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Preface

Overview

The *DIGITAL AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral Platform Hardware Owner's Guide* describes how to set up, operate, troubleshoot, and maintain a DIGITAL AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral (IP) Platform. If information is available elsewhere, this manual provides a reference to the appropriate documentation. This manual is intended for qualified system managers and technical end users trained in the installation and the servicing of computer systems.

Organization

This guide is organized as follows:

Chapter 1 describes the basic DIGITAL AlphaServer IP Platform configurations, the required and optional hardware, and the factory-installed software.

Chapter 2 provides instructions for installing the AlphaServer IP Platform hardware.

Chapter 3 describes how to turn on the AlphaServer IP Platform.

Chapter 4 explains how to reconfigure the AlphaServer IP Platform.

Chapter 5 provides basic troubleshooting information.

Appendix A provides system and environmental specifications.

Appendix B provides a wiring diagram of all of the alarm inputs.

Appendix C provides field wiring details for the -48 Vdc power controllers.

Appendix D provides wiring information for user alarm inputs.

Appendix E contains diagrams of the IP duplex front end and back end platforms.

Appendix F contains diagrams of the IP simplex front end and back end platforms.

The **Glossary** defines technical terms related to the product.

The **Index** locates the main topics in this guide.

Conventions

This document uses the following conventions:

Convention	Meaning
IP	Describes an industry-standard acronym for Intelligent Peripheral.
Note	A note calls the reader's attention to any item of information that may be of special importance.
Caution	A caution contains information essential to avoid damage to the equipment.
Warning	A warning contains information essential to the safety of personnel.
❶	Circled numbers provide a link between figures or examples and text.
<i>Italic type</i>	Italic type emphasizes important information, indicates variables, and indicates complete titles of manuals.

Related Documentation

For additional information on the AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral (IP) Platform subsystem components and related software, refer to the documentation in the following tables. Order numbers may change as documents are revised or updated. Check with your DIGITAL sales representative for additional information.

AlphaServer IP Platform	Part Number
<i>AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral Fault Manager for DIGITAL UNIX Installation and User's Guide</i>	AA-QN0FC-TE
<i>AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral Platform System Manager's Guide</i>	AA-QU0JB-TE

AlphaServer 1000A Processor	Part Number
<i>AlphaServer 1000A Rackmount Owner's Guide</i>	EK-RMNOR-OG
<i>DIGITAL UNIX Installation Guide</i>	AA-PS2DE-TE
<i>StorageWorks KZPSA PCI-to-SCSI Adapter User's Guide</i>	EK-KZPSA-UG

BA35x-Sx Modular Storage Shelf	Part Number
<i>StorageWorks Family User's Guide</i>	EK-BA350-UG
<i>BA350 Modular Storage Shelf Subsystem Configuration Guide</i>	EK-BA350-CG
<i>DWZZB SCSI Signal Converter User's Guide</i>	EK-DWZZB-UG
<i>RZ Series Disk Drive Installation Guide - Models RZ35, RZ26, RZ27, RZ28</i>	EK-DRZ01-IG

ISA Bus Expansion Chassis	Part Number
<i>I-Bus 4820 User Manual</i>	109-40020-00
<i>Dialogic Voice Hardware Reference</i>	BX-QLTUA-TE
<i>Dialogic Network Hardware Reference</i>	BX-QLTTA-TE
<i>Dialogic VR/160 Hardware Reference</i>	BX-QLTVA-TE
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Product Overview

1.1 Introduction

This chapter includes the following topics:

- IP Platform Overview
- IP Platform Features
- IP Platform Required and Optional Hardware

1.2 IP Platform Overview

The DIGITAL AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral (IP) Platform provides a full suite of hardware and software components for voice processing, telephony and data communications, management, processing, and storage. These components are combined to make a high performance, high availability, rackmount-configured IP Platform, that meets certain standards and specifications.

There are four basic AlphaServer IP Platform configurations upon which all platform systems are built:

- IP Simplex Front End System
- IP Duplex Front End System
- IP Simplex Back End System
- IP Duplex Back End System

There may also be custom variations of the IP platform.

Each rackmount platform requires a console terminal to display all system alarm messages and manage alarm conditions.

Basic AlphaServer IP Platform management functions are designed to ensure the integrity of the platform and to allow for the management of the platform itself. The management functions include alarming based on critical events, for example; hardware failure, logging of events and activities, management of the individual resources, and system security. These functions are described in the *AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral Fault Manager for DIGITAL UNIX Installation and User's Guide*.

1.2.1 IP Simplex Front End System

The simplex front end system is a NEBS-compatible rackmount system intended for Telco central office environments. It contains *one* each of the following components:

- AlphaServer 1000A system running the DIGITAL UNIX operating system
- ISA bus expansion chassis
- Alarm indicator panel
- StorageWorks BA35x-Sx mass storage disk drive subsystem (optional)
- Rackmount power controller (120 Vac, 240 Vac, 250 Vac, or -48 Vdc models)

Refer to Appendix F for a diagram of the IP simplex front end system.

1.2.2 IP Duplex Front End System

The duplex front end rackmount configuration is a NEBS-compatible rackmount system intended for Telco central office environments and is suitable for live network implementations. The duplex front end system includes *two* each of the following components:

- AlphaServer 1000A system running the DIGITAL UNIX operating system
- ISA bus expansion chassis
- Alarm indicator panel
- StorageWorks BA35x-Sx mass storage disk drive subsystems (optional) (connected together with BN21W-0B and BN21K-XX SCSI bus cables) with disks that can be striped and/or mirrored
- Two rackmount power controllers (120 Vac, 240 Vac, 250 Vac) or one rackmount power controller (-48 Vdc)

Trucluster software can be ordered separately and is recommended for enhanced availability with application-defined failover services.

Refer to Appendix E for a diagram of the IP duplex front end system.

1.2.3 IP Simplex Back End System

The simplex back end system is a NEBS-compatible rackmount system intended for Telco central office environments. It contains *one* each of the following components:

- AlphaServer 1000A system running the DIGITAL UNIX operating system
- Alarm indicator panel (optional)
- StorageWorks BA35x-Sx mass storage disk drive subsystem (optional)
- Rackmount power controller (120 Vac, 240 Vac, 250 Vac, or -48 Vdc models)

Refer to Appendix F for a diagram of the IP simplex back end system.

1.2.4 IP Duplex Back End System

The duplex back end rackmount configuration is a NEBS-compatible rackmount system intended for Telco central office environments and is suitable for live network implementations. The duplex back end system includes *two* each of the following components:

- AlphaServer 1000A system running the DIGITAL UNIX operating system
- Alarm indicator panel (optional)
- StorageWorks BA35x-Sx mass storage disk drive subsystems (optional) (connected together with BN21W-0B and BN21K-XX SCSI bus cables) with disks that can be striped and/or mirrored
- Two rackmount power controllers (120 Vac, 240 Vac, 250 Vac) or one rackmount power controller (-48 Vdc)

Trucluster software can be ordered separately and is recommended for enhanced availability with application-defined failover services.

Refer to Appendix E for a diagram of the IP duplex back end system.

1.2.5 Factory Installed Software

The IP platform supplied by Digital Equipment Corporation is delivered to the customer with the following factory-installed software:

- DIGITAL UNIX operating system
- Dialogic drivers for DIGITAL UNIX (for front end systems only) that offer the following functionality:
 - Voice processing (digitization, call control)
 - Telephony network interfaces (loop-start, T-1, E-1)
 - FAX
 - Voice recognition
- Server Works Agent
- POLYCENTER Advanced File System Utilities
- DIGITAL UNIX Logical Storage Manager
- Trucluster Available Server for DIGITAL UNIX (optional)
- Intelligent Peripheral Fault Manager (IPFM) for the DIGITAL UNIX operating system
- DECevent

All systems include the IP Fault Manager software that detects various system events and performs preconfigured actions for each event.

Solution developers can also use the IP Fault Manager to display application alarmed events on the IP alarm panel and to log events. A complete description of the IP Fault Manager is included in *the AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral Fault Manager for DIGITAL UNIX Installation and User's Guide*.

For additional information on how to use the factory-installed software, refer to the individual product's documentation.

1.3 System Features

This section provides a brief description of the system features of the AlphaServer IP Platform.

1.3.1 User Interfaces

The AlphaServer IP Platform is designed to work in real-time public networks of telecommunications service providers. System and network management activities are performed by means of a separate data communications network rather than the telephony communications network (for example, voice or signaling). Both graphic user interfaces (GUI) and character cell displays are supported, depending on the interfaces provided by the layered products on the IP Platform.

Command line or character cell displays are used for objects that do not have a GUI, or as a supplement to those with a GUI. Command line interfaces can be run over a low-speed dial-up modem with minimal communication protocol support.

1.3.2 Alarm Subsystem

The alarm subsystem of the AlphaServer IP Platform provides alarming functions to the platform. These functions include the following:

- Visual indication of an alarmed event
- Audible indication of an alarmed event
- Programmable external event notification
- Diagnostic capability
- Battery-backup for alarm indicators
- Programmable software interface with interrupt capability

The alarm subsystem is comprised of two physical modules, an alarm control module that resides on the PCI bus, and an alarm indicator panel, which contains all of the visual and audible indicators.

1.3.3 Maintainability

All configurations are designed with front access for all user devices contained in the AlphaServer 1000A system, the ISA bus expansion chassis, and the modular storage shelf BA35x-Sx subsystem. All nonuser devices have rear access.

The AlphaServer 1000A system and the ISA bus expansion chassis are slide mounted for ease of maintenance.

The BA35x-Sx application storage disks are hot-swappable.

1.3.4 Reliability

Each Digital Equipment Corporation component of this system will function reliably over time as long as the hardware options used are not altered. All of the DIGITAL options used in the design of this system meet Digital Equipment Corporation standards for reliability. However, the reliability of the equipment supplied by other vendors is determined by the manufacturer of each device.

1.3.5 Upgrading

Additional hardware and software options may be added to your AlphaServer IP Platform components. For a complete list of available options, refer to the individual component's documentation listed in the Related Documentation section of the Preface in this guide.

Important

FCC and safety review is valid **only** for options listed in this guide.

1.3.6 Digital Equipment Corporation and Industry Standards

The AlphaServer IP Platform conforms to the industry standards outlined in the following subsections.

1.3.6.1 Telecommunications Interfaces

The AlphaServer IP Platform conforms to the following telecommunications interface standards when Telephony boards are installed:

- T-1 (24-channel, PCM encoded analog) digital network interface
- E-1 (30-channel, PCM encoded analog) digital network interface
- Loop-start signaling
- Ground-start signaling
- E&M wink-start signaling

1.3.6.2 Safety and Electromagnetic Compatibility

The AlphaServer IP Platform conforms to the following safety and electromagnetic compatibility standards:

- FCC Part 15, Subpart J
- CSA (Canadian Standards Association) C22.2 No. 950-93
- UL (Underwriters Laboratory) 1950
- TUV EN 60950
- CE Class A

1.3.7 System Security

The AlphaServer IP Platform contains front and rear key locking doors to limit access to system components. Each AlphaServer IP Platform comes with a duplicate set of front and rear door keys.

In addition, each AlphaServer 1000A system contains a key to lock the individual processor.

Refer to the *AlphaServer 1000A Rackmount Owner's Guide* for instructions on locking the AlphaServer 1000A system.

Note

Record the key number for each cabinet door and each CPU. Store this information in a safe place; you will need the information if replacement is necessary.

1.4 Required and Optional Hardware

This section provides a brief description of each major component of the AlphaServer IP Platform, and lists the required and optional hardware. Contact your DIGITAL sales representative for the current supported options and ordering information.

1.4.1 AlphaServer 1000A System

This section describes the AlphaServer 1000A system. It also lists the required hardware for this system.

1.4.1.1 Overview

The AlphaServer 1000A system is an Alpha uniprocessor server running the DIGITAL UNIX operating system. A single IP cabinet can support up to two AlphaServer 1000A systems. The AlphaServer 1000A system drives all functions within the IP Platform, including voice processing, management, and communications. In addition, application, service, and other layered software run on an AlphaServer 1000A system. The AlphaServer 1000A offers high reliability features such as ECC memory and ECC cache.

The AlphaServer 1000A system includes:

- 9 expansion slots: 7 PCI slots and 2 EISA slots
- 128 MB memory, expandable to 1 GB memory
- Integrated Fast-Wide Single-Ended SCSI-2 controller (supports wide and narrow drives)
- Multiple drive bays supporting a 1.44 MB floppy diskette, RRD4 x-xx CD-ROM, 1 available removable media drive bay, and 3 3.5-inch hard disks
- 2 serial ports (9-pin) and one enhanced bi-directional parallel port (25-pin)

For additional information on the AlphaServer 1000A system features and capabilities, see the *AlphaServer 1000A Rackmount Owner's Guide*.

1.4.1.2 AlphaServer 1000A Required Hardware

Table 1-1 lists the required hardware for the AlphaServer 1000A system. Refer to the *DIGITAL Systems and Options Catalog* for descriptions of optional hardware.

Table 1-1 AlphaServer 1000A Required Hardware

Part Number	Description	Front End		Back End	
		Simplex	Duplex	Simplex	Duplex
PB78S-FC	RM AlphaServer 1000A 5/400 DIGITAL UNIX System, includes RX23 floppy drive	1	2	1	2
PB7MA-AC	128 MB memory	1	2	1	2
2T-VC220-IP	AT bus expansion kit (EISA/ISA module) Access I/O transmitter and receiver modules and 2-meter cable	1	2	0	0
2T-IPCON-AA	Alarm control module	1	2	1	2
RZ28M-W	2.1 GB SCSI hard disk drive	1	2	1	2
	Note: Each AlphaServer 1000A system in the front end and back end simplex and duplex configurations are preconfigured with one wide disk for system files and data				
RRD46-AA	12 X CD-ROM drive	1	2	1	2
PBXTL-DA	8.0 GB SCSI 4 mm DAT drive	1	2	1	2

1.4.2 Modular Storage Shelf Subsystem (BA35x-Sx)

This section provides a brief description of the modular storage shelf subsystem.

1.4.2.1 Overview

The StorageWorks disk drive subsystem is a rackmount storage resource provided to solution developers and service developers creating applications on the AlphaServer IP Platform. The shelves are contained in a separate chassis that provides a flexible capacity for adding and hot-swapping disks.

The shelf is a self-contained unit with embedded backplane routing with two SCSI buses. It can be configured for maximum connectivity (1 SCSI bus) or for maximum performance (2 SCSI buses).

