



Chassis

Install and maintain

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Chassis

Overview of chassis replacement - FAS9000

All other components in the system must be functioning properly; if not, you must contact technical support.

- You can use this procedure with all versions of ONTAP supported by your system.
- This procedure is disruptive. For a two-node cluster, you will have a complete service outage and a partial outage in a multi-node cluster.

Shut down the controllers - FAS9000

To replace the chassis, you must shutdown the controllers.

Option 1: Shut down the controllers

This procedure is for systems with two node configurations. For more information about graceful shutdown when servicing a cluster, see [Gracefully shutdown and power up your storage system Resolution Guide - NetApp Knowledge Base](#).

Before you begin

- Make sure you have the necessary permissions and credentials:
 - Local administrator credentials for ONTAP.
 - BMC accessibility for each controller.
- Make sure you have the necessary tools and equipment for the replacement.
- As a best practice before shutdown, you should:
 - Perform additional [system health checks](#).
 - Upgrade ONTAP to a recommended release for the system.
 - Resolve any [Active IQ Wellness Alerts and Risks](#). Make note of any faults presently on the system, such as LEDs on the system components.

Steps

1. Log into the cluster through SSH or log in from any node in the cluster using a local console cable and a laptop/console.
2. Stop all clients/host from accessing data on the NetApp system.
3. Suspend external backup jobs.
4. If AutoSupport is enabled, suppress case creation and indicate how long you expect the system to be offline:

```
system node autosupport invoke -node * -type all -message "MAINT=2h Replace chassis"
```

5. Identify the SP/BMC address of all cluster nodes:

```
system service-processor show -node * -fields address
```

6. Exit the cluster shell:

```
exit
```

7. Log into SP/BMC over SSH using the IP address of any of the nodes listed in the output from the previous step to monitor progress.

If you are using a console/laptop, log into the controller using the same cluster administrator credentials.

8. Halt the two nodes located in the impaired chassis:

```
system node halt -node <node1>,<node2> -skip-lif-migration-before-shutdown  
true -ignore-quorum-warnings true -inhibit-takeover true
```



For clusters using SnapMirror synchronous operating in StrictSync mode: `system node halt -node <node1>,<node2> -skip-lif-migration-before-shutdown true -ignore-quorum-warnings true -inhibit-takeover true -ignore-strict-sync-warnings true`

9. Enter **y** for each controller in the cluster when you see:

```
Warning: Are you sure you want to halt node <node_name>? {y|n}:
```

10. Wait for each controller to halt and display the LOADER prompt.

Option 2: Shut down a node in a two-node MetroCluster configuration

To shut down the impaired controller, you must determine the status of the controller and, if necessary, switch over the controller so that the healthy controller continues to serve data from the impaired controller storage.

About this task

- You must leave the power supplies turned on at the end of this procedure to provide power to the healthy controller.

Steps

1. Check the MetroCluster status to determine whether the impaired controller has automatically switched over to the healthy controller: `metrocluster show`
2. Depending on whether an automatic switchover has occurred, proceed according to the following table:

If the impaired controller...	Then...
Has automatically switched over	Proceed to the next step.
Has not automatically switched over	Perform a planned switchover operation from the healthy controller: <code>metrocluster switchover</code>

If the impaired controller...	Then...
Has not automatically switched over, you attempted switchover with the <code>metrocluster switchover</code> command, and the switchover was vetoed	Review the veto messages and, if possible, resolve the issue and try again. If you are unable to resolve the issue, contact technical support.

3. Resynchronize the data aggregates by running the `metrocluster heal -phase aggregates` command from the surviving cluster.

```
controller_A_1::> metrocluster heal -phase aggregates
[Job 130] Job succeeded: Heal Aggregates is successful.
```

If the healing is vetoed, you have the option of reissuing the `metrocluster heal` command with the `-override-vetoes` parameter. If you use this optional parameter, the system overrides any soft vetoes that prevent the healing operation.

