



# Sun Fire™ 880 Server Product Notes

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# Sun Fire 880 Server Product Notes

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## Product Name Equivalence

The official released name for this system is Sun Fire™ V880. Any reference to Sun Fire 880 on the product, in the system documentation, or in software refers to the Sun Fire V880. Both names can be considered equivalent and are interchangeable.

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## Document Revision History

This section provides a summarized revision history of these Product Notes, listed according to the document revision number and release date. All the updates made in previous revisions are incorporated into the latest revision; that is, any updates made in the -13 revision will carry forward through any subsequent revisions. The first published version of this document is 806-6598-12, September 2001.

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- Updated the FRU numbers for ordering DIMMs for the system in “Correction to FRU Part Numbers” on page 20

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## Available Online Documentation

A complete set of online documentation supporting Sun Fire 880 servers is available at the following URLs:

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

<http://docs.sun.com>

Check these sites periodically for the latest revisions of Sun Fire 880 product documentation, including the latest version of these Product Notes.

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## Software and OpenBoot Firmware Requirements

The following table lists the minimum Solaris operating environment and OpenBoot™ PROM firmware requirements for Sun Fire 880 systems, according to the speed of the CPU/Memory boards installed on a Sun Fire 880 server.

CPU/Memory board speed	Minimum required Solaris operating environment	Minimum required OpenBoot firmware level*
750 MHz	Solaris 8 7/01*	OpenBoot Firmware 4.2.9
900 MHz	Solaris 8 10/01*	OpenBoot Firmware 4.5.12
1050 MHz	Solaris 8 10/01*	OpenBoot Firmware 4.7.5

\* or a compatible version

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**Note** – If you are upgrading a Sun Fire 880 server using 750 MHz CPU/Memory boards to 900 MHz or 1050 MHz CPU Memory boards, you must update the system OpenBoot firmware with patch 112186-09 or later before you install the new CPU/Memory boards. For more information about the patch, including installation instructions, read the patch description. For information about obtaining the patch, see “Required And Recommended Software Patches” on page 6.

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To verify that the proper version of the operating environment is installed on the Sun Fire 880 server, examine the `/etc/release` file. This file should contain the text “Solaris X X/XX” or identify a subsequent compatible Solaris release.

To determine the current OpenBoot firmware version on a system, use one of the following methods.

While the Solaris operating environment is running, type the following command:

```
# /usr/sbin/prtconf -v
```

Or,

From the `ok` prompt, type the following command:

```
ok .version
```

For more information about obtaining and installing OpenBoot firmware, see “Required And Recommended Software Patches” on page 6.



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# CPU/Memory Board Hardware Requirements

The following table lists the CPU/Memory board part numbers for the Sun Fire 880 server.

CPU/Memory board	Part number
750 MHz	501-5818
	501-6360
900 MHz	501-6334
	501-6676
1050 MHz	501-6677
	501-7706

## CPU/Memory Board Speeds

A Sun Fire 880 server must use CPU/Memory boards of the same speed within a system. For example, you can not run 750 MHz CPU/Memory boards and 900 MHz CPU/Memory boards installed in the same Sun Fire 880 system.

## DIMMs

It is required that you populate each DIMM slot on a 1050 MHz CPU/Memory board in a Sun Fire 880 server. For lower speed CPU/Memory boards, it is recommended that you populate each DIMM slot. For more information about DIMMs, including information about memory interleaving, see the *Sun Fire 880 Server Owner's Manual*.

1GByte memory modules are not supported in 750 MHz CPU/Memory board modules

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# Required And Recommended Software Patches

This section lists software patches for the Sun Fire 880 server. You can obtain these patches from your authorized Sun service provider or by downloading them from the SunSolve Online<sup>SM</sup> web site at the following URL:

<http://sunsolve.sun.com>

The patches in these Product Notes are listed by the Solaris operating system version you may have installed on your system. For the most current list of Sun Fire 880 patches, search for the Info Doc “Highly Recommended Patches Sun Fire 880” on the SunSolve Online web site. For patch installation instructions, see the README file that accompanies each patch.

## Required Software Patches for Solaris 9

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**Note** – The following list represents required patches specific to the Sun Fire 880 system with the Solaris 9 09/02 operating system installed. These patches are available as of the publication date of these Product Notes.

