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2. Remove the power cords from the outlets.
3. Remove the signal cables from the connectors.
4. Remove all cables from the devices

To Connect:

1. Turn off everything (unless instructed otherwise).
2. Attach all cables to the devices.
3. Attach the signal cables to the connectors.
4. Attach the power cords to the outlets.
5. Turn on the devices.

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DANGER

Observe the following precautions when working on or around your IT rack system:

- Heavy equipment—personal injury or equipment damage might result if mishandled.
- Always lower the leveling pads on the rack cabinet.
- Always install stabilizer brackets on the rack cabinet.
- To avoid hazardous conditions due to uneven mechanical loading, always install the heaviest devices in the bottom of the rack cabinet. Always install servers and optional devices starting from the bottom of the rack cabinet.
- Rack-mounted devices are not to be used as shelves or work spaces. Do not place objects on top of rack-mounted devices.



- Each rack cabinet might have more than one power cord. Be sure to disconnect all power cords in the rack cabinet when directed to disconnect power during servicing.
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CAUTION

- Do not install a unit in a rack where the internal rack ambient temperatures will exceed the manufacturer's recommended ambient temperature for all your rack-mounted devices.
- Do not install a unit in a rack where the air flow is compromised. Ensure that air flow is not blocked or reduced on any side, front, or back of a unit used for air flow through the unit.
- Consideration should be given to the connection of the equipment to the supply circuit so that overloading of the circuits does not compromise the supply wiring or overcurrent protection. To provide the correct power connection to a rack, refer to the rating labels located on the equipment in the rack to determine the total power requirement of the supply circuit.
- *(For sliding drawers.)* Do not pull out or install any drawer or feature if the rack stabilizer brackets are not attached to the rack. Do not pull out more than one drawer at a time. The rack might become unstable if you pull out more than one drawer at a time.
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CAUTION:

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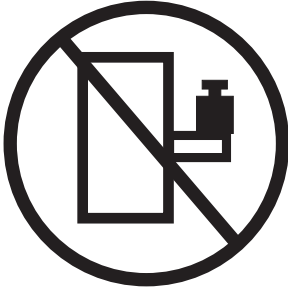
- Reduce the weight of the rack cabinet by removing equipment starting at the top of the rack cabinet. When possible, restore the rack cabinet to the configuration of the rack cabinet as you received it. If this configuration is not known, you must observe the following precautions:
 - Remove all devices in the 32U position and above.
 - Ensure that the heaviest devices are installed in the bottom of the rack cabinet.
 - Ensure that there are no empty U-levels between devices installed in the rack cabinet below the 32U level.
- If the rack cabinet you are relocating is part of a suite of rack cabinets, detach the rack cabinet from the suite.
- Inspect the route that you plan to take to eliminate potential hazards.
- Verify that the route that you choose can support the weight of the loaded rack cabinet. Refer to the documentation that comes with your rack cabinet for the weight of a loaded rack cabinet.
- Verify that all door openings are at least 760 x 230 mm (30 x 80 in.).
- Ensure that all devices, shelves, drawers, doors, and cables are secure.
- Ensure that the four leveling pads are raised to their highest position.
- Ensure that there is no stabilizer bracket installed on the rack cabinet during movement.
- Do not use a ramp inclined at more than 10 degrees.
- When the rack cabinet is in the new location, complete the following steps:
 - Lower the four leveling pads.
 - Install stabilizer brackets on the rack cabinet.
 - If you removed any devices from the rack cabinet, repopulate the rack cabinet from the lowest position to the highest position.
- If a long-distance relocation is required, restore the rack cabinet to the configuration of the rack cabinet as you received it. Pack the rack cabinet in the original packaging material, or equivalent. Also lower the leveling pads to raise the casters off of the pallet and bolt the rack cabinet to the pallet.

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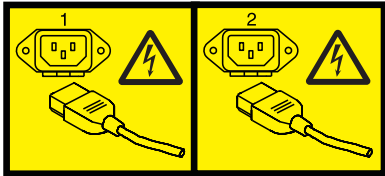
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or



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CAUTION:

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- Do not remove the covers. Removing the covers of the laser product could result in exposure to hazardous laser radiation. There are no serviceable parts inside the device.
- Use of the controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein might result in hazardous radiation exposure.

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CAUTION:

Data processing environments can contain equipment transmitting on system links with laser modules that operate at greater than Class 1 power levels. For this reason, never look into the end of an optical fiber cable or open receptacle. (C027)

CAUTION:

This product contains a Class 1M laser. Do not view directly with optical instruments. (C028)

CAUTION:

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The equipment is suitable for installation in the following:

- Network telecommunications facilities
- Locations where the NEC (National Electrical Code) applies

The intrabuilding ports of this equipment are suitable for connection to intrabuilding or unexposed wiring or cabling only. The intrabuilding ports of this equipment *must not* be metallically connected to the interfaces that connect to the OSP (outside plant) or its wiring. These interfaces are designed for use as intrabuilding interfaces only (Type 2 or Type 4 ports as described in GR-1089-CORE) and require isolation from the exposed OSP cabling. The addition of primary protectors is not sufficient protection to connect these interfaces metallically to OSP wiring.