Each StorageWorks modular storage shelf houses all the application storage disks in a rackmount shelf. The following table lists the type of disks that can be used. For additional information, see the *BA350 Modular Storage Shelf Subsystem Configuration Guide*.

1.4.2.2 Modular Storage Shelf Optional Hardware

Table 1-2 lists the hardware options for the BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf.

Table 1-2 Modular Storage Shelf (BA35x-Sx) Optional Hardware

Part Number	Description
BA35x-Sx	Rackmount StorageWorks in BA35x-Sx enclosure.
RZ26L-VA or RZ28-VA	StorageWorks disks for BA35x enclosure. RZ26L 1.05 GB disks or RZ28 2.1 GB disks. The -VA models have a plastic enclosure.
DWZZB-VA	Fast, wide, differential to single ended SCSI converter for BA35x-Sx. Terminates SCSI bus at storage unit.
KZPSA-BB	Fast, wide, differential SCSI controller.
H885-AA	Tri-link connector block.
H879-AA	SCSI terminator.

1.4.3 ISA Bus Expansion Chassis

This section describes the ISA bus expansion chassis.

1.4.3.1 Overview

The I-Bus 4820 enclosure is used as a 20-slot ISA bus expansion chassis for the AlphaServer 1000A system. The ISA bus expansion chassis contains all Dialogic voice modules for its associated AlphaServer 1000A simplex and duplex systems. The I-Bus 4820 enclosure contains an alarm sensor module which monitors temperature, dc power, and cooling fan rotation. If any of these reach a point of failure, an alarm signal is sent to the AlphaServer 1000A.

The ISA bus expansion chassis connects to the AlphaServer 1000A system as follows:

- The ISA bus expansion chassis connects to the AlphaServer 1000A EISA bus by means of the AT (ISA) bus expansion kit.
- The ISA bus expansion chassis alarm inputs connect to the AlphaServer 1000A system by means of a cable (PN 17-04677-01).

1.4.3.2 ISA Bus Expansion Chassis Required and Optional Hardware

The ISA bus expansion chassis connects to the AlphaServer 1000A EISA bus by means of the AT (ISA) bus expansion kit. The AT (ISA) bus expansion kit includes transmitter and receiver modules and an interconnecting cable. The transmitter module resides in the AlphaServer 1000A system, the receiver module resides in the ISA bus expansion chassis, and the cable connects both modules.

Table 1-3 contains the required and optional hardware for the ISA bus expansion chassis. All hardware listed in Table 1-3 can be ordered separately as spare parts.

Table 1-3 ISA Bus Expansion Chassis Required and Optional Hardware

Part Number	Description	Simplex	Duplex
2T-VC220-IB	ISA bus expansion chassis	1	2
2T-VC220-IP ²	Access I/O AT bus expansion kit with 2-meter cable	1	2
2T-LDMOD-AA	Load module	1	2
2T-VC24T-xx ¹	Dialogic D/240SC-T1, 24-channel, high-density voice-processing and network-interface module	Opt	Opt
2T-VC211-xx ¹	Dialogic DTI/211, 24-channel, standard-density, T-1 network-interface module	Opt	Opt
2T-VC212-xx ¹	Dialogic DTI/212, 30-channel, standard-density, E-1 network-interface module	Opt	Opt
2T-VC320-xx ¹	Dialogic D/320SC, 32-channel, high-density, voice-processing module	Opt	Opt
2T-VCLSI-xx ¹	Dialogic LSI/120, 12-channel, standard-density, analog loop-start network-interface module	Opt	Opt
2T-VC121-xx ¹	Dialogic D/121B, 12-channel, standard-density, analog loop-start call-processing module	Opt	Opt
2T-VCFAX-xx ¹	Dialogic FAX/120, 12-channel, standard-density, FAX processing module	Opt	Opt
2T-VCF4E-xx ¹	Dialogic VFX/40E, 4-channel, low-density, analog loop-start call-processing and 14,400 b/s FAX processing module	Opt	Opt
2T-VCVRP-xx ¹	Dialogic VRP, 4/8/12/16-channel, standard-density, voice-recognition module	Opt	Opt
2T-VCVR4-xx ¹	Dialogic VRM/40, 4-channel, discrete voice-recognition daughterboard	Opt	Opt
2T-VCVR2-xx ¹	Dialogic VRM/2C, 2-channel, continuous voice-recognition daughterboard	Opt	Opt
2T-VCDMX-xx ¹	Dialogic DMX: Digital Matrix Switch connecting up to four PCM expansion buses (PEBs)	Opt	Opt

¹ xx represents a two-letter country code. Contact your DIGITAL sales representative for additional information.

² Confirm that there are no cards in the ISA bus expansion chassis that use the Compressed Write Timing ("zero-wait-state") signal. The 2T-VC220-IP option does not service this signal.

Note

The list of supported options is updated on a regular basis. Please contact your DIGITAL sales representative for a current list of supported options.

1.4.4 IP Power Controller Subsystem

This section briefly describes the IP power controller subsystem.

1.4.4.1 Overview

Each rackmount simplex and duplex IP Platform contains one or two power controllers located in the bottom rack of the cabinet. Each controller provides power to one ISA bus expansion chassis, one BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf, and one AlphaServer 1000A processor.

The AlphaServer IP Platform supports the following power controller models: 120 Vac, 240 Vac, 250 Vac, or -48 Vdc. In addition, each processor and associated voice, storage, and communication resource has its own individual power supply.

Refer to Appendix C for instructions on field wiring the -48 Vdc power controllers for power.

1.4.4.2 IP Power Controller Options

Table 1-4 lists the IP power controller options.

Table 1-4 IP Power Controller Options

Part Number	Description	Simplex	Duplex
H7600-AA	120 Vac power distribution unit that provides ten (10) ac outlets, an attached power cord with an L5-30P plug, an on/off circuit breaker, and a power-on light.	1	2
H7600-AB	240 Vac power distribution unit that provides ten (10) ac outlets, an attached power cord with an L6-20P plug, an on/off circuit breaker, and a power-on light.	1	2
H7600-DB	250 Vac power distribution unit that provides twelve (12) IEC 320 ac outlets, an attached power cord with an IEC 309 plug, an on/off circuit breaker, and a power-on light.	1	2
2T-48VDC-AA	3 kW (N+1) -48 Vdc power inverter (-48 Vdc to -288 Vdc dual converter).	1	1
2T-48VDC-AB	2 kW (N+1) -48 Vdc power inverter (-48 Vdc to -288 Vdc dual converter).	1	1

1.4.5 Alarm Indicator Panel

The alarm indicator panel is optional for the IP simplex and duplex back end systems. The alarm indicator panel provides programmable visual and audible alarm indicators for the IP Platform.

Table 1-5 lists the alarm indicator panel options.

Table 1-5 Alarm Indicator Panel Options

Part Number	Description	Simplex	Duplex
2T-IPAIP-AA	Alarm indicator panel for the simplex IP Platforms.	1	NA
2T-IPAIP-AB	Alarm indicator panel for the duplex IP Platforms.	NA	1
2T-IPAIP-2A	Alarm indicator panel to convert an -AA to an -AB.	NA	1

1.4.6 External Hardware Options

Table 1-6 contains external hardware options.

Table 1-6 External Hardware Options

Part Number	Description
LA75S-AA	LA75 Plus Companion printer for hardcopy system output
FR-B16AP-EG (or equivalent)	Personal computer for ServerWORKS
VT520, VT525 (or equivalent)	Console terminal

Installing the AlphaServer IP Platform Hardware

2.1 Introduction

This chapter includes the following topics:

- Factory installed hardware
- Site preparation
- Hardware installation

2.2 Factory Installed Hardware

The AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral (IP) Platform is configured and delivered according to customer specification, with all hardware and software factory-installed. It is shipped ready for connection to a customer's power source and network hardware.

Note

Value-added Implementation Services (VIS) is available for the AlphaServer IP Platform products. VIS provides high-quality integration, test verification, and site installation; each process is performed by experienced service personnel. See your DIGITAL sales representative for additional information.

2.3 Site Preparation

This section describes the site-specific installation requirements for the IP Platform.

Caution

Review your system warranty. It may require that a DIGITAL service representative install your system to prevent damage to equipment or software.

2.3.1 Preinstallation Considerations

Before you install the AlphaServer IP Platform, ensure that:

- The installation site meets the specifications and environmental conditions listed in Appendix A. For more information about planning and preparing the installation site for a computer network for a free-standing system, refer to the *Site Environmental Preparation Guide* (available by calling 1-800-DIGITAL).
- The power source is correct for your system, and is one of the following models: 120 Vac, 240 Vac, 250 Vac, or -48 Vdc.
- You have the correct number of T-1, E-1, or loop-start network connections and adequate cabling.

Note

The T-1 cable length from the network to the AlphaServer IP Platform cannot exceed 199.6 m (655 ft) without a repeater. Do **not** use a repeater for cable lengths less than 199.6 m (655 ft).

- The system is located in an area that provides 61 cm (24 in.) clearance from the rear of the cabinet, and 76.2 cm (30 in.) from the front of the cabinet for ventilation and servicing.
- Personnel are appropriately trained in the installation and operation of this system.

2.4 Hardware Installation

This section describes the installation and setup of the IP Platform.

WARNING

Only a qualified service person should install the system. A qualified service person is an individual who has the technical training and experience to be aware of the:

- **Hazards to which they are exposed in performing a task**
- **Measures to minimize the danger to themselves or other persons**

A qualified service person need not be a DIGITAL service representative.

2.4.1 Installing the IP Platform

After you have verified the installation site you need to install the AlphaServer IP Platform by performing the following steps:

1. Position the cabinet allowing a 60.96 cm (24 in) minimum rear aisle clearance and a 76.2 cm (30 in) minimum front aisle clearance.
2. Level the cabinet using the four-point leveling hardware.
3. If a -48 Vdc power inverter is installed in the platform, bolt the AlphaServer IP Platform to the floor at the cabinet base using the front and rear shipping brackets (and optionally at the top, using the appropriate NEBS-conforming hardware). Local codes may prohibit bolting the cabinet to the floor if H7600 power distribution units are installed.
4. Connect to the network hardware (see Section 2.4.1.1).
5. Connect the IP Platform to the appropriate power supply. See Appendix C for instructions on wiring the -48 Vdc controllers if your system has them installed. Refer to the power ratings listed on the cabinet part number label located at the rear of the cabinet above the door.
6. Verify the hardware setup. Before you turn on the system, check to ensure that the IP Platform is properly secured, and the power controller and network hardware connections are correct.
7. Power up the system. See Section 3.2.

2.4.1.1 Connecting the Network Hardware

This section describes how to install Dialogic's voice-processing, voice-recognition, and network-interface T-1, E-1, and loop-start modules to the building's network hardware.

Refer to the *Dialogic Network Hardware Reference* and the *Dialogic Voice Hardware Reference* for diagrams of the Dialogic modules and for additional information on the Dialogic modules. All Dialogic modules are installed in the ISA bus expansion chassis.

Note

If you install multiple T1 or E1 modules (part numbers 2T-VC24T-xx or 2T-VC212-XX), do not use adjacent slots in the ISA expansion chassis. Use every other slot for the T1 or E1 modules. Use the available slots between the T1 or E1 modules for other functions.

2.4.1.1.1 Connecting Dialogic D/240SC-T1 and DTI/211 T-1 Modules

On the rear bracket of the D/240SC-T1 and DTI/211 network modules is an RJ-48C jack for connecting to the T-1 network. The cabling between this jack and the CSU or other DSX-1 equipment should be 4-pair telephone line or equivalent. The network interface module of the cable should consist of an RJ-48C plug. The user is responsible for supplying an appropriate cable for these connections. The pin designations for the network interface module cable end for D/240SC-T1 modules are in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1 T-1 to D/240SC-T1 Pin Designations

Signal	Pin(s)
Receive ring: input to network interface module	1
Receive tip: input to network interface module	2
No connection	3,6
Transmit ring: output from network interface module	5
Transmit tip: output from network interface module	4
Optional shield	7,8

The pin designations for the network interface module cable end for DTI/211 T-1 modules are in Table 2-2.

Table 2-2 T1 to DTI/211 Pin Designations

Signal	Pin(s)
Receive ring: input to network interface module	1
Receive tip: input to network interface module	2
No connection	3,6
Transmit ring: output from network interface module	4
Transmit tip: output from network interface module	5
Optional shield	7,8

Refer to the *Dialogic Network Hardware Reference* for additional information on DTI/211 T-1 modules. Refer to the *Dialogic Voice Hardware Reference* for additional information on D/240SC-T1 modules.

2.4.1.1.2 Connecting Dialogic DTI/212 E-1 Modules (75-Ohm)

The Dialogic DTI/212 E-1 modules come in 75-ohm and 120-ohm versions. If you have a DTI/212 120-ohm module, see Section 2.4.1.1.3. Refer to the *Dialogic Network Hardware Reference* for additional information on DTI/212 E-1 modules.

On the rear bracket of the DTI/212 75-ohm module are two BNC-type jacks for connecting to the external E-1 network. The cabling between these jacks and the external E-1 network should be 75-ohm coaxial. The DTI/212 end of the cable should consist of a BNC-type male connector. The user is responsible for supplying an appropriate cable for these connections. The pin designations for the DTI/212 75-ohm cable ends are given in Table 2-3.

Table 2-3 E-1 to DTI/212 75-Ohm Pin Designations

Signal	Jack/Pin
Transmit data: output from DTI/212 (tip)	J201A center
Transmit data: output from DTI/212 (ring)	J201A shield
Receive data: input to DTI/212 (tip)	J201B center
Receive data: input to DTI/212 (ring)	J201B shield

To cable the DTI/212 75-ohm module to the E-1 network, follow these steps:

1. Attach the appropriate end of the E-1 to DTI/212 (receive) cable to jack J201B on the rear bracket of the DTI/212 module. Carefully push the BNC connector onto the jack and lock by turning a quarter-turn clockwise.
2. Attach the appropriate end of the DTI/212 to E-1 (transmit) cable to jack J201A on the rear bracket of the DTI/212 module. Carefully push the BNC connector onto the jack and lock by turning a quarter-turn clockwise.