4. Verify that the operation has been completed by using the `metrocluster operation show` command.

```
controller_A_1::> metrocluster operation show
Operation: heal-aggregates
State: successful
Start Time: 7/25/2016 18:45:55
End Time: 7/25/2016 18:45:56
Errors: -
```

5. Check the state of the aggregates by using the `storage aggregate show` command.

```
controller_A_1::> storage aggregate show
Aggregate      Size Available Used% State    #Vols  Nodes      RAID
Status
-----
...
aggr_b2        227.1GB    227.1GB    0% online      0 mcc1-a2
raid_dp, mirrored, normal...
```

6. Heal the root aggregates by using the `metrocluster heal -phase root-aggregates` command.

```
mcc1A::> metrocluster heal -phase root-aggregates
[Job 137] Job succeeded: Heal Root Aggregates is successful
```

If the healing is vetoed, you have the option of reissuing the `metrocluster heal` command with the `-override-vetoes` parameter. If you use this optional parameter, the system overrides any soft vetoes that prevent the healing operation.

7. Verify that the heal operation is complete by using the `metrocluster operation show` command on the destination cluster:

```
mcc1A::> metrocluster operation show
  Operation: heal-root-aggregates
    State: successful
  Start Time: 7/29/2016 20:54:41
    End Time: 7/29/2016 20:54:42
    Errors: -
```

8. On the impaired controller module, disconnect the power supplies.

Move and replace hardware - FAS9000

Move the fans, hard drives, and controller module or modules from the impaired chassis to the new chassis, and swap out the impaired chassis from the equipment rack or system cabinet with the new chassis of the same model as the impaired chassis.

Step 1: Remove the power supplies

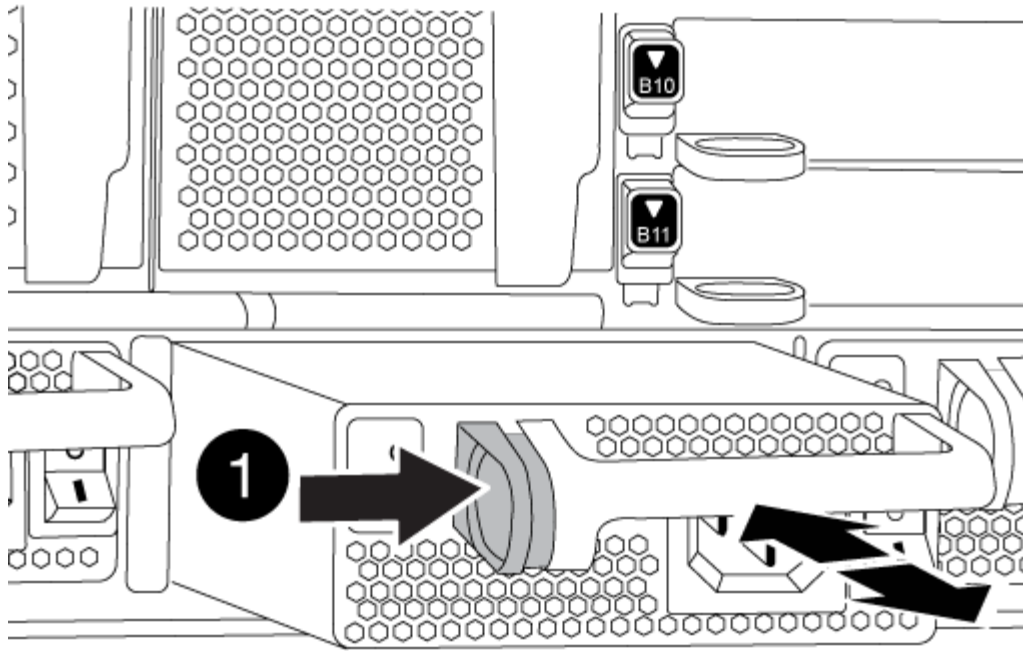
Steps

Removing the power supplies when replacing a chassis involves turning off, disconnecting, and then removing the power supply from the old chassis.

1. If you are not already grounded, properly ground yourself.
2. Turn off the power supply and disconnect the power cables:
 - a. Turn off the power switch on the power supply.
 - b. Open the power cable retainer, and then unplug the power cable from the power supply.
 - c. Unplug the power cable from the power source.
3. Press and hold the orange button on the power supply handle, and then pull the power supply out of the chassis.



When removing a power supply, always use two hands to support its weight.



1	Locking button
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4. Repeat the preceding steps for any remaining power supplies.

