell (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Mellanox (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
SolarFlare (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Broadcom (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Marvell (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1

**Table 33. Configuration 4: No riser (continued)**

Card type	Slot priority	Maximum number of cards
Intel (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Broadcom (OCP: 1Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 1Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Dell External PERC Adapter	5, 6, 1, 2	4
Dell BOSS S1 Module	Integrated slot	1
Samsung (PCIe SSD AIC)	5, 6, 1, 2	4
Intel (PCIe SSD)	Not supported	N/a

**Table 34. Configuration 5: No Riser**

Card type	Slot priority	Maximum number of cards
Dell Serial port module (LP)	1	1
fPERC	Integrated slot	1
Internal PERC adapter	1	1
12Gbps SAS HBA	1	1
Intel (NIC: 100Gb)	1	1
Mellanox (NIC: 100Gb)	1	1
Broadcom (NIC: 25Gb)	1, 2	1
Intel (NIC: 25Gb)	1, 2	1
Mellanox (NIC: 25Gb)	Not supported	N/a
Qlogic (NIC: 25Gb)	1, 2	1
SolarFlare (NIC: 25Gb)	1, 2	4
Broadcom (HBA: FC32)	1, 2	4
Marvell (HBA: FC32)	1, 2	4
Avago (HBA: FC16)	1, 2	4
QLogic (HBA: FC16)	1, 2	4
Broadcom (NIC: 10Gb)	1, 2	4
Intel (NIC: 10Gb)	1, 2	4
Qlogic (NIC: 10Gb)	1, 2	4
Broadcom (NIC: 1Gb)	1, 2	4
Intel (NIC: 1Gb)	1, 2	4
Mellanox (NIC: HDR100 VPI)	Not supported	N/a
Mellanox (NIC: HDR VPI)	Not supported	N/a
Broadcom (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Marvell (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Mellanox (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
SolarFlare (OCP: 25Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Broadcom (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1

**Table 34. Configuration 5: No Riser (continued)**

Card type	Slot priority	Maximum number of cards
Marvell (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 10Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Broadcom (OCP: 1Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Intel (OCP: 1Gb)	Integrated slot	1
Dell External PERC Adapter	1, 2	4
Dell BOSS S1 Module	Integrated slot	1
Samsung (PCIe SSD AIC)	1, 2	4
Intel (PCIe SSD)	Not supported	N/a

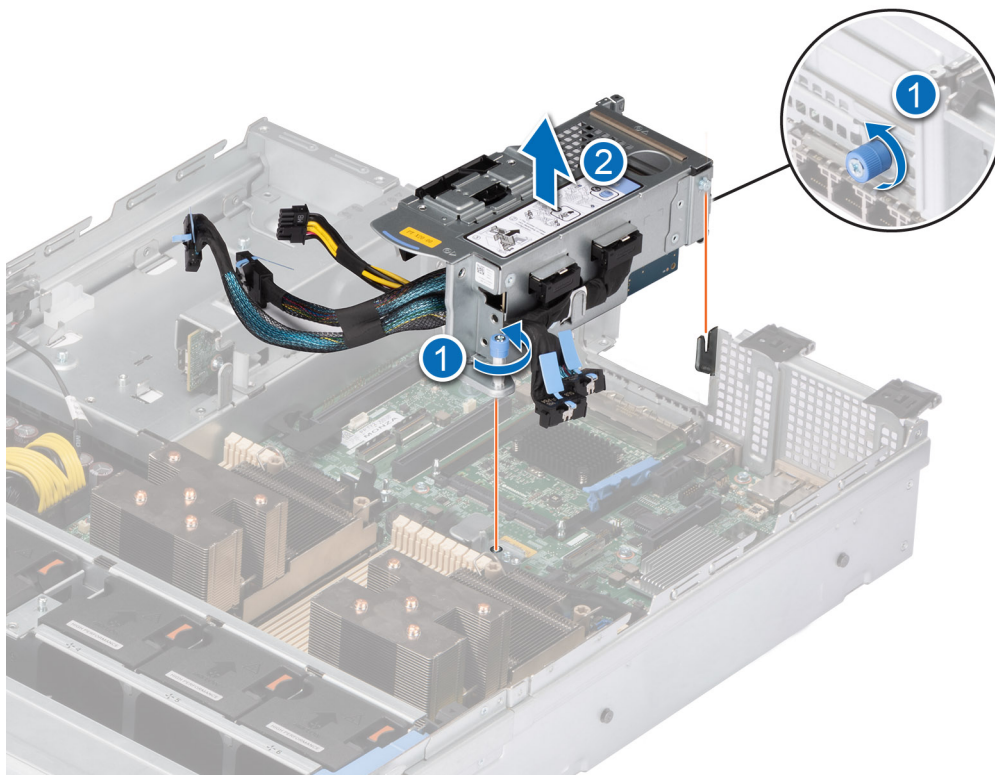
## Removing the expansion card risers

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the air shroud](#).
4. Disconnect all the riser cables from the system board.

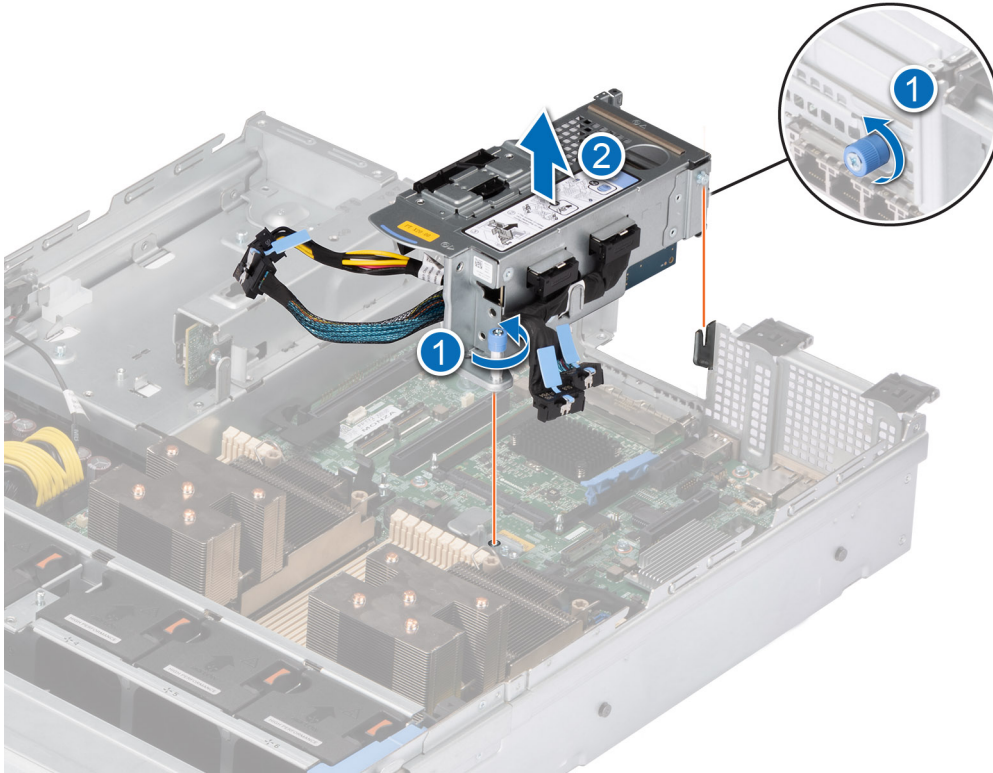
### Steps

For Riser 1A and Riser 1B, loosen the two thumb screws with Phillips #2 screwdriver and pull up the expansion card riser.



**Figure 80. Removing the Riser 1A**





**Figure 81. Removing the Riser 1B**

**Next steps**

Replace the expansion card riser.

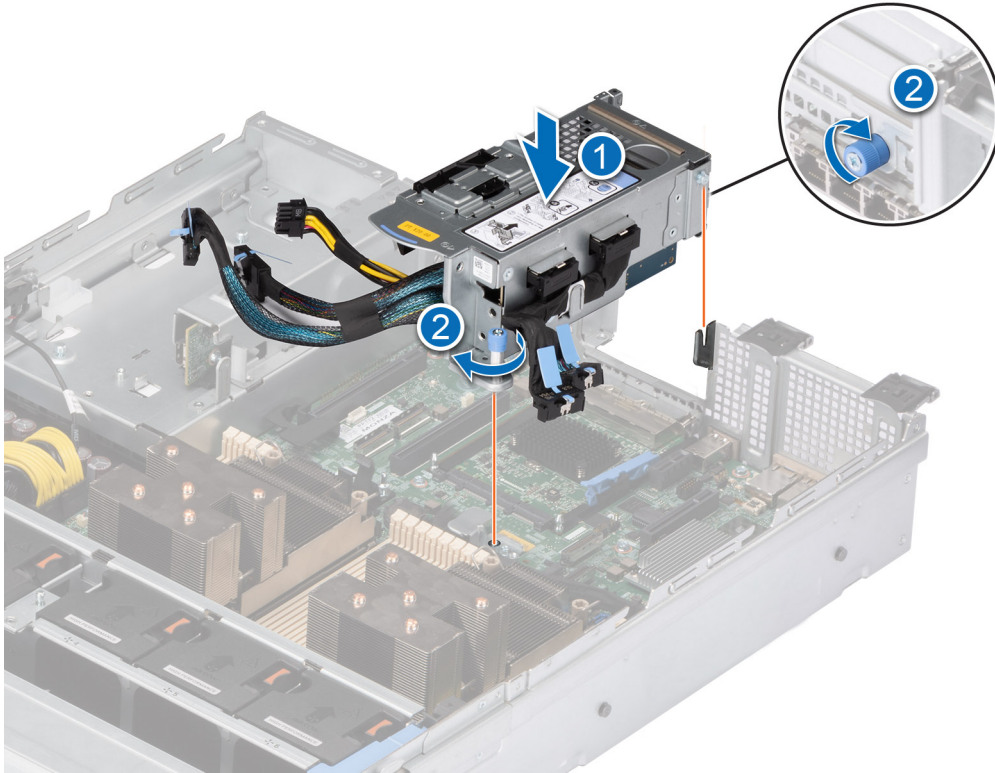
## Installing the expansion card risers

**Prerequisites**

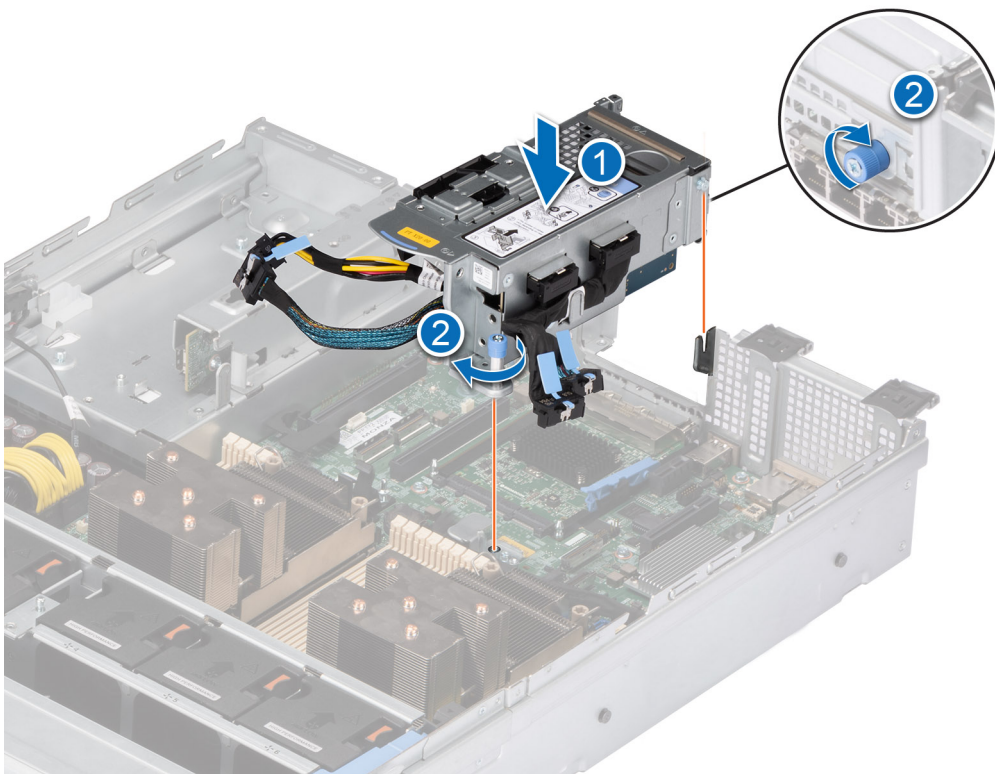
1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. If removed, install the expansion cards into the expansion card risers and connect all the riser cables.
4. For Riser 1A and Riser 1B (SNAPI), remove the riser blank loosening the riser blank screw.

**Steps**

1. Re-connect all the riser cables to the system board.
2. Align and fasten the expansion card riser thumb screws.



**Figure 82. Installing the cabled Riser 1A**



**Figure 83. Installing the Riser 1B**

### Next steps

1. [Install the air shroud.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside the system.](#)
3. Install any device drivers required for the card as described in the documentation for the card.

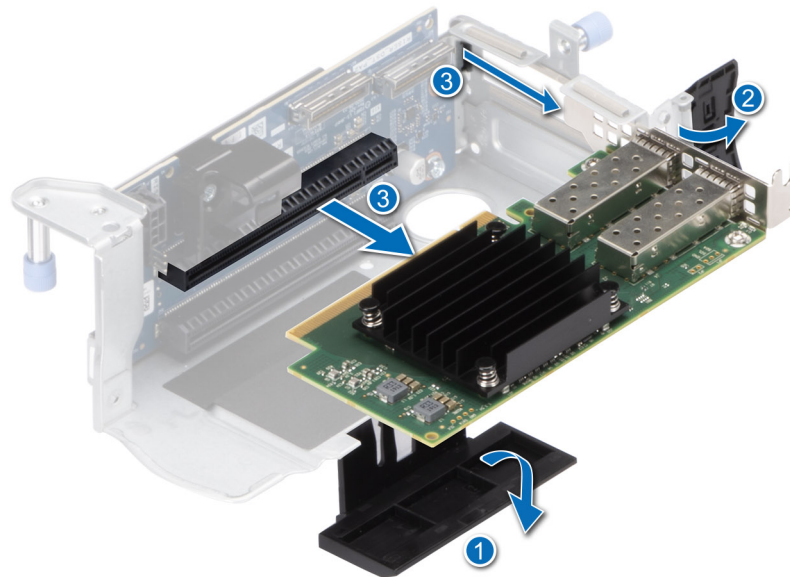
## Removing expansion card from the expansion card riser

### Prerequisites

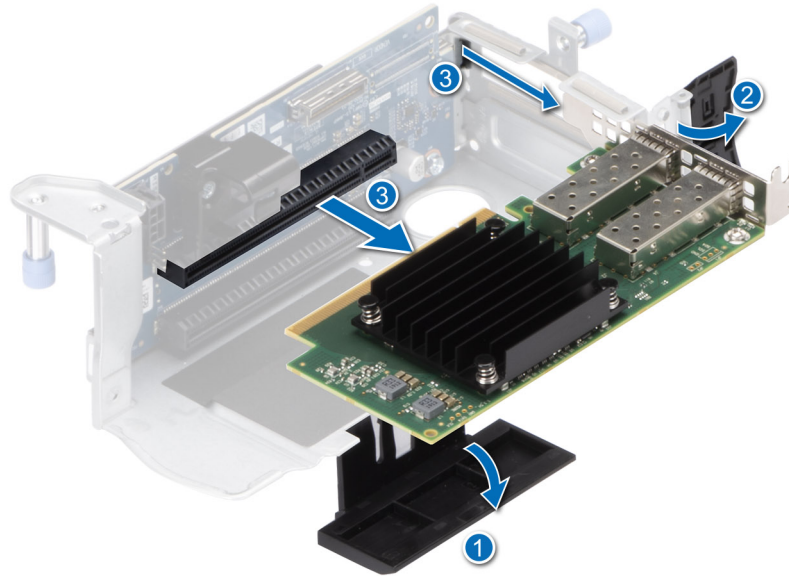
1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system.](#)
3. [Remove the air shroud.](#)
4. Disconnect the expansion card cables from the system board and remove the expansion card riser.

### Steps

1. Pull and lift the expansion card retention latch lock to open.
2. Hold the expansion card by its edges and pull the card until the card edge connector disengages from the expansion card connector on the riser.



**Figure 84. Removing an expansion card from the Riser 1A**

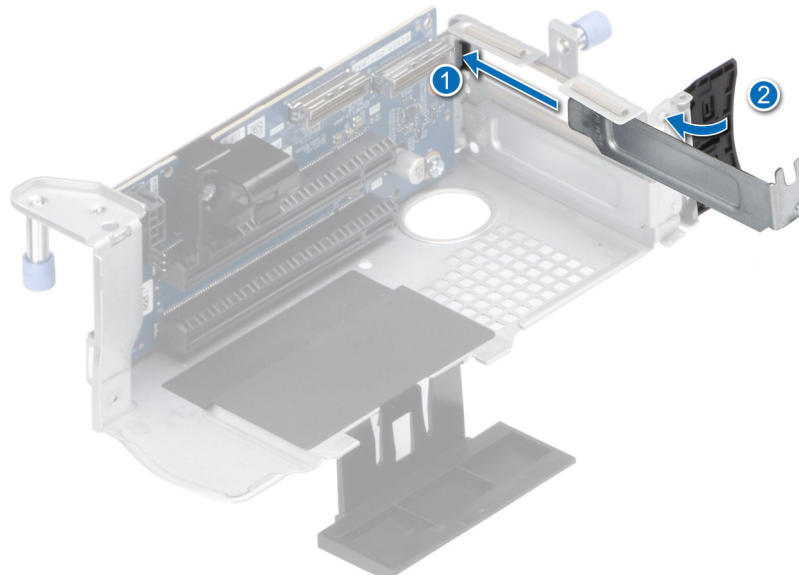


**Figure 85. Removing an expansion card from Riser 1B**

3. If the expansion card is not going to be replaced, install a filler bracket and close the card retention latch.

**i NOTE:** You must install a filler bracket over an empty expansion card slot to maintain Federal Communications Commission (FCC) certification of the system. The brackets also keep dust and dirt out of the system and aid in proper cooling and airflow inside the system.

**i NOTE:** The numbers on the image do not depict the exact steps. The numbers are for representation of sequence.



**Figure 86. Installing filler bracket in the Riser 1A and Riser 1B**

### Next steps

If applicable, install an [expansion card into the expansion card riser](#).

# Installing an expansion card into the expansion card riser

## Prerequisites

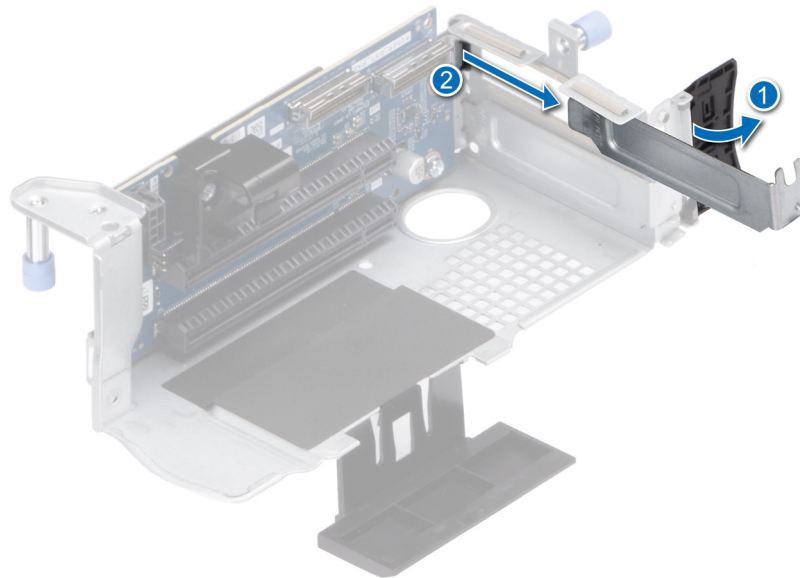
1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. If installing a new expansion card, unpack it and prepare the card for installation.

