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About This Guide

The *SGI[®] Octane*[™] *III Deskside Workstation Component Replacement Guide* describes how to replace the following components in an SGI Octane III deskside workstation:

- Memory DIMMs
- PCIe cards
- Disk drives
- System fans
- Power supplies

Use these procedures to upgrade system components or replace failing components.

Note: All other components in the system should be upgraded or replaced by an SGI service representative or an SGI authorized service provider.

Audience

This guide is written for SGI Octane III owners who want to replace or upgrade components in their computer systems.



Warning: Only personnel with extensive experience repairing server hardware should attempt to replace or upgrade components inside an SGI Octane III deskside workstation enclosure. Failure to maintain proper safety measures while accessing internal server components can expose you to dangerous power levels, resulting in injury or death.

Related Publications

The following documents are relevant to and can be used with the SGI Octane III deskside workstation systems:

• SGI Octane III Deskside Workstation System User's Guide, (P/N 007-5630-00x)

This guide describes the Octane III deskside workstation system features, system operation and troubleshooting, system interfaces, BIOS, and system technical specifications.

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man commandx

References in the documentation to these pages include the name of the command and the section number in which the command is found. For additional information about displaying man pages using the man command, see man (1). In addition, the apropos command locates man pages based on keywords. For example, to display a list of man pages that describe disks, type the following on a command line:

apropos disk

For information about setting up and using apropos, see apropos (1).

Conventions

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The following conventions are used throughout this document

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Convention	Meaning
Command	This fixed-space font denotes literal items such as commands, files, routines, path names, signals, messages, and programming language structures.
variable	The italic typeface denotes variable entries and words or concepts being defined. Italic typeface is also used for book titles.
user input	This bold fixed-space font denotes literal items that the user enters in interactive sessions. Output is shown in nonbold, fixed-space font.
[]	Brackets enclose optional portions of a command or directive line.
	Ellipses indicate that a preceding element can be repeated.
man page(x)	Man page section identifiers appear in parentheses after man page names.
GUI element	This font denotes the names of graphical user interface (GUI) elements such as windows, screens, dialog boxes, menus, toolbars, icons, buttons, boxes, fields, and lists.

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Chapter 1

Component Replacement

This chapter describes basic component replacement for the SGI Octane III deskside workstation.

General Precautions



Warning: Only personnel with extensive experience repairing server hardware should attempt to replace or upgrade components inside an SGI Octane III deskside workstation enclosure. Failure to maintain proper safety measures while accessing internal components can expose you to dangerous power levels, resulting in injury or death.



Warning: You should disconnect the AC power cord(s) from the workstation and/or from site power before attempting to access any internal components. Ensure that the power outlet used at your site is easily accessible so you can disconnect the power cords before you attempt to access components inside the workstation. Failure to disconnect the power cords from the power outlet and/or workstation enclosure before accessing internal components can expose you to dangerous power levels, resulting in injury or death.



Warning: Do not open the SGI Octane III deskside workstation enclosure while the AC power cords are connected to power at your site. Attempting to access components in the enclosure while the workstation is connected to power at you site can expose you to dangerous power levels, resulting in injury or death.



Caution: Care must be taken to ensure that the workstation enclosure has adequate ventilation clearance when operating to ensure proper cooling. Out of warranty damage to the system can occur if this practice is not strictly followed.



Caution: Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) can damage electronic components. To prevent damage to any printed circuit boards (PCBs), it is important to handle them very carefully. The following measures are generally sufficient to protect your equipment from ESD discharge:

- Use a grounded wrist strap designed to prevent static discharge.
- Touch a grounded metal object before removing any board from its antistatic bag.
- Handle a board by its edges only; do not touch its components, peripheral chips, memory modules or gold contacts.
- When handling chips or modules, avoid touching their pins.