Step 2: Remove the fans

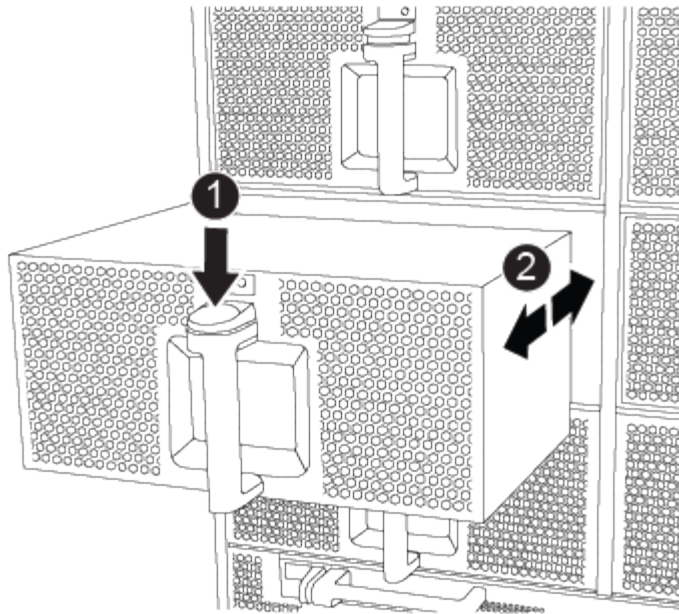
To remove the fan modules when replacing the chassis, you must perform a specific sequence of tasks.

Steps

1. Remove the bezel (if necessary) with two hands, by grasping the openings on each side of the bezel, and then pulling it toward you until the bezel releases from the ball studs on the chassis frame.
2. Press the orange button on the fan module and pull the fan module straight out of the chassis, making sure that you support it with your free hand.



The fan modules are short. Always support the bottom of the fan module with your free hand so that it does not suddenly drop free from the chassis and injure you.



1

Orange release button

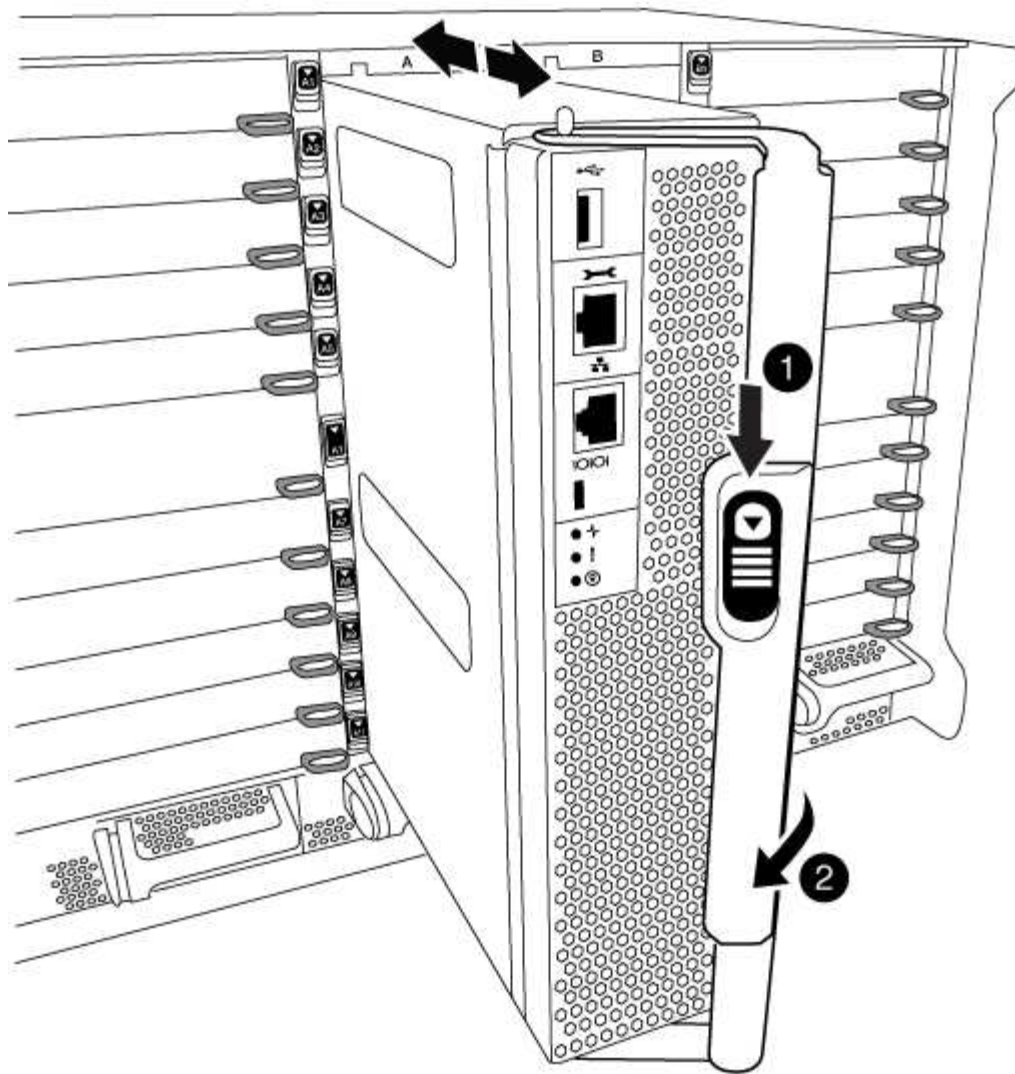
3. Set the fan module aside.
4. Repeat the preceding steps for any remaining fan modules.