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### Sun Fire 880 Required Patches for Solaris 9

Patch ID	Description
109962-10 or later	FC-AL Disk Drive Firmware patch
111649-03 or later	Hardware/DVD: Toshiba DVD 1401 firmware (1009)
111847-07 or later	SAN Foundation Kit patch (MPxIO/leadville)*
112233-05 or later	SunOS 5.9: Kernel update patch
112902-12 or later	SunOS 5.9: /kernel/drv/ip patch
112965-01 or later	SunOS 5.9: /kernel/drv/sparc9/eri patch
113039-03 or later	SunOS 5.9: Sun StorEdge Traffic manager patch*
113040-05 or later	SunOS 5.9: fctl/fp/fcp/usoc driver patch*
113041-03 or later	SunOS 5.9: fcip driver patch*
113042-04 or later	SunOS 5.9: qlc driver patch*
113043-04 or later	SunOS 5.9: luxadm, liba5k and libg_fc patch*
113044-03 or later	configadm patch*
113068-04 or later	SunOS 5.9: hpc3130 patch
113218-08 or later	Schizo driver patch

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## Sun Fire 880 Required Patches for Solaris 9

Patch ID	Description
113312-01 or later	Hardware/DPM: Sun Fire V880 Fibre-Channel Backplane Firmware (9228)
113361-02 or later	SunOS 5.9: Sun Gigabit Ethernet 3.0 patch
113388-02 or later	RSC 2.2.1 patch
113573-01 or later	SunOS 5.9: libpsvc patch
113574-02 or later	SunOS 5.9: SUNW, Sun-Fire-880 libpsvc Patch

\* Patches 111847, 113039, 113040, 113041, 113042, 113043 and 113044, require the package SUNWsan (San Foundation Kit). The SUNWsan package is available via the Sun Download Center at the following URL:

<http://www.sun.com/storage/san/>

From that site, download the latest SAN release Software/Firmware upgrade.

## Required Software Patches for Solaris 8

**Note** – The following list represents required patches specific to the Sun Fire 880 system with the Solaris 8 07/01, Solaris 8 10/01, and Solaris 8 02/02 operating systems. These patches are available as of the publication date of these Product Notes.

### Sun Fire 880 Required Patches for Solaris 8

Patch ID	Description
108528-20 or later	Kernel update patch
108813-12 or later	GEM patch
109882-06 or later	SunOS 5.8: eri header files patch
109888-25 or later	SunOS 5.8: Platform drivers patch
109962-04 or later	FC-AL Disk Drive Firmware patch
110460-28 or later	SunOS 5.8: fruid/PICL plug-ins patch
110723-05 or later	SunOS 5.8: /kernel/drv/sparcv9/eri patch
110842-10 or later	SunOS 5.8: hpc3130 driver patch for SUNW, Sun Fire 880
110849-12 or later	SunOS 5.8: PICL support for SUNW, Sun Fire 880*
111095-13 or later	SunOS 5.8: fctl/fp/fcp/usoc driver patch*
111096-06 or later	SunOS 5.8: fcip driver patch*
111097-12 or later	SunOS 5.8: qlc driver patch*
111412-11 or later	SunOS 5.8: mpxio/scsi_vhci multipath I/O modules patch*
111413-0 or later	SunOS 5.8: luxadm, liba5k and libg_fc patch*

## Sun Fire 880 Required Patches for Solaris 8

Patch ID	Description
111474-06 or later	Sun Fire 880 Fibre-Channel Backplane Firmware patch
111500-09 or later	RSC 2.2 patch
111649-03 or later	Hardware/DVD: Toshiba DVD 1401 firmware (1009)
111846-06 or later	SunOS 5.8: cfgadm fp plug-in library patch*
111847-07 or later	SAN foundation kit patch*

\* Patches 110849, 111095, 111096, 111097, 111412, 111413 and 111846 require the package SUNWsan (San Foundation Kit). The SUNWsan package is available via the Sun Download Center at the following URL:

<http://www.sun.com/storage/san/>

From that site, download the latest SAN release Software/Firmware upgrade.

## Highly Recommended Sun Fire 880 Patch

Patch ID	Description
112186-09 or later	Sun Fire 880 Flash PROM Update (4.10.01 OBP)

This patch is not OS-dependant. Included in this firmware upgrade are enhanced OpenBoot™ tools for service providers. The patch is required for Sun Fire 880 systems using 900 MHz CPU/Memory boards and 1050 MHz CPU/Memory boards. The patch is recommended for Sun Fire 880 systems that have installed versions of OBP earlier than 4.5.6. For specific CPU/Memory board OpenBoot firmware requirements, see “Software and OpenBoot Firmware Requirements” on page 3. For more information about the patch, including installation instructions, read the patch description.

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## Sun PCI Cards That Support PCI Hot-Plug

For a PCI card to be successfully detached from a running operating environment, each device on the card must have a detach-safe driver. A *detach-safe* driver enables a single instance of a driver to be closed while other instances are allowed to remain open to service similar devices used elsewhere in the system. To be considered detach-safe, a driver must be able to perform a basic Device Driver Interface/Device Kernel Interface (DDI/DKI) function called `DDI_DETACH`. Any driver that does not support the `DDI_DETACH` function is considered *detach-unsafe*.

Sun Microsystems offers a variety of hot-pluggable PCI cards that use detach-safe device drivers. The following table lists the PCI cards that have been tested and verified as being detach-safe as of the publication date of this document.