Warning: If a lithium battery is installed in your system as a soldered part, only SGI qualified service personnel should replace this lithium battery. For a battery of another type, replace it only with the same type or an equivalent type recommended by the battery manufacturer, or an explosion could occur. Discard used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Manipulating the System Trays



Warning: Only personnel with extensive experience repairing server hardware should attempt to replace or upgrade components inside an SGI Octane III deskside workstation enclosure.

The system trays are accessed via the rear of the system enclosure; refer to Figure 1-1. You must remove the rear fan assemblies to access the system trays. You will manipulate system trays to replace/upgrade memory DIMMs, disk drives, and PCIe cards.



Figure 1-1 System Trays

Accessing the System Trays

Perform the following procedure to access the system trays:



Caution: Ensure that you properly shut down the operating system before removing power from the system. Failure to do so can result in data loss.

1. Shut down the operating system, and move the system enable switch on the rear of the enclosure to the OFF position.



Warning: You must disconnect the workstation from site power (by disconnecting the AC power cord[s] from the power outlet or the rear of the enclosure) before you attempt to service any internal components. Failure to maintain proper safety measures while accessing internal components can expose you to dangerous power levels, resulting in injury or death.

- 2. Unplug the AC power cord(s) from the site power outlet and/or the rear of the system.
- 3. Remove the rear fan assemblies; refer to "Removing the Rear Fan Assembly" on page 42.

Extracting an Installed System Tray

Use the following procedure and Figure 1-2 to access the system trays so you can add or replace components:

- 1. Access the system trays (refer to "Accessing the System Trays").
- 2. Identify the tray that needs to be removed from the enclosure.
- 3. Disconnect any cables (Ethernet, InfiniBand, USB, etc.) that are connected to the tray. (Be sure to note which cables connect to which ports, so you can properly re-connect the cables when you re-install the tray.)
- 4. Remove the three screws that secure the tray to the chassis and then grasp the handle on the tray and pull the tray out of the chassis; refer to Figure 1-2.
- 5. Place the tray on an ESD-safe work surface or package.

Manipulating the System Trays



Figure 1-2 System Tray Removal

Installing a System Tray

Use the following steps to install a system tray into the Octane III deskside enclosure after replacing/upgrading DIMMs, disk drives, and/or PCIe cards in the tray:



Warning: Ensure that the workstation is disconnected from site power (by disconnecting the AC power cord[s] from the power outlet or rear of the system) before you attempt to install a system tray. Failure to do so can expose you to dangerous power levels, resulting in injury or death.

- 1. Access the system trays (refer to "Accessing the System Trays" on page 16).
- 2. Align the tray with the targeted tray slot in the enclosure.
- 3. Slide the tray all the way into the enclosure until it is seated firmly in the connectors at the rear of the slot; refer to Figure 1-3 on page 19.
- 4. Install the three screws that secure the tray to the chassis.
- 5. Connect the required cables (Ethernet, InfiniBand, USB, etc.) to the tray.
- 6. Reinstall the rear fan assembly; refer to "Installing the Rear Fan Assembly" on page 46.
- 7. Plug the AC power cord[s] into the rear of the system and the power outlet.
- 8. Move the system enable switch on the rear of the enclosure to the ON position.
- 9. Boot the operating system.

Manipulating the System Trays



Figure 1-3 System Tray Installation

Accessing Components Inside the Tray

Removing the Tray Cover

The following replaceable components are located inside a tray:

- Memory DIMMs
- Disk drives
- PCIe cards

Perform the following procedure to access components inside a tray:

- 1. Remove the tray from the chassis; refer to "Extracting an Installed System Tray" on page 16.
- 2. Place the tray on an ESD safe surface.
- 3. Remove the two screws that secure the cover to the tray; refer to Figure 1-4.
- 4. Slide the cover towards the front of the tray and lift the cover off of the tray; refer to Figure 1-4.

Note: If you need to completely remove the cover from the tray to access a component, disconnect the cables from the disk drives.