Note: All Ethernet cables must be shielded and grounded at both ends.

The ac-powered system does not require the use of an external surge protection device (SPD).

The dc-powered system employs an isolated DC return (DC-I) design. The DC battery return terminal *shall not* be connected to the chassis or frame ground.

SAS subsystem for the 9117-MMB, 9117-MMC, 9179-MHB, or 9179-MHC

Review the SAS subsystem features, configurations, and limitations for the 9117-MMB, 9117-MMC, 9179-MHB, or 9179-MHC system.

SAS architecture

Serial-attached SCSI (SAS) architecture describes a serial device interconnection and transportation protocol that defines the rules for information exchange between devices.

SAS is an evolution of the parallel SCSI device interface into a serial point-to-point interface. SAS physical links are a set of four wires used as two differential signal pairs. One differential signal transmits in one direction, while the other differential signal transmits in the opposite direction. Data can be transmitted in both directions simultaneously. Physical links are contained in SAS ports, which contain one or more physical links. A port is a wide port if there are more than one physical link in the port. If there is only one physical link in the port, it is a narrow port. A port is identified by a unique SAS worldwide name (also called SAS address).

A *SAS adapter* contains one or more SAS ports. A *path* is a logical point-to-point link between a SAS initiator port in the adapter and a SAS target port in the I/O device (for example, a disk). A *connection* is a temporary association between an adapter and an I/O device through a path. A connection enables communication to a device. The adapter can communicate to the I/O device over this connection by using either the SCSI command set or the Advanced Technology Attachment (ATA) and Advanced technology Attachment Packet Interface (ATAPI) command set depending on the device type.

A *SAS expander* enables connections between an adapter port and multiple I/O device ports by routing connections between the expander ports. Only a single connection through an expander can exist at any given time. Using expanders creates more nodes in the path from the adapter to the I/O device. If an I/O device supports multiple ports, more than one path to the device can exist when there are expander devices included in the path.

A *SAS fabric* refers to the summation of all paths between all SAS adapter ports and all I/O device ports in the SAS subsystem including cables, enclosures, and expanders.

SAS subsystem overview

This topic provides an overview of the SAS subsystem features and locations for the 9117-MMB, 9117-MMC, 9179-MHB, or 9179-MHC system.

Use this information in conjunction with your specific system unit and operating system documentation. General information is intended for all users of this product. Service information is intended for a service representative specifically trained on the system unit and subsystem being serviced.

Feature locations

Review the supported SAS features and their system locations.