Step 3: Remove the controller module

To replace the chassis, you must remove the controller module or modules from the old chassis.

Steps

1. Unplug the cables from the impaired controller module, and keep track of where the cables were connected.
2. Slide the orange button on the cam handle downward until it unlocks.



1	Cam handle release button
2	Cam handle

3. Rotate the cam handle so that it completely disengages the controller module from the chassis, and then slide the controller module out of the chassis.

Make sure that you support the bottom of the controller module as you slide it out of the chassis.

4. Set the controller module aside in a safe place, and repeat these steps if you have another controller module in the chassis.

Step 4: Remove the I/O modules

Steps

To remove I/O modules from the old chassis, including the NVRAM modules, follow the specific sequence of steps. You do not have to remove the Flash Cache module from the NVRAM module when moving it to a new

chassis.

- 1. Unplug any cabling associated with the target I/O module.

Make sure that you label the cables so that you know where they came from.

- 2. Remove the target I/O module from the chassis:
 - a. Depress the lettered and numbered cam button.

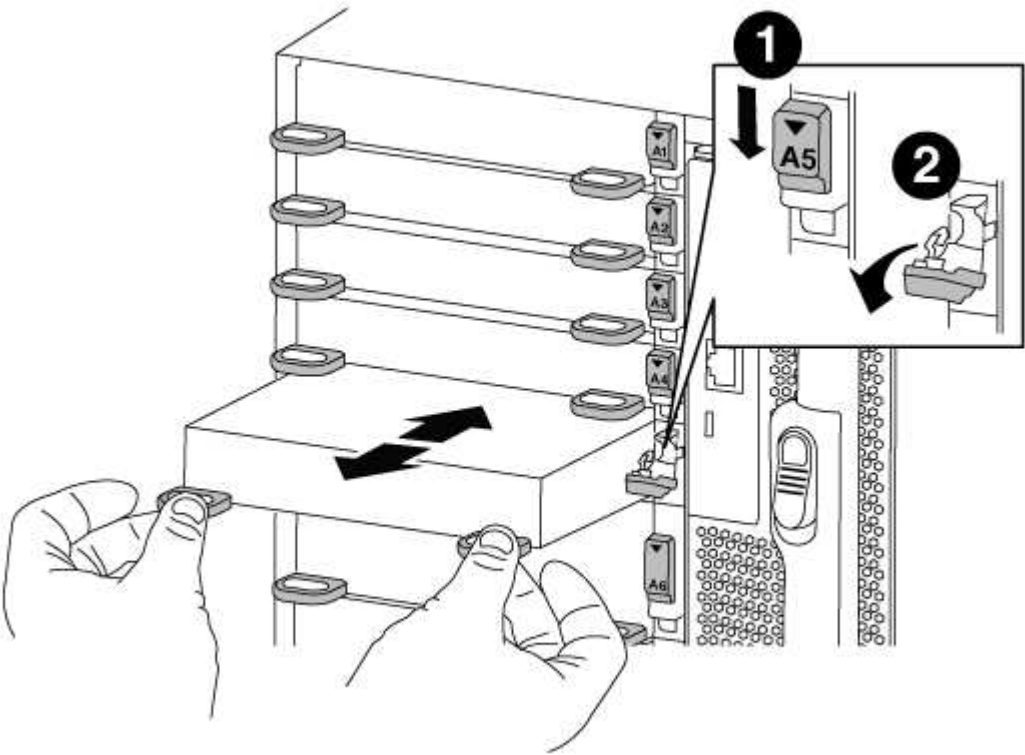
The cam button moves away from the chassis.