Accessing Components Inside the Tray



Figure 1-4Removing the Tray Cover

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Installing the Tray Cover

When you have finished replacing a component, perform the following procedure to install the top cover on the tray:

Note: If any cables to the disk drives are disconnected, be sure to reconnect them before installing the tray cover.

- 1. Place the cover on top the tray so the hooks line up with the holes on the tray.
- 2. Push the cover downwards and slide it towards the back of the tray; refer to Figure 1-5.
- 3. Install the two screws that secure the cover to the tray; refer to Figure 1-5.

Accessing Components Inside the Tray



Figure 1-5 Installing the Tray Cover

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DIMM Memory Replacement



Warning: Only personnel with extensive experience repairing server hardware should attempt to replace or upgrade components inside an SGI Octane III deskside workstation enclosure.

Note: Check with your SGI sales or service representative for approved replacement or upgrade DIMM memory modules.

Exercise extreme care when installing or removing DIMM modules to prevent electrostatic or any other possible damage.

Removing Memory Modules

Note: To remove memory modules, you must first remove the compute tray from the enclosure and remove the cover from the tray. Refer to "Extracting an Installed System Tray" on page 16 and "Removing the Tray Cover" on page 20 for detailed instructions. Be sure to power down the system and disconnect the power cords from the power outlet before opening the system enclosure.

To remove a DIMM: Use your thumbs to gently push the release tabs near both ends of the memory module. This should release it from the slot. Then, lift the DIMM out of the slot.

DIMM Memory Replacement



Figure 1-6 DIMM Removal

Installing Memory Modules

Insert each memory module vertically into a slot using the information and illustrations in this section. Pay attention to the notch along the bottom of the module to prevent inserting it incorrectly.

Note: To install memory modules, you must remove the compute tray from the enclosure and remove the tray cover. Refer to "Extracting an Installed System Tray" on page 16 and "Removing the Tray Cover" on page 20 for detailed instructions. Be sure to power down the system and disconnect the power cords from the power outlet before opening the system enclosure.

To install a DIMM: Insert the module vertically and gently press down until it snaps into place. Pay attention to the alignment notch at the bottom. Repeat for all DIMMs. When all DIMMs are installed, replace the tray cover and install the tray in the chassis (refer to "Installing the Tray Cover" on page 22 and "Installing a System Tray" on page 18).

DIMM Memory Replacement



Figure 1-7 DIMM Installation

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Adding/Replacing PCIe Cards



Warning: Only personnel with extensive experience repairing server hardware should attempt to replace or upgrade components inside an SGI Octane III deskside workstation enclosure.

Note: PCIe cards cannot be "hot installed." To install PCIe cards, you must first remove the system tray that contains the PCIe card from the enclosure and the cover from the tray. Refer to "Extracting an Installed System Tray" on page 16 and "Removing the Tray Cover" on page 20 for detailed instructions.

Each system tray supports up to four full-size PCIe cards and one mini-PCIe card in the slots shown in Figure 1-8.



Figure 1-8 PCIe Slot Locations

Perform the following steps to add a PCIe add-on card:



Warning: You must disconnect the workstation from site power (by disconnecting the AC power cords from the power outlet) before you attempt to service any internal components. Failure to maintain proper safety measures while accessing internal components can expose you to dangerous power levels, resulting in injury or death.

- 1. Remove the system tray that will contain the PCIe card from the enclosure (refer to "Extracting an Installed System Tray" on page 16).
- 2. Place the tray on a static-free work surface.
- 3. Remove the tray cover (refer to "Removing the Tray Cover" on page 20); be sure to disconnect the cables from the disk drives so you can completely remove the cover.
- 4. If the PCIe slot that you want to use is empty, remove the screw that secures the PCIe blank and the PCIe blank; refer to Figure 1-9.

If the slot contains a card that needs to be replaced, remove the screw that secures the PCIe card and remove the card from the slot; refer to Figure 1-9 on page 30.