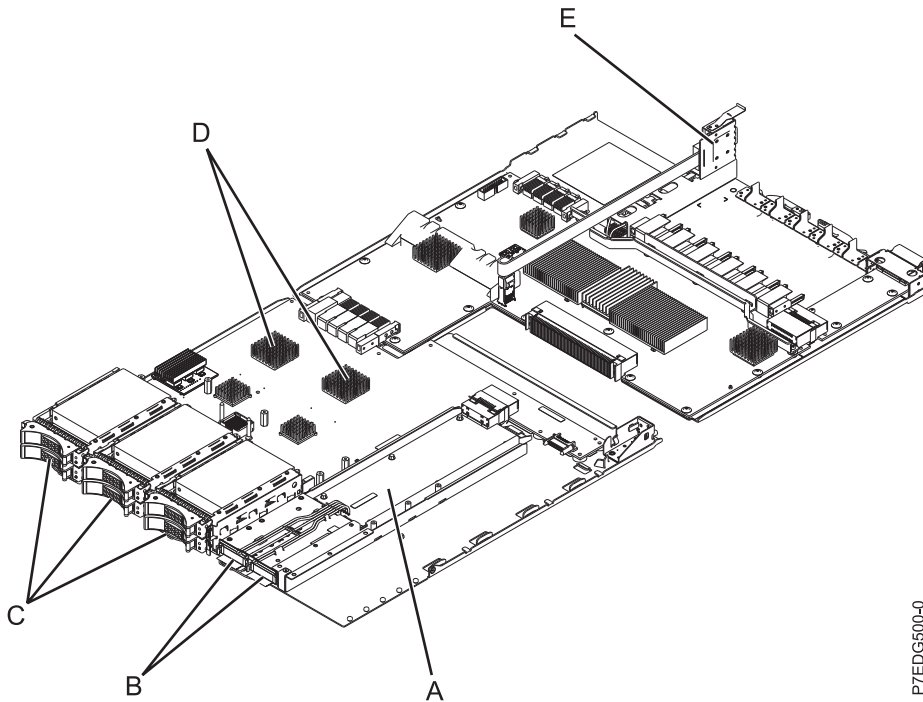


Figure 1. SAS subsystem overview

Table 1. SAS subsystem parts

Diagram location	Part name	Feature code (FC)	Customer card identification numbers (CCINs)	Physical location codes
A	175 MB Cache RAID – Dual IOA enablement card	5662	Card CCIN 2BC2 Note: If FC 5662 is installed, the embedded SAS adapters report CCINs of 57CF and operate as dual RAID adapters with write cache capability.	P2-C9-C1
B	Cache battery packs			P2-C9-C1-E1 and P2-C9-C1-E2
C	Disk bays (6 SFF drive disk bays)			P2-C9-C1-D1 through P2-C9-C1-D6
D	Main SAS subsystem card with two embedded SAS adapters		Card CCIN 2BBE Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If FC 5662 is not installed, the embedded SAS adapters report CCINs of 57C7 and operate as two independent adapters. If FC 5662 is installed, the embedded SAS adapters report CCINs of 57CF and operate as dual RAID adapters with write cache capability. 	P2-C9

Table 1. SAS subsystem parts (continued)

Diagram location	Part name	Feature code (FC)	Customer card identification numbers (CCINs)	Physical location codes
E	Optional internal SAS cables for a three-way split disk/media backplane (cable FC 1815) or for RAID with connection of external drives (cable FC 1819)	1815 or 1819 Notes: • 1815 when FC 5662 is not installed. ¹ • 1819 when FC 5662 is installed. ¹		P2-T2

¹ For detailed configuration information, see "SAS storage configurations" on page 4.

Feature details

SAS RAID adapters

The SAS RAID adapters have the following features:

- PCI Express (PCIe) system interface
- Physical link (phy) speed of 3 Gbps SAS supporting transfer rates of 300 MB per second
- Optimized for SAS disk configurations that use dual paths through dual expanders for redundancy and reliability
- Adapter managed path redundancy and path switching for multiported SAS devices
- Embedded PowerPC RISC processor, hardware XOR DMA Engine, and hardware Finite Field Multiplier (FFM) DMA Engine (for Redundant Array of Independent Disks (RAID) 6)
- Support for RAID 0 and 10 disk arrays
- Additional features when the 175 MB Cache RAID – Dual IOA enablement card is installed:
 - Adapters support nonvolatile write cache
 - Support for RAID 5 and 6 disk arrays
 - Adapters configured in dual storage IOA or high availability (HA) RAID mode for best reliability and availability
- RAID disk arrays are supported as a boot device
- Advanced RAID features:
 - Hot spares for RAID 5, 6, and 10 disk arrays
 - Ability to increase the capacity of an existing RAID 5 or 6 disk array by adding disks
 - Background parity checking
 - Background data scrubbing
 - Disks formatted to 528 bytes per sector, providing cyclical redundancy checking (CRC) and logically bad block checking
 - Optimized hardware for RAID 5 and 6 sequential write workloads
 - Optimized skip read/write disk support for transaction workloads

175 MB cache RAID – Dual IOA enablement card

This feature is used to enable write cache on the two embedded SAS RAID adapters of the disk or media backplane by providing the necessary rechargeable batteries for memory backup. It also enables the two embedded SAS RAID adapters to work as dual storage IOAs, that is, high availability (HA) RAID mode. This feature plugs in to the disk or media backplane and enables a 175 MB write cache on each of the two embedded RAID adapters by providing two rechargeable batteries with associated charger circuitry. The write cache can provide additional I/O performance for attached disk or solid-state drives, particularly for RAID 5 and RAID 6. The write cache contents are mirrored for redundancy between the two RAID adapters resulting in an

effective write cache size of 175 MB. The batteries provide power to maintain both copies of write-cache information in the event power is lost.

Related information

[Serial attached SCSI cable planning](#)

SAS storage configurations

Several SAS subsystem configurations are supported on the 9117-MMB, 9117-MMC, 9179-MHB, or 9179-MHC systems.

The configuration you use depends on the combination of SAS features that you have installed on your system. The following table provides an overview of the features and related configurations.

Table 2. SAS subsystem configurations

SAS subsystem configuration	175 MB Cache RAID - Dual IOA enablement card (FC 5662)	External SAS components	SAS port cables	SAS cables	Limitations
Two-way split backplane	No Note: The two embedded SAS adapters report as CCIN 57C7.	None	None	Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBM i is not supported. • Connecting to an external disk enclosure is not supported. • Each set of three drives can be HDDs or SSDs.
Three-way split backplane	No Note: The two embedded SAS adapters report as CCIN 57C7.	Dual-x4 SAS adapter (FC 5901 / CCIN 57B3)	Internal SAS port (FC 1815) - SAS cable for three-way split backplane	AI cable (FC 3679) - Adapter to internal drive 1 meter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBM i is not supported. • An I/O adapter can be located in another enclosure of the system. • Each set of two drives can be HDDs or SSDs.
Dual storage IOA configuration using internal disk drives	Yes Note: The internal dual RAID IOA adapters report as CCIN 57CF.	None	None	Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal cable (FC 1815) cannot be used with the dual storage IOA or high availability (HA) RAID configuration. • The six drives can be HDDs or SSDs.