**i** **NOTE:** For instructions, see the documentation accompanying the card.

## Steps

1. Pull and lift up the expansion card retention latch lock to open.
2. Hold the card by the edges, and align the card edge connector with the expansion card connector on the riser.
3. Insert the card edge connector firmly into the expansion card connector until the card is fully seated.
4. Rotate and close the card holder and side card holder.
5. Push the side holder and make sure the latch hook holds the riser cover.

**i** **NOTE:** Store the filler bracket for future use. Filler brackets must be installed in empty expansion card slots to maintain Federal Communications Commission (FCC) certification of the system. The brackets also keep dust and dirt out of the system and aid in proper cooling and airflow inside the system.



**Figure 87. Removing a filler bracket from Riser 1A and 1B**



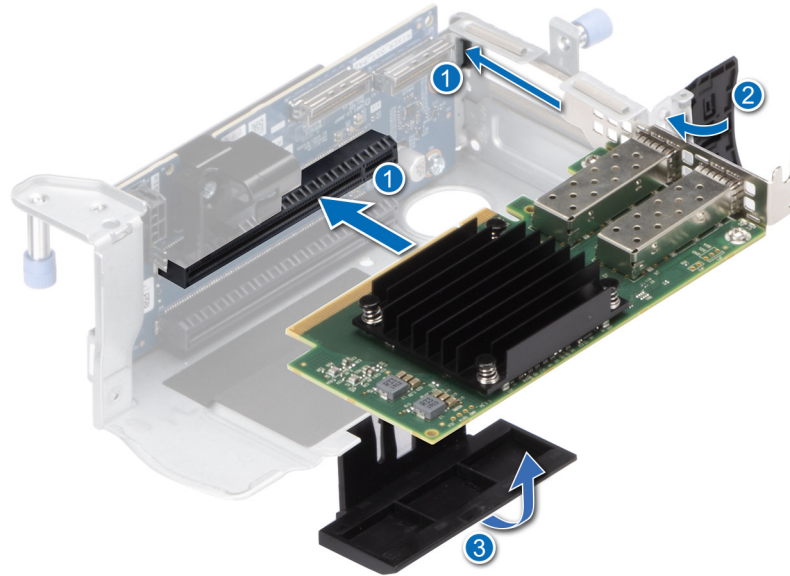


Figure 88. Installing the expansion card in the Riser 1A

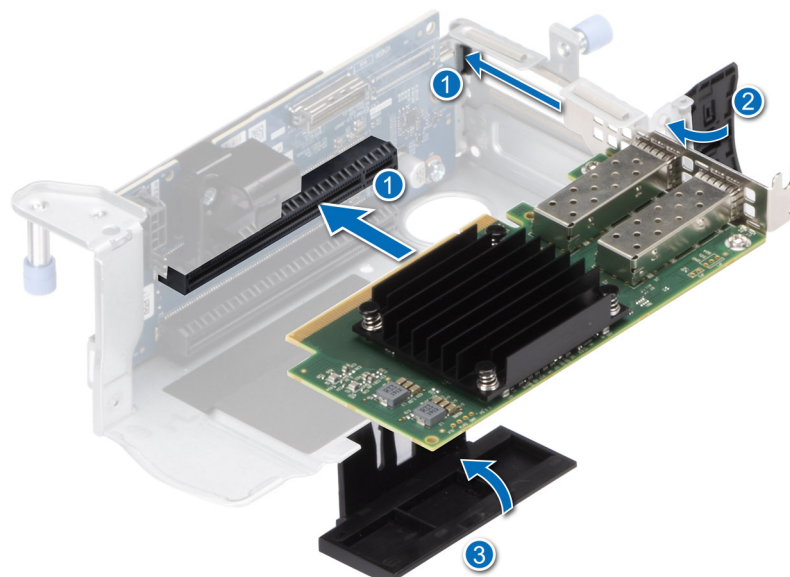


Figure 89. Installing the expansion card in the Riser 1B

**Next steps**

1. Reconnect the expansion card cables to the system board.
2. [Install the air shroud.](#)
3. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside the system.](#)
4. Install any device drivers required for the card as described in the documentation for the card.

**NOTE:** While replacing faulty storage controller/FC/NIC card with the same type of card, after you power on the system; the new card automatically updates to the same firmware and configuration of the faulty one. For more information about the Part replacement configuration, see the *Lifecycle Controller User's Guide* at <https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals>



# Optional IDSDM module

## Removing the IDSDM module

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the air shroud](#).
4. If you are replacing the IDSDM card, remove the MicroSD cards.  
**NOTE:** Temporarily label each SD card with its corresponding slot number before removal. Reinstall the SD cards into the corresponding slots.

### Steps

Holding the blue pull tab, lift the IDSDM card out of the system.

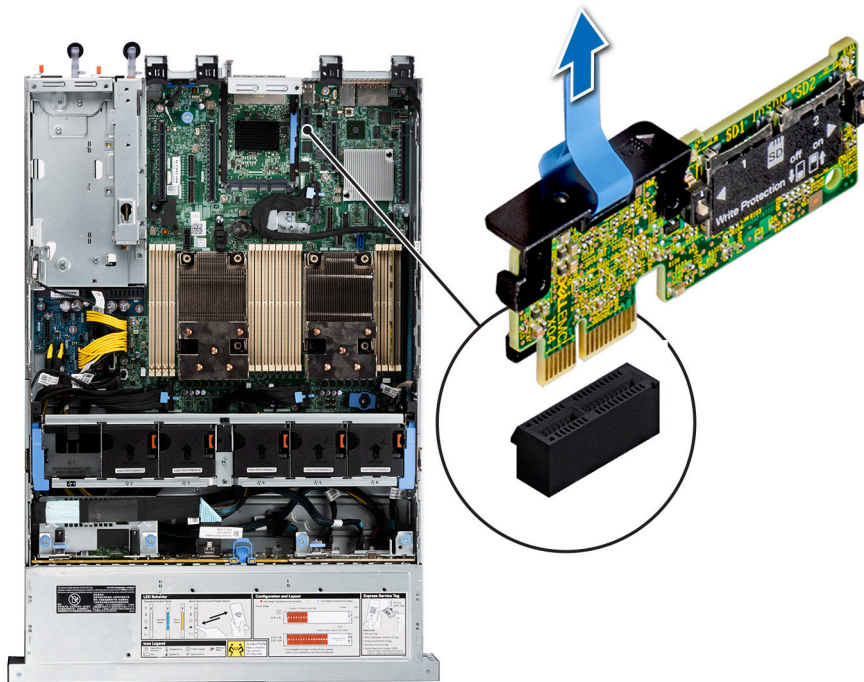


Figure 90. Removing the IDSDM module

### Next steps

Replace the IDSDM module.

## Installing the IDSDM module

### Prerequisites

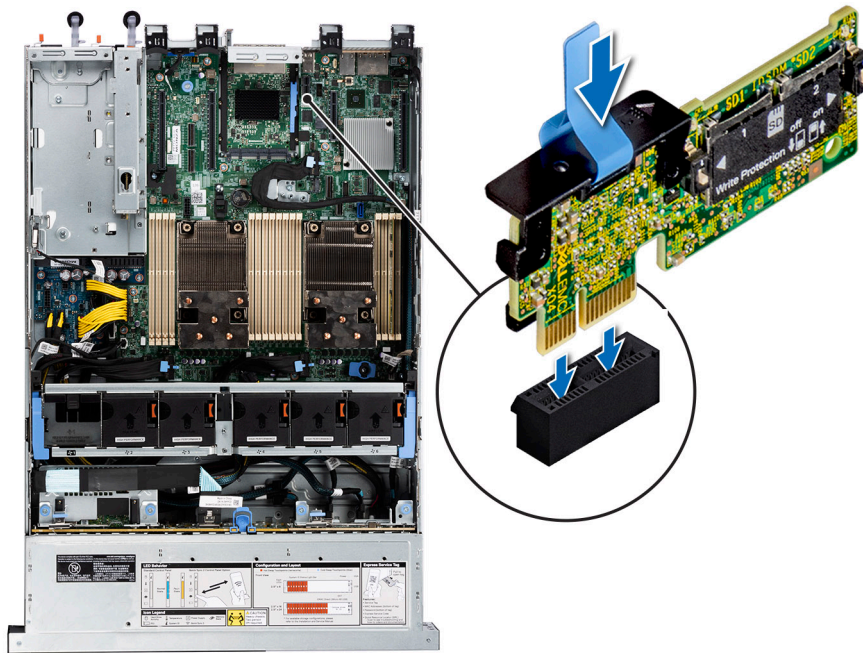
1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the air shroud](#).

### Steps

1. Locate the IDSDM connector on the system board.

To locate IDSDM, see the [System board jumpers and connectors section](#).

2. Align IDSDM module with the connector on the system board.
3. Push IDSDM module until it is firmly seated in the connector on the system board.



**Figure 91. Installing the IDSDM module**

### Next steps

1. [Install the MicroSD cards](#).  
**NOTE:** Reinstall the MicroSD cards into the same slots based on the labels you had marked on the cards during removal.
2. [Install the air shroud](#).
3. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside the system](#).

## MicroSD card

### Removing the MicroSD card

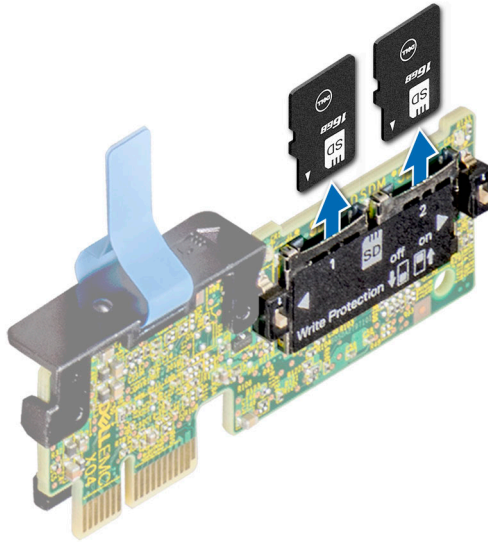
#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the air shroud](#).
4. [Remove the IDSDM module](#).

#### Steps

1. Locate the MicroSD card slot on the IDSDM module, and press the card to partially release it from the slot. For more information on the slot location, see [System board jumpers and connectors section](#).
2. Hold the MicroSD card and remove it from the slot.

**NOTE:** Temporarily label each MicroSD card with its corresponding slot number after removal.



**Figure 92. Removing the MicroSD card**

### Next steps

Replace the MicroSD cards.

## Installing the MicroSD card

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in [Before working inside your system](#).

**NOTE:** To use an MicroSD card with your system, ensure that the **Internal SD Card Port** is enabled in System Setup.

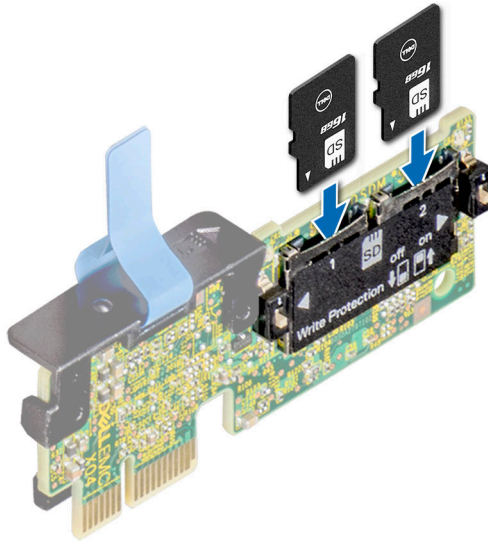
**NOTE:** Ensure that you install the MicroSD cards into the same slots based on the labels you had marked on the cards during removal.

### Steps

1. Locate the MicroSD card slot on the IDSDM module. Orient the MicroSD card appropriately and insert the contact-pin end of the card into the slot. To locate IDSDM, see the System board jumpers and connectors section.

**NOTE:** The slot is keyed to ensure correct insertion of the card.

2. Press the card into the slot to lock it into place.



**Figure 93. Installing the MicroSD card**

#### **Next steps**

1. Install the IDSDM module.
2. Install the air shroud.
3. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside the system](#).

## **Optional BOSS S2 card**

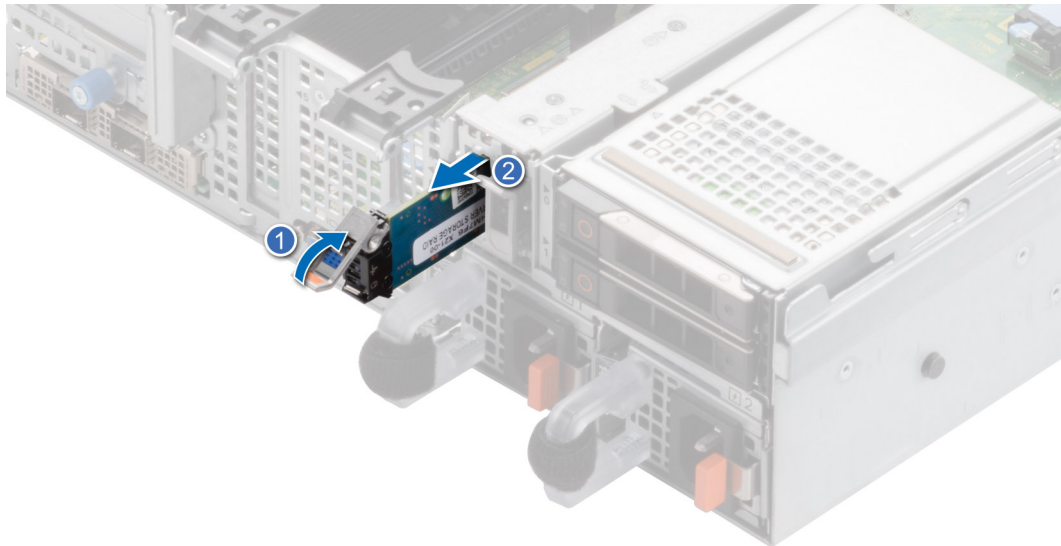
### **Removing the BOSS S2 card**

#### **Prerequisites**

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).

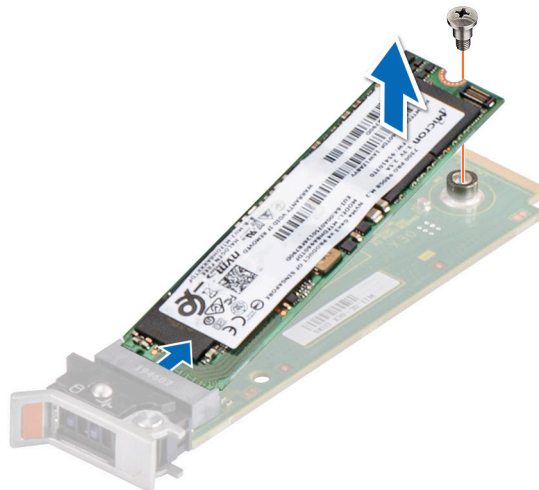
#### **Steps**

1. Lift the retention latch to release the BOSS S2 card carrier.
2. Slide the BOSS S2 card carrier out from the BOSS S2 controller card module.



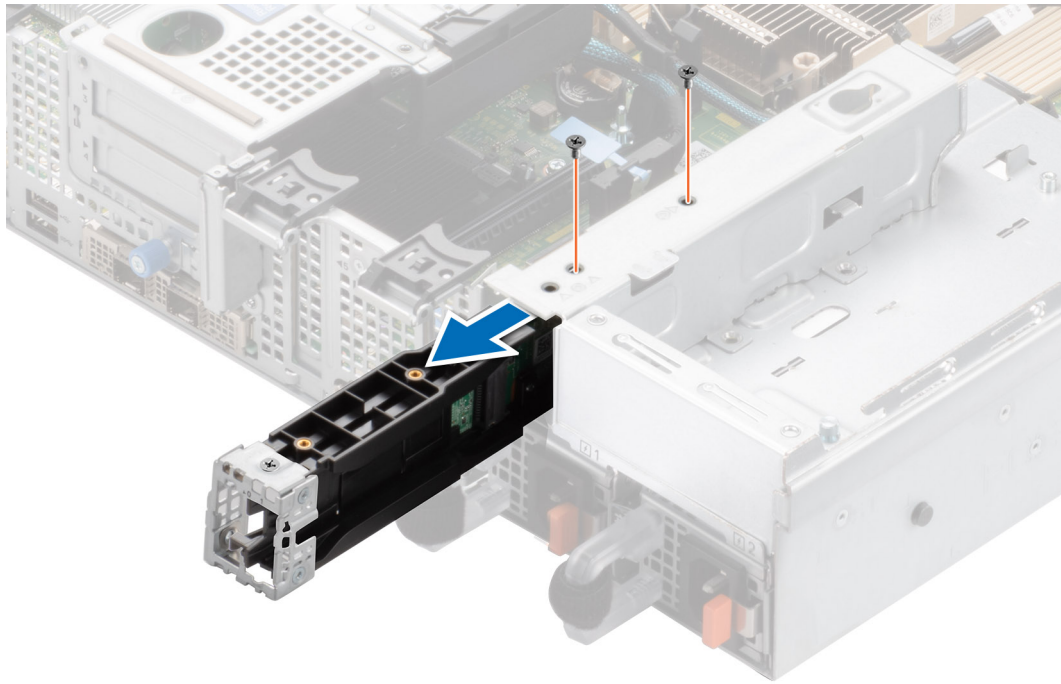
**Figure 94. Removing the BOSS S2 card carrier**

3. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver remove the M3 x 0.5 x 4.5 mm screw that secures the M.2 SSD to the BOSS S2 card carrier.
4. Slide the M.2 SSD out and up from the BOSS S2 card carrier.



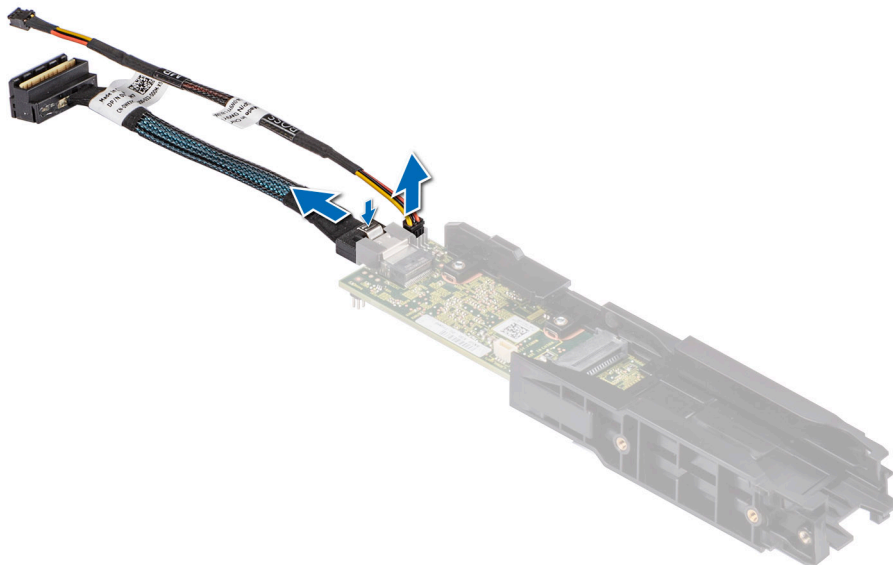
**Figure 95. Removing the M.2 SSD**

5. Disconnect the BOSS power cable and BOSS signal cable from the system board. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver remove the two M3 x 0.5 x 4.5 mm screws that secure the BOSS S2 controller card module on the BOSS module bay. Slide the BOSS S2 controller card module out from the BOSS module bay.



**Figure 96. Removing the BOSS S2 controller card module**

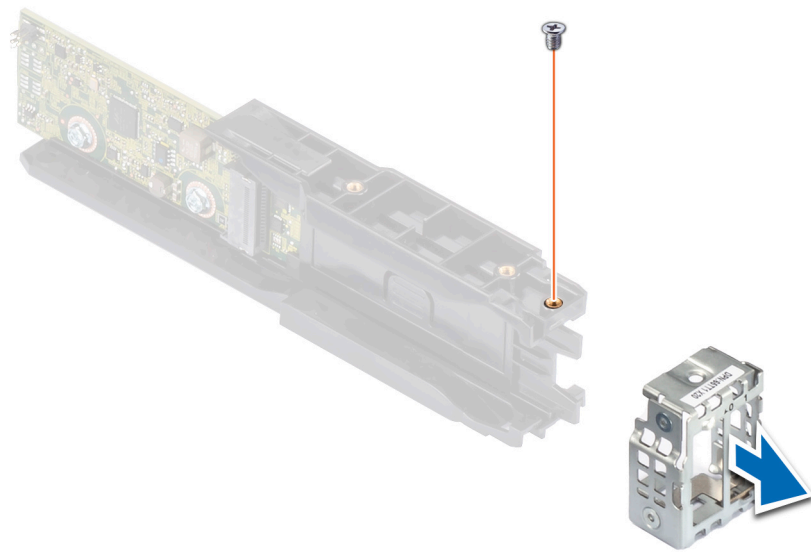
6. Remove the BOSS power cable and BOSS signal cable from the BOSS S2 controller card module.