- 5. Install the PCIe card in the slot.
- 6. Secure the PCIe card with a screw; refer to Figure 1-9 on page 30.
- 7. Re-install the try cover (refer to "Installing the Tray Cover" on page 22); be sure to connect the disk drive cables.
- 8. Re-install the system tray (refer to "Installing a System Tray" on page 18).



Figure 1-9 Locations of Screws that Secure PCIe Cards

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Disk Drive Replacement



Warning: Only personnel with extensive experience repairing server hardware should attempt to replace or upgrade components inside an SGI Octane III deskside workstation enclosure.

Up to eight disk drives can be mounted inside the tray; refer to Figure 1-10.



Figure 1-10 Disk Drive Locations and Mounting

Removing a Drive from a System Tray

Use the following procedure to remove a drive from your system:



Warning: You must disconnect the workstation from site power (by disconnecting the AC power cords from the power outlet) before you attempt to service any internal components. Failure to maintain proper safety measures while accessing internal components can expose you to dangerous power levels, resulting in injury or death.

- 1. Extract the tray from which you want to remove the drive (refer to "Extracting an Installed System Tray" on page 16).
- 2. Remove the tray cover (refer to "Removing the Tray Cover" on page 20).
- 3. Disconnect the cables from all disk drives so you can completely remove the tray cover.
- 4. Remove the four screws that secure the drive bracket to the tray cover; refer to Figure 1-11.



Figure 1-11 Disconnecting the Drive Bracket from the Tray Cover

- 5. Remove the tray bracket (with disk drives installed) from the tray cover and place it on an ESD safe surface; refer to Figure 1-11.
- 6. Remove the six screws that secure the disk drive to the drive bracket; refer to Figure 1-12.



Note: Remove the bottom set of screws for the bottom drive.



7. Slide the disk drive out of the drive bracket.

Installing a Drive in a System Tray

Check with your SGI sales or service representative to obtain new or replacement hard disk drives for the Octane III deskside workstation.

Use the following procedure to install a drive in your system:



Warning: You must disconnect the workstation from site power (by disconnecting the AC power cords from the power outlet) before you attempt to service any internal components. Failure to maintain proper safety measures while accessing internal components can expose you to dangerous power levels, resulting in injury or death.

- 1. Extract the tray to which you want to add the drive (refer to "Extracting an Installed System Tray" on page 16).
- 2. Remove the tray cover (refer to "Removing the Tray Cover" on page 20).
- 3. Disconnect the cables from all disk drives so you can completely remove the tray cover.
- 4. Remove the four screws that secure the drive bracket to the tray cover; refer to Figure 1-11 on page 32.

Note: If you are replacing an existing drive, refer to "Removing a Drive from a System Tray" on page 32 for instructions on how to remove it.

- 5. Slide the drive into the drive bracket.
- 6. Install the six screws that secure the disk drive to the disk drive bracket; refer to Figure 1-13.

Disk Drive Replacement



Note: Use the bottom set of screws for the bottom drive.



7. Position the bracket under the tray cover and install the four screws that secure the drive bracket to the tray cover; refer to Figure 1-14.



Figure 1-14 Securing the Drive Bracket to the Tray Cover

- 8. Install the tray cover; refer to "Installing the Tray Cover" on page 22. (Be sure to connect all drive cables before securing the tray cover.)
- 9. Install the tray in the enclosure; refer to "Installing a System Tray" on page 18.
System Fan Assembly Replacement



Warning: Only personnel with extensive experience repairing server hardware should attempt to replace or upgrade components inside an SGI Octane III deskside workstation enclosure.

Each enclosure has two sets of 6-fan assemblies to provide the main cooling for the system. One fan assembly is located on the front of the enclosure (behind the front cover); the other fan assembly is located on the rear of the enclosure.