Table 2. SAS subsystem configurations (continued)

SAS subsystem configuration	175 MB Cache RAID - Dual IOA enablement card (FC 5662)	External SAS components	SAS port cables	SAS cables	Limitations
Dual storage IOA configuration using internal disk drives and external disk enclosure	Yes Note: The internal dual RAID IOA adapters report as CCIN 57CF.	Requires an external disk enclosure (FC 5886)	Internal SAS port (FC 1819) - SAS cable assembly for connecting to an external SAS drive enclosure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YI cable (FC 3686) - System to SAS disk enclosure, Single adapter/Dual path 1.5 meter • YI cable (FC 3687) - System to SAS disk enclosure, Single adapter/Dual path 3 meter 	Only HDDs are supported.

- Each node in a system can have a different SAS subsystem configuration.
- Using the SAS drive assembly on nodes 3 and 4 is optional.

Related concepts

“SAS subsystem service considerations” on page 11

There are several considerations to review before servicing features within the SAS subsystem for the 9117-MMB, 9117-MMC, 9179-MHB, or 9179-MHC system.

“Service considerations for the internal SAS cable for a three-way split backplane” on page 11

To prevent data loss, follow proper procedures before replacing the internal SAS cable for a three-way split backplane.

“Service considerations for the 175 MB cache RAID - Dual IOA enablement card” on page 12

To prevent data loss, follow proper procedures before replacing the 175 MB Cache RAID – Dual IOA enablement card.

“Service considerations for the cache battery pack” on page 13

To prevent data loss, follow proper procedures before replacing the cache battery pack on the 175 MB Cache RAID – Dual IOA enablement card.

Related information

[Serial attached SCSI cable planning](#)

[175MB Cache RAID - Dual IOA Enablement Card \(FC 5662\)](#)

SAS subsystem configuration using two-way split backplane

This configuration uses a two-way split backplane.

The following rules apply to this configuration:

- Each SAS adapter can only see 3 of the disk drives and cannot function in dual storage IOA or high availability (HA) RAID mode. One SAS adapter connects to D1, D2, and D3. The other SAS adapter connects to D4, D5, and D6.
- The SAS adapters can be assigned to separate partitions for boot devices.
- This configuration supports disks without RAID (referred to as JBOD) or RAID drives. However, RAID drives are limited to three drives and no write cache.
- RAID 10 with two drives is limited. A RAID 10 array with two drives is equivalent to RAID 1 (mirrored drives). A RAID 0 disk array with one drive is similar to JBOD support. A RAID 10 array with 1 or 3 drives is not allowed.

- Solid-state drives (SSD) and hard disk drives (HDD) can be used, but can never be mixed in the same disk enclosure.
- SSD and HDD can both be present in a split backplane if each side of the split backplane has only SSD or HDD.

Example: Two-way split backplane

This example shows a two-way split backplane configuration. Each embedded SAS adapter controls three disk drives.

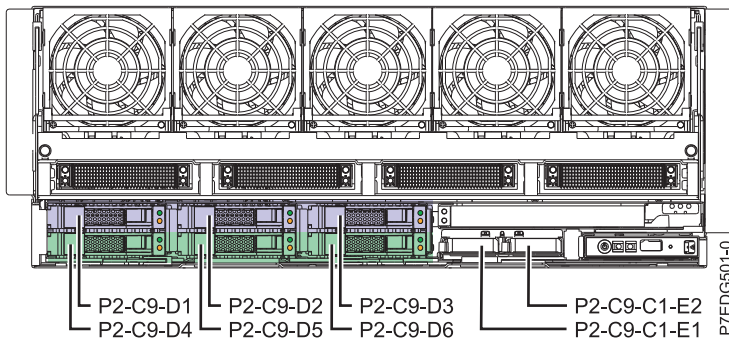


Figure 2. Disk bays controlled by each embedded SAS adapter in a two-way split backplane

The following table lists the details of the two-way split backplane configuration.

Table 3. Configuration details

Embedded SAS adapter	Configuration details
Embedded SAS adapter A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D1, D2, and D3 • Physical connections to the SAS cable are disabled. If the external SAS port is installed, it is not functional. • The SAS adapter reports as CCIN 57C7.
Embedded SAS adapter B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D4, D5, and D6 • Physical connections to the SAS cable are disabled. If the external SAS port is installed, it is not functional. • The SAS adapter reports as CCIN 57C7.