**Figure 97. Removing the BOSS power cable and BOSS signal cable from the BOSS S2 controller card module**

7. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver, remove the M3 x 0.5 x 4.5 mm screw that secures the BOSS cover on the BOSS S2 controller card module. Slide the BOSS cover out from the BOSS S2 controller card module.





**Figure 98. Removing the BOSS S2 module cover**

#### **Next steps**

1. [Replace the BOSS S2 controller card module.](#)

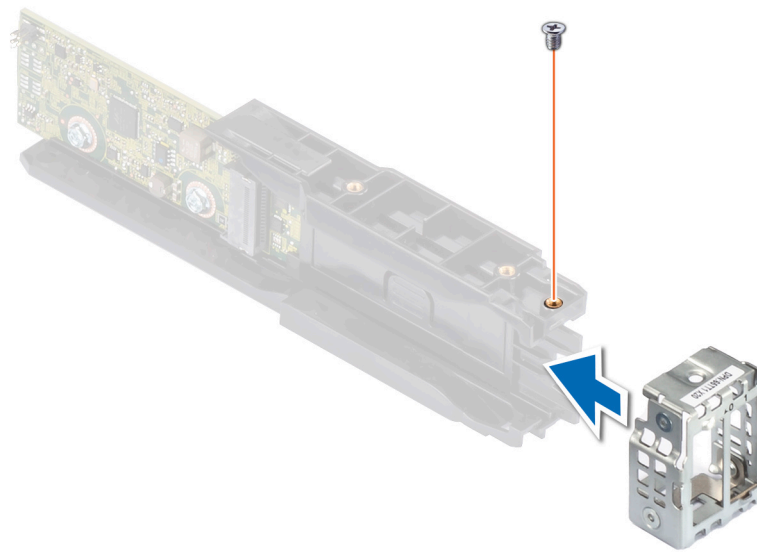
## **Installing the BOSS S2 controller card**

#### **Prerequisites**

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).

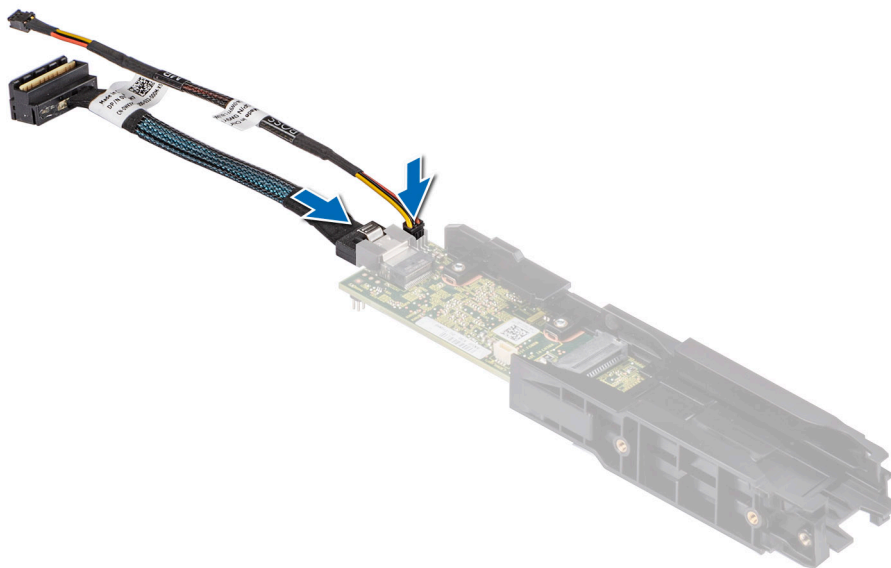
#### **Steps**

1. Slide the BOSS cover on the BOSS S2 controller card module. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver, secure the BOSS cover on the BOSS S2 controller card module with the M3 x 0.5 x 4.5 mm screw.



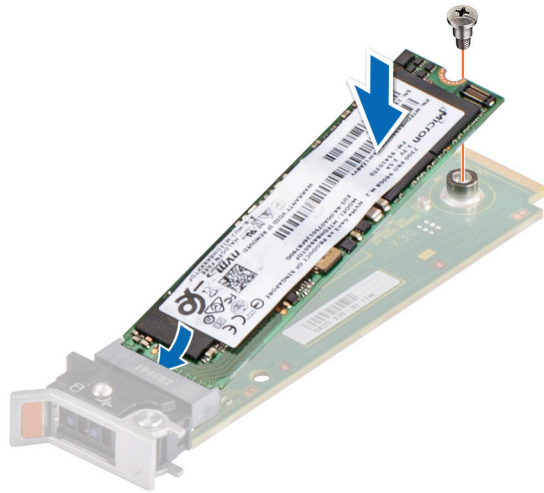
**Figure 99. Installing the BOSS module cover**

2. Connect the BOSS power cable and BOSS signal cable to the BOSS S2 controller card module.



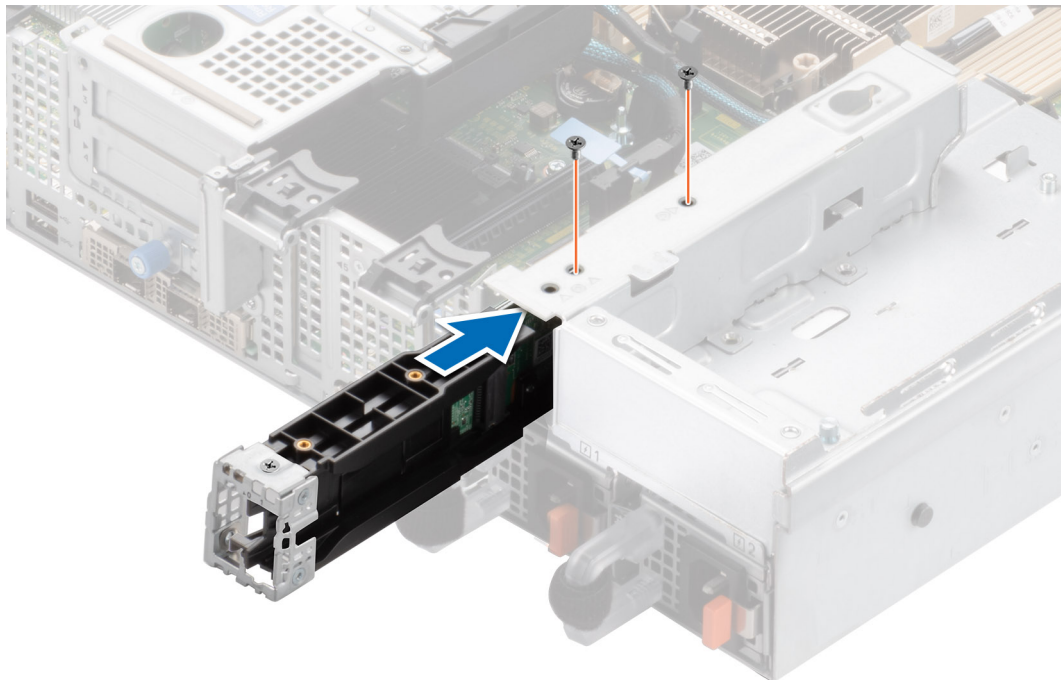
**Figure 100. Connecting the BOSS power cable and BOSS Signal cable to the BOSS S2 controller card module**

3. Slide the BOSS S2 controller card module into the BOSS module bay until it is firmly seated.
4. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver, secure the BOSS S2 controller card module on the BOSS module bay with the two M3 x 0.5 x 4.5 mm screws. Connect the BOSS power cable and the BOSS signal cable to the system board.
5. Align the M.2 SSD at an angle with the BOSS S2 card carrier.
6. Insert the M.2 SSD until it is firmly seated in the BOSS S2 card carrier.
7. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver, secure the M.2 SSD on the BOSS S2 card carrier with the M3 x 0.5 x 4.5 mm screw.



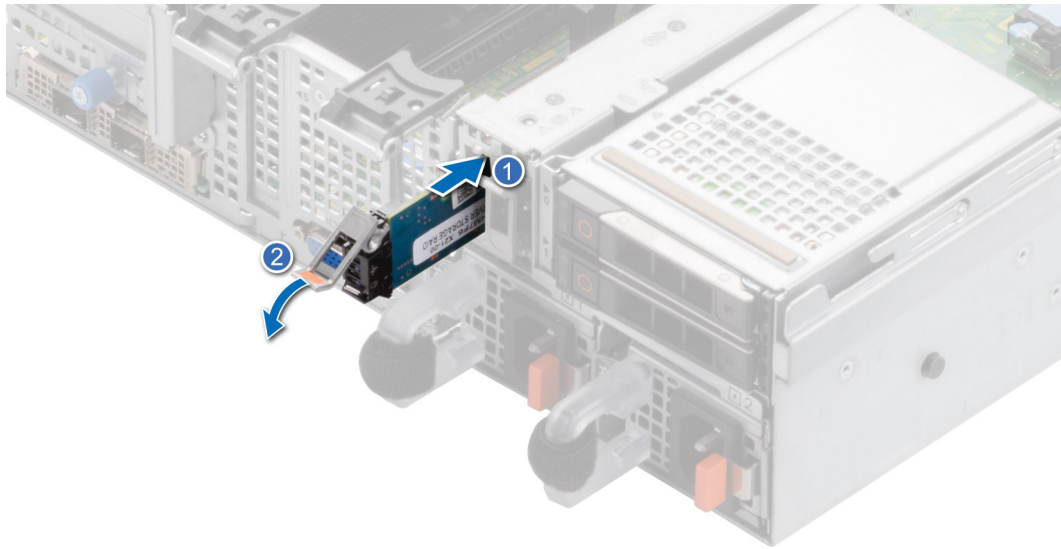
**Figure 101. Installing the M.2 SSD**

8. Slide the BOSS S2 card carrier into the BOSS S2 controller card module slot.



**Figure 102. Installing the BOSS S2 controller card module**

9. Close the BOSS S2 card carrier release latch to lock the carrier in place.



**Figure 103. Installing the BOSS S2 card carrier**

#### Next steps

1. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside the system](#).

## PERC

This is a service technician replaceable part only.

## Removing the adapter PERC

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the air shroud](#).
4. Disconnect all the cables, observe the cable routing.

**i** **NOTE:** The adapter PERC option is only available with 12 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA backplane configuration.

#### Steps

1. Disconnect the SAS cables from the rear adapter PERC and rotate the PCIe holder.
2. Pull out the adapter PERC from the PCIe slot 1 on the system board.

**i** **NOTE:** The numbers on the image do not depict the exact steps. The numbers are for representation of sequence.

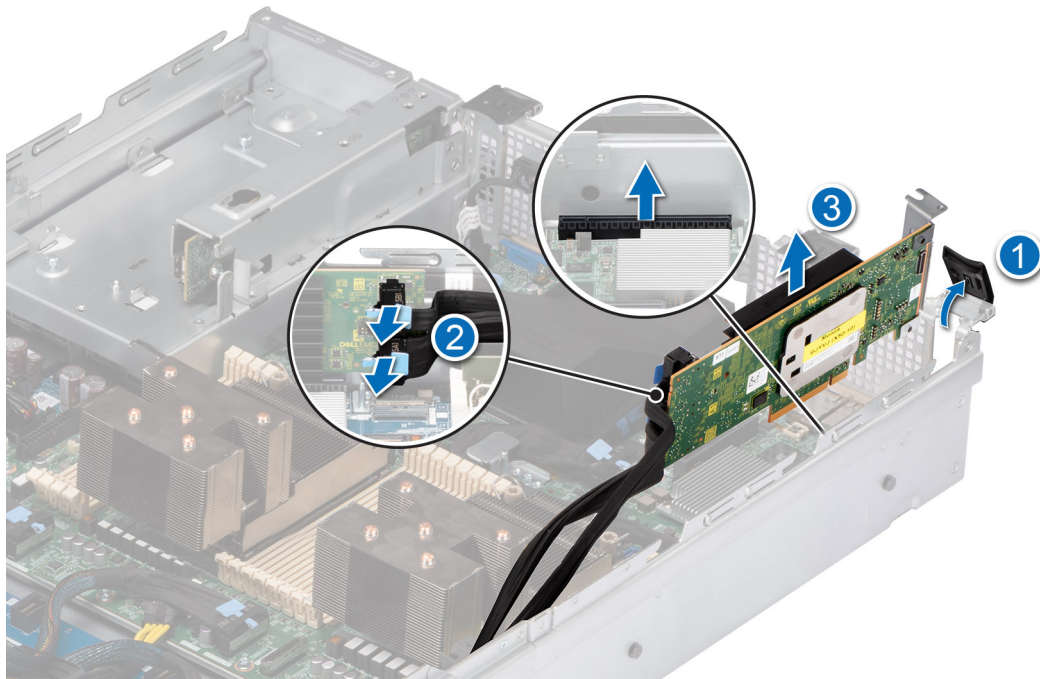


Figure 104. Removing the PERC adapter

#### Next steps

Replace the adapter PERC.

## Installing the adapter PERC

#### Prerequisites

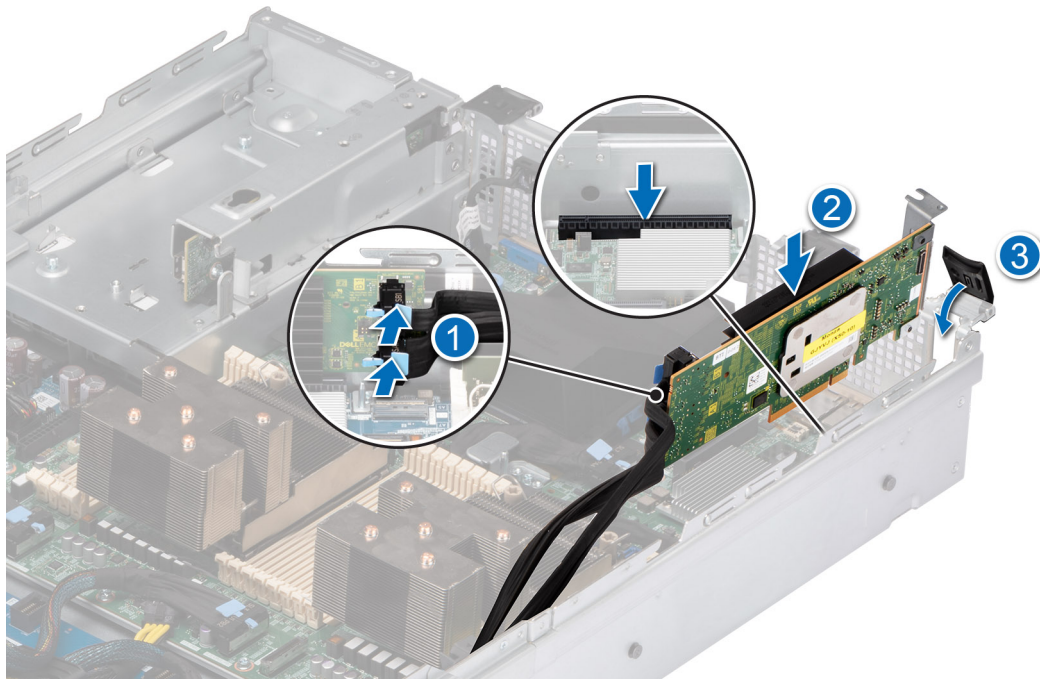
1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in [Before working inside your system](#).
3. If installed, [remove the air shroud](#).
4. Route the cable properly to prevent the cable from being pinched or crimped.

#### Steps

1. Rotate the PCIe holder and remove the PCIe blank from the chassis.
2. Connect the SAS cables to the adapter PERC.

**NOTE:** The numbers on the image do not depict the exact steps. The numbers are for representation of sequence.

**NOTE:** The adapter PERC option is only available with 12 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA backplane configuration.



**Figure 105. Installing the adapter PERC**

3. Insert the adapter PERC in the slot 1 of the system board.

**Next steps**

1. If removed, [install the air shroud](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside the system](#).

## Removing the rear mounting front PERC module

**Prerequisites**

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the drive backplane cover](#).
4. [Remove the air shroud](#).
5. [Remove the cooling fan cage](#).
6. Disconnect all the cables, observe the cable routing.

**Steps**

1. Using a Phillips #2 screwdriver, loosen the captive screws on rear mounted front PERC module.
2. Slide the front PERC module to disengage from the connector on the drive backplane.



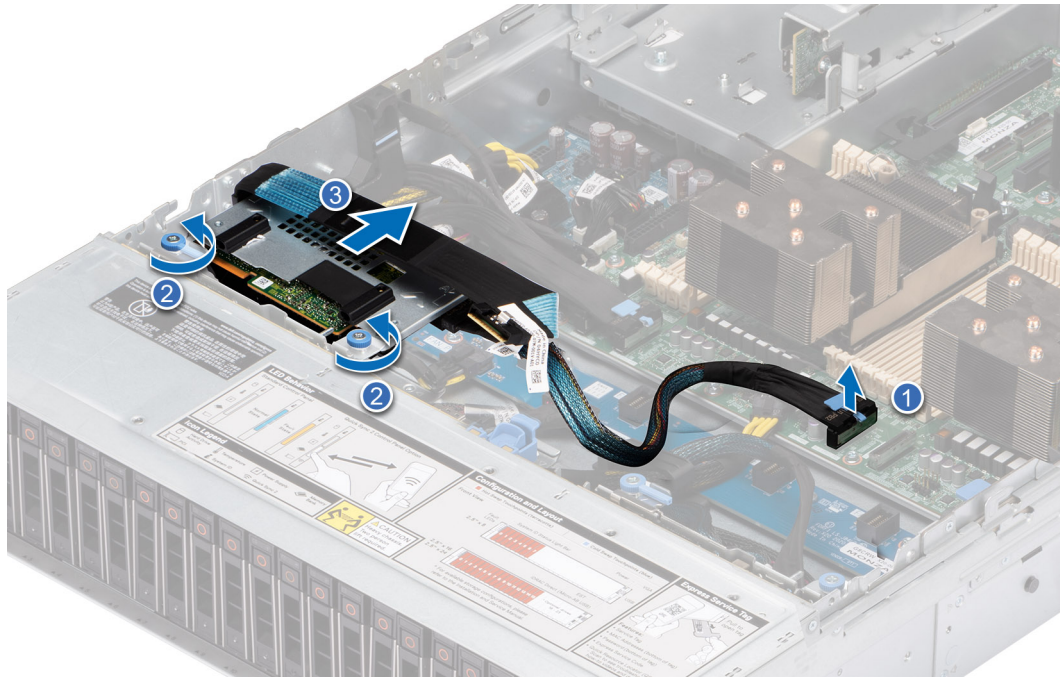


Figure 106. Removing the rear mounting front PERC module

### Next steps

Replace the rear mounting front PERC module

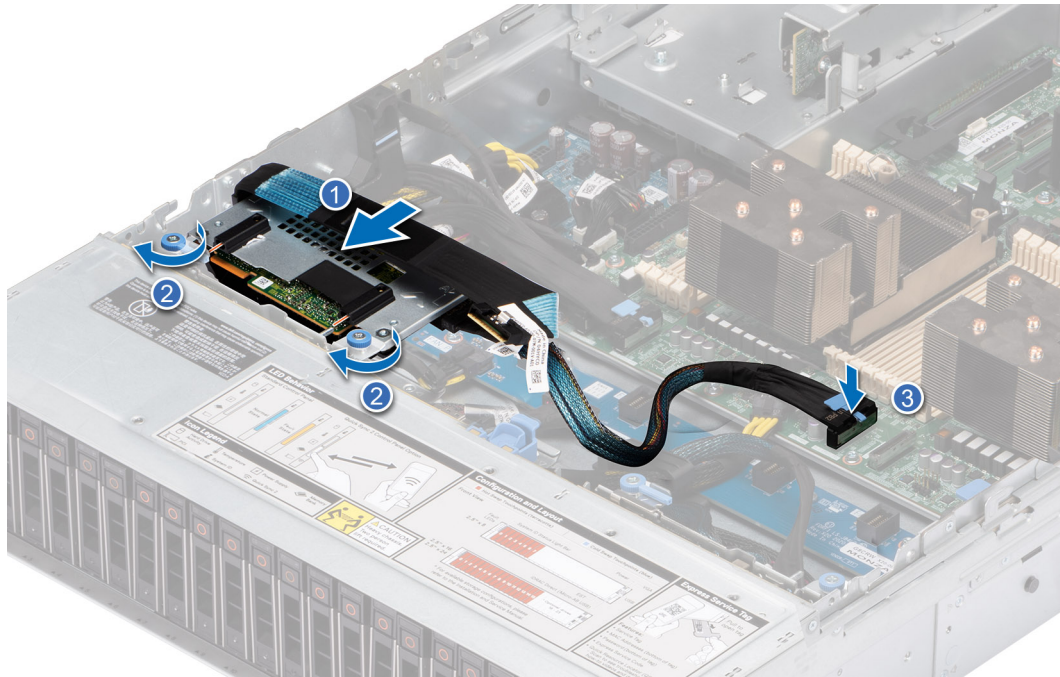
## Installing the rear mounting front PERC module

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the drive backplane cover](#).
4. If installed, [remove the air shroud](#).
5. [Remove the cooling fan cage](#).
6. Route the cable properly to prevent the cable from being pinched or crimped.