Front Fan Assemblies (with Front Cover Removed)





Rear Fan Assemblies

System Fan Failures

If a fan fails, the remaining fans will ramp up to full speed. Replace any failed fan at your earliest convenience with the same type and model (the system can continue to run with a failed fan).

Accessing the Front System Fans

Use the following procedure to access the system fan assembly:



Caution: Ensure that you properly shut down the operating system before removing power from the system. Failure to do so can result in data loss.

1. Shut down the operating system, and move the system enable switch on the rear of the enclosure to the OFF position.



- 2. Unplug the AC power cords from the site power outlet and/or the rear of the system.
- 3. Remove the front cover:
 - Slide the latch on the bottom of the cover to the right to release the cover.
 - Lift the cover upwards to remove it from the enclosure.

Accessing the Rear System Fans

Use the following procedure to access the rear system fan assembly:



Caution: Ensure that you properly shut down the operating system before removing power from the system. Failure to do so can result in data loss.

1. Shut down the operating system, and move the system enable switch on the rear of the enclosure to the OFF position.



Warning: You must disconnect the workstation from site power (by disconnecting the AC power cords from the power outlet) before you attempt to service any internal components. Failure to maintain proper safety measures while accessing internal components can expose you to dangerous power levels, resulting in injury or death.

2. Unplug the AC power cords from the site power outlet and/or the rear of the system.

The rear system fan assembly is directly accessible from the rear of the system; there is no cover/door.

Removing the Front Fan Assembly

Use the following procedure to remove the front fan assembly (refer to Figure 1-17 on page 43):



- 1. Remove the front cover (refer to "Accessing the Front System Fans" on page 38).
- 2. Remove the two Phillips screws (at the top of the fan assembly) that secure the fan assembly to the enclosure.
- 3. Tip the fan assembly away from the enclosure.
- 4. Lift the fan assembly out of the enclosure.







Figure 1-16 Front Fan Assembly Removal

Removing the Rear Fan Assembly

Use the following procedure to remove the rear fan assembly (refer to Figure 1-18 on page 45):



- 1. Access the rear fan assembly (refer to "Accessing the Rear System Fans" on page 39).
- 2. Remove the two Phillips screws (one at the top of the fan assembly and one at the bottom of the fan assembly) that secure the fan assembly to the enclosure.
- 3. Tip the fan assembly away from the enclosure and lift the fan assembly out of the enclosure.







 Figure 1-17
 Rear Fan Assembly Removal

Installing the Front Fan Assembly

Use the following procedure to install the front fan assembly (refer to Figure 1-18 on page 45):



- 1. Lower the fan assembly into the bottom of enclosure and push the top of the assembly into place.
- 2. Tighten the two Phillips screws to hold the fan assembly in place at the top of the fan assembly.
- 3. Place the front door in place and close the latch at the bottom of the door.
- 4. Plug the AC power cords into rear of the enclosure and into the power outlet.
- 5. Move the system enable switch on the rear of the enclosure to the ON position
- 6. Boot the operating system.



Figure 1-18 Front Fan Assembly Installation



Installing the Rear Fan Assembly

Use the following procedure to install the rear fan assembly (refer to Figure 1-19 on page 47):



- 1. Lower the fan assembly into the bottom of enclosure and push the top of the assembly into place.
- 2. Tighten the two Phillips screws to hold the fan assembly in place (one at the top of the fan assembly and one at the bottom of the fan assembly).
- 3. Plug the AC power cords into rear of the enclosure and into the power outlet.
- 4. Move the system enable switch on the rear of the enclosure to the ON position
- 5. Boot the operating system.



 Figure 1-19
 Rear Fan Assembly Installation

Chassis Power Supply Replacement



Warning: Only personnel with extensive experience repairing server hardware should attempt to replace or upgrade components inside an SGI Octane III deskside workstation enclosure.