SAS subsystem configuration using three-way split backplane

This configuration uses a three-way split backplane.

The following rules apply to this configuration:

- A three-way split backplane uses three sets of two drives and cannot function in dual storage IOA or high availability (HA) RAID mode. One SAS adapter connects to D1 and D4. The other SAS adapter connects to D2 and D5. An external SAS adapter connects to D3 and D6.
- The SAS adapters can be assigned to separate partitions for boot devices.
- This configuration supports disks without RAID (referred to as JBOD) or RAID drives. However, RAID drives are limited to two drives and no write cache.
- RAID 10 with two drives is limited. A RAID 10 array with two drives is equivalent to RAID 1 (mirrored drives). A RAID 0 disk array with one drive is similar to JBOD support. A RAID 10 array with 1 drive is not allowed.
- Solid-state drives (SSD) and hard disk drives (HDD) can never be mixed in the same disk enclosure.

- SSD and HDD can both be present in a split backplane if each side of the split backplane has only SSD or HDD.

Example: Three-way split backplane

This example shows a three-way split backplane configuration. Each embedded SAS adapter controls two disk drives and the SAS adapter connected to the internal cable controls two disk drives.

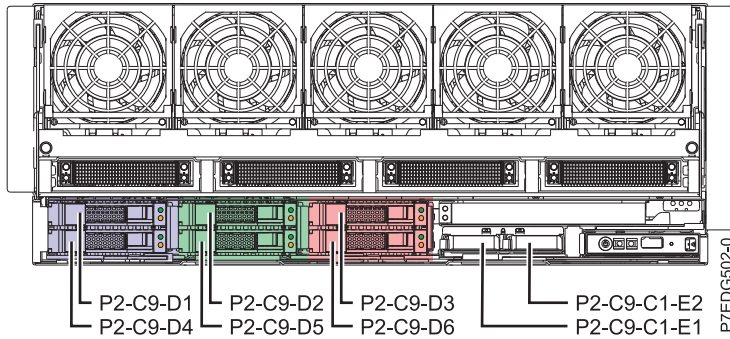


Figure 3. Disk bays controlled by each embedded SAS adapter in a three-way split backplane

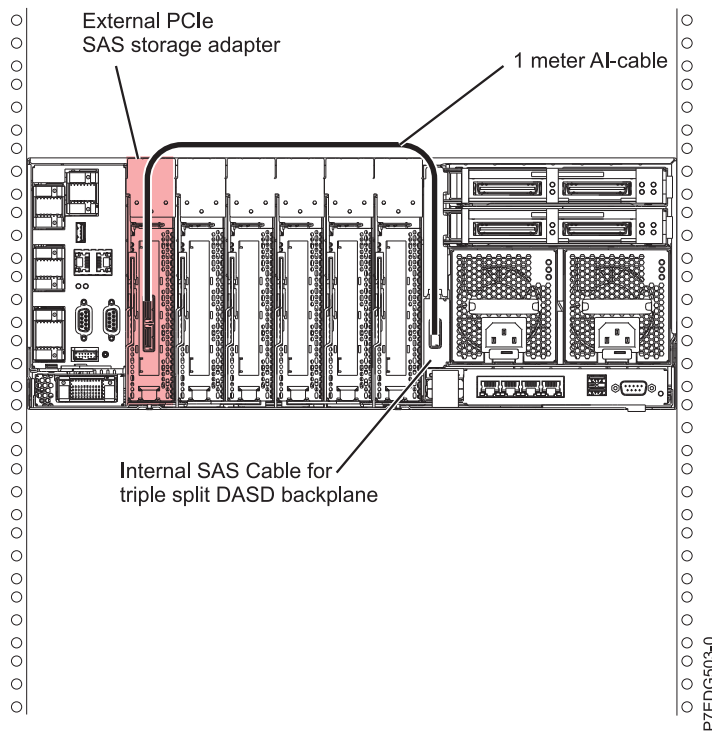


Figure 4. Physical connection to internal SAS adapter

The following table lists the details of the three-way split backplane configuration.

Table 4. Configuration details

Embedded SAS adapter	Configuration details
Embedded SAS adapter A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D1 and D4 • The SAS adapter reports as CCIN 57C7.

Table 4. Configuration details (continued)

Embedded SAS adapter	Configuration details
Embedded SAS adapter B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D2 and D5 • The SAS adapter reports as CCIN 57C7.
SAS adapter (FC 5901)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The physical connections to the internal SAS cable are enabled. The SAS adapter connected to this cable connects to D3 and D6. • The SAS adapter reports as CCIN 57B3.

Related concepts

“SAS subsystem service considerations” on page 11

There are several considerations to review before servicing features within the SAS subsystem for the 9117-MMB, 9117-MMC, 9179-MHB, or 9179-MHC system.