### Steps

1. Align the connectors on the front PERC module with the connectors on the drive backplane.
2. Slide the front PERC module until the module is connected to the drive backplane.
3. Using a Phillips #2 screwdriver, tighten the captive screws on the front PERC module.



**Figure 107. Installing the rear mounting front PERC module**

#### Next steps

1. Install the cooling fan cage.
2. If removed, install the air shroud.
3. Install the drive backplane cover.
4. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside the system](#).

## Removing the front mounting front PERC module

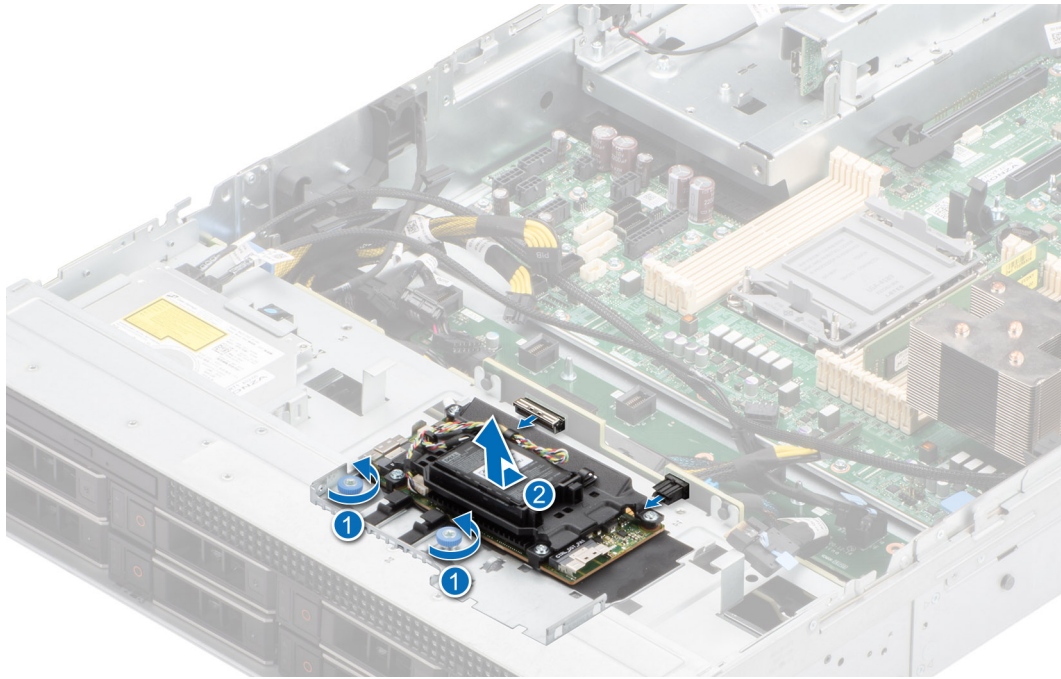
#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. Disconnect the cables that are connected to the PERC, observe the cable routing.

**i** **NOTE:** The front mounted front PERC module is only shipped with 8 x 3.5-inch SAS/SATA backplane configuration.

#### Steps

1. Using a Phillips #2 screwdriver, loosen the two captive screws on front mounted front PERC module.
2. Slide the front PERC module to disengage from the connector on the drive backplane.



**Figure 108. Removing the front mounting front PERC module**

### Next steps

Replace the front mounting front PERC module

## Installing the front mounting front PERC module

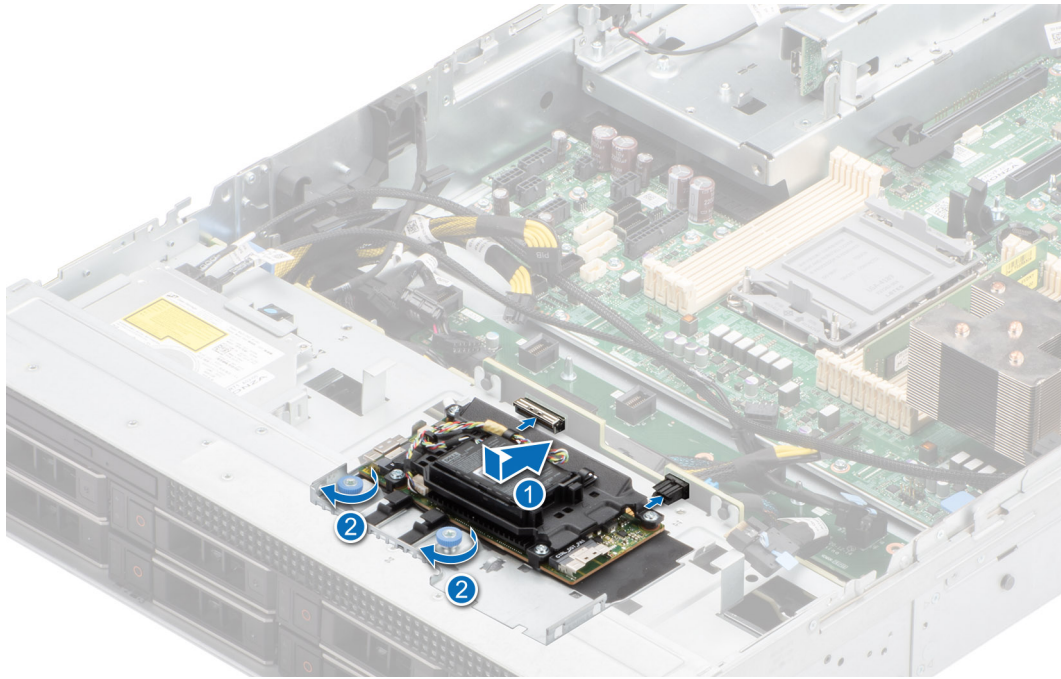
### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in [Before working inside your system](#).
3. Route the cable properly to prevent the cable from being pinched or crimped.

### Steps

1. Align the connectors on the front PERC module with the connectors on the drive backplane.
2. Slide the front PERC module until the module is connected to the drive backplane.
3. Using a Phillips #2 screwdriver, tighten the captive screws on the front PERC module.

**NOTE:** The front mounted front PERC module is only shipped with 8 x 3.5-inch backplane configuration.



**Figure 109. Installing the front mounting front PERC module**

#### Next steps

1. [Install the system cover.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside the system.](#)

## Rear drive module

This is a service technician replaceable part only.

## Removing the rear drive module

#### Prerequisites

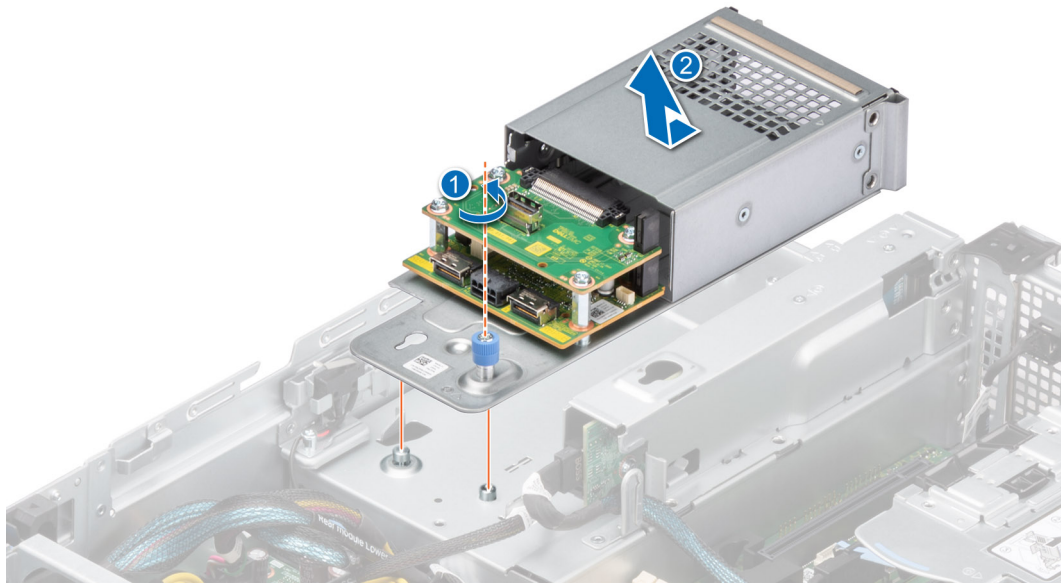
1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system.](#)
3. [Remove the air shroud.](#)
4. [Remove the cooling fan cage.](#)
5. Disconnect the signal and power cables connected to the rear drive module.

**NOTE:** The 2 x 2.5-inch rear drive module can be installed only with 12 x 3.5-inch backplane configuration system.

#### Steps

1. Loosen the captive screw using Phillips #2 screw driver.
2. Slide the rear drive towards the PIB to unlock it from the system.





**Figure 110. Removing the rear drive module**

#### **Next steps**

1. [Replace the rear drive module.](#)

## **Installing the rear drive module**

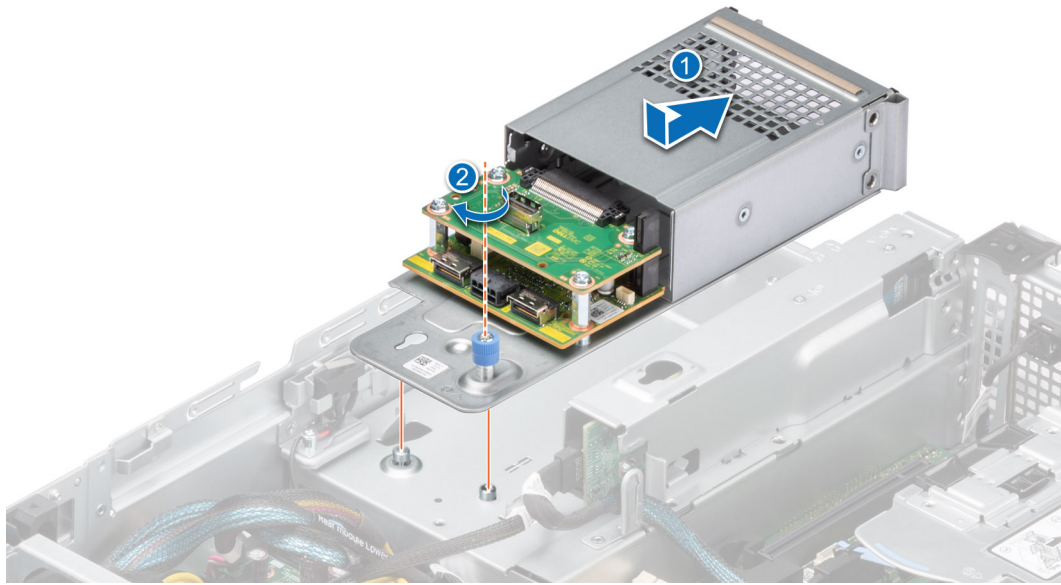
#### **Prerequisites**

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).

**i** **NOTE:** The 2 x 2.5-inch rear drive module can be installed only with 12 x 3.5-inch backplane configuration system.

#### **Steps**

1. Slide the rear drive module towards the rear of the system until it is locked after placing it inside the chassis.



**Figure 111. Installing the rear drive module**

2. Fasten the captive screw using the Phillips #2 screw driver.
3. Connect the power cable and signal cables to the rear drive module.

#### **Next steps**

1. If removed, [Install the cooling fan cage](#).
2. If removed, [install the air shroud](#).
3. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside the system](#).

## **Optional OCP card**

### **Removing the OCP shroud**

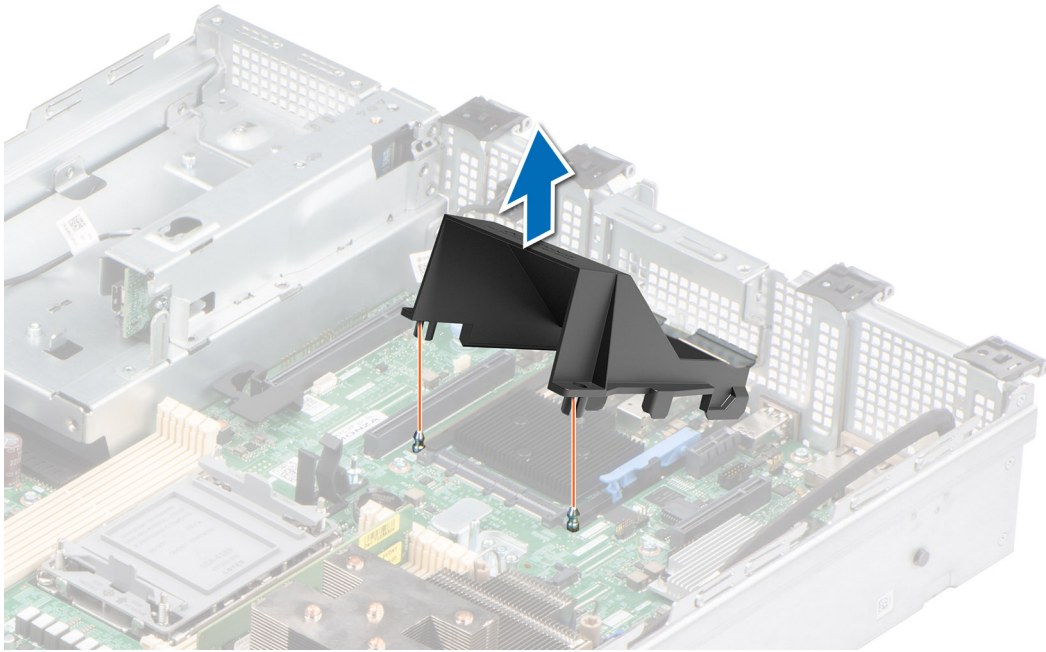
#### **Prerequisites**

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).

#### **Steps**

Hold the edges of the OCP shroud and lift the shroud at an angle out of the system.





**Figure 112. Removing the OCP shroud**

#### **Next steps**

Replace the OCP shroud.

## **Installing the OCP shroud**

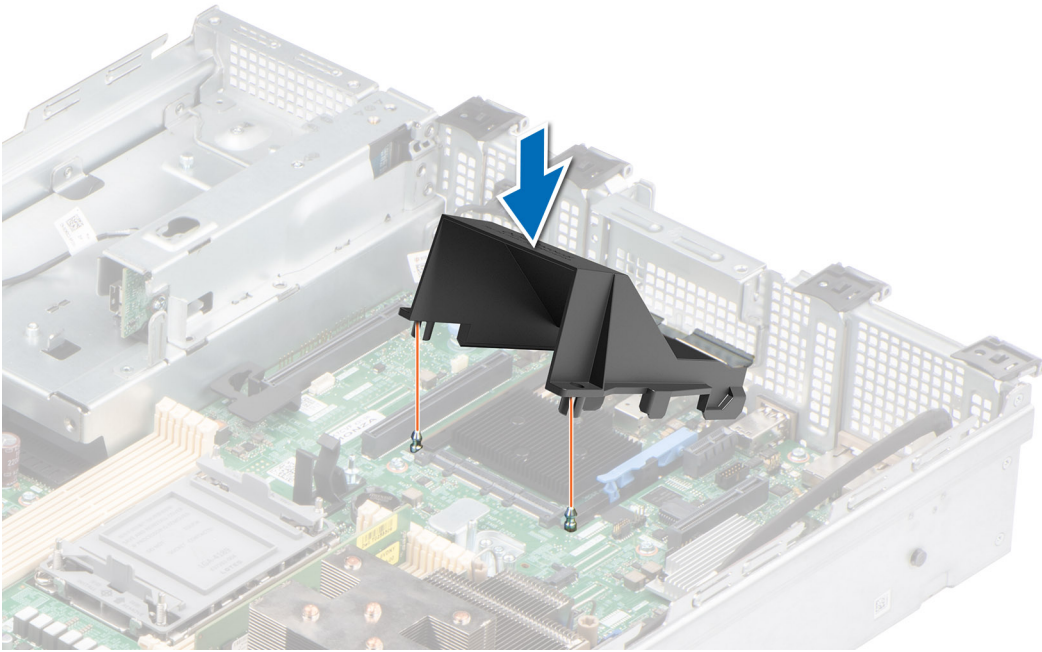
#### **Prerequisites**

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).

#### **Steps**

1. Place the OCP shroud at an angle and align the slot on the OCP shroud with the standoff on the system.
2. Lower and press the OCP shroud until it clicks into place.

**Figure 113. Installing the OCP shroud**



### Next steps

1. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside your system](#).

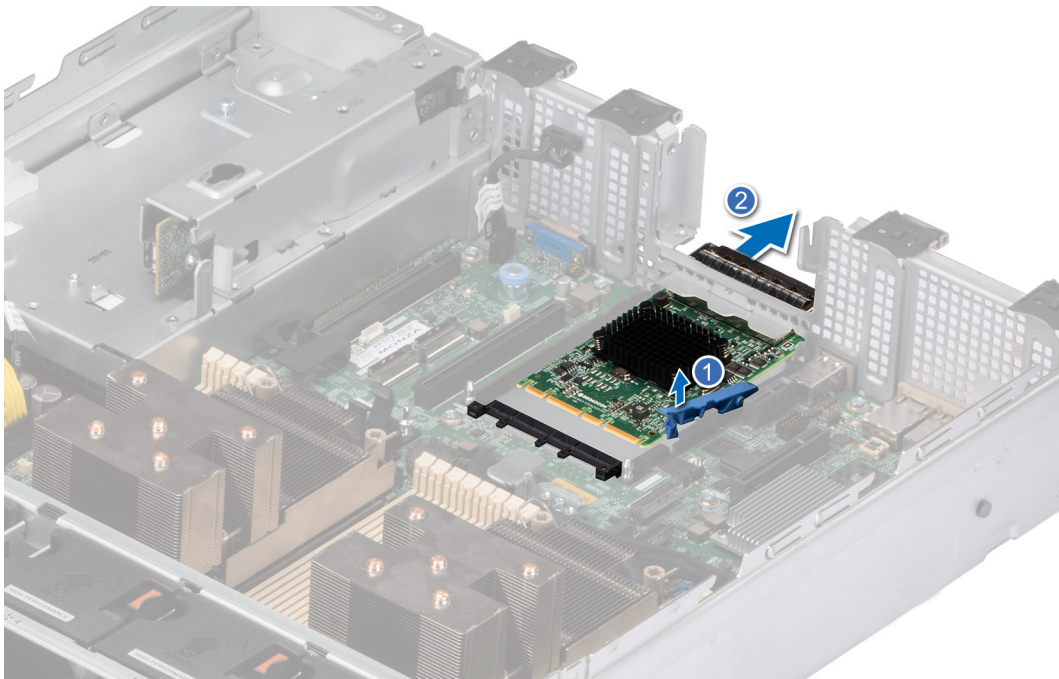
## Removing the OCP card

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. If installed, [remove the expansion card riser](#).

### Steps

1. Open the blue latch to unlock the OCP card.
2. Push the OCP card towards the rear end of the system to disconnect from the connector on the system board.
3. Slide the OCP card out of the slot on the system.