Sun Part Number	Card Type	Driver(s)
X1032A	10/100BaseT Sun FastEthernet + SE Ultra/Wide SCSI	fas/sd, hme
X1033A	10/100BaseT Sun FastEthernet PCI Adapter	hme
X6540A	Dual Channel Single-ended Ultra/Wide SCSI	glm
X6541A	Dual Channel Differential Ultra/Wide SCSI	glm
X6727A	Sun StorEdge PCI Dual Fibre Channel Network Adapter*	qlc
X6799A	Sun StorEdge PCI Single Fibre Channel Network Adapter	qlc
X1034A	Quad FastEthernet PCI Card	qfe
X1150A	Sun GigaSwift Ethernet Network Interface Card	ce

**Note** – \*The Sun StorEdge PCI Dual Fibre Channel Network Adapter in the Sun Fire 880 systems requires the Solaris 8 10/01 or 8 02/02 operating environment or a compatible Solaris version.

**Note** – Many third-party drivers (those purchased from vendors other than Sun Microsystems) do not support the DDI\_DETACH function. Verify any third-party PCI card functionality and hot-plug compatibility with the third-party card's vendor prior to use in a production environment.

**Note** – Always wait for a PCI hot-plug operation to complete before initiating a new operation.

For more information about Sun Fire 880 PCI hot-plug operations, refer to the *Sun Fire 880 Dynamic Reconfiguration Guide* (816-1465-10). This online document is available on the Solaris on Sun Hardware AnswerBook, which is provided on the Computer Systems Supplement CD for your specific Solaris release.

For an updated list of Sun PCI cards that support PCI hot-plug operations, see the latest revision of these Product Notes, available at the following URL:

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

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## Caution on the Use of PCI Cards Not Specifically Qualified by Sun on the Sun Fire 880 Platform

In order to ensure robust system operation, it is extremely important to ensure that any PCI cards and associated drivers installed in a Sun Fire 880 system have been qualified by Sun for use on the platform. It is possible for interactions to occur between cards and drivers on a specific bus that can lead to potential system panics or other negative outcomes if the card/driver solution has not been qualified. For an updated list of qualified PCI cards and configurations for the Sun Fire 880 system, contact your Sun authorized sales representative or service provider. For additional information, refer to the following URL:

<http://www.sun.com/io>

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## OpenBoot Firmware Documentation

The Sun Fire 880 server uses OpenBoot™ 4.x system firmware. Instructions for using the firmware are provided in the *OpenBoot 4.x Command Reference Manual*, an online version of which is included with the OpenBoot Collection AnswerBook that ships with Solaris software.

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**Note** – Some versions of Solaris software do not include the OpenBoot 4.x documentation. If the OpenBoot 4.x documentation is not provided with your specific version of Solaris software, you can access the documentation online at <http://docs.sun.com>

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# FC-AL Disk Drive Firmware Issues

All FC-AL disk drives installed in a Sun Fire 880 system must meet the minimum firmware revision levels for Sun Fire 880 systems. Incorrect firmware can cause a variety of system problems that are often difficult to diagnose. To determine a disk drive's firmware revision level, use the `inquiry` feature of the Solaris `format(1M)` utility. The following table shows the minimum firmware revision levels for Sun Fire 880 disk drives as of the publication date of this document.

Sun Part No.	Capacity	Manufacturer	Minimum Firmware Revision Level
540-4525	36 GB	Seagate ST336605FC	0538
		Seagate ST336607FC	038
		Seagate ST336704FC	0826
540-4905	72 GB	Seagate ST373307FC	0538
540-5408		Seagate ST373405FC	0538
		Seagate ST373405FC	0538
		MAN3735FC	0538
		MAP3735FC	0538
	DU32EJ-72FC	0538	

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**Note** – Drive capacities lower than 36 Gbytes are not supported on the Sun Fire 880.

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For the most current list of Sun Fire 880 supported disk drives, see the latest revision of these Product Notes, available at the following URL:

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

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**Note** – All Sun Fire 880 disk drives that are installed at the factory, shipped as customer-installable options, or installed as field-replaceable units (FRUs) meet the minimum firmware revision levels.

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# Installing Sun Fire 880 FC-AL Backplane Firmware

A backup image of the Sun Fire 880 FC-AL backplane firmware is provided on the Computer Systems Supplement CD for your specific Solaris release. In the unlikely event that the firmware on a Sun Fire 880 FC-AL backplane becomes corrupted, you can use the backup image to flash update the backplane with its original firmware. The flash update procedure is performed with the Solaris `luxadm` utility and is described below.

Before you can flash update the backplane, the firmware image must be copied from the Supplement CD to the Sun Fire 880 system disk. If you use Solaris Web Start to install the Supplement CD software, the Sun Fire 880 FC-AL Backplane Firmware is not included in the default installation. To install the backup firmware on the system disk, choose the Custom Install option and select the Sun Fire 880 FC-AL Backplane Firmware. For more information, see “Installing Supplement CD Software” in the *Solaris on Sun Hardware Platform Guide*.