“Service considerations for the internal SAS cable for a three-way split backplane” on page 11

To prevent data loss, follow proper procedures before replacing the internal SAS cable for a three-way split backplane.

SAS subsystem configuration using dual storage IOA with internal drives

This configuration uses dual storage IOA or high availability (HA) RAID mode with internal disk drives.

This configuration increases availability using dual storage IOA or high availability (HA) to connect multiple adapters to a common set of internal disk drives. It also increases the performance of RAID arrays. The following rules apply to this configuration:

- This configuration uses the 175 MB Cache RAID – Dual IOA enablement card.
- Using the dual IOA enablement card, the two embedded adapters can connect to each other and all six disk drives.
- The disk drives are required to be in RAID arrays.
- There are no separate SAS cables required to connect the two embedded SAS RAID adapters to each other. The connection is contained within the backplane.
- RAID 0, 10, 5, and 6 support up to six drives.
- Solid-state drives (SSD) and hard disk drives (HDD) can be used, but can never be mixed in the same disk enclosure.

Example: Dual storage IOA using internal drives

This example provides an overview of the dual storage IOA configuration using internal disk drives.

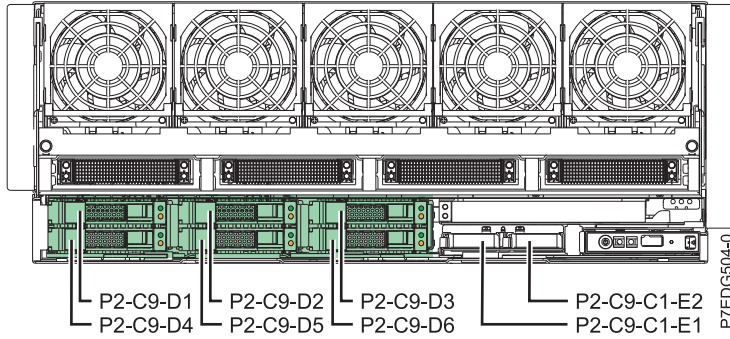


Figure 5. Disk bays controlled by both embedded SAS adapters when using dual storage IOA with internal drives

The following table lists the configuration details.

Table 5. Configuration details

Embedded SAS adapters	Configuration details
Two embedded SAS adapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAID mode • The SAS adapters connect to all six disk drives. • Physical connections to the SAS cable are disabled. • The two embedded adapters report as CCIN 57CF.

Related concepts

“SAS subsystem service considerations” on page 11

There are several considerations to review before servicing features within the SAS subsystem for the 9117-MMB, 9117-MMC, 9179-MHB, or 9179-MHC system.

“Service considerations for the 175 MB cache RAID - Dual IOA enablement card” on page 12

To prevent data loss, follow proper procedures before replacing the 175 MB Cache RAID – Dual IOA enablement card.

“Service considerations for the cache battery pack” on page 13

To prevent data loss, follow proper procedures before replacing the cache battery pack on the 175 MB Cache RAID – Dual IOA enablement card.

SAS subsystem configuration using dual storage IOA with external drives

This configuration uses dual storage IOA or high availability (HA) RAID mode with internal and external disk drives.

You can increase availability using high availability to connect multiple adapters to a common set of internal disk drives and external disk enclosures. The following rules apply to this configuration:

- This configuration uses the 175 MB Cache RAID – Dual IOA enablement card.
- Using the dual IOA enablement card and the external SAS port, the two SAS adapters with write cache can connect to each other, the six internal disk drives, as well as, the 12 disk drives in an external disk drive enclosure.
- Only HDDs are supported in this configuration. You cannot use solid-state drives (SSD).
- The disk drives are required to be in RAID arrays.
- RAID 0, 10, 5, and 6 support.
- There are no separate SAS cables required to connect the two embedded SAS RAID adapters to each other. The connection is contained within the backplane.
- To connect to the external storage, you need to connect to the 5886 disk drive enclosure.

Example: Dual storage IOA using external drives

This example provides an overview of the dual storage IOA configuration using external disk drives.