**Figure 114. Removing the OCP card**

### Next steps

Replace the OCP card.

## Installing the OCP card

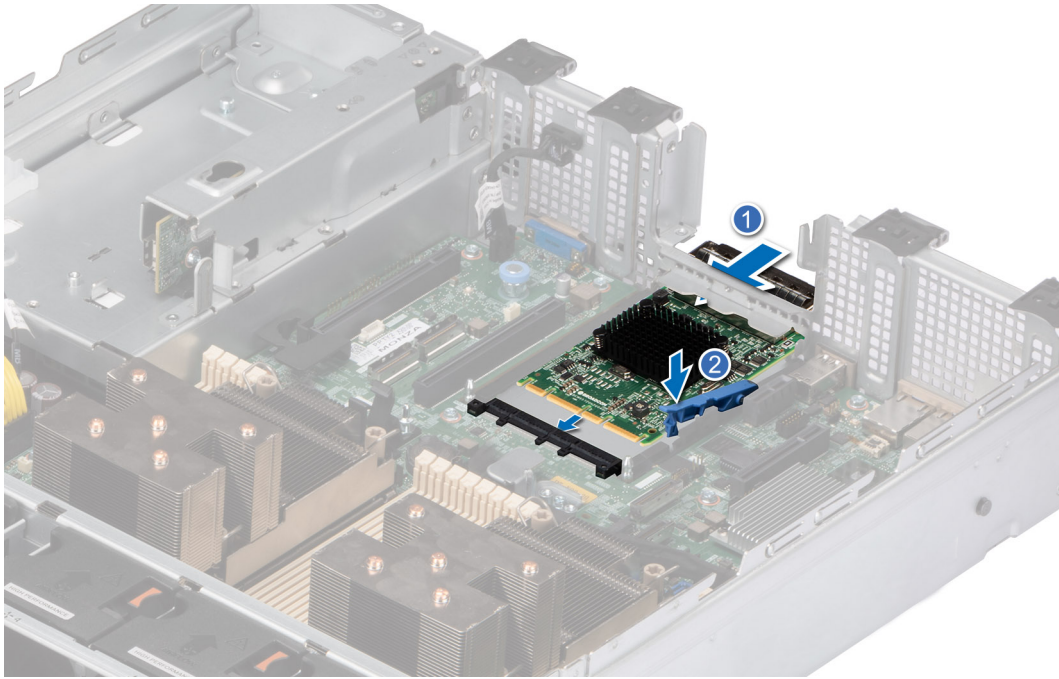
### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the expansion card riser](#).

### Steps

1. Open the blue latch on the system board.
2. Slide the OCP card into the slot in the system.
3. Push until the OCP card is connected to the connector on the system board.
4. Close the blue latch to lock the OCP card to the system.

**Figure 115. Installing the OCP card**



### Next steps

1. [Install the expansion card riser.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside the system.](#)

## System battery

This is a service technician replaceable part only.

## Replacing the system battery

### Prerequisites

**⚠ WARNING:** There is a danger of a new battery exploding if it is incorrectly installed. Replace the battery only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Discard used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions. See the Safety instructions that came with your system for more information.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system.](#)
3. [Remove the expansion card riser.](#)
4. If applicable, disconnect the power or data cables from the expansion card(s).

### Steps

1. To remove the battery:
  - a. Use a plastic scribe to pry out the system battery.



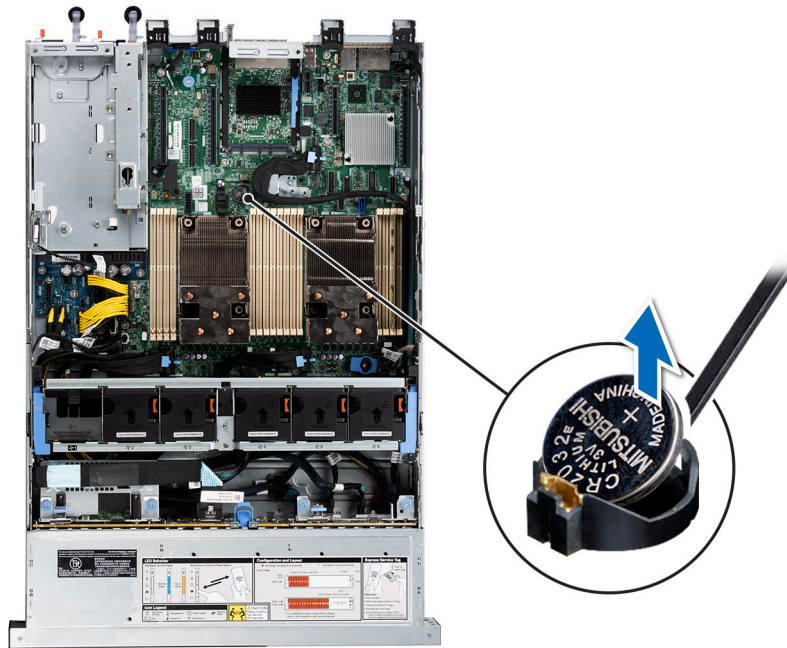


Figure 116. Removing the system battery

**CAUTION:** To avoid damage to the battery connector, you must firmly support the connector while installing or removing a battery.

2. To install a new system battery:
  - a. Hold the battery with the positive side facing up and slide it under the securing tabs.
  - b. Press the battery into the connector until it snaps into place.

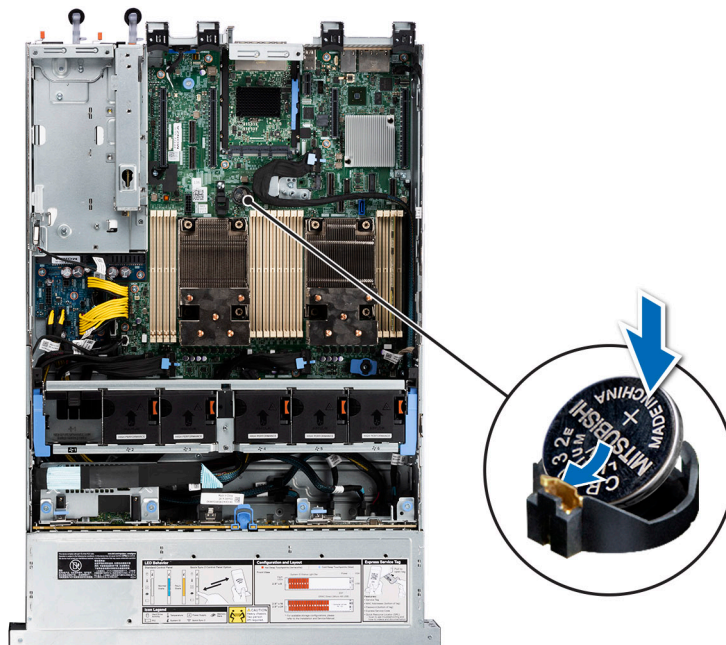


Figure 117. Installing the system battery

#### Next steps

1. If applicable, [install the expansion card riser](#) and connect the cables to the expansion card(s).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your system](#).

3. Confirm that the battery is operating properly, by performing the following steps:
  - a. Enter the System Setup, while booting, by pressing F2.
  - b. Enter the correct time and date in the System Setup **Time** and **Date** fields.
  - c. **Exit** the System Setup.
  - d. To test the newly installed battery, remove the system from the enclosure for at least an hour.
  - e. Reinstall the system into the enclosure after an hour.
  - f. Enter the System Setup and if the time and date are still incorrect, see [Getting help](#) section.

## Optional internal USB card

**NOTE:** To locate the internal USB port on the system board, see the [System board jumpers and connectors](#) section.

## Removing the internal USB key

### Prerequisites

**CAUTION:** To avoid interference with other components in the server, the maximum permissible dimensions of the USB memory key are 15.9 mm width x 57.15 mm length x 7.9 mm height.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).

### Steps

1. Holding the blue tag, lift the internal USB card to disconnect from the connector on the system board.
2. Remove the USB memory key from the internal USB card.

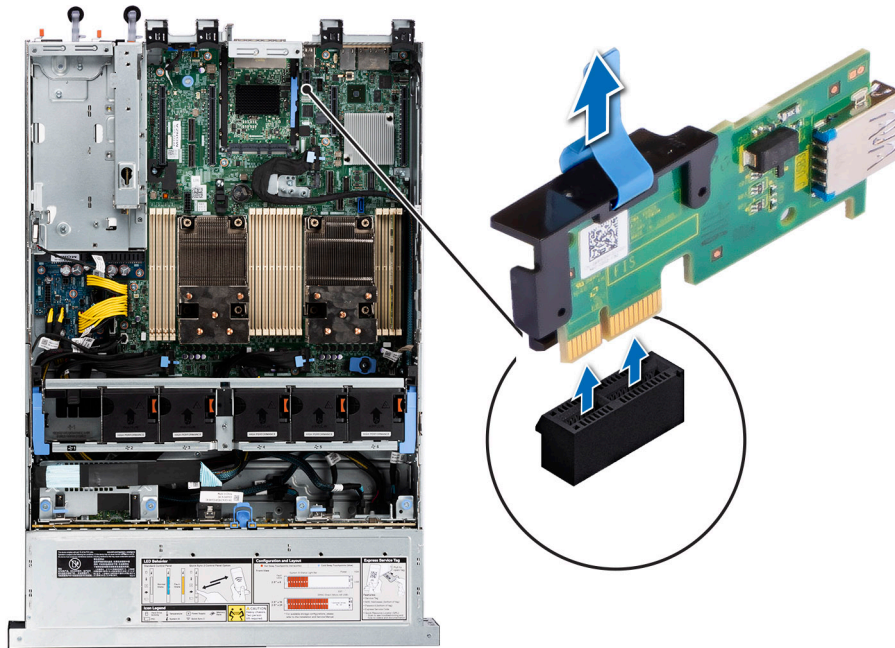


Figure 118. Removing the internal USB card

### Next steps

[Replace the internal USB card.](#)



# Installing the internal USB key

## Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).

## Steps

1. Connect the USB key to the internal USB card.
2. Align the internal USB card with the connector on the system board and press firmly until the internal USB card is seated.

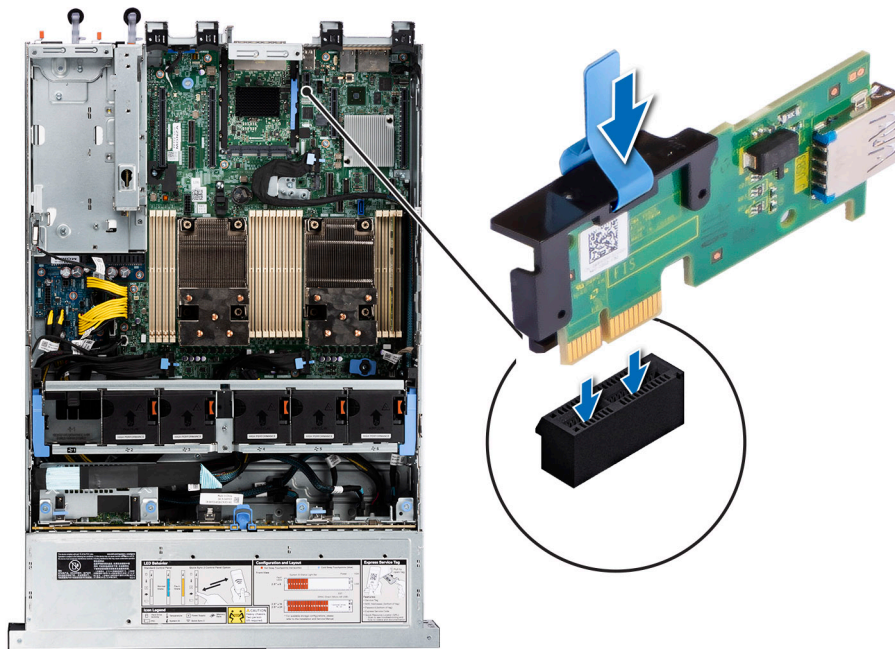


Figure 119. Installing the internal USB key

## Next steps

1. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside the system](#).
2. While booting, press F2 to enter **System Setup** and verify that the system detects the USB memory key.

# Power supply unit

**NOTE:** While replacing the hot swappable PSU, after next server boot; the new PSU automatically updates to the same firmware and configuration of the replaced one. For more information about the Part replacement configuration, see the *Lifecycle Controller User's Guide* at <https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals>

# Hot spare feature

Your system supports the hot spare feature that significantly reduces the power overhead associated with the power supply unit (PSU) redundancy.

When the hot spare feature is enabled, one of the redundant PSUs is switched to the sleep state. The active PSU supports 100 percent of the system load, thus operating at higher efficiency. The PSU in the sleep state monitors output voltage of the active PSU. If the output voltage of the active PSU drops, the PSU in the sleep state returns to an active output state.

If having both PSUs active is more efficient than having one PSU in the sleep state, the active PSU can also activate the sleeping PSU.

The default PSU settings are as follows:

- If the load on the active PSU is more than 50 percent of PSU rated power wattage, then the redundant PSU is switched to the active state.
- If the load on the active PSU falls below 20 percent of PSU rated power wattage, then the redundant PSU is switched to the sleep state.

You can configure the hot spare feature by using the iDRAC settings. For more information, see the *iDRAC User's Guide* available at [www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals](http://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals).

## Removing a power supply unit blank

### Prerequisites

Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).

### Steps

Pull the blank out of the system.

**CAUTION:** To ensure proper system cooling, the PSU blank must be installed in the second PSU bay in a non-redundant configuration. Remove the PSU blank only if you are installing a second PSU.

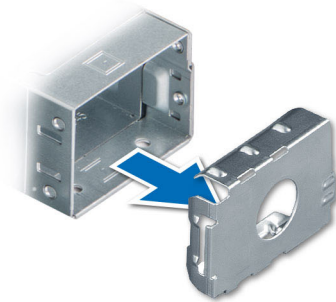


Figure 120. Removing a power supply unit blank

### Next steps

Replace the [PSU](#) or [PSU blank](#).

## Installing a power supply unit blank

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).  
**NOTE:** Install the power supply unit (PSU) blank only in the second PSU bay.
2. [Remove the PSU](#).

### Steps

Align the PSU blank with the PSU bay and push it into the PSU bay until it clicks into place.

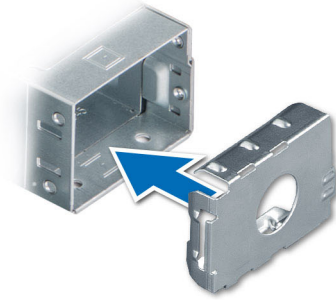


Figure 121. Installing a power supply unit blank

## Removing a power supply unit

### Prerequisites

**CAUTION:** The system requires one power supply unit (PSU) for normal operation. On power-redundant systems, remove and replace only one PSU at a time in a system that is powered on.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Disconnect the power cable from the power outlet and from the Power Supply Unit (PSU) you intend to remove.
3. Remove the cable from the strap on the PSU handle.
4. Unlatch and lift the optional cable management arm if it interferes with the PSU removal.

For information about the cable management arm, see the system's rack documentation at <https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals>.

### Steps

Press the orange release latch, and holding the PSU handle slide the PSU out of the PSU bay.



Figure 122. Removing a power supply unit

### Next steps

Replace the PSU or install the PSU blank.

# Installing a power supply unit

## Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. For systems that support redundant Power Supply Units (PSUs), ensure that both the PSUs are of the same type and have the same maximum output power.

**NOTE:** The maximum output power (shown in watts) is listed on the PSU label.

3. Remove the PSU blank.

## Steps

Slide the PSU into the PSU bay until the release latch snaps into place.

**NOTE:** The numbers on the image do not depict the exact steps. The numbers are for representation of sequence.



Figure 123. Installing a power supply unit

## Next steps

1. If you have unlatched the cable management arm, relatch it. For information about the cable management arm, see the system's rack documentation at <https://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals>.
2. Connect the power cable to the PSU, and plug the cable into a power outlet.

**CAUTION:** When connecting the power cable to the PSU, secure the cable to the PSU with the strap.

**NOTE:** When installing, hot swapping, or hot adding a new PSU, wait for 15 seconds for the system to recognize the PSU and determine its status. The PSU redundancy may not occur until discovery is complete. The PSU status indicator turns green to indicate that the PSU is functioning properly.

**NOTE:** For certain premium configurations with high power consumption, system PSU might stay with 2+0 mode only, 1+1 redundant mode is not available.

**NOTE:** While replacing the hot swappable PSU, after next server boot; the new PSU automatically updates to the same firmware and configuration of the replaced one. For more information about the Part replacement configuration, see the *Lifecycle Controller User's Guide* at <https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals>

# Power interposer board

This is a service technician replaceable part only.

## Removing the power interposer board

### Prerequisites

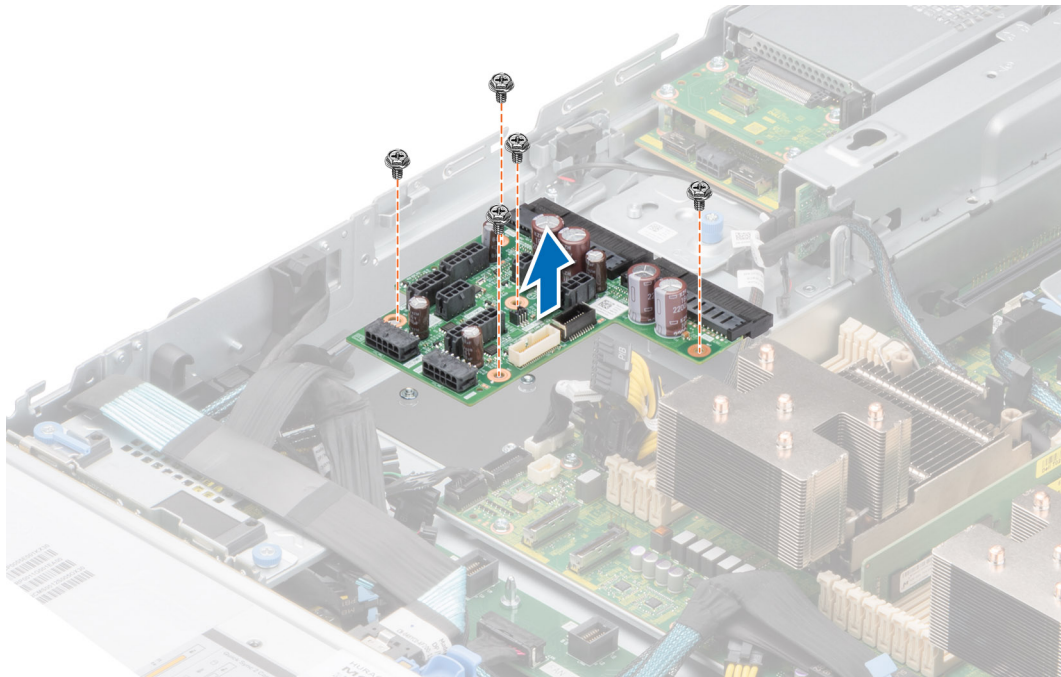
1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the air shroud](#).
4. Remove the [PSU](#).
5. Disconnect the cables that are connected to power interposer board (PIB).