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**Note** – The latest version of the backplane firmware is always available on the SunSolve Online web site at [sunsolve.sun.com](http://sunsolve.sun.com). Whenever possible, you should download and install the firmware from the SunSolve site instead of the Supplement CD. The firmware on the Supplement CD is provided for emergency situations only, when it is not possible to access the SunSolve site. Depending on the specific Solaris release, the Supplement CD firmware may be older than the firmware available from SunSolve. To install the firmware from the SunSolve web site, see the instructions in the README file provided with the firmware image.

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Whether installed from the Supplement CD or downloaded from the SunSolve web site, the firmware image is installed in the following default location on the Sun Fire 880 system disk:

```
/usr/platform/SUNW,Sun-Fire-880/lib/images/int_fcbpl_fw
```

Once the image is installed in this location, perform the flash update procedure as follows.

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**Note** – After beginning the flash update process in Step 3, you must wait at least 15 minutes after the superuser prompt appears for the update process to complete. While the system is updating the flash PROM, it may seem like little or no activity is occurring on the system. Do not attempt any other operations until you have verified that the update process has completed.

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1. As superuser, type the following command to bring the system to single-user mode:

```
# init s
```

2. Place the security keyswitch in the Normal position.

The Locked keyswitch position prevents unauthorized programming of the system flash PROMs.

3. Type the following `luxadm` subcommand to begin the flash update process:

```
# luxadm download -f firmware_path enclosure_name
```

Where:

- *firmware\_path* is the location of the firmware image on the system disk—in this case, `/usr/platform/SUNW,Sun-Fire-880/lib/images/int_fcbpl_fw`.
- *enclosure\_name* is the enclosure name assigned to the Sun Fire 880 internal storage array—by default, `FCloop`. If you need to verify the enclosure name first, use the `luxadm probe` subcommand.

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**Note** – For more information about the `luxadm` utility, see *Platform Notes: Using luxadm Software*, part of the Solaris on Sun Hardware AnswerBook2 set on the Supplement CD.

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4. When the superuser prompt reappears, wait at least 15 more minutes for the flash process to complete.

This minimum wait time is required for the flash update process to propagate the firmware code to all SSC100 controllers in the system.

5. To verify that the flash update process has successfully completed, type the following `luxadm` subcommand:

```
# luxadm display enclosure_name
```

Where *enclosure\_name* is the enclosure name assigned to the Sun Fire 880 internal storage array.

The command output shows the status of each SSC100 in the system. The following is an excerpt of sample output for a dual-backplane system.

```
SSC100's - 0=Base Bkpln, 1=Base LoopB, 2=Exp Bkpln, 3=Exp LoopB
SSC100 #0:   O.K.(9228/ 3A20)
SSC100 #1:   O.K.(9228/ 3A20)
SSC100 #2:   O.K.(9228/ 3A20)
SSC100 #3:   O.K.(9228/ 3A20)
```

- a. **Verify that each SSC100 displays an “O.K.” status and that each displays the same firmware version in parentheses.**

If so, the flash update process has successfully completed.

- b. **Otherwise, wait another two minutes or so and repeat this step.**

6. **Once the flash update process is complete, restore the system to multiuser mode using the `init` command.**

For example, type:

```
# init 3
```

7. **Place the security keyswitch in the Locked position.**

The locked position is the recommended setting for normal day-to-day operations.

The system can now resume normal operation.

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## System Hang Recovery Procedure

In the rare event that the system console hangs or appears to be in a reset loop, use the following procedure to recover from this situation. For more information, see “About OpenBoot Emergency Procedures” in the *Sun Fire 880 Server Owner’s Guide* and “How to use POST Diagnostics” in the *Sun Fire 880 Server Service Manual*. For more information about Solaris related troubleshooting, see “Troubleshooting Software Problems” in the *Solaris System Administration Guide*.

1. **Ensure that the system is hanging.**

- a. **Determine if any network activity is functional via the `ping` command and if any existing logins from other users are active or responding.**

If another login is active, use it to review the contents of `/var/adm/messages` for any indications of the system problem.

**b. Determine if a console login session can be established through a ttya connection.**

If a working console connection can be established, the problem may not be a true hang but instead a network related problem. For suspected network problems, attempt to ping, rlogin, or telnet to another system that is on the same sub-network, hub, or router that the system is on. If NFS services are served by the affected system, determine if NFS activity is present on other systems.

**2. Place the system security keyswitch in the Diagnostics position.**

Check your console to see if the system notes the change in the keyswitch position.

**3. If there are no responding login sessions, record the state of the system LEDs.**

The system LEDs may indicate a hardware failure in the system. Refer to your *Sun Fire 880 Server Owner's Guide* for more information on system LEDs.