2.4.1.1.3 Connecting Dialogic DTI/212 E-1 Modules (120-ohm)

On the rear bracket of the DTI/212 120-ohm module is an RJ-48C jack for connecting to the external E-1 network. The cabling between this jack and the CSU should be 120-ohm twisted pair or equivalent. The DTI/212 120-ohm end of the cable should consist of an RJ-48C plug. The user is responsible for supplying an appropriate cable for these connections. The pin designations for the DTI/212 120-ohm cable ends are given in Table 2-4.

Table 2-4 E-1 to DTI/212 120-Ohm Pin Designations

Signal	Pin(s)
Receive ring: input to the DTI/212 120-ohm module	1
Receive tip: input to the DTI/212 120-ohm module	2
No connection	3,6
Transmit ring: output from the DTI/212 120-ohm module	5
Transmit tip: output from the DTI/212 120-ohm module	4
Optional shield	7,8

To cable the DTI/212 120-ohm module to the E-1 network, follow these steps:

1. Align the RJ-48C connector at the DTI/212 120-ohm module end of the E-1 to DTI/212 120-ohm cable with jack J201 on the rear bracket of the DTI/212 module.
2. Gently push the cable connector into the RJ-48C jack until it snaps into place.

2.4.1.1.4 Connecting Dialogic LSI/120 Loop-Start Module

The customer is responsible for supplying additional cabling to connect the LSI/120 network interface module to the telephone company lines.

Refer to the *Dialogic Network Hardware Reference* for additional information on LSI/120 modules.

You can choose from the following connection options:

- Use DIGITAL's BC22F cable. This cable has a DB-25 connector on one end (to connect to the LSI/120), and a 50-pin connector on the other end that provides 12 tip and ring pin pairs that are compatible with a standard RJ-21X USOC jack.
- Use Dialogic's SA/120 RJ-11 assembly. This assembly accepts the 50-pin male connector from the SA/120 RJ-21 cable and terminates with 12 RJ-11 connectors. This cable allows you to connect individual subscriber lines to the LSI/120.

The pin-out specifications in Table 2-5 and Table 2-6 are for connector P3 on the LSI/120. This cable uses a 25-pin female DB-25 connector (Amphenol part number 745495-2 or equivalent) on the LSI/120 end, and a 50-pin jack (Amphenol part number 157-72500-3 or equivalent) that is compatible with an RJ-21X USOC jack.

Table 2-5 LSI/120 Loop-Start 25-Pin Designations

TIP 8	1	14	RING 12
RING 8	2	15	TIP 12
TIP 9	3	16	RING 11
RING 9	4	17	TIP 11
TIP 4	5	18	RING 10
RING 4	6	19	TIP 10
TIP 7	7	20	TIP 3
RING 7	8	21	RING 3
TIP 6	9	22	RING 1
RING 6	10	23	TIP 1
TIP 5	11	24	RING 2
RING 5	12	25	TIP 2
RESERVED	13		

Table 2-6 LSI/120 Loop-Start 50-Pin Designations

RING 1	1	26	TIP 1
RING 2	2	27	TIP 2
RING 3	3	28	TIP 3
RING 4	4	29	TIP 4
RING 5	5	30	TIP 5
RING 6	6	31	TIP 6
RING 7	7	32	TIP 7
RING 8	8	33	TIP 8
RING 9	9	34	TIP 9
RING 10	10	35	TIP 10
RING 11	11	36	TIP 11
RING 12	12	37	TIP 12
RING NC	13	38	TIP NC
RING NC	14	39	TIP NC
RING NC	15	40	TIP NC
RING NC	16	41	TIP NC
RING NC	17	42	TIP NC
RING NC	18	43	TIP NC
RING NC	19	44	TIP NC
RING NC	20	45	TIP NC
RING NC	21	46	TIP NC
RING NC	22	47	TIP NC
RING NC	23	48	TIP NC
RING NC	24	49	TIP NC
RING NC	25	50	TIP NC

2.4.1.2 IP Power Controller

The AlphaServer IP Platform supports the following power controller models: 120 Vac, 240 Vac, 250 Vac, or -48 Vdc. Each simplex and duplex rackmount system has one or two power controllers located in the bottom of the cabinet. Each controller supports one BA35x-Sx, ISA bus expansion chassis, and an AlphaServer 1000A system.

Instructions for wiring the -48 Vdc power controllers to the building's power source are included in Appendix C.

2.4.1.3 User Alarms

If the AlphaServer IP Platform does not use the -48 Vdc power controller, the user can connect up to three external TTL signal alarms to the 8-pin MJ connector on the alarm control module. Refer to Appendix D for a pinout of this connector and the *AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral Fault Manager for DIGITAL UNIX Installation and User's Guide* for information on configuring these alarms.

2.4.2 Locking Your System

The AlphaServer IP Platform is protected by a key lock in the front and rear door panels. Duplicate interchangeable sets of keys are provided for both front and rear locks.

The AlphaServer 1000A system also comes with a set of keys for each CPU.

Note

Store the keys in a safe place. Record the key number for each cabinet door and each CPU. Store this information in a safe place; you will need the information if replacement is necessary.

The *AlphaServer 1000A Rackmount Owner's Guide* contains additional information about the AlphaServer 1000A locking procedure.

3.1 Introduction

This chapter describes:

- Turning on the AlphaServer IP Platform
- Basic operation of the IP Platform subsystem components

3.2 Turning on the AlphaServer IP Platform

After the AlphaServer IP Platform is properly secured, plugged in, and connected to the building's network hardware, you are ready to power up the system. Refer to Appendix E and Appendix F for the IP Platform diagrams to assist you in locating the system components.

3.2.1 Step I: Power Controller Circuit Breakers

Prior to turning on the circuit breakers for the 120 Vac, 240 Vac, or 250 Vac controllers, ensure that the neon indicator is on, indicating that an ac voltage is present. The -48 Vdc controller does not have an indicator for voltage; it should be connected to the -48 Vdc battery/power source prior to turning on the circuit breakers.

To start powering up the AlphaServer IP Platform, switch the circuit breakers at each power controller (located in the rear of the cabinet) to the on position. The modular storage shelf BA35x-Sx automatically powers up.

3.2.2 Step II: ISA Bus Expansion Chassis

To power up the ISA bus expansion chassis, press the On/Off switch on the front of the ISA bus expansion chassis. The green ON/Off indicator on the front of the ISA bus expansion chassis will illuminate.

Important

The ISA bus expansion chassis must be turned on prior to turning on the AlphaServer 1000A system.

3.2.3 Step III: AlphaServer 1000A System

Turn the AlphaServer 1000A system on by pressing the On/Off switch on the front of the AlphaServer 1000A unit. The green On/Off indicator on the front of the system will illuminate.

At this point in the IP Platform power on sequence, the alarm indicator panel should have the green OK LED lit and the status display will contain either a “b” indicating discharged or partially charged batteries, or it will be blank.

As described in the following sections, each subsystem within the IP Platform initiates its own self-test at power-up. The following sections describe what a successful power-up of the subsystem components looks like.

3.3 Basic Operation of the IP Platform Subsystem Components

The following sections describe the basic operation of the IP Platform subsystem components.

3.3.1 Alarm Indicator Panel

The alarm indicator panel (see Figure 3-1) contains the following:

- Visual indicators
- Audible indicator
- Battery backup logic
- Keep-alive function

Visual Indicators

The alarm indicator panel has three alarm LED indicators. These LED indicators are defined as follows:

- Critical (red LED)
- Major (red LED)
- Minor (amber LED)

The LED for a particular level of severity will be lit as long as at least one event of that level is active. Multiple LEDs may be simultaneously lit.

The alarm indicator panel has two other indicators used for status information. These are the following:

- Status display
- Alarm indicator panel OK LED (green)

The status display is used to output status as a result of the diagnostic testing and to display other status information as shown in the following tables.

The OK LED is lit after a successful reset and will remain lit until either an unsuccessful reset or a loss of battery power occurs.

Refer to the *AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral Fault Manager For DIGITAL UNIX Installation and User's Guide* and the I-Bus chassis documentation for additional information on the alarm indicator panel and fault management.

The following table describes the normal conditions of the alarm indicator panel when the AlphaServer 1000A is powered on and the Intelligent Peripheral Fault Manager (IPFM) software is running.

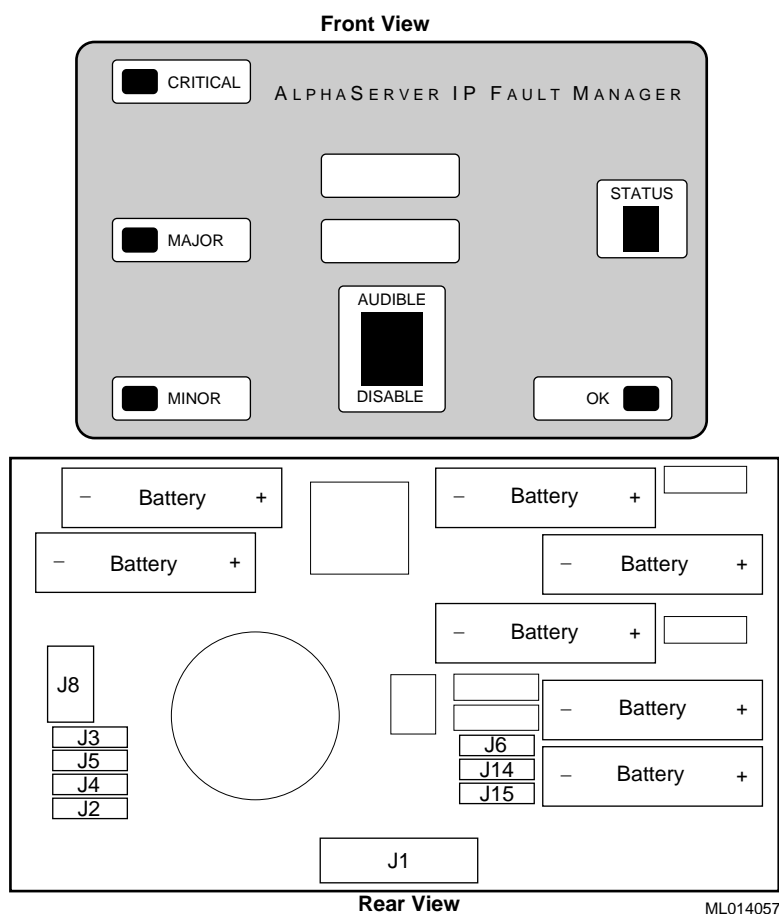
Condition	OK LED	Minor Alarm LED	Status Display	Audible Alarm
Fully discharged batteries	On	Off	“b”	Off
Fully charged batteries	On	Off	“Rotating bar”	Off
Partially charged batteries	On	Off	“b”	Off

If the AlphaServer 1000A system loses power while the IPFM software is running, the following table describes the possible conditions of the alarm indicator panel.

Condition	OK LED	Minor Alarm LED	Status Display	Audible Alarm
Fully discharged batteries	Off	Off	blank	Off
Fully charged batteries	On	On	“p”	On
Partially charged batteries	On	On	“b”	On

Figure 3-1 shows a front and rear view of the alarm indicator panel.

Figure 3-1 Alarm Indicator Panel (Front and Rear View)



Audible Indicator

The audible indicator has three distinct sounds associated with the three levels of alarming. This indicator is controlled by software through the alarm control module or by a disable switch on the alarm indicator panel itself. The audible indicator will sound at the level of the most severe alarmed event that is currently active. No more than one level of audible alarm can be enabled at any one time. The disable switch turns off the current audible alarm until a new event occurs that is of equal or greater severity level than the highest level alarm currently active, or until the event causing the audible alarm is cleared and another alarmed event is pending.

The three audible alarm levels are defined as follows:

- Critical is two beeps, the first separated from the second by 0.5 seconds or less. This double beep pattern is repeated every 1.5 seconds.
- Major is one beep every 1.5 seconds.
- Minor is one beep every 5 seconds.

Battery Backup Logic

The battery backup logic is designed to keep the current indicator status functioning for the life of the batteries (approximately 60 to 120 minutes) in the event of a power failure. It provides an indication if the batteries are low by displaying a “b” in the status display.

Keep-Alive Function

The alarm indicator panel houses a timer that is used to ensure that the CPU controlling it is still running. The function is enabled by software, which starts a timer. As long as software resets the timer before expiration, a “rotating bar” is displayed in the status display, otherwise a minor alarm is generated. A minor alarm will also be generated if power to the alarm indicator panel is lost and a “p” will be displayed in the status display.

3.3.1.1 Replacing Batteries in the Alarm Indicator Panel

The alarm indicator panel contains seven 1.2 V, 600 mA, NICD type AA rechargeable batteries that provide battery backup for providing alarm information when the system loses power or is turned off. When an alarm indicator panel continuously indicates a low battery condition in the absence of a power loss, the batteries should be replaced. These batteries should be replaced only with the same type batteries (PN 12-41230-04) or the equivalent batteries.

Perform the following procedure to replace the batteries in an alarm indicator panel:

1. Power down the AlphaServer 1000A system.
2. At the front of the cabinet, remove the four screws that secure the alarm indicator panel frame to the front rails.
3. Disconnect the miniature 26-pin cable(s) from the connector(s) on the rear of the alarm indicator panel(s).
4. On the rear of the alarm indicator panel that indicates a low battery condition, remove the two screws that secure the miniature 26-pin connector to the rear cover.
5. Remove the three screws from the top edge and the three screws from the bottom edge of the alarm indicator panel frame that secure the alarm indicator panel rear cover.
6. Remove the alarm indicator panel rear cover.

7. Remove the seven batteries from the battery holders.

WARNING

Replace the batteries with the same type (PN 12-41230-04) or an equivalent type recommended by the battery manufacturer. Danger of explosion exists if batteries are incorrectly replaced. Discard used batteries according to battery manufacturer instructions. Be certain to follow any applicable country, state, or local statutes for proper battery disposal.

8. Observing proper polarity, install the seven new batteries in the battery holders.

After installing the new batteries, reverse steps 1 through 6.

3.3.2 AlphaServer 1000A System

Once the AlphaServer 1000A system power is turned on, the screen on the IP Platform console displays test codes and initialization messages. When the startup procedure is complete, the following occurs:

- The IP Platform console terminal emulation window displays the SRM console prompt (>>>>).
- The operator control panel on the front of the AlphaServer 1000A system displays the message "Model 5/400."

Boot the DIGITAL UNIX system by typing boot at the console prompt. For duplex systems, type boot at each processor window. The AlphaServer 1000A system has booted successfully when the DIGITAL UNIX prompt (#) appears.

Refer to the *DIGITAL UNIX Installation Guide* for installation instructions on booting a DIGITAL UNIX system.