### Steps

1. Using a Phillips #2 screwdriver, remove the screws securing the power interposer board (PIB) to the system.

**NOTE:** Observe the routing of the cable as you remove it from the system.

2. Lift the PIB away from the system.



**Figure 124. Removing the power interposer board**

### Next steps

[Replace the power interposer board.](#)

## Installing the power interposer board

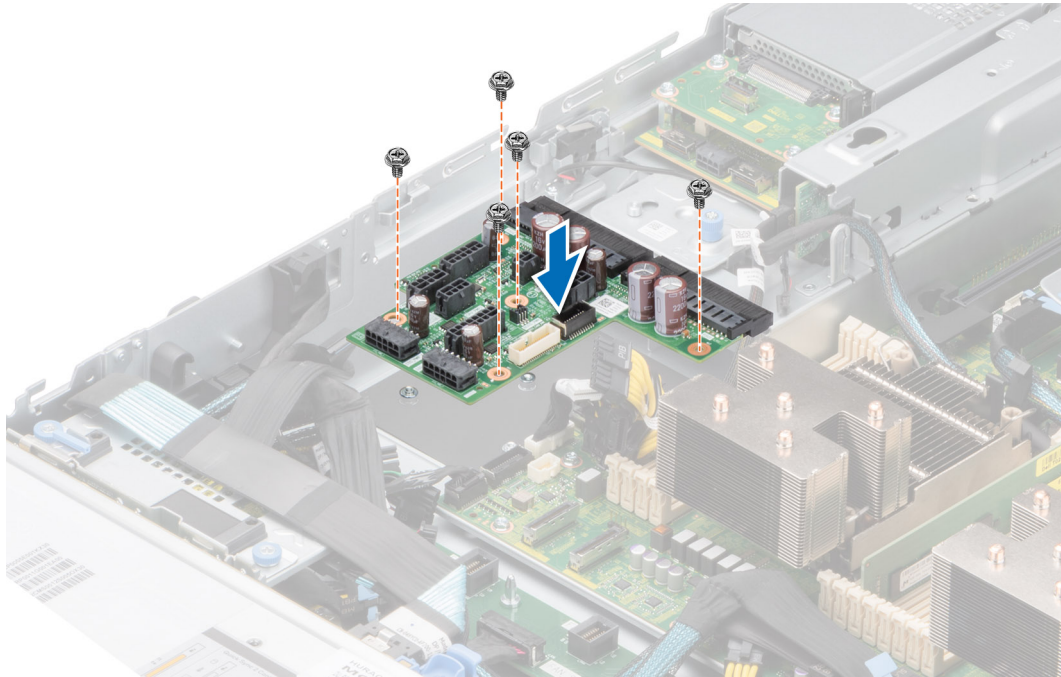
### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).



## Steps

1. Align the slots on the PIB with the hook on the system and slide it into place.
2. Using Phillips #2 screwdriver, tighten the screws to secure the PIB to the system.



**Figure 125. Installing the power interposer board**

3. Reconnect all the required cables.

## Next steps

1. [Install the PSU.](#)
2. [Install the air shroud.](#)
3. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside the system.](#)

# System board

This is a service technician replaceable part only.

## Removing the system board

### Prerequisites

**CAUTION:** If you are using the Trusted Platform Module (TPM) with an encryption key, you may be prompted to create a recovery key during program or System Setup. Be sure to create and safely store this recovery key. If you replace this system board, you must supply the recovery key when you restart your system or program before you can access the encrypted data on your drives.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system.](#)
3. Remove the following components:
  - a. [System cover](#)
  - b. [Air shroud](#)
  - c. [Cooling fan cage](#)
  - d. [Expansion cards](#)
  - e. [Expansion card risers](#)

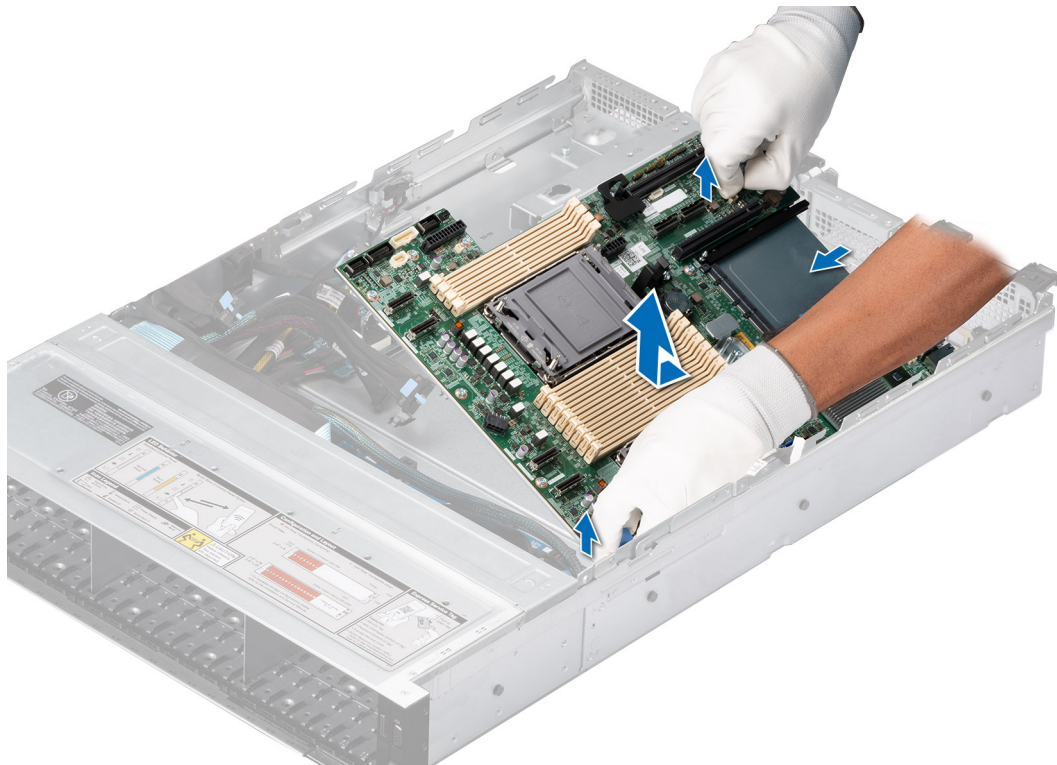


- f. Intrusion switch
- g. IDSDM module (if installed)
- h. Internal USB key (if installed)
- i. Processor heat sink module
- j. Memory modules
- k. OCP if installed
- l. Disconnect all cables from the system board.

**CAUTION:** Take care not to damage the system identification button while removing the system board from the system.

### Steps

1. Using the system board holder, slide the system board toward the front of the chassis.
2. Hold and pull the plunger that is located on system board and lift the system board out of the chassis leaning at an angle.



**Figure 126. Removing the system board**

### Next steps

Replace the system board.

## Installing the system board

### Prerequisites

**NOTE:** Before replacing the system board, replace the old iDRAC MAC address label in the Information tag with the iDRAC MAC address label of the replacement system board

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in [Before working inside your system](#).
3. If you are replacing the system board, remove all the components that are listed in the [removing the system board](#) section.

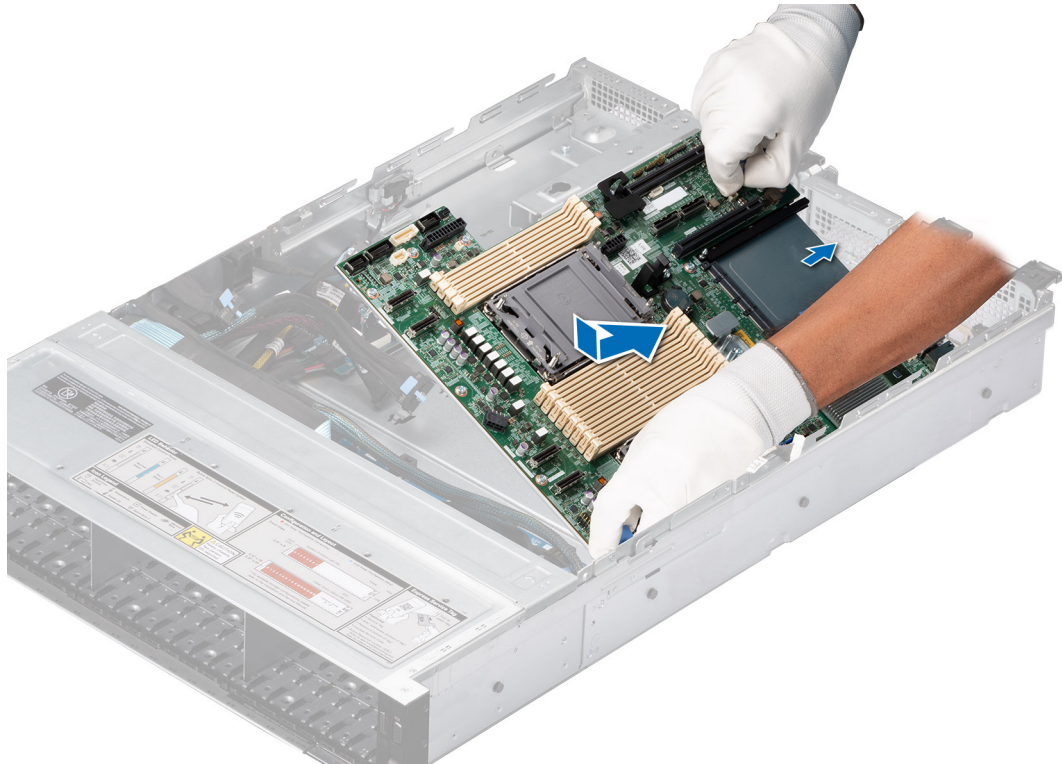
## Steps

1. Unpack the new system board assembly.

**CAUTION:** Do not lift the system board by holding a memory module, processor, or other components.

**CAUTION:** Take care not to damage the system identification button while placing the system board into the chassis.

2. Using the system board holder, lower the system board leaning at an angle into the system as shown in the image.
3. Slide the system board towards the rear of the chassis until the connectors are firmly seated in the slots.



**Figure 127. Installing the system board**

## Next steps

1. Replace the following components:

- a. Trusted Platform Module (TPM)

**NOTE:** The TPM Module must be replaced only while installing new system board.

- b. IDSDM module (if installed)
- c. Internal USB key (if installed)
- d. Intrusion switch
- e. Expansion cards
- f. Expansion card risers
- g. Cooling fan cage assembly
- h. Processor
- i. Heat sink
- j. Memory modules
- k. OCP
- l. Air shroud
- m. System cover

2. Reconnect all cables to the system board.

**NOTE:** Ensure that the cables inside the system are routed along the chassis wall and secured using the cable securing bracket.



3. Ensure that you perform the following steps:
  - a. Use the Easy Restore feature to restore the Service Tag. See the [Restoring the system by using the Easy Restore feature](#) section.
  - b. If the service tag is not backed up in the backup flash device, enter the system service tag manually. See the [Manually update the Service Tag by using System Setup](#) section.
  - c. Update the BIOS and iDRAC versions.  
Re-enable the Trusted Platform Module (TPM). See the [Upgrading the Trusted Platform Module](#) section.
4. If you are not using Easy restore, import your new or existing iDRAC Enterprise license. For more information, see the *iDRAC User's Guide* available at <https://www.dell.com/idracmanuals>.
5. Follow the procedure listed in [After working inside the system](#).

## Restoring the system using Easy Restore

The Easy Restore feature enables you to restore your service tag, license, UEFI configuration, and the system configuration data after replacing the system board. All data is backed up in a backup flash device automatically. If BIOS detects a new system board, and the service tag in the backup flash device, BIOS prompts the user to restore the backup information.

### About this task

Below is a list of options/steps available:

- Restore the service tag, license, and diagnostics information, press **Y**
- Navigate to the Lifecycle Controller based restore options, press **N**
- Restore data from a previously created **Hardware Server Profile**, press **F10**  
 **NOTE:** When the restore process is complete, BIOS prompts to restore the system configuration data.
- Restore data from a previously created **Hardware Server Profile**, press **F10**
- To restore the system configuration data, press **Y**
- To use the default configuration settings, press **N**
-  **NOTE:** After the restore process is complete, system reboots.


## Manually update the Service Tag

After replacing a system board, if Easy Restore fails, follow this process to manually enter the Service Tag, using **System Setup**.

### About this task

If you know the system service tag, use the **System Setup** menu to enter the service tag.

### Steps

1. Power on the system.
2. To enter the **System Setup**, press **F2**.
3. Click **Service Tag Settings**.
4. Enter the service tag.  
 **NOTE:** You can enter the service tag only when the **Service Tag** field is empty. Ensure that you enter the correct service tag. Once the service tag is entered, it cannot be updated or changed.
5. Click **OK**.

# Trusted Platform Module

This is a service technician replaceable part only.

## Upgrading the Trusted Platform Module

### Prerequisites

#### **NOTE:**

- Ensure that your operating system supports the version of the TPM module being installed.
- Ensure that you download and install the latest BIOS firmware on your system.
- Ensure that the BIOS is configured to enable UEFI boot mode.

**CAUTION:** After the TPM plug-in module is installed, it is cryptographically bound to that specific system board. When the system is powered on, any attempt to remove an installed TPM plug-in module breaks the cryptographic binding, and the removed TPM cannot be installed on another system board. Ensure any keys you have stored on the TPM have been securely transferred.

## Removing the TPM

### Steps

1. Locate the TPM connector on the system board.
2. Press to hold the module down and remove the screw using the security Torx 8-bit shipped with the TPM module.
3. Slide the TPM module out from its connector.
4. Push the plastic rivet away from the TPM connector and rotate it 90° counterclockwise to release it from the system board.
5. Pull the plastic rivet out of its slot on the system board.

## Installing the TPM

### Steps

1. To install the TPM, align the edge connectors on the TPM with the slot on the TPM connector.
2. Insert the TPM into the TPM connector such that the plastic rivet aligns with the slot on the system board.
3. Press the plastic rivet until the rivet snaps into place.
4. Replace the screw that secures the TPM to the system board.

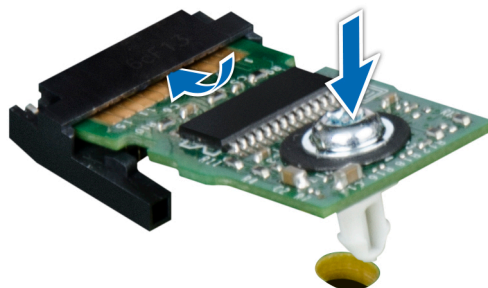


Figure 128. Installing the TPM

## Initializing TPM for users

### Steps

1. Initialize the TPM.  
For more information, see [Initializing the TPM for users](#).
2. The **TPM Status** changes to **Enabled, Activated**.

## Initializing the TPM 1.2 for users

### Steps

1. While booting your system, press F2 to enter System Setup.
2. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS > System Security Settings**.
3. From the **TPM Security** option, select **On with Preboot Measurements**.
4. From the **TPM Command** option, select **Activate**.
5. Save the settings.
6. Restart your system.

## Initializing the TPM 2.0 for users

### Steps

1. While booting your system, press F2 to enter System Setup.
2. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS > System Security Settings**.
3. From the **TPM Security** option, select **On**.
4. Save the settings.
5. Restart your system.

## Control panel


This is a service technician replaceable part only.

## Removing the left control panel

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the air shroud](#).
4. If applicable, [remove the drive backplane cover](#).
5. [Remove the cooling fan cage assembly](#).

### Steps

1. Disconnect the control panel cable from the system board connector.  
 **NOTE:** Observe the routing of the cable as you remove it from the system.
2. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver, remove the screws that secure the left control panel assembly to the system.
3. Hold the left control panel assembly and remove the control panel along with the cable from the system.

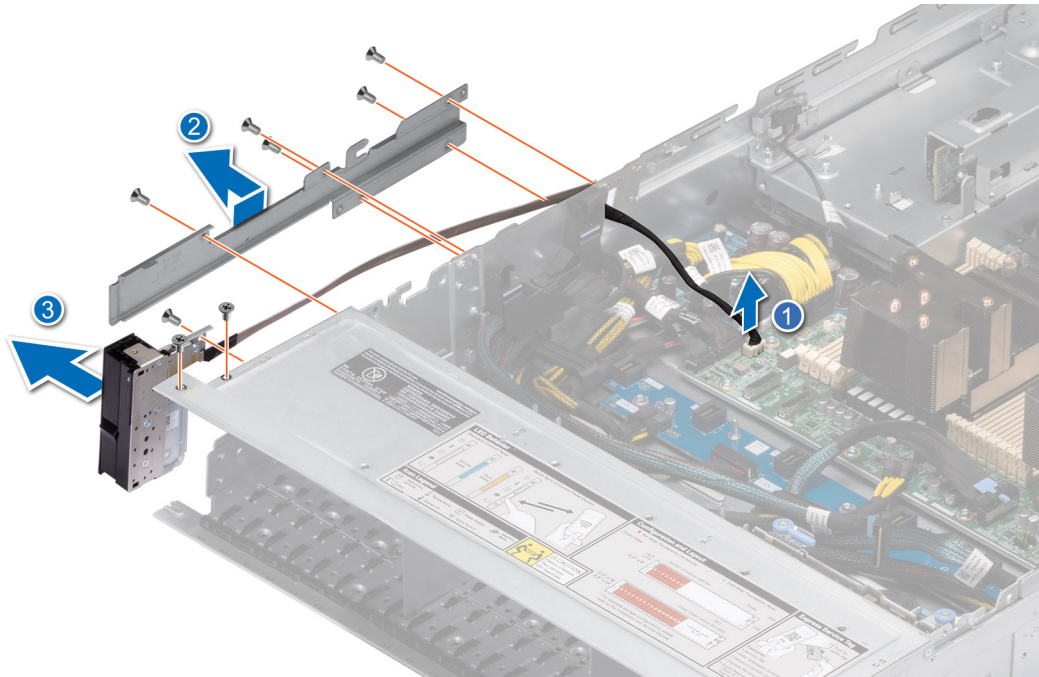


Figure 129. Removing the left control panel

### Next steps

Replace the left control panel.

## Installing the left control panel

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).

### Steps

1. Route the control panel cable and the VGA cable through the cable clip, the guide slots in the system and connector on system board.

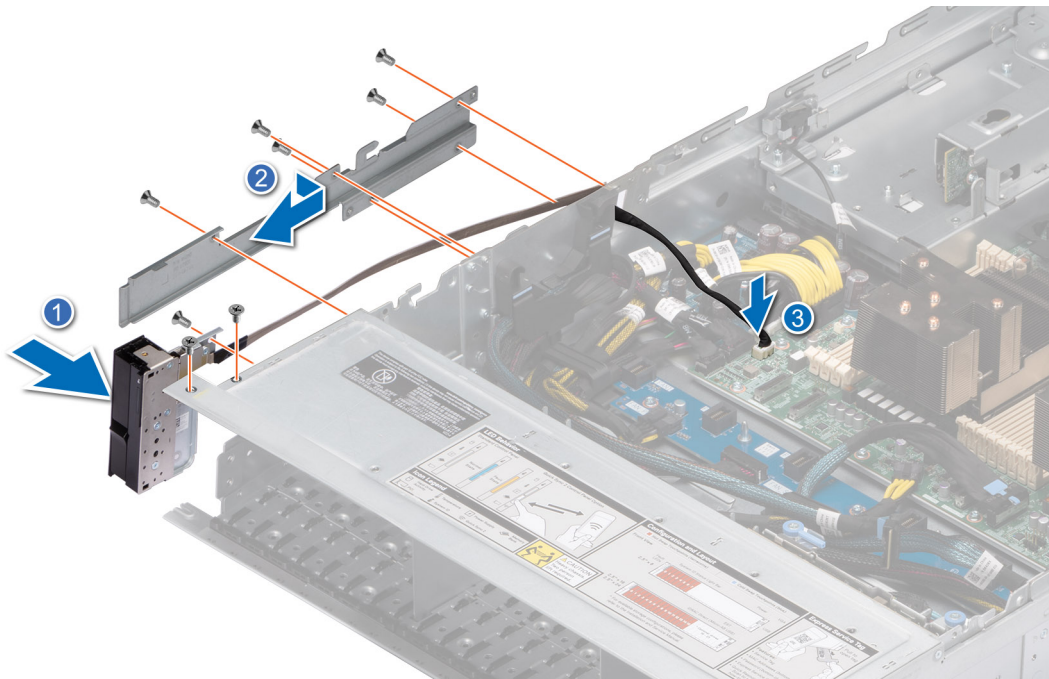
**i** **NOTE:** Route the cable properly to prevent the cable from being pinched or crimped.

2. Close and secure the cable guiding latch.
3. Align and insert the left control panel assembly in the slot on the system.
4. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver, tighten the screws that secure the left control panel assembly to the system.

**i** **NOTE:** The numbers on the image do not depict the exact steps. The numbers are for representation of sequence.

Figure 130. Installing the left control panel





### Next steps

1. Replace the cooling fan cage assembly.
2. Replace the air shroud.
3. Replace the drive backplane cover.
4. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your system](#).

## Removing the right control panel

### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).
3. [Remove the drive backplane cover](#).
4. [Remove the air shroud](#).