**4. Attempt to bring the system to the ok prompt by issuing the Stop-A command from your keyboard.**

The Stop-A command attempts to bring a system with a standard or USB keyboard to the ok prompt. If you have a TTYA terminal attached to the system, generate a break sequence.

For more information about system keyboards, see “About OpenBoot Emergency Procedures” in the *Sun Fire 880 Server Owner's Guide*.

**5. If you are using RSC 2.2, check the RSC logs for information on the state of the system.**

For further information about RSC, see the *Sun Remote System Control (RSC) User's Guide*.

**6. If you are using RSC 2.2 and were not able to bring the system to the ok prompt in Step 4, issue the XIR command from RSC.**

**7. If the system is at ok prompt, do the following.**

**a. Issue the printenv command to display the OpenBoot configuration variables.**

For more information about OpenBoot configuration variables, see “About POST Diagnostics” in the *Sun Fire 880 Server Service Manual*.

**b. Set the diag-switch variable to true and the diag-level variable to max.**

**c. Issue the sync command to obtain a crash (core) dump file.**

Saved core dump files provide invaluable information to your support provider to aid in diagnosing any system problems. For further information about core dump files, see “Managing System Crash Information” in the *Solaris System Administration Guide*.

The system will reboot automatically after issuing the sync command, provided that the OpenBoot configuration variable is set to autoboot (the default value).

- 8. If you were not able to bring the system to the `ok` prompt, ensure that the security keyswitch is in the Diagnostics position.**

This forces the system to run POST and OpenBoot diagnostics during system startup.

- a. Press the system Power button for five seconds.**

This causes an immediate hardware shutdown.

- b. Wait at least 30 seconds; then power on the system by pressing the system Power button.**

- 9. Use the POST and OpenBoot diagnostics tools to diagnose system problems.**

When the system initiates the startup sequence, it will run POST and OpenBoot diagnostics during system startup. For more information about these tools, see “Diagnostics and Troubleshooting” in the *Sun Fire 880 Server Service Manual*.

- 10. If the system is able to reboot, review the contents of `/var/adm/messages` for more information about the system’s state. Look for the following information.**

1. Any large gaps in the time stamp of Solaris or application messages.
2. Warning messages about any hardware or software components.
3. Information from last root logins to determine if any system administrators can add any comments about the system state at the time of the hang.

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# Updated Rackmounting Information for the Sun Fire 880 Server

Currently, the only supported Sun racks for the Sun Fire 880 server are the StorEdge Expansion Rack, Sun part number SG-XARY030A, the Sun Fire Expansion Cabinet, Sun part number SF-XCAB, and the Sun Rack 900.

To rackmount a Sun Fire 880 server in the Sun Rack 900, use the X9638A rackmount kit.

To rackmount a Sun Fire 880 server in the Sun StorEdge Expansion rack, (SG-XARY030A) and the Sun Fire Expansion cabinet (SF-XCAB), use the rackmount kit X9628A.

An optional door, Sun part number X9818A, is available for the StorEdge Expansion Rack. This door is required for EMI purposes if you are rackmounting 2 Sun Fire 880s in this rack.

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**Note** – You can only install one Sun Fire 880 server into the Sun Fire Expansion Cabinet (SF-XCAB).

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## Sun Fire 880 Server Rackmounting Caution Reminder



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**Caution** – As stated in the *Sun Fire 880 Server Rackmounting Guide*, do not attempt to lift the server until you remove all CPU/Memory boards, all power supplies, all CPU fan trays, and all I/O fan trays. Once these components are removed, four persons are required to lift the system.

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The four lifting handles included in the rackmounting kit are not designed to support the weight of a fully populated system.

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# Documentation Errata

## Clarification to Independent Memory Subsystem Information

The information about the Sun Fire 880 server independent memory subsystem in the *Sun Fire 880 Server Owner's Guide* and *Sun Fire 880 Server Service Manual* is misleading. In the event of a CPU failure, the DIMM groups associated with both CPUs in the failed CPU's CPU/Memory board become unavailable to all other CPUs in the system.

## Correction to the Motherboard Fan Tray Removal Procedure

The procedure "How to Remove a Motherboard Fan Tray" in the *Sun Fire 880 Server Service Manual* is incorrect. On systems configured with the redundant cooling option, removing motherboard fan tray 5 (the primary motherboard fan tray) requires that you disconnect the cable for motherboard fan tray 6.

The procedure should include the following steps after Step 2 in the manual, in this order:

3. Loosen the captive screw on the fan tray you are going to remove.
4. Disconnect the fan tray cable from the fan tray you are going to remove.
5. If you are removing fan tray 5 and fan tray 6 is installed, disconnect the cable to fan tray 6 and drape it out of the way so that you can remove fan tray 5.

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**Note** – When both motherboard fan trays are not operational in a running Sun Fire 880 system, the environmental monitoring software generates warning messages that the fan trays are removed. If an operational fan tray is not installed quickly, the system may initiate a thermal shutdown. During motherboard fan tray hot-plug procedures, to avoid these messages and potential cooling issues resulting in a system thermal shutdown, reconnect the motherboard fan tray cables for functional fans as soon as possible.