The Octane III deskside workstation uses two AC-to-DC power supplies. Each power supply has a separate power cord and is rated for a maximum DC output of 1000 watts at 100-120 VAC, or 1200 watts at 200-240 VAC. Each power supply is cooled by a built-in 40-mm fan. Each supply has one (bi-color) status LED on the rear which may be visible through the perforated sheetmetal panel at the upper rear of the enclosure.

Note: You must turn off the power for the enclosure and then unplug the AC power cords from power outlet and/or the rear of the system to completely remove power from the system before removing/installing a power supply.

Power Supply Failures

If a power supply unit (or its cooling fan) fails, the system must be shut down. The system requires both power supplies to operate.

If you need to replace the power supply unit and the system is out of warranty, replacement units can be ordered directly from your SGI sales or service representative.

Accessing the Power Supplies

Use the following procedure to access the inside of the enclosure to replace a power supply:



Caution: Ensure that you properly shut down the operating system before removing power from the system. Failure to do so can result in data loss.

1. Shut down the operating system, and move the system enable switch on the rear of the enclosure to the OFF position.



- 2. Unplug the AC power cords from the rear of the enclosure and/or the site power outlet.
- 3. Access the top of the enclosure (refer to Figure 1-20 on page 50):
 - Remove the four Phillips screws that secure the top cover to the rear of the enclosure.
 - Push the top cover towards the front of the enclosure.
 - Lift the top cover off of the enclosure.







Figure 1-20 Removing the Top Cover

Removing a Power Supply

Use the following steps if you need to remove a failed power supply from the workstation:



Warning: You must disconnect the workstation from site power (by disconnecting the AC power cords from the power outlet) before you attempt to service any internal components. Failure to maintain proper safety measures while accessing internal components can expose you to dangerous power levels, resulting in injury or death.

1. Power down the system and access the power supplies (refer to "Accessing the Power Supplies" on page 49).



Warning: The power supply that you want to replace might be hot if the system has been running. To prevent injury, allow the power supply to cool down for at least 5 minutes before removing it and handle it carefully while you remove it.

- 2. Remove the two Phillips screws that secure the restraining bands for the power supply that you want to remove. Lift the restraining bands out of the enclosure (refer to Figure 1-21 on page 52).
- 3. Unplug the power cable from the power supply (refer to Figure 1-22 on page 53).
- 4. Push the power supply release lever and pull the power supply to remove it from the enclosure (refer to Figure 1-22 on page 53).
- 5. Lift the unit away from the enclosure and place it on a heat-resistant work surface.



Figure 1-21Power Supply Removal (Part 1 of 2)

Chassis Power Supply Replacement





Figure 1-22Power Supply Removal (Part 2 of 2)

Installing a Power Supply

Use the following steps to replace a failed power supply or install an additional power supply in the workstation:



Warning: You must disconnect the workstation from site power (by disconnecting the AC power cords from the power outlet) before you attempt to service any internal components. Failure to maintain proper safety measures while accessing internal components can expose you to dangerous power levels, resulting in injury or death.

Note: Be sure to use the exact same model of power supply from SGI or another approved vendor; contact your SGI sales or service representative for more information.

- 1. Carefully insert the new unit into the enclosure and push it all the way in until it seats in the rear connectors (refer to Figure 1-23 on page 55).
- 2. Install the two restraining bands that hold the power supply in place (refer to Figure 1-23 on page 55).
- 3. Insert the power plug into the power supply (refer to Figure 1-23 on page 55).
- 4. Install the top cover (refer to Figure 1-24 on page 56):
 - Position the top cover on top the of the enclosure.
 - Push the top cover towards the rear of the enclosure.
 - Install the four Phillips screws that secure the top cover to the rear of the enclosure.
- 5. Plug the AC power cords into the rear of the system and the power outlet.
- 6. Move the system enable switch on the rear of the enclosure to the ON position
- 7. Boot the operating system.



Figure 1-23 Power Supply Installation







Figure 1-24 Top Cover Installation