Refer to the *AlphaServer 1000A Rackmount Owner's Guide*, for additional information on the operation of the AlphaServer 1000A system.

3.3.3 Modular Storage Shelf BA35x-Sx Subsystem

There may be up to eight StorageWorks building blocks (SBBs) on each modular storage shelf BA35x-Sx subsystem. The StorageWorks Building Block (SBB) slots are numbered 0 through 7 from right to left with the power supply SBB in slot 7. On the IP simplex system, the storage SBBs are in slots 0-6. On the duplex system, the available storage SBBs are in slots 0-5.

Note

The SCSI address for the SSB device is defined automatically by the SSB slot location.

After power is supplied to the IP Platform, observe the status LEDs for the following successful indications:

- On a power supply SBB, both green status LEDs should be on.
- On a storage SBB, the green device activity LED is either on, flashing, or off. The amber device fault LED is off.

Additional information on the following modular storage shelf BA35x-Sx components can be found in the *StorageWorks Family User's Guide*.

- Component functions
- Shelf status
- Power unit status
- Storage device status
- StorageWorks building block SSB replacement procedures
- Shelf replacement procedures
- Power supplies
- SCSI buses

For information on how to monitor the StorageWorks disks, refer to the *Intelligent Peripheral Fault Manager for DIGITAL UNIX Installation and User's Guide*.

3.3.4 ISA Bus Expansion Chassis

The AlphaServer IP Platform supports a variety of voice/telephony options through the addition of an ISA bus expansion chassis. The ISA bus expansion chassis is configured with a 20-slot ISA backplane. The EISA to ISA bridge uses one slot and the remaining 19 slots are available for telephony options. The ISA bus expansion chassis has the following characteristics:

- Conforms to ISA bus specifications
- Contains an ON/Off power switch for removing power for servicing
- Contains an alarm sensor module for monitoring
 - Chassis temperature
 - Chassis voltage
 - Cooling fan rotation
- Connector for communication with the alarm control module installed in the AlphaServer 1000A system
- Slide mounted to allow front access to all modules
- 375 W power supply to support maximum output voltages (to voice boards) and capacities as shown in the following table.

Voltage	Amps*
5	46
-5	1.5
12	14
-12	1.5

* Provided that the maximum output power does not exceed the power supply rating.

- Contains a load module to provide minimum power supply pre-load (4.2 A @ +5 V). This module may be removed from the ISA bus expansion chassis when the minimum power supply pre-load can be attained with the installed telephony options.

Each simplex front end system contains one ISA bus expansion chassis. Each duplex front end system contains two ISA bus expansion chassis. A connector on the alarm control module is dedicated to bringing in physical alarm signals from the ISA bus expansion chassis. Any of the alarm events listed above cause the alarm subsystem to generate an interrupt to the system software in order to update the alarm database and also send alarm signals to the alarm indicator panel for display.

Reconfiguring the AlphaServer IP Platform

4.1 Introduction

In order to upgrade the AlphaServer IP Platform or replace defective parts, you need to remove and install components within the IP Platform. These components are within the individual AlphaServer 1000A system, ISA bus expansion chassis, and modular storage shelf BA35x-Sx subsystems. After you change any IP Platform component, you may want to verify or modify the system configuration.

This chapter lists the components of the IP Platform subsystem that may need to be removed or installed, and the procedure for viewing and modifying the subsystem configurations using the IP Platform console terminal SRM commands.

Before you attempt to install third-party devices inside your system unit, check with the third-party vendor to ensure that your system hardware and operating system software support the device.

Caution

Static electricity can damage electronic components. Use the antistatic wriststrap located in the inside rear cabinet door pocket. Additionally, use an antistatic mat when you handle internal components.

4.2 AlphaServer 1000A System Configurations

The components of the AlphaServer 1000A system that may need to be replaced or upgraded include:

- Storage devices (DAT tape drive, hard disk drive, floppy drive, CD-ROM drive)
- Memory modules
- CPU motherboard
 - EISA modules
 - * DExxx Ethernet controller
 - * Access I/O transmitter module (AT bus expansion kit)
 - PCI modules
 - * KZPSA-BB SCSI controller (qty=2) (optional)
 - * Alarm control module

- Power supply

The KZPSA-BB PCI-to-SCSI adapter comes with its own utilities diskette that can be used to modify the adapter parameters. See the *StorageWorks KZPSA PCI-to-SCSI Storage Adapter User's Guide* for a complete description of the adapter.

After modifying the above components, and before you boot the DIGITAL UNIX operating system, you can use the SRM console commands from the IP Platform console terminal to examine the system configurations of these components, and make modifications if necessary.

The EISA Configuration Utility (ECU) *must* be run whenever you add, remove, or move an EISA or ISA card within the AlphaServer 1000A system. The ECU is a menu-based utility run from the SRM console that provides online help to guide you through the configuration process.

Note

Do not move the slot location of the Access I/O transmitter module. Changing the location of this module may result in configuration problems.

Table 4-1 describes some of the basic SRM console commands used to verify system configurations on systems running the DIGITAL UNIX operating system.

Table 4-1 SRM Console Configuration Commands

Command	Description
show config	Displays the buses on the system and the devices found on those buses.
show device	Displays the devices and controllers on the system.
show memory	Displays the main memory configuration.
set and show	Sets and displays the environment variables.

Refer to the *AlphaServer 1000A Rackmount Owner's Guide* for complete instructions on using the ECU and SRM console commands, or type `help` at the SRM prompt (`>>>`).

4.3 ISA Bus Expansion Chassis Configuration

The AlphaServer ISA bus expansion chassis provides a flexible capacity for adding voice modules of varying types based on products from Dialogic. See Section 1.4 for a complete list of available ISA bus expansion options.

Note

If you install multiple T1 or E1 modules (part numbers 2T-VC24T-xx or 2T-VC212-XX), do not use adjacent slots in the ISA bus expansion chassis. Use every other slot for the T1 or E1 modules. Use available slots between the T1 or E1 modules for other functions.

Once the Dialogic voice modules are physically installed, you need to configure them by running the ECU from the IP Platform console terminal. Use the ECU to register the modules with the system hardware, and to reserve the addresses and interrupt request levels (IRQs) that are to be used by the modules. The ECU attempts to identify and resolve resource conflicts. The ECU may also be used to determine unused I/O ports, shared memory address, and IRQs.

In addition to the Dialogic voice modules, other components within the ISA bus expansion chassis include the:

- Fan
- Power supply
- Alarm sensor module
- Access I/O transceiver (AT bus expansion kit)

For a complete description of installing and configuring the voice-option modules, refer to the Dialogic documentation shipped with the option.

For a complete description of removing and replacing the fan or power supply, refer to the *I-Bus 4820 User Manual* that is shipped with your system.

Refer to Section 4.3.1 and Section 4.3.2 for complete descriptions of removing and replacing the alarm sensor module and the AT bus expansion kit.

4.3.1 Removing and Replacing the Alarm Sensor Module

The alarm sensor module is mounted in the drive bay area of the ISA bus expansion chassis. The 2T-IPSEN-AA alarm sensor module kit consists of an alarm sensor module, a cable to connect the alarm sensor module to the rear bulkhead, and a cable to connect the rear bulkhead to the alarm control module in the AlphaServer 1000A.

Perform the following procedure to remove the alarm sensor module:

1. Remove power from the ISA bus expansion chassis by pressing the On/Off switch on the front of the ISA bus expansion chassis.
2. Remove the screws that secure the ISA bus expansion chassis to the front rails and extend the ISA bus expansion chassis on the slides.
3. Remove the screws that secure the top cover and remove the top cover from the ISA bus expansion chassis.
4. Disconnect the 6-pin bulkhead cable, the 4-pin power supply cable, and the 2-pin temperature sensor cable from the alarm sensor module.
5. Remove the four screws that secure the alarm sensor module to the standoffs and remove the alarm sensor module.

To replace the alarm sensor module, reverse steps 1 through 5 of the removal procedure.

4.3.2 Removing and Replacing the AT Bus Expansion Kit

The 2T-VC220-IP AT bus expansion kit consists of the LT3 module installed in the AlphaServer 1000A, the LR3 module installed in the ISA bus expansion chassis, and a 2-meter cable that connects the two modules.

Perform the following procedure to remove the LR3 module from the ISA bus expansion chassis:

1. Remove power from the ISA bus expansion chassis by pressing the On/Off switch on the front of the ISA bus expansion chassis.
2. Remove the screws that secure the ISA bus expansion chassis to the front rails and extend the ISA bus expansion chassis on the slides.
3. Remove the screws that secure the top cover and remove the top cover from the ISA bus expansion chassis.
4. Disconnect the cable from the LR3 module.
5. Remove the hold-down bar from across the top of the modules in the ISA bus expansion chassis.
6. Remove the screw that secures the LR3 module to the rear bulkhead of the ISA bus expansion chassis.
7. Remove the LR3 module from the ISA bus expansion chassis.

To replace the LR3 module in the ISA bus expansion chassis, reverse steps 1 through 7 of the removal procedure. Ensure that the jumpers on the new LR3 module are set to match the jumpers on the LR3 module being replaced.

4.4 Modular Storage Shelf BA35x-Sx Subsystem Configuration

The modular storage shelf BA35x-Sx contains the following components that may need to be removed and replaced:

- StorageWorks building blocks (SBBs)
- DWZZB-VA SCSI bus converter
- H885-AA tri-link connector block
- H879-AA SCSI terminator
- Disk drives
- Power supply

Important

Once a device has been initialized on a SCSI bus with a specific device address, moving the device to another bus or changing the device address can cause problems.

Refer to the *StorageWorks Family User's Guide* for specific instructions on adding and removing StorageWorks components, and setting the correct device addresses.

4.5 Alarm Indicator Panel Configuration

The alarm indicator panel provides programmable visual and audible alarm indicators for the AlphaServer IP Platform. The alarm indicator panel consists of a metal frame, graphics panel(s), and alarm indicator module(s). A cable connects the alarm indicator module to the alarm control module that is installed on the AlphaServer 1000A PCI bus.

4.5.1 Removing and Replacing the Alarm Indicator Module

The alarm indicator module is mounted inside the alarm indicator panel.

Perform the following procedure to replace an alarm indicator module:

1. Power down the AlphaServer 1000A system.
2. At the front of the cabinet, remove the four screws that secure the alarm indicator panel frame to the front rails.
3. Disconnect the miniature 26-pin cable(s) from the connector(s) on the rear of the alarm indicator panel(s).
4. On the rear of the alarm indicator panel that contains the alarm indicator module to be replaced, remove the two screws that secure the miniature 26-pin connector to the rear cover.
5. Remove the three screws from the top edge and the three screws from the bottom edge of the alarm indicator panel frame that secure the alarm indicator panel rear cover.
6. Remove the alarm indicator panel rear cover.
7. Remove the four screws that secure the alarm indicator module to the alarm indicator panel frame.

To replace the alarm indicator module, reverse steps 1 through 7 of the removal procedure.

System Troubleshooting

5.1 Introduction

This chapter describes procedures for resolving problems with the components of the AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral (IP) Platform. If the subsystem troubleshooting is discussed in another manual, a reference is provided to that documentation.

Before servicing the system, be aware of any service agreement that exists for your system. The agreement helps determine the level of maintenance for self-maintenance customers.

To correct a problem, locate the troubleshooting section for that component and refer to the appropriate documentation. If you cannot correct the problem, report it to your service representative.

WARNING

Only a qualified service person should install the system. A qualified service person is an individual who has the technical training and experience to be aware of the:

- **Hazards to which they are exposed in performing a task**
 - **Measures to minimize the danger to themselves or other persons**
- A qualified service person need not be a DIGITAL service representative.**
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5.2 AlphaServer 1000A Subsystem

The *AlphaServer 1000A Rackmount Owner's Guide* provides the instructions on completing the following tasks or resolving these particular problems:

- Confirming that EISA modules or memory modules are properly configured
- Running a diagnostic test of the entire system, showing its status, or terminating the testing
- Checking the startup display when you turn on the system
- What to do if:
 - The power supply has shut down
 - Startup tests do not complete
 - The system cannot boot the operating system
 - The operating system reports errors, is hung, or crashes
 - The system cannot access a mass storage device
 - Storage devices are missing from the show device display
 - The system indicates network problems, an EISA module is not configured, or a PCI module is unseen by the system
 - The monitor or the terminal is not working
 - The keyboard and mouse are not working
 - The system repeatedly shuts down after 10 seconds
 - The system does not see or cannot access RAID drives
 - The Flash ROM is corrupted and the system cannot access console mode

5.3 Alarm Indicator Panel

The alarm indicator panel (see Figure 3-1) uses visual and audio alarm indicators to display the status of the IP Platform, including the ISA bus expansion chassis and the -48 Vdc power inverter or user alarm inputs. The alarm indicator panel displays alarms as long as it can communicate with the alarm control module in the AlphaServer 1000A, or until its backup batteries become fully discharged.

Refer to Section 3.3.1 for a description of the alarm indicator panel alarms and status displays. Refer to Section 3.3.1.1 for the procedure for replacing the batteries in the alarm indicator panel.

5.4 ISA Bus Expansion Chassis

The ISA bus expansion chassis contains alarm sensors that detect fault conditions and send the information to the alarm control module in the AlphaServer 1000A system chassis.

For a complete description of alarm sensor interaction with the IP Fault Manager software, see the *AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral Fault Manager for DIGITAL UNIX Installation and User's Guide*.

The status of the Dialogic voice modules is handled at the application level and not by the IP Fault Manager software.

5.5 Modular Storage Shelf BA35x-Sx Subsystem

The modular storage shelf BA35x-Sx uses the LEDs of its StorageWorks building blocks (SBBs) to indicate problems within the power unit, storage devices, and StorageWorks shelf. Depending upon the problem, these displays can be flashing, on, or off. The *StorageWorks Family User's Guide* provides instructions on how to interpret these displays.

5.6 AlphaServer IP Power Controllers

If the power controllers do not function properly, perform the following steps:

1. Prior to turning on the circuit breakers for the 120 Vac, 240 Vac, or 250 Vac controllers, ensure that the neon indicator is on, indicating that an ac voltage is present. The -48 Vdc controller does not have an indicator for voltage. It should be connected to the -48 Vdc battery/power source prior to turning on the circuit breakers.
2. Check that the circuit breakers are on for each of the power controllers installed.
3. Refer to the *DIGITAL 2T-48VDC-xx -48Vdc-to-120Vac Power Inverter Owner's Guide* for more troubleshooting information on the -48 Vdc controller.