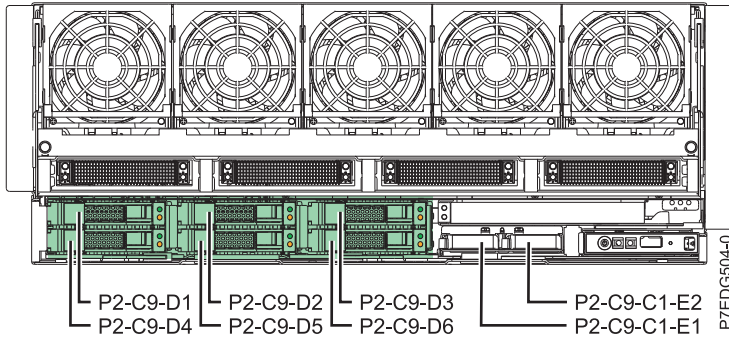


Figure 6. Disk bays controlled by both embedded SAS adapters when using dual storage IOA with internal and external drives

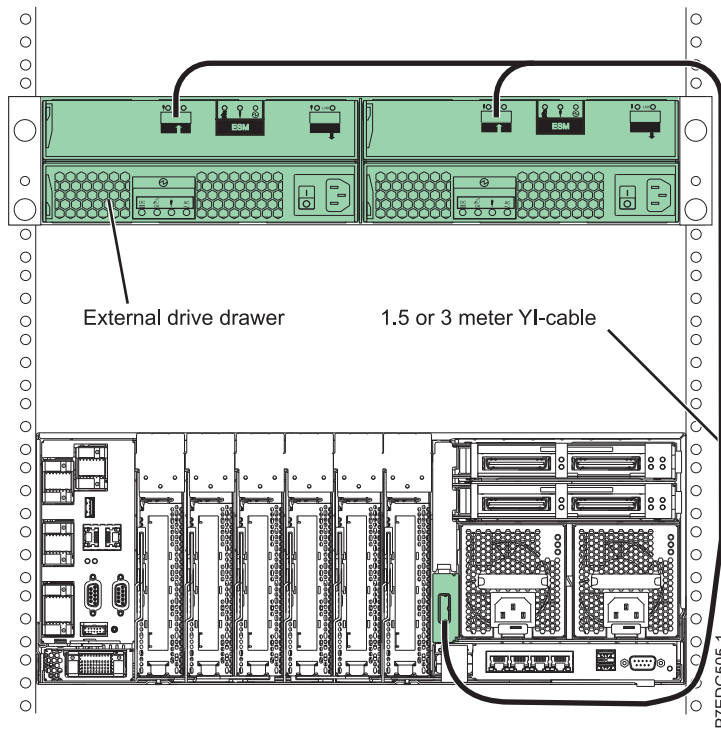


Figure 7. Physical connection to attach external disk enclosures

The following table lists the configuration details.

Table 6. Configuration details

Embedded SAS adapters	Configuration details
Two embedded SAS adapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAID mode • SAS adapters connect to all six disk drives and any drives attached by the external cable. • Physical connections to the SAS cable are enabled in order to attach to another SAS port expander in an external disk enclosure. The SAS external port card, YI cable, or expansion enclosure may or may not be present. • The two embedded adapters report as CCIN 57CF.

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There are several considerations to review before servicing features within the SAS subsystem for the 9117-MMB, 9117-MMC, 9179-MHB, or 9179-MHC system.

“Service considerations for the 175 MB cache RAID - Dual IOA enablement card” on page 12

To prevent data loss, follow proper procedures before replacing the 175 MB Cache RAID – Dual IOA enablement card.

“Service considerations for the cache battery pack” on page 13

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Related information

 5886 disk drive enclosure

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Related information

 Logical partitioning

 SAS RAID controllers for Linux

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Service considerations for the internal SAS cable for a three-way split backplane

To prevent data loss, follow proper procedures before replacing the internal SAS cable for a three-way split backplane.

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Review the SAS subsystem configuration using dual split backplane example. This configuration consists of two independent embedded SAS adapters, each controlling 3 of the six disk bays. In the following figure, the highlighted disk bays represent the disk bays controlled by each embedded storage adapter (D1 through D3 and D4 through D6).

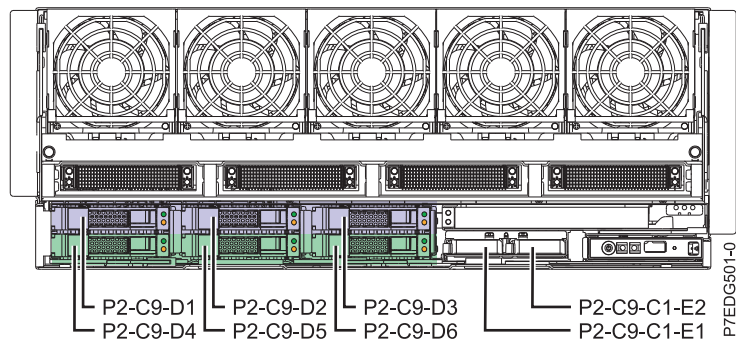


Figure 8. Disk bays controlled by each embedded SAS adapter in a two-way split backplane

Review the SAS subsystem configuration using triple split backplane example. If you add the optional internal SAS cable for a triple split backplane (FC 1815), the disk bay configuration changes. The six disk bays split into three groups of two. Each of the two embedded SAS adapters controls two disk bays each and a third external PCIe SAS storage adapter controls the remaining two bays. In the figure below, the highlighted disk bays represent the disk bays controlled by each of the embedded storage adapters (D1, D4 and D2, D5) and the third external PCIe adapter (D3, D6). Each of the SAS storage adapters now control different disk bays than in the previous configuration without the internal SAS cable feature.