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6. Slide the fan tray you are removing out of the system.

7. **If you disconnected the cable to fan tray 6 to remove fan tray 5, reconnect the cable to fan tray 6.**

If you disconnected the cable to fan tray 6 as part of a hot-plug procedure for fan tray 5 and you are immediately replacing fan tray 5, do not reconnect the cable to fan tray 6 until you install fan tray 5.

## Correction to the Motherboard Fan Tray Installation Procedure

The procedure “How to Install a Motherboard Fan Tray” in the *Sun Fire 880 Server Service Manual* is incorrect. On systems configured with the redundant cooling fans option, installing motherboard fan tray 5 (the primary motherboard fan tray) requires that you disconnect the cable for motherboard fan tray 6.

The procedure should include the following steps in this order:

1. **Locate the slot into which you want to install the motherboard fan tray.**
  - a. **If you are installing fan tray 5 and fan tray 6 is installed, disconnect the cable to fan tray 6.**

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**Note** – When both motherboard fan trays are not operational in a running Sun Fire 880 system, the environmental monitoring software generates warning messages that the fan trays are removed. If an operational fan tray is not installed quickly, the system may initiate a thermal shutdown. During motherboard fan tray hot-plug procedures, to avoid these messages and potential cooling issues resulting in a system thermal shutdown, reconnect the motherboard fan tray cables for functional fans as soon as possible.

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2. **Align the fan tray to be installed with its plastic guide in the chassis.**
3. **Slide the fan tray into the chassis.**
4. **If you disconnected the cable to fan tray 6 to install fan tray 5, reconnect the cable to fan tray 6.**

Continue the procedure at step 4 in the *Sun Fire 880 Server Service Manual*.

For more information, see “About Fan Trays” in the *Sun Fire 880 Server Owner’s Guide* or the *Sun Fire 880 Server Service Manual*.

## Correction to Disk Drive Installation Procedure

The procedure “How to Install a Disk Drive” as documented in the *Sun Fire 880 Server Service Manual* and the *Sun Fire 880 Server Owner’s Guide* is incomplete. The following task should be included in the procedure after Step 10:

11. **If you are installing more than one disk drive as part of a hot-plug procedure, wait for the green light on the drive you just installed to light steadily (not flashing) before installing another drive.**

## Correction to FC-AL Disk Cage Installation Procedure

The procedure “How to Install the FC-AL Disk Cage” as documented in the August 2001 *Sun Fire 880 Server Service Manual* is incomplete. The following task should be included as Step 9c:

- 9c. **If a Sun StorEdge PCI Dual Fibre Channel Host Adapter card is installed to control Loop B of the FC-AL disk backplane, connect the card’s FC-AL data cable to the base backplane at connectors C(J01100) and D(J01101).**

## Correction to FRU Part Numbers

### Ordering DIMMs

DIMMs for the Sun Fire 880 are no longer available in kits of four DIMMs. The following table lists the single DIMMs and their part numbers for the Sun Fire 880.

DIMM Description	Part Number
128 MB DIMM	501-4489
256 MB DIMM	501-5401
512 MB DIMM	501-5030
1 GB DIMM	501-6109

### Part Number Corrections

Appendix A of the August 2001 *Sun Fire 880 Server Service Manual* lists incorrect part numbers for the following field-replaceable units (FRUs):

- 18 GB 10K FC-AL Disk Drive - this drive is not supported in the system



- 72 GB 10K FC-AL Disk Drive

The correct FRU part numbers are as follows.

Part Description	Incorrect Part Number	Correct Part Number
18 GB 10K FC-AL Disk Drive	540-4191	Not supported in the Sun Fire 880 server
72 GB 10K FC-AL Disk Drive	540-4519	540-4905 540-4508

**Note** – Disk drive capacities lower than 36 Gbytes are not supported on the Sun Fire 880 server.

The table for CPU Side Components transposes the part numbers for items 2 though 4. The corrected part numbers are as follows.

Key	Description	Part Number
2	CPU/Memory Board Status Assembly	540-4454
3	CPU Fan Tray	540-3614
4	CPU/Memory Board Air Baffle	540-4431

## Correction to Cabling Instructions for Loop B PCI FC-AL Data Cable

The cabling instructions for the Loop B PCI FC-AL data cable are incorrect due to a late change to the labeling scheme on the cable's connectors.

The correct cabling information is provided below.