AlphaServer IP Platform Specifications

Physical Dimensions

Table A-1 contains the physical dimensions for the AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral (IP) Platform.

Table A-1 Physical Dimensions

Dimension	Specification
Depth	96.52 cm (38.0 in.) including doors
Width	55.88 cm (22.0 in.)
Height	220.01 cm (86.62 in.) including cable trough
Height	204.77 cm (80.62 in.) without cable trough
Weight	385.56 kg (850 lbs) for fully loaded duplex system
Front aisle	76.2 cm (30.0 in.) minimum clearance
Rear aisle	60.96 cm (24.0 in.) minimum clearance

Electrical Specifications

Table A-2 contains the electrical specifications for each IP Platform power controller.

Table A-2 Electrical Specifications for Each Power Controller

Specification	Range
Input voltage	120 Vac or 240 Vac or 250 Vac or -48 Vdc
Frequency (ac only)	50-60 Hz
Input current maximum	8.0 A at 120 Vac or 4.0 A at 240 Vac or 4.0 A at 250 Vac or 50 A at -48 Vdc

System Environmental Specifications

Table A-3 contains the environmental specifications for the AlphaServer IP Platform.

Table A-3 Environmental Specifications

Operating/Storage Conditions	
Temperature range	10°C to 40°C (50°F to 104°F)
Barometric pressure	760 mm (29.92 in. Hg)
Relative humidity	20% to 80% (noncondensing)
Minimum dew point	2°C (36°F)
Maximum altitude	2,438 m (8,000 ft) ¹
Maximum wet bulb temperature	28°C (82°F)
Nonoperating Conditions	
Temperature range	-40°C to 66°C (-40°F to 151°F)
Relative humidity	20% to 85% (noncondensing)
Maximum altitude	4,877 m (16,000 ft) ¹
¹ The maximum allowable operating temperature above 2,438 m (8,000 ft) is reduced 1.8°C/1,000 m (1.0°F/1,000 ft).	

NEBS Compatibility

The AlphaServer IP Platform is intended for deployment in telecommunications central office (CO) environments, and is compatible with Bellcore's Network Equipment-Building Systems (NEBS) specification TR-NWT-000063.

Some of the NEBS-compatible (conforming) hardware requirements supported by the AlphaServer IP Platform are:

- Simplex or duplex front end or back end system housed within a single electronic equipment cabinet.
- Cabinet of welded steel construction has locking front and rear doors, bolt-down provisions at the cabinet base and top (for use only when a -48 Vdc power inverter is installed in the cabinet), four-wheel rugged castor base, four-point leveling, and cable egress from top or bottom of the cabinet.
- Integral cable trough attached to the top-rear half of the cabinet, and for larger systems, forms a continuous cable trough along the cabinet top-rear.
- 120 Vac, 240 Vac, 250 Vac, and -48 Vdc dual-feed power models are available for the duplex system.
- Weight is 385.56 kg (850 lbs).

Note

Floor loading is approximately 38.56 kg (85 lbs) per square foot according to NEBS weight calculation rules. Maximum allowed is 52.16 kg (115 lbs) per square foot.

- Operating relative humidity of 20% to 80%.
- Acoustic noise is less than 65 dBA.
- Designed to meet earthquake Zone 2.
- Meets FCC Class A specifications.
- Meets UL and other international safety specifications.

NEBS nonconforming features are:

- Cabinet depth is 96.52 cm (38 in.)
- Printer and terminal are table-top mounted.
- Fire testing not performed.
- Convenience outlets not provided.
- Earthquake testing for Zones 2, 3, and 4 not performed.

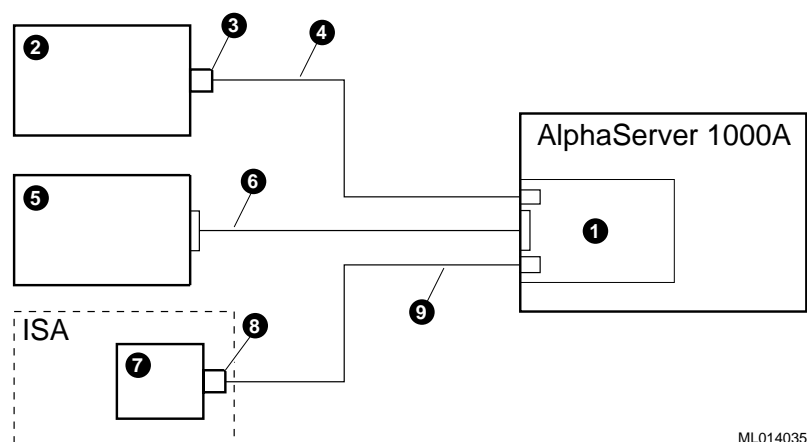
The AlphaServer IP Platform simplex and duplex front end and back end systems are contained within one single bay 177.8 cm (70 in.) panel space cabinet (except for console terminal).

Alarm Input Wiring Diagram

Introduction

The following diagram of the Intelligent Peripheral (IP) duplex front end platform displays the alarm input wiring connections between the ISA bus expansion chassis, the AlphaServer 1000A processors, and the alarm indicator panel.

Figure B-1 Alarm Input Wiring Diagram



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| ❶ Alarm control module installed in the AlphaServer 1000A system | ❸ D-sub 25-pin connector |
| ❷ -48 Vdc power inverter | ❹ Inverter alarm cable |
| ❺ Alarm sensor module in the ISA bus expansion chassis | ❺ Alarm indicator panel cable |
| ❻ D-sub 9-pin connector | ❻ Alarm indicator panel |
| ❼ ISA bus expansion chassis alarm cable | |

Field Wiring the -48 Vdc Power Inverter for Power

Field Wiring the -48 Vdc Power Controllers

The following sections describe how to field wire the -48 Vdc power controllers.

WARNING

The person(s) installing the system should be aware of the 1993 NEC (National Electrical Code) requirements for data processing equipment installation, Article 645, 645-2. Failure to follow these requirements could result in personal injury and damage to the equipment.

Only a qualified service person should install the system. A qualified service person is an individual who has the technical training and experience to be aware of the:

- Hazards to which they are exposed in performing a task
 - Measures to minimize the danger to themselves or other persons
- A qualified service person need not be a DIGITAL service representative.
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Installing Suitable Field Wiring

The following subsections describe how to install suitable field wiring.

Field Wiring Recommendations

Table C-1 lists the field wiring recommendations for each side of the -48 Vdc power controller. The -48 Vdc power controller has dual power feeds.

Table C-1 Field Wiring Recommendations for Each Power Feed

Input Power Requirement	-48 Vdc Power Controller
Input voltage	-48 Vdc
Input current	50 A max
Inrush peak	6 A max soft start limited

Field Wiring the -48 Vdc Power Inverter for Power

Recommended wire: Wire should be U/L recognized and CSA certified for 105°C (221°F), with insulation rated for 600 Vac. Each of the 3-wire conductors should be a minimum of 6 AWG stranded.

WARNING

High energy hazard. Proper precautions required.

Installing the Wiring

1. Strip the wire insulation to approximately 1.27 cm (.50 in.).
2. Insert the wire into the terminal block as follows:
 - a. Observe the wire color/polarity
 - Black: -48 Vdc
 - White: +48 Vdc
 - Green/yellow: Ground
 - b. Torque the #10-32 compression screws to 40 to 45 inch-pounds.

Wiring User Alarm Inputs

Introduction

This appendix provides information for wiring user TTL signal alarm inputs to the 8-pin MJ connector on the alarm control module installed in the AlphaServer 1000A system.

Connecting User Alarm Inputs

Figure D-1 shows the 8-pin MJ connector on the alarm control module that is used for connecting user alarm inputs.

Figure D-1 Alarm Control Module 8-Pin MJ Connector

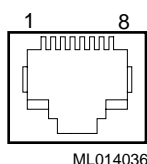


Table D-1 provides a pinout listing of the pins on the alarm control module 8-pin MJ connector. This table should be used to determine the correct wiring required for user alarm inputs.

Table D-1 Alarm Control Module 8-Pin MJ Connector Pinout

Pin No.	Signal
1	Inverter Fail or user input 1 Return
2	Inverter Fail or user input 1
3	Inverter Minor or user input 2 Return
4	Inverter Minor or user input 2
5	Inverter Major or user input 3 Return
6	Inverter Major or user input 3
7	Not used
8	Not used

AlphaServer IP Platform Duplex System Diagrams

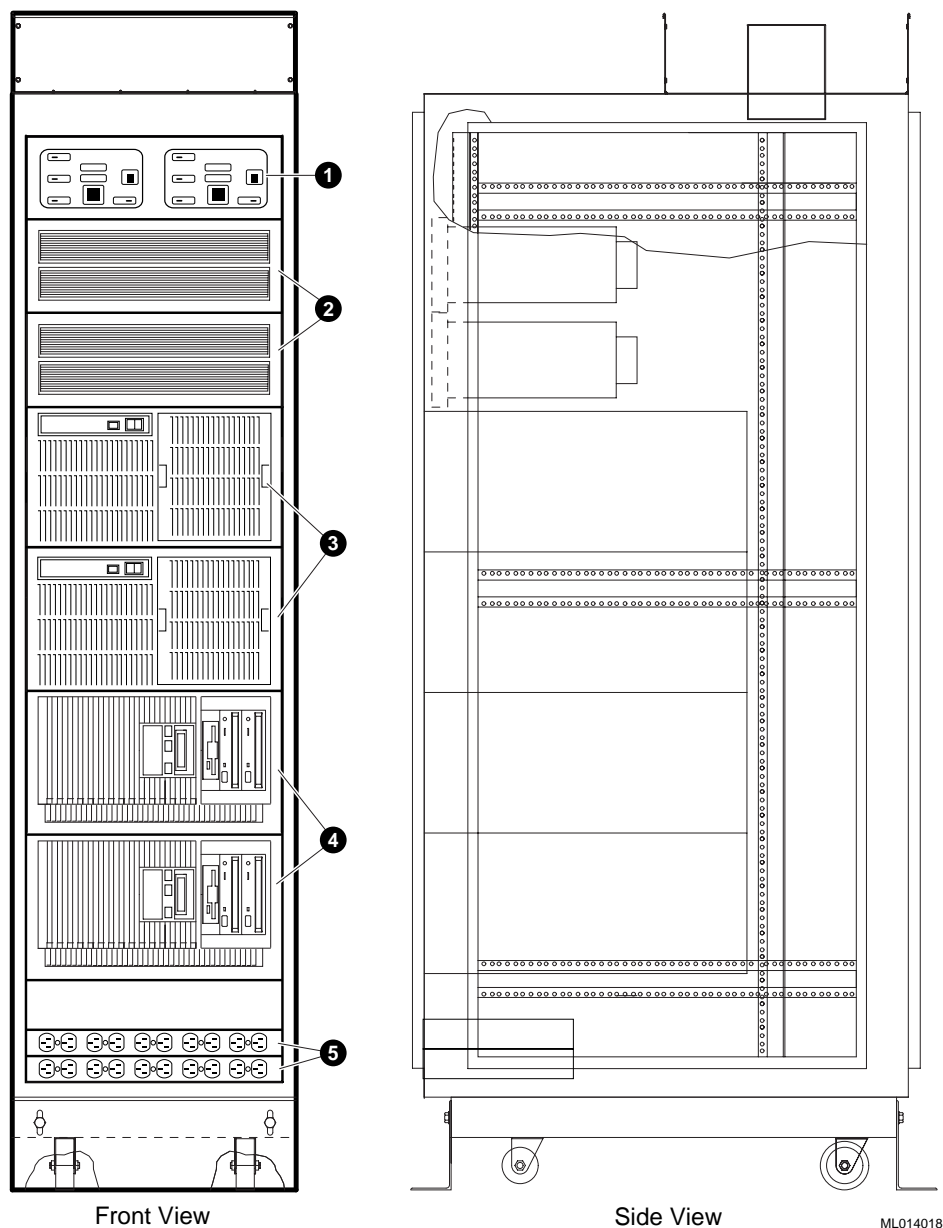
Introduction

This appendix contains diagrams of the AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral (IP) Platform duplex front end and back end, ac and dc, systems.

AlphaServer IP Platform Duplex Front End AC System

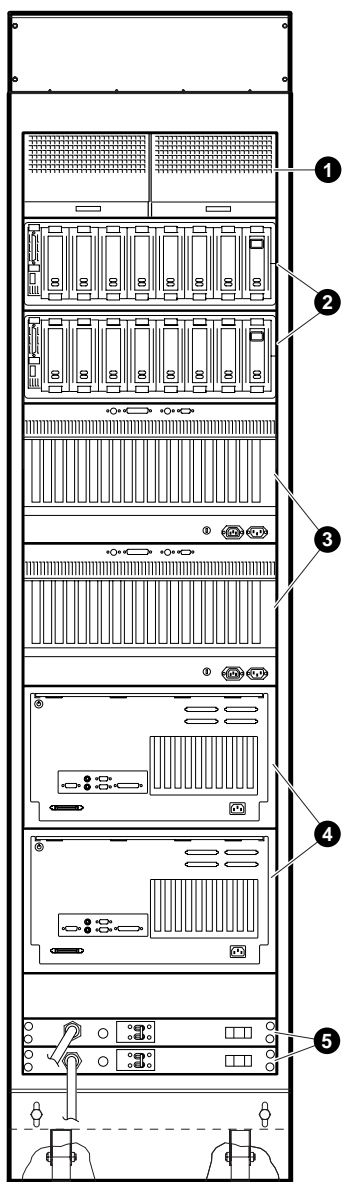
This section contains the front, side, and rear views of the duplex front end ac system.