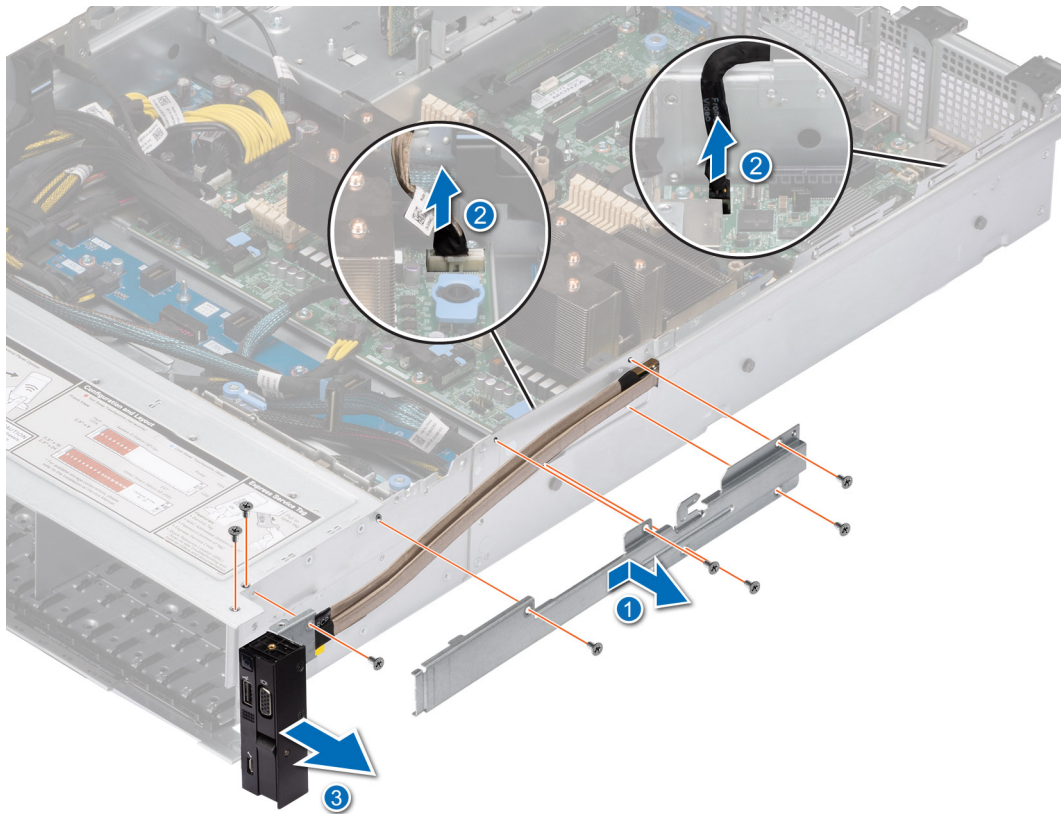
### Steps

1. Disconnect the control panel cable and the VGA cable from the system board connector and remove the cable from cable clip.

**NOTE:** Observe the routing of the cable as you remove it from the system.

2. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver, remove the screws that secure the right control panel assembly.
3. Hold the right control panel assembly and remove the control panel along with the cable from the system.

**NOTE:** The numbers on the image do not depict the exact steps. The numbers are for representation of sequence.



**Figure 131. Removing the right control panel**

#### Next steps

Replace the right control panel.

## Installing the right control panel

#### Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your system](#).

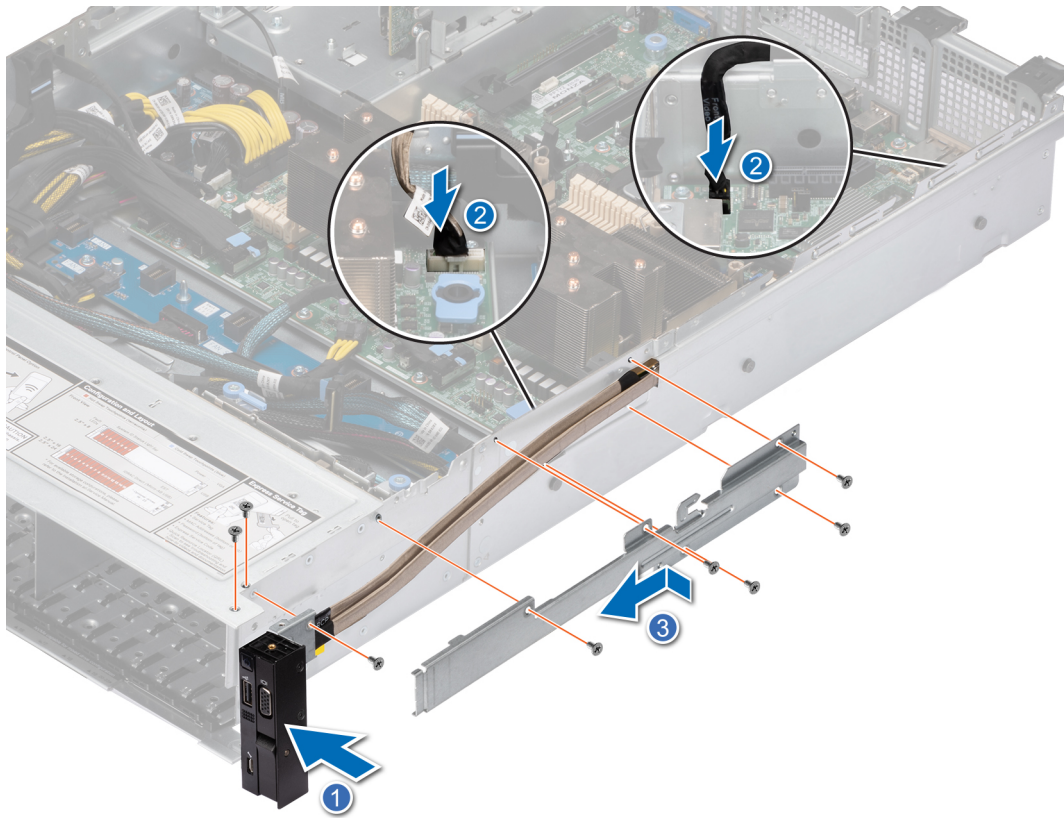
#### Steps

1. Route the control panel cable through the side wall of the system and slide the cable into the clip.

**i** **NOTE:** Route the cable properly to prevent the cable from being pinched or crimped.

2. Align and insert the right control panel in the slot on the system.
3. Connect the right control panel cable and the VGA cable to the connector on the system board.
4. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver, tighten the screws that secure the right control panel to the system.

**i** **NOTE:** The numbers on the image do not depict the exact steps. The numbers are for representation of sequence.



**Figure 132. Installing the right control panel**

**Next steps**

1. Install the air shroud.
2. Install the drive backplane cover.
3. Follow the procedure listed in the *After working inside your system.*

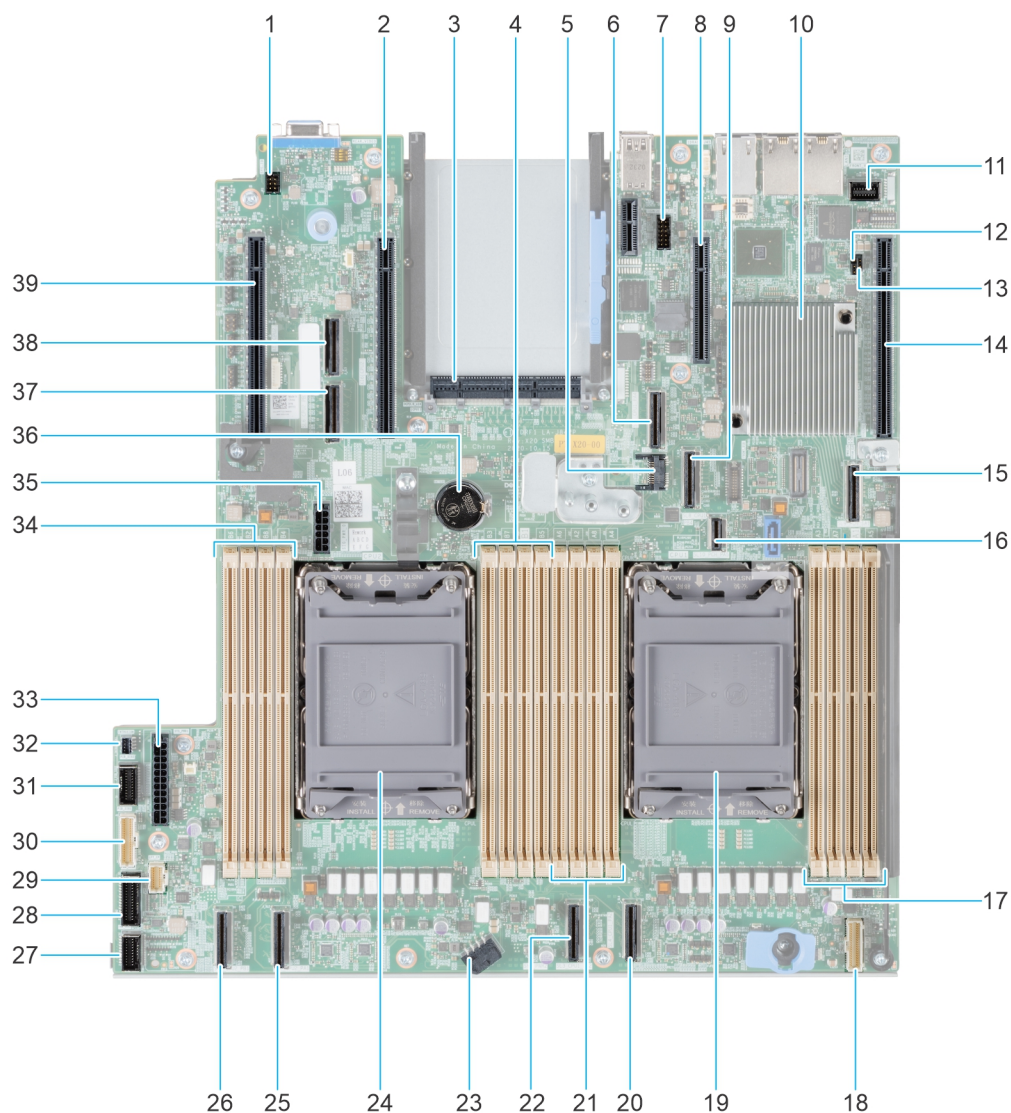
# Jumpers and connectors

This section provides essential and specific information about jumpers and switches. It also describes the connectors on the various boards in the system. Jumpers on the system board help to disable the system and reset the passwords. To install components and cables correctly, you must be able to identify the connectors on the system board.

## Topics:

- [System board connectors](#)
- [System board jumper settings](#)
- [Disabling a forgotten password](#)

## System board connectors



**Figure 133. System board jumpers and connectors**



**Table 35. System board jumpers and connectors**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Connector</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.	SYS_ID	System ID Connector
2.	x16 (CPU2)	PCIe slot 5 ( Processor 2)
3.	OCP 3.0 x16	OCP NIC 3.0 Connector
4.	B3, B7, B1, B5	DIMMs for processor 2 Channels E, F, G, H
5.	J_TPM	TPM Connector
6.	SL7_CPU1_PA4	PCIe cable connector 7 (Processor 1)
7.	REAR_SERIAL	Serial Port Connector
8.	x4 (PCH)	x4 PCIe slot 2 (PCH)
9.	SL8_CPU1_PB4	PCIe cable connector 8 (Processor 1)
10.	PCH	PCH
11.	FRONT_VIDEO	Front VGA
12.	PWRD_EN	PWRD_EN (Jumpers)
13.	NVRAM_CLR	NVRAM_CLR(Jumpers)
14.	x16 (CPU1)	x16 PCIe slot 1 (Processor 1)
15.	SL9_PCH_SA1	SATA Connector S9 (PCH)
16.	SL10_PCH_PA5	BOSS signal connector (PCH)
17.	A3, A7, A1, A5	DIMMs for processor 1 Channels A, B, C, D
18.	RGT_CP	Right Control Panel
19.	CPU 1	Processor 1
20.	SL4_CPU1_PA2	PCIe cable connector 4 (Processor 1)
21.	A6, A2, A8, A4	DIMMs for processor 1 Channels E, F, G, H
22.	SL3_CPU1_PB2	PCIe cable connector 3 (Processor 1)
23.	SYS_PWR2	System Power Connector 2
24.	CPU 2	Processor 2
25.	SL2_CPU2_PA1	PCIe cable connector 2 (Processor 2)
26.	SL1_CPU2_PB1	PCIe cable connector 1(Processor 2)
27.	FAN_SIG1	Fan Signal 1
28.	FAN_SIG2	Fan Signal 2
29.	LFT_CP	Left Control Panel
30.	PIB_SIG1	PIB Signal 1
31.	PIB_SIG2	PIB Signal 2
32.	INTRUSION	Intrusion Switch Connector
33.	SYS_PWR1	System Power Connector 1
34.	B6, B2, B8, B4	DIMMs for processor 2 Channels E, F, G, H
35.	SIG_PWR_0	Power connector for cable riser





**Table 35. System board jumpers and connectors (continued)**

Item	Connector	Description
36.	Coin cell battery	Coin cell battery
37.	SL6_CPU2_PB3	PCIe cable connector 6 (Processor 2)
38.	SL5_CPU2_PA3	PCIe cable connector 5 (Processor 2)
39.	X16 (CPU2)	x16 PCIe slot 6 ( Processor 2)

## System board jumper settings

For information about resetting the password jumper to disable a password, see the [Disabling a forgotten password](#) section.

**Table 36. System board jumper settings**

Jumper	Setting	Description
PWRD_EN	 2 4 6 (default)	The BIOS password feature is enabled.
		The BIOS password feature is disabled. The BIOS password is now disabled and you are not allowed to set a new password.
NVRAM_CLR	 1 3 5 (default)	The BIOS configuration settings are retained at system boot.
		The BIOS configuration settings are cleared at system boot.

**CAUTION:** Be careful when changing the BIOS settings. The BIOS interface is designed for advanced users. Any change in the setting could prevent your system from starting correctly and you might have potential loss of data.

## Disabling a forgotten password

The software security features of the system include a system password and a setup password. The password jumper enables or disables password features and clears any password(s) currently in use.

### Prerequisites

**CAUTION:** Many repairs may only be done by a certified service technician. You should only perform troubleshooting and simple repairs as authorized in your product documentation, or as directed by the online or telephone service and support team. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty. Read and follow the safety instructions that are shipped with your product.

### Steps

1. Power off the system and all attached peripherals. Disconnect the system from the electrical outlet, and disconnect the peripherals.
2. Remove the system cover.
3. Move the jumper on the system board from pins 2 and 4 to pins 4 and 6.
4. Replace the system cover.
  - NOTE:** The existing passwords are not disabled (erased) until the system boots with the jumper on pins 4 and 6. However, before you assign a new system and/or setup password, you must move the jumper back to pins 2 and 4.
  - NOTE:** If you assign a new system and/or setup password with the jumper on pins 4 and 6, the system disables the new password(s) the next time it boots.
5. Reconnect the peripherals and connect the system to the electrical outlet, and then power on the system.



6. Power off the system.
7. Remove the system cover.
8. Move the jumper on the system board from pins 4 and 6 to pins 2 and 4.
9. Replace the system cover.
10. Reconnect the peripherals and connect the system to the electrical outlet, and then power on the system.
11. Assign a new system and/or setup password.


# System diagnostics and indicator codes

This section describes the diagnostic indicators on the system front panel that displays the system status during system startup.

## Topics:

- Status LED indicators
- System health and system ID indicator codes
- iDRAC Quick Sync 2 indicator codes
- iDRAC Direct LED indicator codes
- LCD panel
- NIC indicator codes
- Power supply unit indicator codes
- Drive indicator codes
- Using system diagnostics

## Status LED indicators

 **NOTE:** The indicators display solid amber if any error occurs.

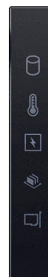







Figure 134. Status LED indicators

Table 37. Status LED indicators and descriptions

Icon	Description	Condition	Corrective action
	Drive indicator	The indicator turns solid amber if there is a drive error.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the System Event Log to determine if the drive has an error.</li> <li>• Run the appropriate Online Diagnostics test. Restart the system and run embedded diagnostics (ePSA).</li> <li>• If the drives are configured in a RAID array, restart the system, and enter the host adapter configuration utility program.</li> </ul>
	Temperature indicator	The indicator turns solid amber if the system experiences a thermal error (for example, the ambient temperature is out of range or there is a fan failure).	<p>Ensure that none of the following conditions exist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A cooling fan has been removed or has failed.</li> <li>• System cover, air shrouds, or back filler bracket has been removed.</li> <li>• Ambient temperature is too high.</li> <li>• External airflow is obstructed.</li> </ul> <p>If the problem persists, see the <a href="#">Getting help</a> section.</p>

**Table 37. Status LED indicators and descriptions (continued)**

Icon	Description	Condition	Corrective action
	Electrical indicator	The indicator turns solid amber if the system experiences an electrical error (for example, voltage out of range, or a failed power supply unit (PSU) or voltage regulator).	Check the System Event Log or system messages for the specific issue. If it is due to a problem with the PSU, check the LED on the PSU. Reseat the PSU.  If the problem persists, see the <a href="#">Getting help</a> section.
	Memory indicator	The indicator turns solid amber if a memory error occurs.	Check the System Event Log or system messages for the location of the failed memory. Reseat the memory module.  If the problem persists, see the <a href="#">Getting help</a> section.
	PCIe indicator	The indicator turns solid amber if a PCIe card experiences an error.	Restart the system. Update any required drivers for the PCIe card. Reinstall the card.  If the problem persists, see the <a href="#">Getting help</a> section.  <b>NOTE:</b> For more information about the supported PCIe cards, see the <a href="#">Expansion card installation guidelines</a> section.

## System health and system ID indicator codes

The system health and system ID indicator is located on the left control panel of the system.



**Figure 135. System health and system ID indicator**

**Table 38. System health and system ID indicator codes**

System health and system ID indicator code	Condition
Solid blue	Indicates that the system is powered on, is healthy, and system ID mode is not active. Press the system health and system ID button to switch to system ID mode.
Blinking blue	Indicates that the system ID mode is active. Press the system health and system ID button to switch to system health mode.
Solid amber	Indicates that the system is in fail-safe mode. If the problem persists, see the <a href="#">Getting help</a> section.
Blinking amber	Indicates that the system is experiencing a fault. Check the System Event Log for specific error messages. For information about the event and error messages generated by the system firmware and agents that monitor system components, go to <a href="http://qrl.dell.com">qrl.dell.com</a> > <b>Look Up</b> > <b>Error Code</b> , type the error code, and then click <b>Look it up</b> .

# iDRAC Quick Sync 2 indicator codes

iDRAC Quick Sync 2 module (optional) is located on the left control panel of the system.



**Table 39. iDRAC Quick Sync 2 indicators and descriptions**

iDRAC Quick Sync 2 indicator code	Condition	Corrective action
Off (default state)	Indicates that the iDRAC Quick Sync 2 feature is powered off. Press the iDRAC Quick Sync 2 button to power on the iDRAC Quick Sync 2 feature.	If the LED fails to power on, reseal the left control panel flex cable and check. If the problem persists, see the <a href="#">Getting help</a> section.
Solid white	Indicates that iDRAC Quick Sync 2 is ready to communicate. Press the iDRAC Quick Sync 2 button to power off.	If the LED fails to power off, restart the system. If the problem persists, see the <a href="#">Getting help</a> section.
Blinks white rapidly	Indicates data transfer activity.	If the indicator continues to blink indefinitely, see the <a href="#">Getting help</a> section.
Blinks white slowly	Indicates that firmware update is in progress.	If the indicator continues to blink indefinitely, see the <a href="#">Getting help</a> section.
Blinks white five times rapidly and then powers off	Indicates that the iDRAC Quick Sync 2 feature is disabled.	Check if iDRAC Quick Sync 2 feature is configured to be disabled by iDRAC. If the problem persists, see the <a href="#">Getting help</a> section. <a href="http://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals">www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals</a> or <i>Dell OpenManage Server Administrator User's Guide</i> at <a href="https://www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals">https://www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals</a> .
Solid amber	Indicates that the system is in fail-safe mode.	Restart the system. If the problem persists, see the <a href="#">Getting help</a> section.
Blinking amber	Indicates that the iDRAC Quick Sync 2 hardware is not responding properly.	Restart the system. If the problem persists, see the <a href="#">Getting help</a> section.

# iDRAC Direct LED indicator codes

The iDRAC Direct LED indicator lights up to indicate that the port is connected and is being used as a part of the iDRAC subsystem.