Cable Name	Part Number	Cable End	Connect To
Loop B PCI FC-AL data cable	530-3056	D	Base backplane at D
		C	Base backplane at C
		P3	PCI card at J3
		P4	PCI card at J4

Note that the following sections of the August 2001 *Sun Fire 880 Server Service Manual* are affected by this change:

- “How to Install the Sun StorEdge PCI Dual Fibre Channel Host Adapter Card”
- “Cable Routing”

# Correction to Expansion FC-AL Backplane Installation Procedure

The procedure “How to Install the Expansion FC-AL Backplane” as documented in the August 2001 *Sun Fire 880 Server Service Manual* is incomplete. The following should be included in the procedure before the reconfiguration boot instructions in the “What Next” section.

1. **After installing an expansion backplane, power on the system and bring the system up to the `ok` prompt.**
2. **Allow the system to remain at the `ok` prompt for at least 10 minutes to ensure that the two backplanes are loaded with the same version of firmware.**

The system automatically synchronizes the firmware versions between the two backplanes.

3. **After the required waiting period, boot the system to single-user mode.**

```
ok boot -s
```

4. **To verify that the firmware synchronization process has successfully completed, type the following `luxadm` subcommand:**

```
# luxadm display enclosure_name
```

Where *enclosure\_name* is the enclosure name assigned to the Sun Fire 880 internal storage array—by default, `FCloop`. If you need to verify the enclosure name first, use the `luxadm probe` subcommand.

The output of the `display` subcommand shows the status of each SSC100 in the system. The following is an excerpt of sample output for a dual-backplane system.

```
SSC100's - 0=Base Bkpln, 1=Base LoopB, 2=Exp Bkpln, 3=Exp LoopB
SSC100 #0:   O.K.(9228/ 3A20)
SSC100 #1:   O.K.(9228/ 3A20)
SSC100 #2:   O.K.(9228/ 3A20)
SSC100 #3:   O.K.(9228/ 3A20)
```

Verify that each SSC100 processor displays an “O.K.” status and that each displays the same firmware version in parentheses. If so, the firmware synchronization process has successfully completed. Otherwise, wait another two minutes or so and repeat this step.

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**Note** – For more information about the `luxadm` utility, see *Platform Notes: Using luxadm Software*, part of the Solaris on Sun Hardware AnswerBook2 Set on the Supplement CD.

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5. Once the firmware synchronization process is complete, you can restore the system to multi-user mode.

For example, type:

```
# init 3
```

## Correction to Displaying POST Results

The command for displaying POST results in the August 2001 *Sun Fire 880 Server Service Manual* is incorrect. To display the results of POST testing, type `show-post-results` at the `ok` prompt. The following is an abbreviated example of the command and output.

```
ok show-post-results
CPU0/Memory:      OK
CPU1/Memory:      OK
...
```

## Correction to the `obdiag-trigger` and `post-trigger` Setting for Enabling ASR

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**Note** – Additional information about configuring OpenBoot diagnostics variables and ASR functionality has been added to this (-18) version of the Product Notes. This new information appears after the `obdiag-trigger` setting information

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### `obdiag-trigger` and `post-trigger` setting

The `obdiag-trigger` and `post-trigger` information in “How to Enable ASR” in the *Sun Fire 880 Server Owner’s Guide* is misleading. Step 2 recommends setting the `obdiag-trigger` variable to `power-reset`, `error-reset`, or `soft-reset`. However, setting the variable to `power-reset` requires the user to power cycle the system in order for the system to deconfigure the failed hardware component.

Since the purpose of ASR is to provide for an automatic system recovery from certain types of hardware failures, setting `obdiag-trigger` variable to `power-reset` does not allow for an automatic recovery from a hardware failure. To

enable ASR for an automatic recovery from a hardware failure, set the `obdiag-trigger` variable to `error-reset` or `soft-reset` as shown in the following example.

```
ok setenv obdiag-trigger soft-reset
```

## diag-level setting and ASR

The default testing level of OpenBoot diagnostics tests is `min`. At this level of testing, OpenBoot diagnostics tests might not detect a failed hardware component. If you have enabled ASR on the system but have not set the OpenBoot diagnostic test level to `max`, the system might not recognize and disable a failed hardware component. In this case, during an ASR initiated reboot the system might not detect the failed component. The system will ASR again as soon as it reboots because the failed component has not been disabled by ASR. In this case, the system enters a cycle of failed reboots followed by ASR resets.

To set the `diag-level` variable to `max`, type the following at the `ok` prompt.

```
ok setenv diag-level max
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**Note** – The ASR feature is not activated until you enable it at the system `ok` prompt. For more information about ASR, see the *Sun Fire 880 Server Owner's Guide*.

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## Fully Enabling ASR

To fully enable ASR in the system, configure the OpenBoot settings as follows.