Figure E-1 IP Platform Duplex Front End AC System Front and Side View



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| ❶ Alarm indicator panels | ❷ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❸ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❹ H7600 power controller |
| ❺ ISA bus expansion chassis | |

Figure E-2 IP Platform Duplex Front End AC System Rear View



Back View

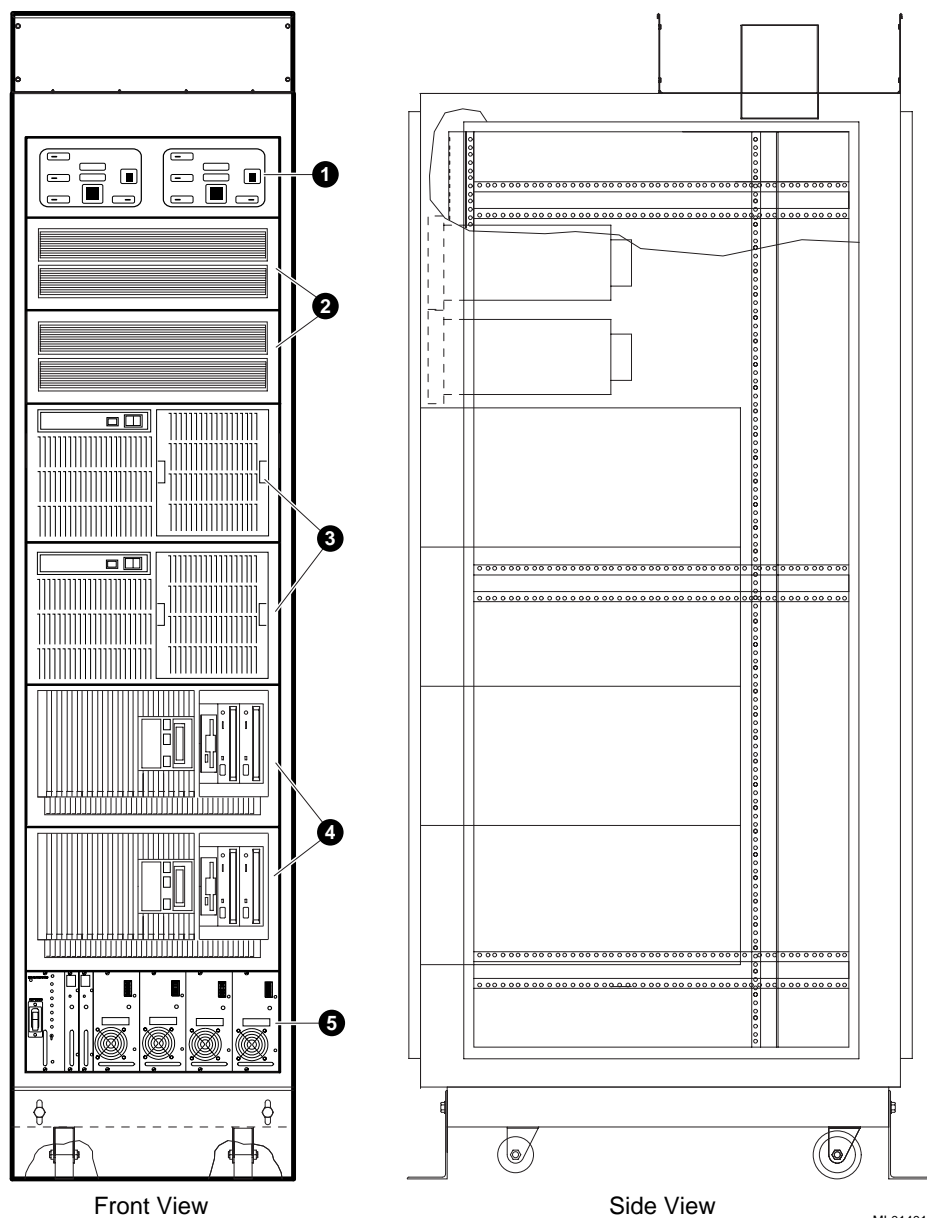
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| ❶ Alarm indicator panels | ❹ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❷ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❺ H7600 power controller |
| ❸ ISA bus expansion chassis | |

AlphaServer IP Platform Duplex Front End DC System

This section contains the front, side, and rear views of the duplex front end dc system.

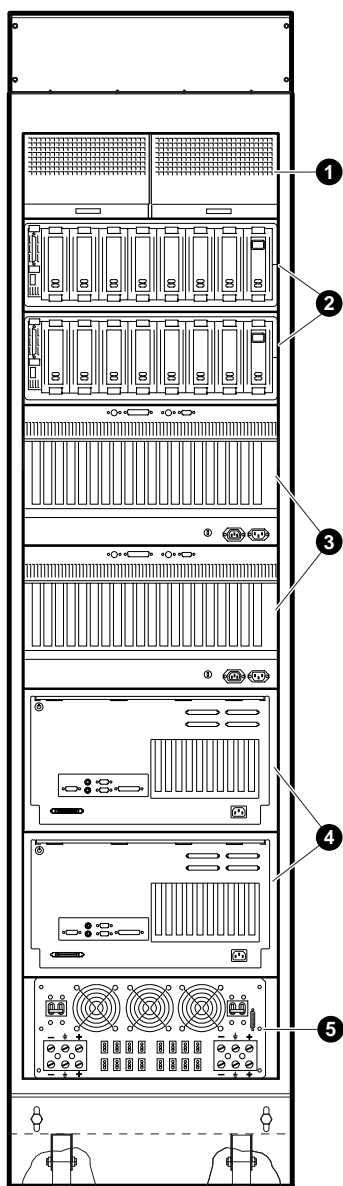
Figure E-3 IP Platform Duplex Front End DC System Front and Side View



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| ❶ Alarm indicator panels | ❷ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❸ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❹ -48 Vdc power controller |
| ❺ ISA bus expansion chassis | |

Figure E-4 IP Platform Duplex Front End DC System Rear View



Back View

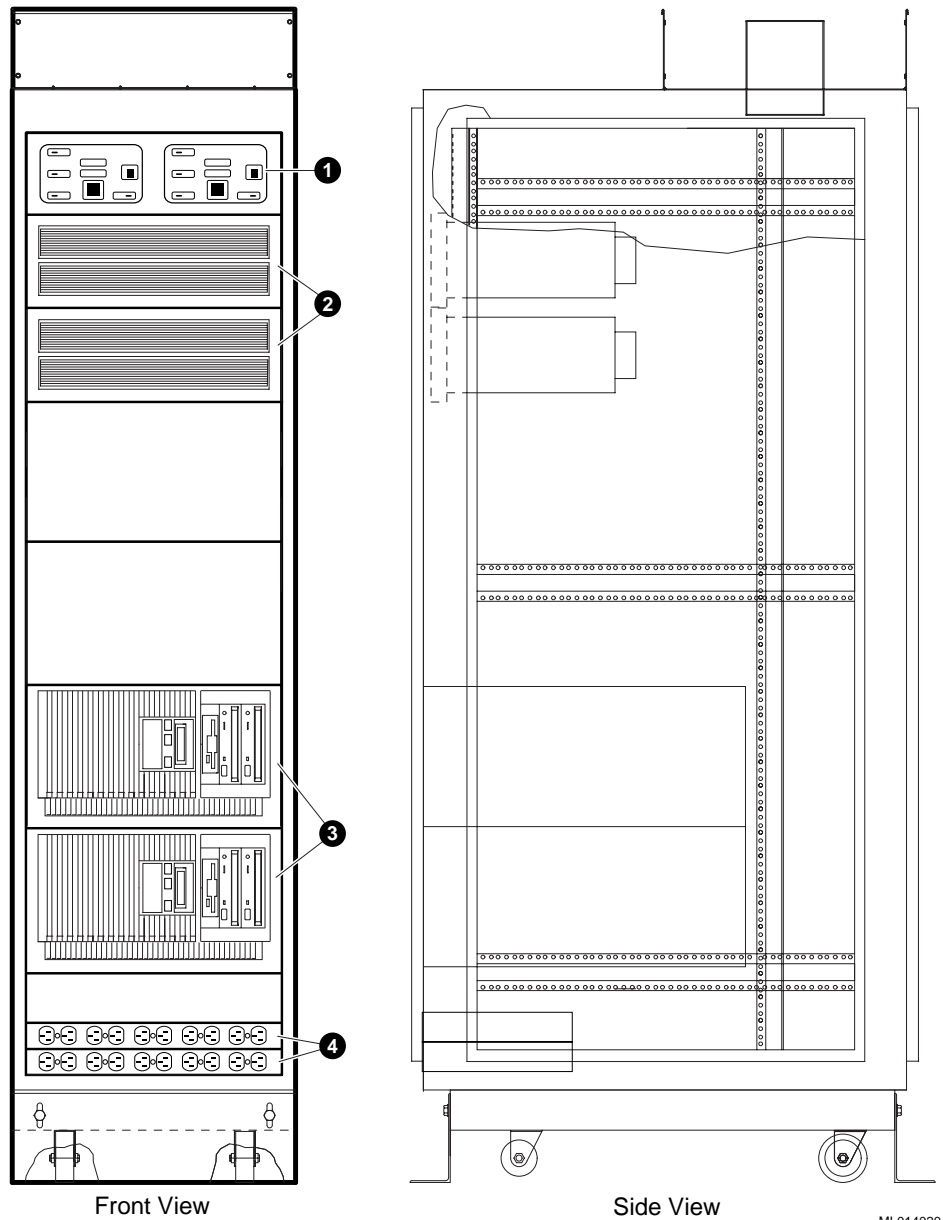
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| ❶ Alarm indicator panels | ❹ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❷ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❺ -48 Vdc power controller |
| ❸ ISA bus expansion chassis | |

AlphaServer IP Platform Duplex Back End AC System

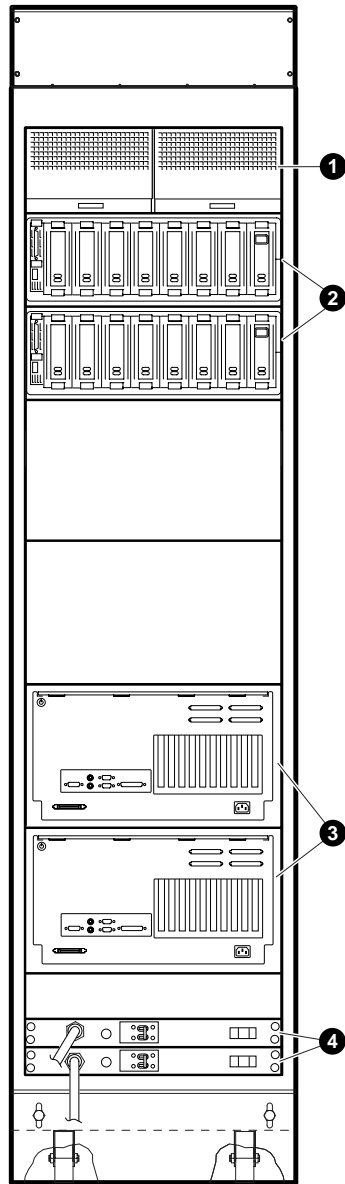
This section contains the front, side, and rear views of the duplex back end ac system.

Figure E-5 IP Platform Duplex Back End AC System Front and Side View



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| ❶ Alarm indicator panels (optional) | ❸ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❷ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❹ H7600 power controller |

Figure E-6 IP Platform Duplex Back End AC System Rear View



Back View

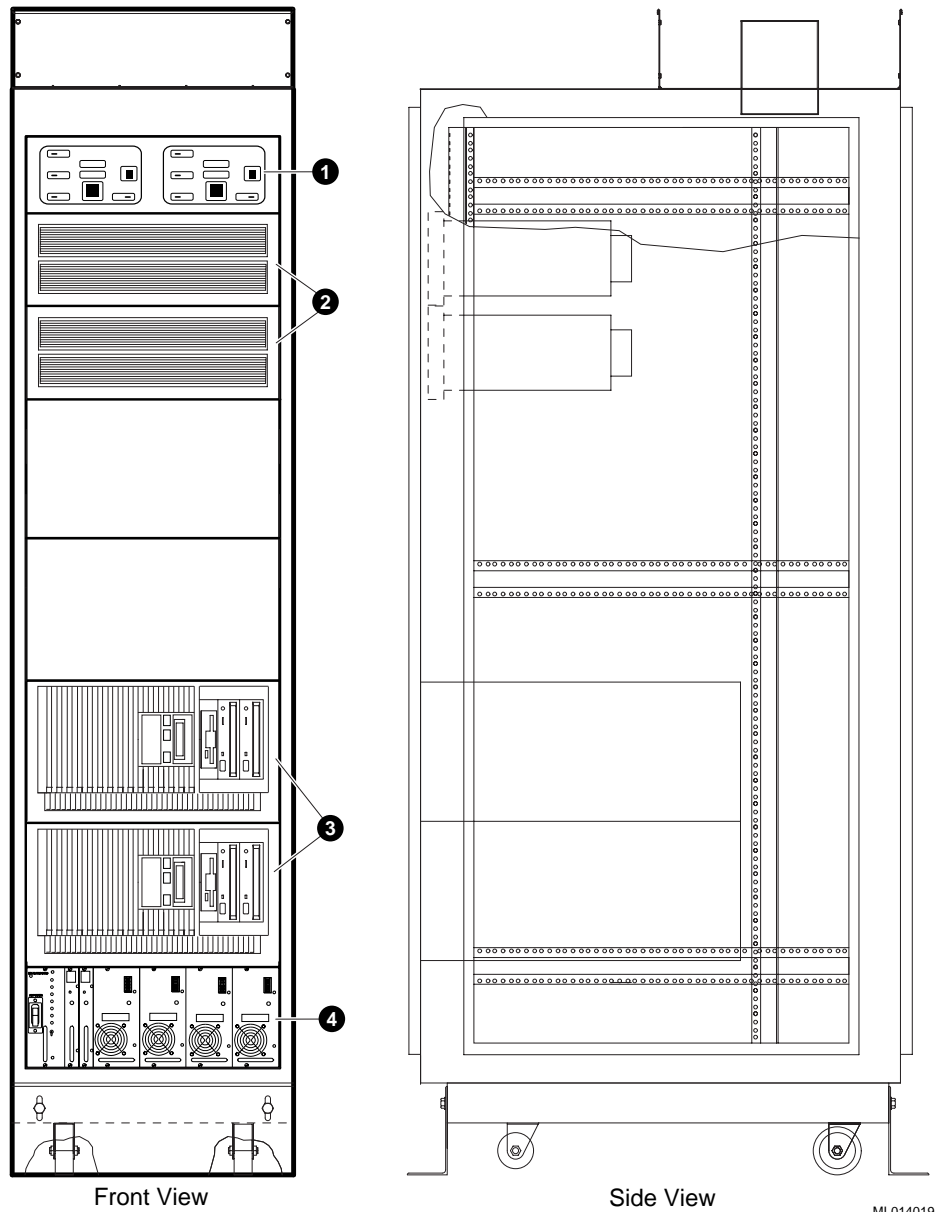
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| ❶ Alarm indicator panels (optional) | ❸ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❷ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❹ H7600 power controller |

AlphaServer IP Platform Duplex Back End DC System

This section contains the front, side, and rear views of the duplex back end dc system.