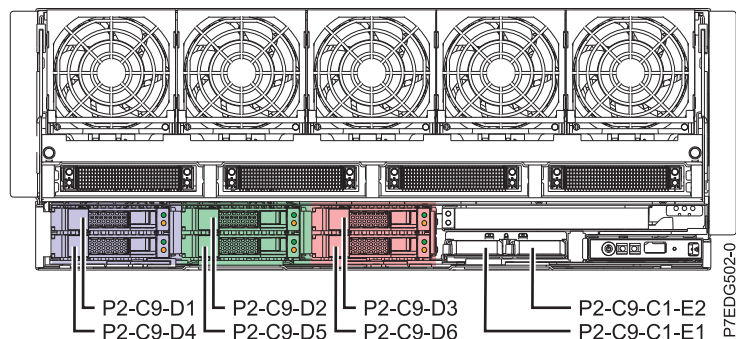


Figure 9. Disk bays controlled by adapters in a three-way split backplane

Attention: Proper planning and procedures are required before adding or removing the internal SAS cable for a triple split backplane (FC 1815) to maintain system availability and prevent possible data loss.

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Service considerations for the 175 MB cache RAID - Dual IOA enablement card

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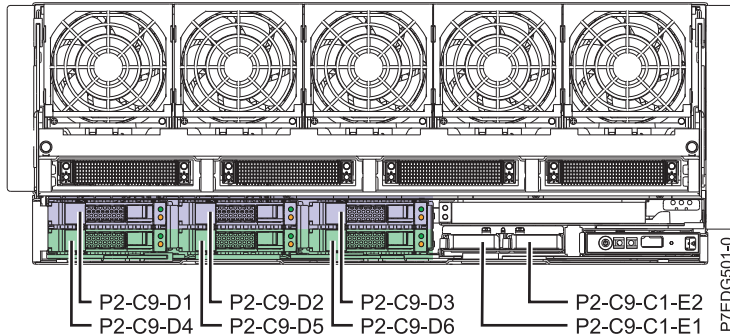


Figure 10. Disk bays controlled by each embedded SAS adapter in a two-way split backplane

Review the SAS subsystem configuration using dual storage IOA with internal drives example. If you add the optional 175 MB Cache Raid – Dual IOA enablement card (FC 5662), it creates a configuration consisting of two embedded SAS adapters in a dual storage IOA or high availability (HA) RAID mode. Both adapters mutually control all the six disk drive bays and have access to common data (see the following figure). In addition, the two rechargeable battery packs on this feature enable the embedded SAS storage adapters non-volatile write cache. For more information about the concepts of the dual storage IOA or high availability (HA) RAID mode, refer to the related information.

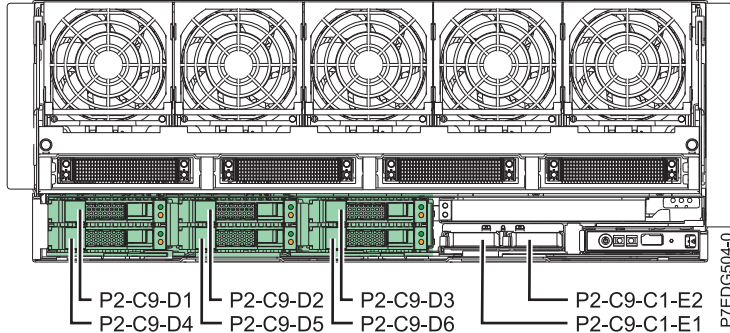


Figure 11. Disk bays controlled by both embedded SAS adapters when using dual storage IOA with internal drives

Attention: Proper planning and procedures are required before adding or removing the 175 MB Cache Raid – Dual IOA enablement card (FC 5662) to maintain system availability and prevent possible data loss.

Related information

- Removing the 175 MB Cache RAID – Dual IOA enablement card from the 9117-MMB or 9179-MHB
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- Important partitioning considerations with dual-slot and multi-adapter configurations

Service considerations for the cache battery pack


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Attention: To maintain system availability and prevent possible data loss, it is important to understand that these features have implications on the SAS configuration and data accessibility of the system.

The 175 MB Cache Raid – Dual IOA enablement card (FC 5662) contains two rechargeable battery packs and battery charger circuitry. Each battery pack provides power for the write cache of an embedded SAS storage adapter. When replacing a failing cache battery pack, be sure to replace the correct battery pack.

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Related information

 [Removing and installing the model 9117-MMA or 9179-MHB cache battery pack](#)

Problem determination and recovery









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- SAS RAID controllers for AIX®
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- SAS cable planning
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