You can configure iDRAC Direct by using a USB to micro USB (type AB) cable, which you can connect to your laptop or tablet. Cable length should not exceed 3 feet (0.91 meters). Performance could be affected by cable quality. The following table describes iDRAC Direct activity when the iDRAC Direct port is active:

**Table 40. iDRAC Direct LED indicator codes**

iDRAC Direct LED indicator code	Condition
Solid green for two seconds	Indicates that the laptop or tablet is connected.
Blinking green (on for two seconds and off for two seconds)	Indicates that the laptop or tablet connected is recognized.

**Table 40. iDRAC Direct LED indicator codes (continued)**

iDRAC Direct LED indicator code	Condition
LED Indicator off	Indicates that the laptop or tablet is unplugged.

## LCD panel

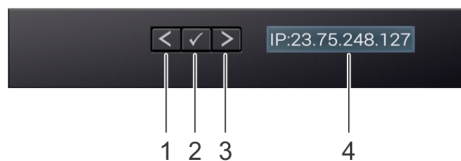
The LCD panel provides system information, status, and error messages to indicate if the system is functioning correctly or requires attention. The LCD panel is used to configure or view the iDRAC IP address of the system. For information about the event and error messages generated by the system firmware and agents that monitor system components, go to [qrl.dell.com](http://qrl.dell.com) >

**Look Up > Error Code**, type the error code, and then click **Look it up**.

The LCD panel is available only on the optional front bezel. The optional front bezel is hot pluggable.

The status and conditions of the LCD panel are outlined here:

- The LCD backlight is white during normal operating conditions.
- If there is an issue, the LCD backlight turns amber and displays an error code followed by descriptive text.
  - ⓘ **NOTE:** If the system is connected to a power source and an error is detected, the LCD turns amber regardless of whether the system is powered on or off.
- When the system powers off and there are no errors, the LCD enters the standby mode after five minutes of inactivity. Press any button on the LCD to power it on.
- If the LCD panel stops responding, remove the bezel and reinstall it.
  - If the problem persists, see [Getting help](#).
- The LCD backlight remains off if LCD messaging is powered off using the iDRAC utility, the LCD panel, or other tools.



**Figure 136. LCD panel features**




**Table 41. LCD panel features**

Item	Button or display	Description
1	Left	Moves the cursor back in one-step increments.
2	Select	Selects the menu item highlighted by the cursor.
3	Right	Moves the cursor forward in one-step increments. During message scrolling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Press and hold the right button to increase scrolling speed.</li> <li>• Release the button to stop.</li> </ul> ⓘ <b>NOTE:</b> The display stops scrolling when the button is released. After 45 seconds of inactivity, the display starts scrolling.
4	LCD display	Displays the system information, status, and error messages or iDRAC IP address.


## Viewing Home screen

The **Home** screen displays user-configurable information about the system. This screen is displayed during normal system operation when there are no status messages or errors. When the system turns off and there are no errors, LCD enters the standby mode after five minutes of inactivity. Press any button on the LCD to turn it on.

### Steps

1. To view the **Home** screen, press one of the three navigation buttons (Select, Left, or Right).
2. To navigate to the **Home** screen from another menu, complete the following steps:
  - a. Press and hold the navigation button till the up arrow  is displayed.
  - b. Navigate to the **Home** icon  using the up arrow .
  - c. Select the **Home** icon.
  - d. On the **Home** screen, press the **Select** button to enter the main menu.


## Setup menu

 **NOTE:** When you select an option in the Setup menu, you must confirm the option before proceeding to the next action.

**Table 42. Setup menu**

Option	Description
iDRAC	Select <b>DHCP</b> or <b>Static IP</b> to configure the network mode. If <b>Static IP</b> is selected, the available fields are <b>IP</b> , <b>Subnet (Sub)</b> , and <b>Gateway (Gtw)</b> . Select <b>Setup DNS</b> to enable DNS and to view domain addresses. Two separate DNS entries are available.
Set error	Select <b>SEL</b> to view LCD error messages in a format that matches the IPMI description in the SEL. This enables you to match an LCD message with an SEL entry. Select <b>Simple</b> to view LCD error messages in a simplified user-friendly description. For information about the event and error messages generated by the system firmware and agents that monitor system components, go to <a href="http://qrl.dell.com">qrl.dell.com</a> > <b>Look Up</b> > <b>Error Code</b> , type the error code, and then click <b>Look it up</b> ..
Set home	Select the default information to be displayed on the <b>Home</b> screen. See <a href="#">View menu</a> section for the options and option items that can be set as the default on the <b>Home</b> screen.

## View menu

 **NOTE:** When you select an option in the View menu, you must confirm the option before proceeding to the next action.

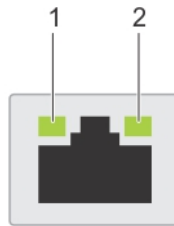
**Table 43. View menu**

Option	Description
iDRAC IP	Displays the <b>IPv4</b> or <b>IPv6</b> addresses for iDRAC9. Addresses include <b>DNS (Primary and Secondary)</b> , <b>Gateway, IP</b> , and <b>Subnet</b> (IPv6 does not have Subnet).
MAC	Displays the MAC addresses for <b>iDRAC</b> , <b>iSCSI</b> , or <b>Network</b> devices.
Name	Displays the name of the <b>Host</b> , <b>Model</b> , or <b>User String</b> for the system.
Number	Displays the <b>Asset tag</b> or the <b>Service tag</b> for the system.
Power	Displays the power output of the system in BTU/hr or Watts. The display format can be configured in the <b>Set home</b> submenu of the <b>Setup</b> menu.
Temperature	Displays the temperature of the system in Celsius or Fahrenheit. The display format can be configured in the <b>Set home</b> submenu of the <b>Setup</b> menu.



## NIC indicator codes

Each NIC on the back of the system has indicators that provide information about the activity and link status. The activity LED indicator indicates if data is flowing through the NIC, and the link LED indicator indicates the speed of the connected network.



**Figure 137. NIC indicator codes**

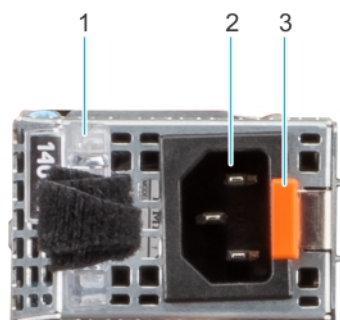
1. Link LED indicator
2. Activity LED indicator

**Table 44. NIC indicator codes**

NIC indicator codes	Condition
Link and activity indicators are off.	Indicates that the NIC is not connected to the network.
Link indicator is green, and activity indicator is blinking green.	Indicates that the NIC is connected to a valid network at its maximum port speed, and data is being sent or received.
Link indicator is amber, and activity indicator is blinking green.	Indicates that the NIC is connected to a valid network at less than its maximum port speed, and data is being sent or received.
Link indicator is green, and activity indicator is off.	Indicates that the NIC is connected to a valid network at its maximum port speed, and data is not being sent or received.
Link indicator is amber, and activity indicator is off.	Indicates that the NIC is connected to a valid network at less than its maximum port speed, and data is not being sent or received.
Link indicator is blinking green, and activity is off.	Indicates that the NIC identity is enabled through the NIC configuration utility.

## Power supply unit indicator codes






AC and DC power supply units (PSUs) have an illuminated translucent handle that serves as an indicator. The indicator shows if power is present or if a power fault has occurred.




**Figure 138. AC PSU status indicator**

1. AC PSU handle
2. Socket
3. Release latch

**Table 45. AC PSU status indicator codes**

Power indicator codes	Condition
Green	Indicates that a valid power source is connected to the PSU and the PSU is operational.
Blinking amber	Indicates an issue with the PSU.
Not powered on	Indicates that the power is not connected to the PSU.
Blinking green	Indicates that the firmware of the PSU is being updated.  <b>CAUTION: Do not disconnect the power cord or unplug the PSU when updating firmware. If firmware update is interrupted, the PSUs will not function.</b>
Blinking green and powers off	When hot-plugging a PSU, it blinks green five times at a rate of 4 Hz and powers off. This indicates a PSU mismatch due to efficiency, feature set, health status, or supported voltage.  <b>CAUTION: If two PSUs are installed, both the PSUs must have the same type of label; for example, Extended Power Performance (EPP) label. Mixing PSUs from previous generations of PowerEdge servers is not supported, even if the PSUs have the same power rating. This results in a PSU mismatch condition or failure to power on the system.</b>  <b>CAUTION: If two PSUs are used, they must be of the same type and have the same maximum output power.</b>  <b>CAUTION: When correcting a PSU mismatch, replace the PSU with the blinking indicator. Swapping the PSU to make a matched pair can result in an error condition and an unexpected system shutdown. To change from a high output configuration to a low output configuration or vice versa, you must power off the system.</b>  <b>CAUTION: AC PSUs support both 240 V and 120 V input voltages with the exception of Titanium PSUs, which support only 240 V. When two identical PSUs receive different input voltages, they can output different wattages, and trigger a mismatch.</b>

**Table 46. DC PSU status indicator codes**

Power indicator codes	Condition
Green	Indicates that a valid power source is connected to the PSU, and the PSU is operational.
Blinking amber	Indicates an issue with the PSU.
Not powered on	Indicates that the power is not connected to the PSU.
Blinking green	When hot-plugging a PSU, it blinks green five times at a rate of 4 Hz and powers off. This indicates a PSU mismatch due to efficiency, feature set, health status, or supported voltage.  <b>CAUTION: If two PSUs are installed, both the PSUs must have the same type of label; for example, Extended Power Performance (EPP) label. Mixing PSUs from previous generations of PowerEdge servers is not supported, even if the PSUs have the</b>

**Table 46. DC PSU status indicator codes (continued)**

Power indicator codes	Condition
	<p>same power rating. This results in a PSU mismatch condition, or failure to power on the system.</p> <p>⚠ <b>CAUTION:</b> If two PSUs are used, they must be of the same type and have the same maximum output power.</p> <p>⚠ <b>CAUTION:</b> When correcting a PSU mismatch, replace the PSU with the blinking indicator. Swapping the PSU to make a matched pair can result in an error condition and an unexpected system shutdown. To change from a High Output configuration to a Low Output configuration or conversely, you must power off the system.</p> <p>⚠ <b>CAUTION:</b> Combining AC and DC PSUs is not supported.</p>

## Drive indicator codes

The LEDs on the drive carrier indicate the state of each drive. Each drive carrier has two LEDs: an activity LED (green) and a status LED (bicolor, green/amber). The activity LED blinks whenever the drive is accessed.



**Figure 139. Drive indicators on the drive and the mid drive tray backplane**

1. Drive activity LED indicator
2. Drive status LED indicator
3. Drive capacity label



**Figure 140. Drive indicators**

1. Drive activity LED indicator

2. Drive status LED indicator
3. Drive capacity label

**NOTE:** If the drive is in the Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI) mode, the status LED indicator does not power on.

**NOTE:** Drive status indicator behavior is managed by Storage Spaces Direct. Not all drive status indicators may be used.

**Table 47. Drive indicator codes**

Drive status indicator code	Condition
Blinks green twice per second	Indicates that the drive is being identified or preparing for removal.
Off	Indicates that the drive is ready for removal. <b>NOTE:</b> The drive status indicator remains off until all drives are initialized after the system is powered on. Drives are not ready for removal during this time.
Blinks green, amber, and then powers off	Indicates that there is an unexpected drive failure.
Blinks amber four times per second	Indicates that the drive has failed.
Blinks green slowly	Indicates that the drive is rebuilding.
Solid green	Indicates that the drive is online.
Blinks green for three seconds, amber for three seconds, and then powers off after six seconds	Indicates that the rebuild has stopped.

## Using system diagnostics

If you experience an issue with the system, run the system diagnostics before contacting Dell for technical assistance. The purpose of running system diagnostics is to test the system hardware without using additional equipment or risking data loss. If you are unable to fix the issue yourself, service and support personnel can use the diagnostics results to help you solve the issue.

## Dell Embedded System Diagnostics

**NOTE:** The Dell Embedded System Diagnostics is also known as Enhanced Pre-boot System Assessment (ePSA) diagnostics.

The Embedded System Diagnostics provide a set of options for particular device groups or devices allowing you to:

- Run tests automatically or in an interactive mode
- Repeat tests
- Display or save test results
- Run thorough tests to introduce additional test options to provide extra information about the failed device(s)
- View status messages that inform you if tests are completed successfully
- View error messages that inform you of issues encountered during testing

## Running the Embedded System Diagnostics from the Dell Lifecycle Controller

### Steps

1. When the system is booting, press F10.
2. Select **Hardware Diagnostics** → **Run Hardware Diagnostics**.  
The **ePSA Pre-boot System Assessment** window is displayed, listing all devices detected in the system. The diagnostics start executing the tests on all the detected devices.

# Running the Embedded System Diagnostics from Boot Manager

Run the Embedded System Diagnostics (ePSA) if your system does not boot.

### Steps

1. When the system is booting, press F11.
2. Use the up arrow and down arrow keys to select **System Utilities > Launch Diagnostics**.
3. Alternatively, when the system is booting, press F10, select **Hardware Diagnostics > Run Hardware Diagnostics**.  
The **ePSA Pre-boot System Assessment** window is displayed, listing all devices detected in the system. The diagnostics starts executing the tests on all the detected devices.

## System diagnostic controls

Table 48. System diagnostic controls

Menu	Description
<b>Configuration</b>	Displays the configuration and status information of all detected devices.
<b>Results</b>	Displays the results of all tests that are run.
<b>System health</b>	Provides the current overview of the system performance.
<b>Event log</b>	Displays a time-stamped log of the results of all tests run on the system. This is displayed if at least one event description is recorded.

# Getting help

## Topics:

- [Recycling or End-of-Life service information](#)
- [Contacting Dell Technologies](#)
- [Accessing system information by using QRL](#)
- [Receiving automated support with SupportAssist](#)

## Recycling or End-of-Life service information

Take back and recycling services are offered for this product in certain countries. If you want to dispose of system components, visit [www.dell.com/recyclingworldwide](http://www.dell.com/recyclingworldwide) and select the relevant country.

## Contacting Dell Technologies

Dell provides online and telephone based support and service options. If you do not have an active internet connection, you can find Dell contact information on your purchase invoice, packing slip, bill or Dell product catalog. The availability of services varies depending on the country and product, and some services may not be available in your area. To contact Dell for sales, technical assistance, or customer service issues follow these steps:

### Steps

1. Go to [www.dell.com/support/home](http://www.dell.com/support/home).
2. Select your country from the drop-down menu on the lower right corner of the page.
3. For customized support:
  - a. Enter the system Service Tag in the **Enter a Service Tag, Serial Number, Service Request, Model, or Keyword** field.
  - b. Click **Search**.  
The support page that lists the various support categories is displayed.
4. For general support:
  - a. Select your product category.
  - b. Select your product segment.
  - c. Select your product.  
The support page that lists the various support categories is displayed.
5. For contact details of Dell Global Technical Support:
  - a. Click [Contact Technical Support](#).
  - b. The **Contact Technical Support** page is displayed with details to call, chat, or e-mail the Dell Global Technical Support team.

## Accessing system information by using QRL

You can use the Quick Resource Locator (QRL) located on the information tag in the front of the R750xs system, to access information about Dell EMC PowerEdge R750xs. There is also another QRL for accessing product information located on the back of the system cover.

### Prerequisites

Ensure that your smartphone or tablet has a QR code scanner installed.



The QRL includes the following information about your system:

- How-to videos
- Reference materials, including the Installation and Service Manual, LCD diagnostics, and mechanical overview
- The system service tag to quickly access the specific hardware configuration and warranty information
- A direct link to Dell to contact technical assistance and sales teams

### Steps

1. Go to [www.dell.com/qrl](http://www.dell.com/qrl), and navigate to your specific product or
2. Use your smart phone or tablet to scan the model-specific Quick Resource (QR) code on your system or in the Quick Resource Locator section.

## Quick Resource Locator for PowerEdge R750xs system



Figure 141. Quick Resource Locator for PowerEdge R750xs system

## Receiving automated support with SupportAssist

Dell EMC SupportAssist is an optional Dell EMC Services offering that automates technical support for your Dell EMC server, storage, and networking devices. By installing and setting up a SupportAssist application in your IT environment, you can receive the following benefits:


- Automated issue detection — SupportAssist monitors your Dell EMC devices and automatically detects hardware issues, both proactively and predictively.
- Automated case creation — When an issue is detected, SupportAssist automatically opens a support case with Dell EMC Technical Support.
- Automated diagnostic collection — SupportAssist automatically collects system state information from your devices and uploads it securely to Dell EMC. This information is used by Dell EMC Technical Support to troubleshoot the issue.
- Proactive contact — A Dell EMC Technical Support agent contacts you about the support case and helps you resolve the issue.

The available benefits vary depending on the Dell EMC Service entitlement purchased for your device. For more information about SupportAssist, go to [www.dell.com/supportassist](http://www.dell.com/supportassist).

## Documentation resources

This section provides information about the documentation resources for your system.

To view the document that is listed in the documentation resources table:

- From the Dell EMC support site:
  1. Click the documentation link that is provided in the Location column in the table.
  2. Click the required product or product version.
-  **NOTE:** To locate the model number, see the front of your system.
- 3. On the Product Support page, click **Documentation**.
- Using search engines:
  - Type the name and version of the document in the search box.

**Table 49. Additional documentation resources for your system**

Task	Document	Location
Setting up your system	<p>For more information about installing and securing the system into a rack, see the Rail Installation Guide included with your rail solution.</p> <p>For information about setting up your system, see the <i>Getting Started Guide</i> document that is shipped with your system.</p>	<a href="http://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals">www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals</a>
Configuring your system	<p>For information about the iDRAC features, configuring and logging in to iDRAC, and managing your system remotely, see the Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide.</p> <p>For information about understanding Remote Access Controller Admin (RACADM) subcommands and supported RACADM interfaces, see the RACADM CLI Guide for iDRAC.</p> <p>For information about Redfish and its protocol, supported schema, and Redfish Eventing implemented in iDRAC, see the Redfish API Guide.</p> <p>For information about iDRAC property database group and object descriptions, see the Attribute Registry Guide.</p> <p>For information about Intel QuickAssist Technology, see the Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide.</p>	<a href="http://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals">www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals</a>
	<p>For information about earlier versions of the iDRAC documents.</p> <p>To identify the version of iDRAC available on your system, on the iDRAC web interface, click <b>? &gt; About</b>.</p>	<a href="http://www.dell.com/idracmanuals">www.dell.com/idracmanuals</a>

**Table 49. Additional documentation resources for your system (continued)**

Task	Document	Location
	For information about installing the operating system, see the operating system documentation.	<a href="http://www.dell.com/operatingsystemmanuals">www.dell.com/operatingsystemmanuals</a>
	For information about updating drivers and firmware, see the Methods to download firmware and drivers section in this document.	<a href="http://www.dell.com/support/drivers">www.dell.com/support/drivers</a>
Managing your system	For information about systems management software offered by Dell, see the Dell OpenManage Systems Management Overview Guide.	<a href="http://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals">www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals</a>
	For information about setting up, using, and troubleshooting OpenManage, see the Dell OpenManage Server Administrator User's Guide.	<a href="http://www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals">www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals</a> > OpenManage Server Administrator
	For information about installing and using Dell SupportAssist, see the Dell EMC SupportAssist Enterprise User's Guide.	<a href="https://www.dell.com/serviceabilitytools">https://www.dell.com/serviceabilitytools</a>
	For information about partner programs enterprise systems management, see the OpenManage Connections Enterprise Systems Management documents.	<a href="http://www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals">www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals</a>
Working with the Dell PowerEdge RAID controllers	For information about understanding the features of the Dell PowerEdge RAID controllers (PERC), Software RAID controllers, or BOSS card and deploying the cards, see the Storage controller documentation.	<a href="http://www.dell.com/storagecontrollermanuals">www.dell.com/storagecontrollermanuals</a>
Understanding event and error messages	For information about the event and error messages generated by the system firmware and agents that monitor system components, go to <a href="http://qrl.dell.com">qrl.dell.com</a> > <b>Look Up</b> > <b>Error Code</b> , type the error code, and then click <b>Look it up</b> .	<a href="http://www.dell.com/qrl">www.dell.com/qrl</a>
Troubleshooting your system	For information about identifying and troubleshooting the PowerEdge server issues, see the Server Troubleshooting Guide.	<a href="http://www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals">www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals</a>