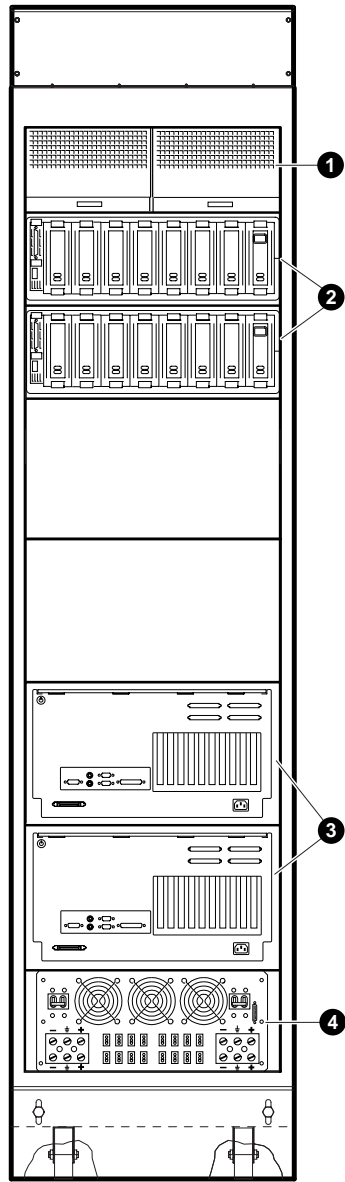
Figure E-7 IP Platform Duplex Back End DC System Front and Side View



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| ❶ Alarm indicator panels (optional) | ❸ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❷ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❹ -48 Vdc power controller |

Figure E-8 IP Platform Duplex Back End DC System Rear View



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| ❶ Alarm indicator panels (optional) | ❸ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❷ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❹ -48 Vdc power controller |

AlphaServer IP Platform Simplex System Diagrams

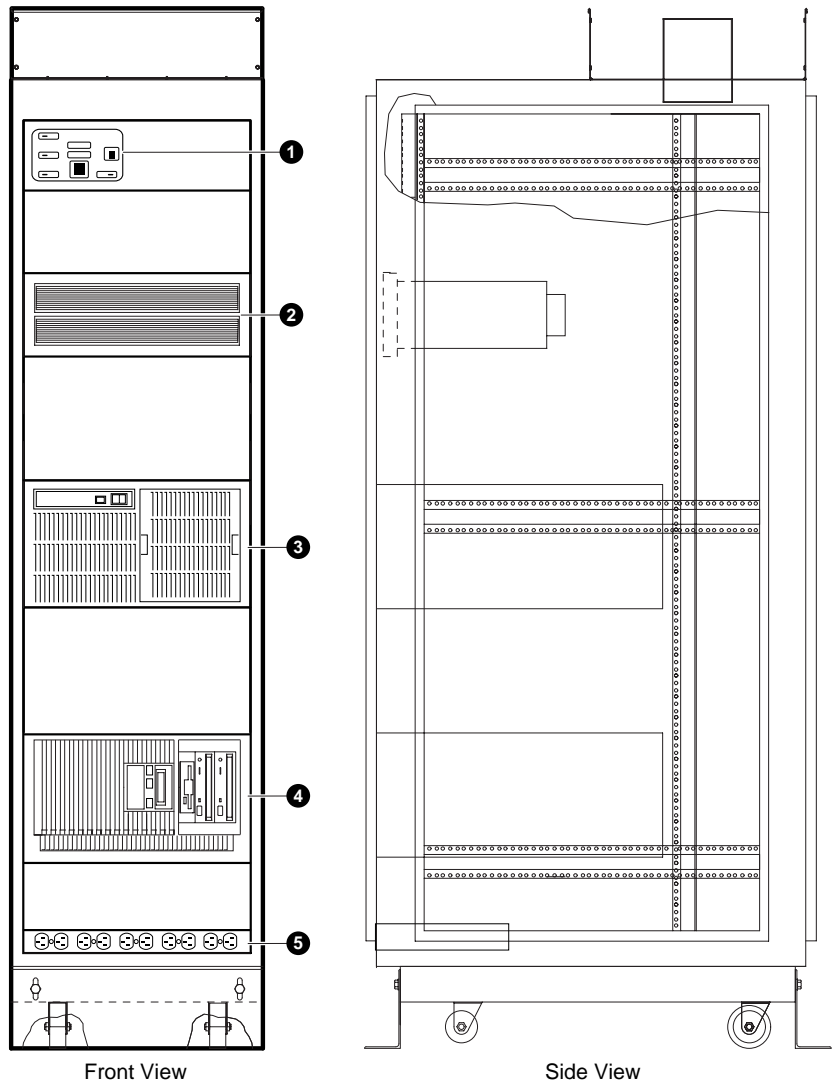
Introduction

This appendix contains diagrams of the AlphaServer Intelligent Peripheral (IP) Platform simplex front end and back end, ac and dc, systems.

AlphaServer IP Platform Simplex Front End AC System

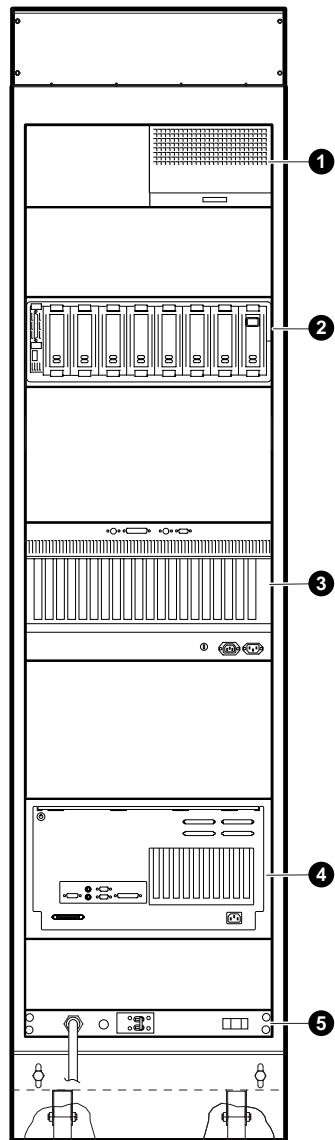
This section contains the front, side, and rear views of the simplex front end ac system.

Figure F-1 IP Platform Simplex Front End AC System Front and Side View



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| ❶ Alarm indicator panel | ❷ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❸ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❹ H7600 power controller |
| ❺ ISA bus expansion chassis | |

Figure F-2 IP Platform Simplex Front End AC System Rear View



Back View

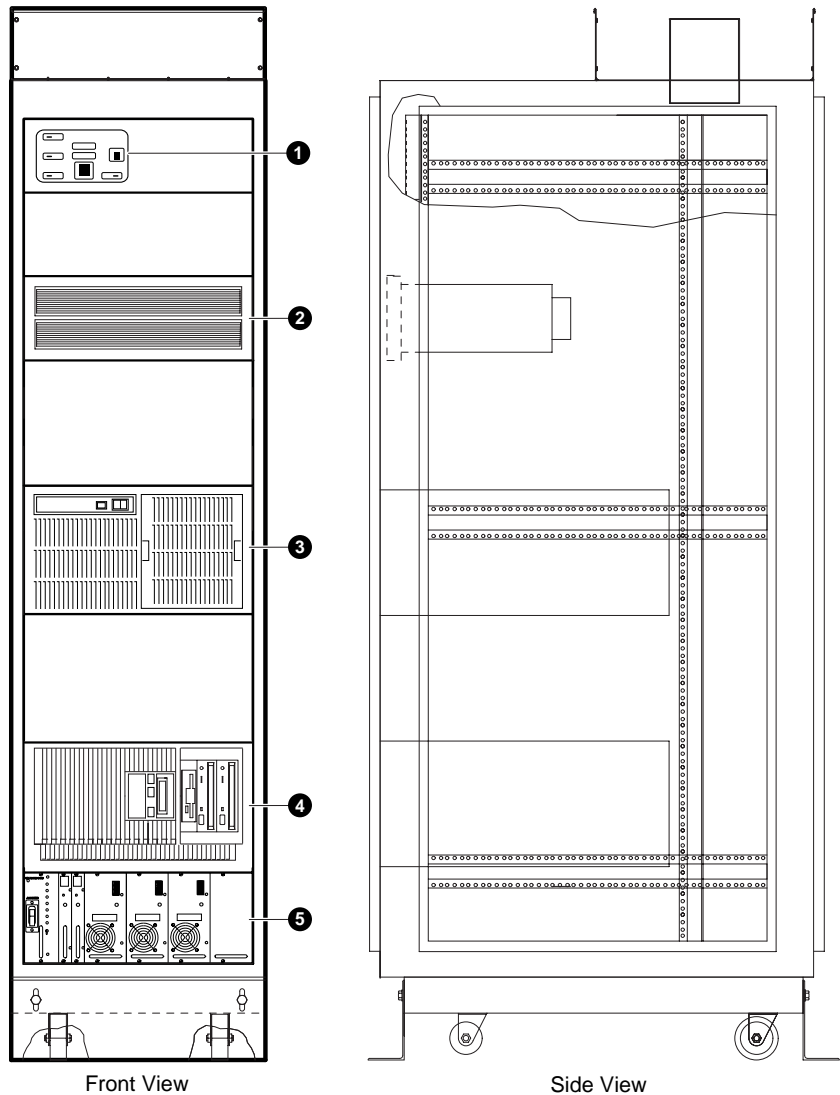
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| ❶ Alarm indicator panel | ❷ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❸ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❹ H7600 power controller |
| ❺ ISA bus expansion chassis | |

AlphaServer IP Platform Simplex Front End DC System

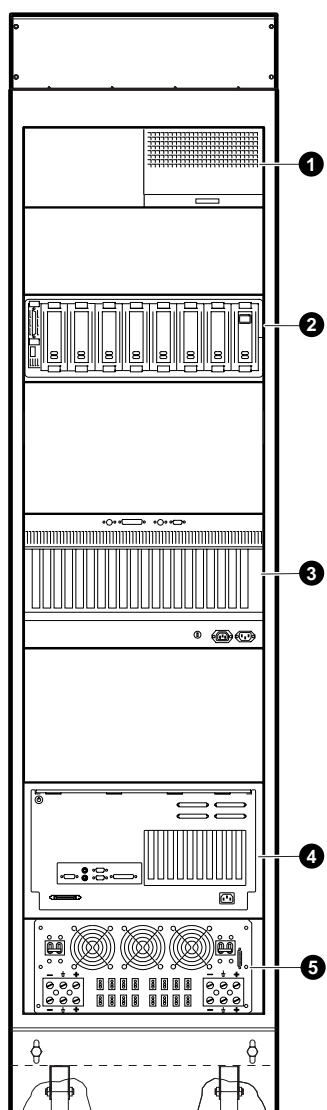
This section contains the front, side, and rear views of the simplex front end dc system.

Figure F-3 IP Platform Simplex Front End DC System Front and Side View



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| ❶ Alarm indicator panel | ❹ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❷ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❺ -48 Vdc power controller |
| ❸ ISA bus expansion chassis | |

Figure F-4 IP Platform Simplex Front End DC System Rear View



Back View

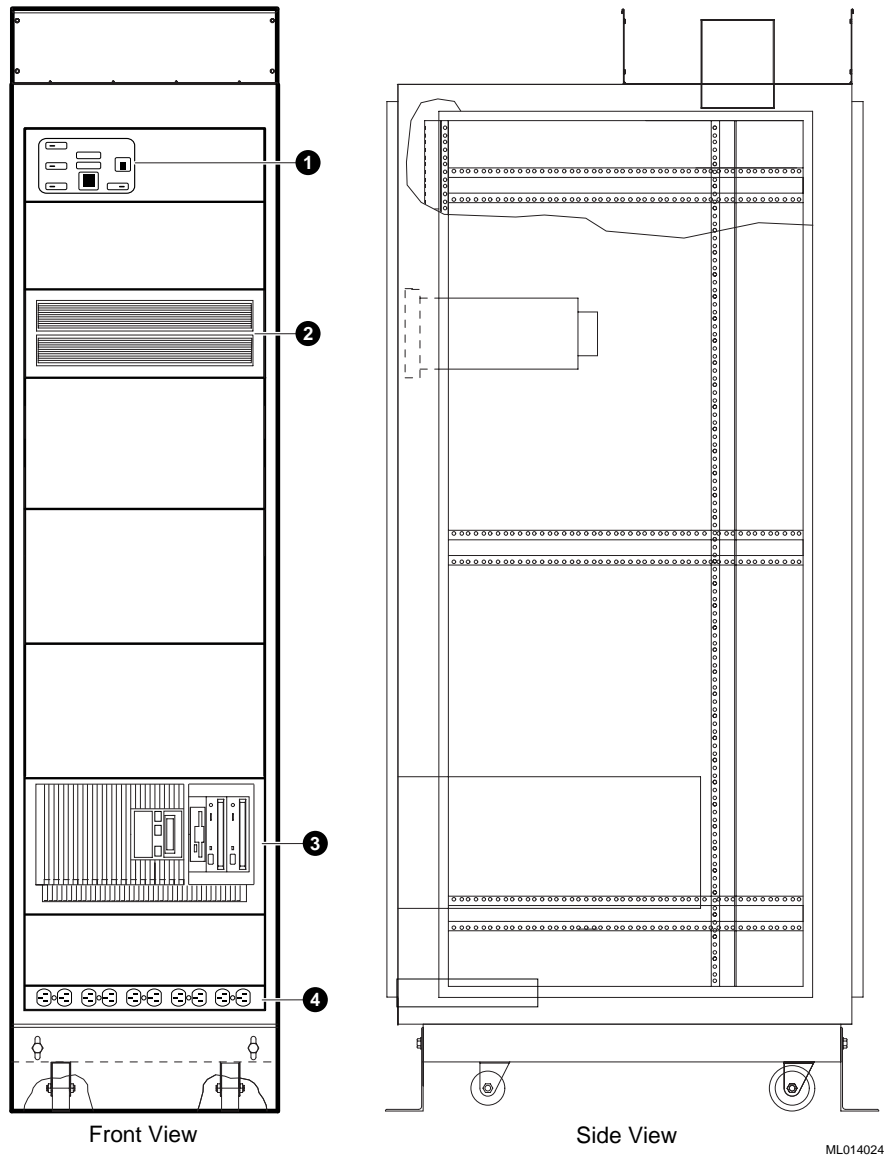
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| ❶ Alarm indicator panel | ❹ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❷ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❺ -48 Vdc power controller |
| ❸ ISA bus expansion chassis | |

AlphaServer IP Platform Simplex Back End AC System

This section contains the front, side, and rear views of the simplex back end ac system.