```
ok setenv auto-boot? true

ok setenv auto-boot-on-error? true

ok setenv diag-switch? true

ok setenv diag-level max

ok setenv diag-device (a value = to boot-device) disk

ok setenv post-trigger all-resets

ok setenv obdiag-trigger all-resets
```

## Correct Usage of the `ifconfig` Command for PCI Hot-Plug

The procedure for hot-plugging a PCI card on a Sun Fire 880 Server in the *Sun Fire 880 Dynamic Reconfiguration User's Guide* (816-1465-10) does not fully explain the syntax for the `ifconfig` command. To prepare a PCI card for removal using the `ifconfig` command, you must first use the `down` option and then the `unplumb` option. To prepare a PCI card for installation using the `ifconfig` command, you must first use the `plumb` option and then the `up` option. The `ifconfig` syntax for removing a PCI card is as follows.

```
# ifconfig hme2:1 down
# ifconfig hme2:1 unplumb
```

The `ifconfig` syntax for installing a PCI card is as follows.

```
# ifconfig hme2:1 plumb
# ifconfig hme2:1 up
```

See the *Sun Fire 880 Dynamic Reconfiguration (RSC) User's Guide* for more information on Sun Fire 880 hot-plug operations.

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**Note** – Not all PCI cards support PCI hot-plug operations. See the *Sun Fire 880 Server Owner's Guide* and “Sun PCI Cards That Support PCI Hot-Plug” on page 8 of these Product Notes for more information on hot-plugging PCI cards.

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## Correction to the Attachment Point IDs for DR Procedures

On a Sun Fire 880 system, the attachment points for PCI cards are not displayed as they are described the *Sun Fire 880 Dynamic Reconfiguration User's Guide* (816-1465-10). See “PCI attachment points should be generic (BugID 4388625)” on page 26 in these Product Notes for a complete description of the current attachment point ids.

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# Open Issues

This section describes bugs and anomalies associated with the Sun Fire 880 server. In many cases, software patches that provide fixes for these bugs are available. Visit the SunSolve Online web site, or contact your Sun authorized service provider for information about patch availability. For more information, see “Required And Recommended Software Patches” on page 6.

## PCI attachment points should be generic (BugID 4388625)

The description of the attachment point ids (Ap\_Id) for PCI cards in the *Sun Fire 880 Dynamic Reconfiguration User's Guide*, shown in the following example, is incorrect for Sun Fire 880 systems running the Solaris 8 operating environment.

```
# cfgadm
```

Ap_Id	Type	Receptacle	Occupant	Condition
pci0	pci-pci/hp	connected	configured	ok
pci1	pci-pci/hp	connected	configured	ok
pci2	pci-pci/hp	connected	configured	ok
pci3	unknown	connected	configured	ok
pci4	display/hp	connected	configured	ok
pci5	pci-pci/hp	connected	configured	ok
pci6	mult/hp	connected	configured	ok
pci7	unknown	connected	configured	ok
pci8	ethernet/hp	connected	configured	ok

Currently, the attachment points for PCI cards on Sun Fire 880 systems running the Solaris 8 07/01 or 8 10/01 operating system are as follows.

```
# cfgadm
```

Ap_Id	Type	Receptacle	Occupant	Condition
pcisch0:hpc1_slot2	pci-pci/hp	connected	configured	ok
pcisch0:hpc1_slot3	pci-pci/hp	connected	configured	ok
pcisch0:hpc1_slot4	pci-pci/hp	connected	configured	ok
pcisch0:hpc1_slot5	unknown	connected	configured	ok
pcisch2:hpc2_slot2	display/hp	connected	configured	ok
pcisch2:hpc2_slot3	pci-pci/hp	connected	configured	ok
pcisch2:hpc2_slot4	mult/hp	connected	configured	ok

pcisch3:hpc0_slot1	unknown	connected	configured	ok
pcisch3:hpc0_slot2	ethernet/hp	connected	configured	ok

When using `cfgadm` commands, use the attachment point id displayed by the `cfgadm` command. The following example shows the current attachment point ids and correct `cfgadm` command syntax for a Sun Fire 880 system.

```
# cfgadm
```

Ap_Id	Type	Receptacle	Occupant	Condition
pcisch0:hpc1_slot2	pci-pci/hp	connected	configured	ok
...				
pcisch3:hpc0_slot2	ethernet/hp	connected	configured	ok

```
# cfgadm -c disconnect pcisch0:hpc1_slot2
```

## prtfu on shows incorrect DIMM slot information/mapping (BugID 4616050 and 4810058)

On a Sun Fire 880 server, `prtfu` command may not correctly report DIMM information corresponding to a DIMM's physical location in the CPU/Memory board.

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**Note** – For further information about this issue, see the SunSolve Online web site.

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## picld process spending too much of CPU time cumulatively (BugID 4661192)

On a Sun Fire 880 server, `picld`, a system environmental monitoring process, may take up too many CPU resources.

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**Note** – For further information about this issue, see the SunSolve Online web site.

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## psvcplugin segmentation fault during picld stop (BugID 4796100)

On a Sun Fire 880 server, attempting to stop, `picld`, a system environmental monitoring process, results in a segmentation fault followed by `picld` restarting in degraded mode.

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**Note** – For further information about this issue, see the SunSolve Online web site.

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