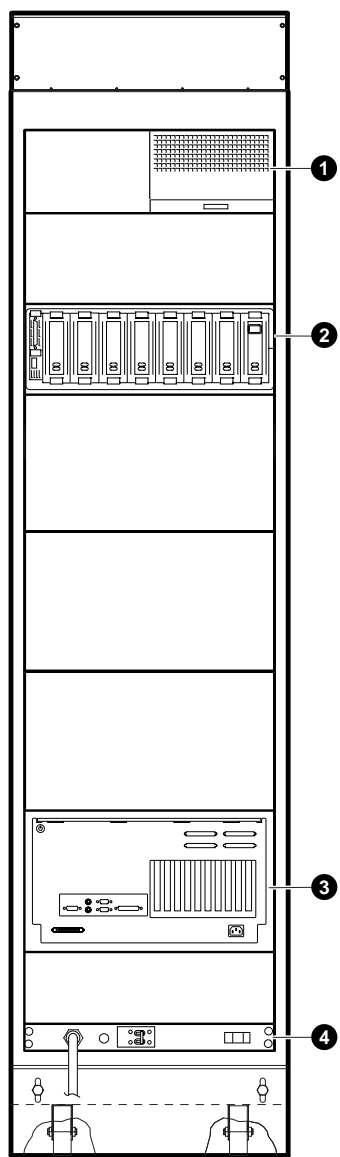
Figure F-5 IP Platform Simplex Back End AC System Front and Side View



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| ❶ Alarm indicator panel (optional) | ❸ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❷ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❹ H7600 power controller |

Figure F-6 IP Platform Simplex Back End AC System Rear View



Back View

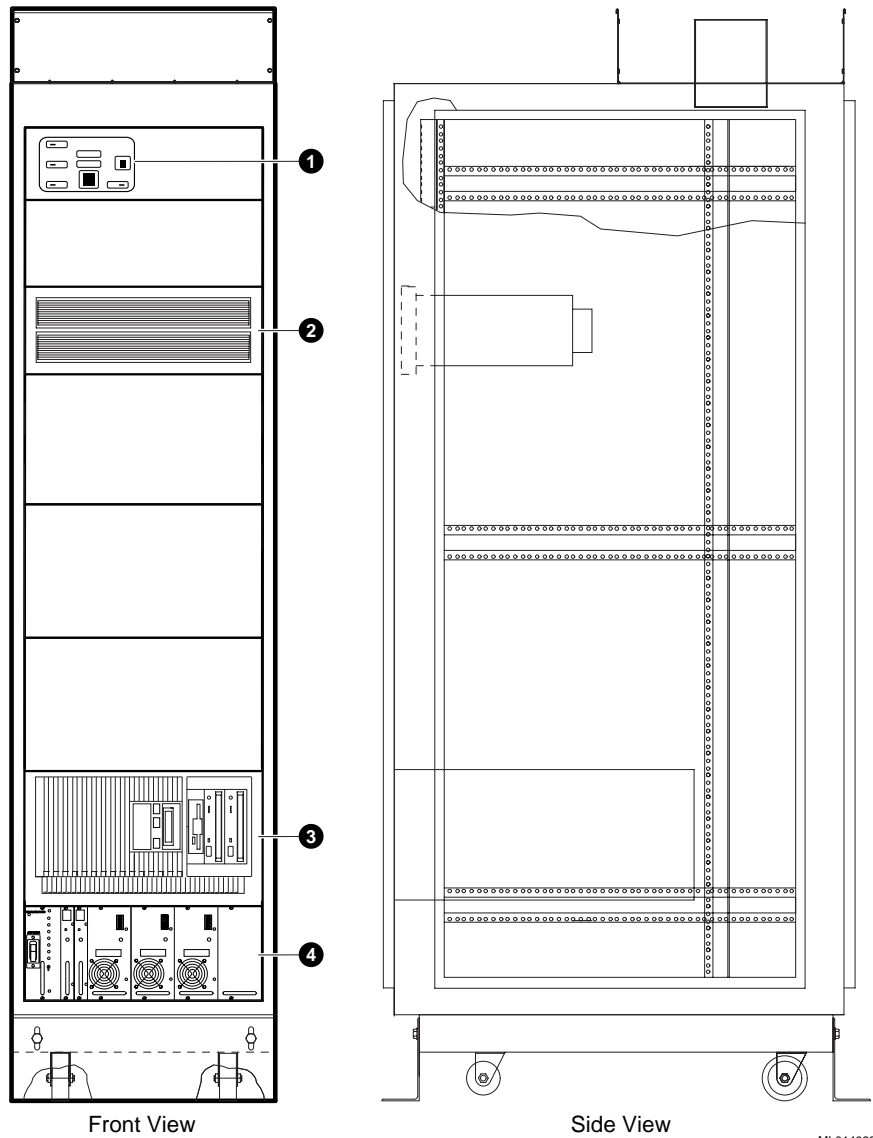
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| ❶ Alarm indicator panel (optional) | ❸ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❷ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❹ H7600 power controller |

AlphaServer IP Platform Simplex Back End DC System

This section contains the front, side, and rear views of the simplex back end dc system. .

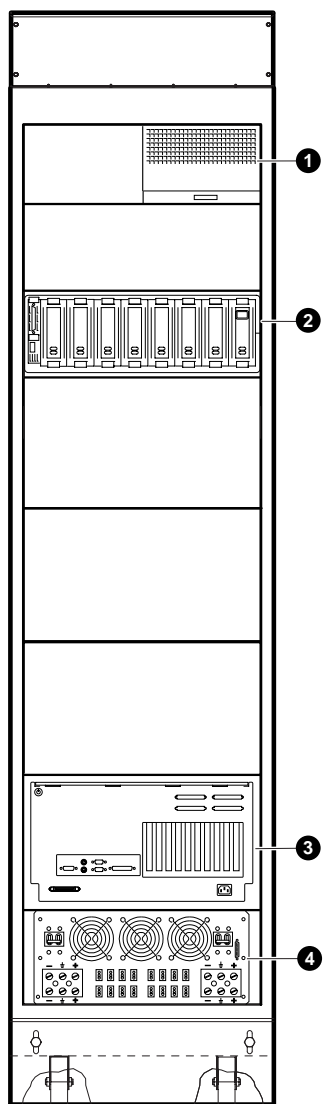
Figure F-7 IP Platform Simplex Back End DC System Front and Side View



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| ❶ Alarm indicator panel (optional) | ❸ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❷ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❹ -48 Vdc power controller |

Figure F-8 IP Platform Simplex Back End DC System Rear View



Back View

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| ❶ Alarm indicator panel (optional) | ❸ AlphaServer 1000A |
| ❷ BA35x-Sx modular storage shelf (optional) | ❹ -48 Vdc power controller |

Glossary

10Base-T Ethernet network

The IEEE standard 802.3-compliant Ethernet products used for local distribution of data. These networking products characteristically use twisted-pair cable.

agent

A background task running on the object being managed. The agent responds to requests for information by the network management station (NMS). The agent is responsible for performing get and set operations, for generating the appropriate traps, and for controlling access.

AlphaServer system

DIGITAL's new generation of server systems based on the Alpha 64-bit computing architecture.

ARC

Advanced RISC Computing (ARC) is the user interface to the console firmware for operating systems that expect firmware compliance with the Windows NT Portable Boot Loader Specification.

availability

The amount of scheduled time that a computing system provides application service during the year. Availability is typically measured as a percentage of up time per year.

backbone

A core network (usually high speed) to which multiple local area networks (LANs) are connected using bridges or routers and over which internetwork traffic can pass.

backplane

The main module (board or panel) that connects all of the modules in a computer system.

boot

Short for bootstrap. To load an operating system into memory.

boot device

The device from which the system bootstrap software is acquired.

bus

A collection of many transmission lines or wires. The bus interconnects computer system components, providing a communications path for addresses, data, and control information or external terminals and systems in a communications network.

cache

A small, high-speed memory placed between slower main memory and the processor. A cache increases effective memory transfer rates and processor speed. It contains copies of data recently used by the processor and fetches several bytes of data from memory in anticipation that the processor will access the next sequential series of bytes.

CD-ROM

Compact disc read-only memory. The optical removable media used in a compact disc reader.

central processing unit (CPU)

The unit of the computer that is responsible for interpreting and executing instructions.

command line interface

One of two interfaces in the AlphaServer operator interface. The command line interface supports OpenVMS and DIGITAL UNIX operating systems. It allows you to configure and boot the operating system.

console mode

The state in which the system and the console terminal operate under the control of the console program.

console subsystem

The subsystem that provides the user interface for a computer system when the operating system is not running.

console terminal

The terminal connected to the console subsystem. It is used to start the system and to direct activities between the user and the computer system.

CSU

Channel service unit. A device that terminates a digital channel on a customer's premises. It contains certain line conditioning and equalization functions, and responds to loopback commands sent from the central office.

daughterboard

A PC module that attaches to the component side of the host module.

diagnostic program

A program that finds and corrects problems with a computer system.

DSX-1

Digital Signal Cross-connect Level 1. Any equipment that supports a set of parameters for cross-connecting DS-1 (either T-1 or E-1) lines.

E-1

Another name given to the CEPT (Conference of European Postal and Telecommunications Administrations) digital telephony format. E-1 is a digital transmission channel that carries data at the rate of 2.048 Mb/s (DS-1 level).

ECC

Error correction code. The code and algorithms used by logic to facilitate error detection and correction.

EISA bus

Extended Industry Standard Architecture bus. A 32-bit industry-standard I/O bus used primarily in high-end PCs and servers.

EISA Configuration Utility (ECU)

A feature of the EISA bus that helps you select a conflict-free system configuration and perform other system services. The ECU must be run whenever you change, add, or remove an EISA or ISA controller.

environment variables

The global data structures that can be accessed from console mode. The setting of these data structures determines how a system powers up, boots the operating system, and operates.

Ethernet

The IEEE 802.3 standard local area network.

firmware

The software code stored in hardware.

initialization

The sequence of steps that prepare the computer system to start. Initialization occurs after a system has been powered up.

Interrupt request lines (IRQs)

The bus signals that connect an EISA or ISA module (for example, a disk controller) to the system so that the module can get the system's attention by means of an interrupt.

ISA

Industry Standard Architecture. An 8-bit or 16-bit industry-standard I/O bus, widely used in personal computer products. The EISA bus is a superset of the ISA bus.

LAN

Local area network. A high-speed network that supports computers connected over limited distances.

light-emitting diode (LED)

An indicator of status on an IP subsystem.

MAC (media access control) address

A unique 48-bit binary number (usually represented as a 12-digit hexadecimal number) encoded in a device's circuitry to identify it on a local area network.

Maintenance Operations Protocol (MOP) session

A logical connection using the Maintenance Operations Protocol (MOP).

mass storage device

An input/output device on which data is stored. Typical mass storage devices include disks, magnetic tapes, and CD-ROM.

module

A hardware or software component that is a self-contained system interacting with a larger system. Hardware modules are often made to plug into a main system.

network

A collection of computers, terminals, and other devices together with the hardware and software that enables them to exchange data and share resources over either short or long distances.

network management station (NMS)

A PC or workstation equipped with an Ethernet, FDDI, or Token Ring network module and HUBwatch software that enables it to communicate with and manage network modules.

network modules

Modular devices that provide network connectivity or services that can be installed in a DEChub backplane or used as standalone devices. Network modules include repeaters, concentrators, bridges, routers, access servers, switches, and SNMP agents.

PCI

Peripheral component interconnect. An industry-standard expansion I/O bus that is the preferred bus for high-performance I/O options. PCI is available in a 32-bit version and a 64-bit version.

PCI-to-EISA bridge

The capability to transfer commonly available EISA and ISA options to the PCI bus.

protocol

A formal set of rules governing the format, timing, sequencing, and error control of exchanged messages on a data network.

RAID

Redundant arrays of independent disks. A technique that organizes disk data to improve performance and reliability. RAID has three attributes: it is a set of physical disks viewed by the user as a single logical device; the user's data is distributed across the physical set of drives in a defined manner; and redundant disk capacity is added so that the user's data can be recovered even if a drive fails.

redundant

Pertaining to duplicate or extra computing components that protect a computing system from failure.

reliability

The probability that a device or system will not fail to perform its intended functions during a specified time.

repeater

A level 1 hardware device that restores signal amplitude, waveform, and timing of signals before transmission to another network segment.

SBB

StorageWorks building block. The basic building block of the StorageWorks product line. Any device conforming to shelf mechanical and electrical standards installed in either a 3½-inch or 5¼-inch carrier is considered to be an SBB, whether it be a storage device, a power supply, or other device.

SCSI

Small Computer Systems Interface. An ANSI-standard interface for connecting disks and other peripheral devices to computer systems. Some devices are supported under the SCSI-1 specification; others are supported under the SCSI-2 specification.

server

A network node or specialized device that provides and manages access to shared network resources, such as hard disks, printers, and software.

SIMM

Single in-line memory module. A plug-in module that has RAM chips on one side, and an edge connector that matches a socket on the system module.

Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)

A high-level, standards-based protocol for network management, usually used in TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol) networks.

SNMP agent

An entity in a hardware device that executes SNMP requests.

SRM

The user interface to console firmware for operating systems that expect firmware compliance with the Alpha System Reference Manual (SRM).

StorageWorks

DIGITAL's modular storage subsystem (MSS), which is the core technology of the Alpha SCSI-2 mass storage solution. StorageWorks consists of a family of low-cost mass storage products that can be configured to meet current and future storage needs.

system disk

The device on which the operating system resides.

T-1

The digital telephony format used in North America. T-1 is a digital transmission link handling 24 voice conversations on two pairs of twisted wires.

Telnet

The TCP/IP standard protocol for remote terminal connections. Using Telnet, a user at one site can connect to a timesharing system at another site as if the user's terminal is connected directly to the remote machine.

terminal server

A module that allows a terminal to connect to a network node.

ThinWire

Ethernet cabling and technology used for local distribution of data communications. ThinWire cabling is thinner than thick wire cabling.

Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

The transport protocol offering a connection-oriented transport service in the Internet suite of protocols.

workgroup

A configuration that consists of a relatively small number of devices attached to a LAN that is isolated from the extended LAN backbone by a bridge or router.

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