- b. Rotate the cam latch down until it is in a horizontal position.

The I/O module disengages from the chassis and moves about 1/2 inch out of the I/O slot.

- c. Remove the I/O module from the chassis by pulling on the pull tabs on the sides of the module face.

Make sure that you keep track of which slot the I/O module was in.



1	Lettered and numbered I/O cam latch
2	I/O cam latch completely unlocked

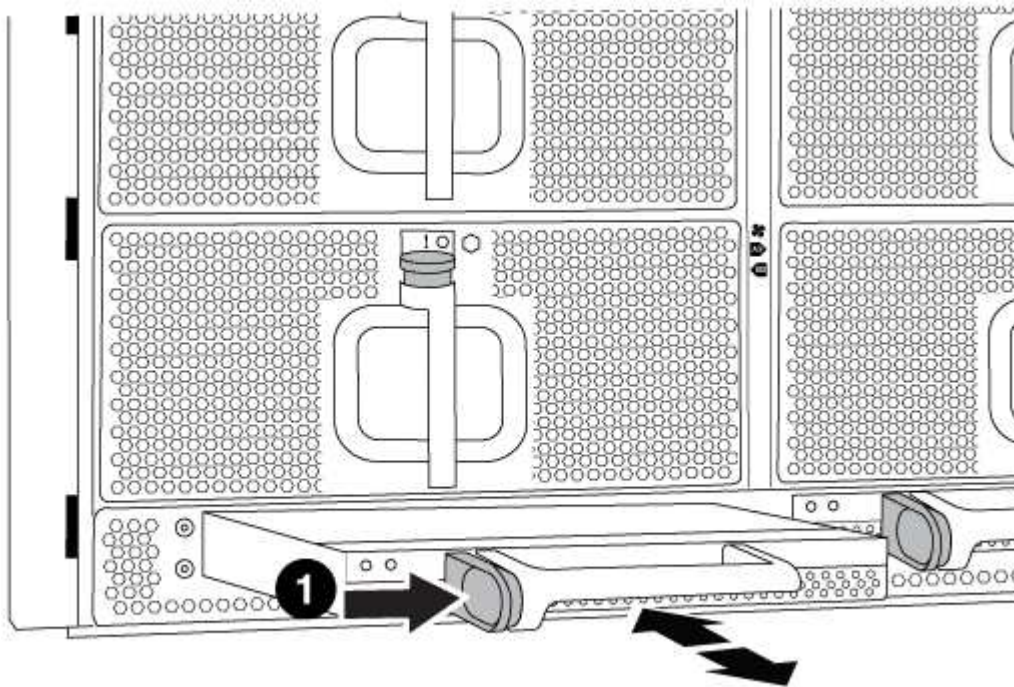
- 3. Set the I/O module aside.
- 4. Repeat the preceding step for the remaining I/O modules in the old chassis.

Step 5: Remove the De-stage Controller Power Module

Steps

You must remove the de-stage controller power modules from the old chassis in preparation for installing the replacement chassis.

1. Press the orange locking button on the module handle, and then slide the DCPM module out of the chassis.



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DCPM module orange locking button

2. Set the DCPM module aside in a safe place and repeat this step for the remaining DCPM module.

Step 6: Replace a chassis from within the equipment rack or system cabinet

Steps

You must remove the existing chassis from the equipment rack or system cabinet before you can install the replacement chassis.

1. Remove the screws from the chassis mount points.



If the system is in a system cabinet, you might need to remove the rear tie-down bracket.

2. With the help of two or three people, slide the old chassis off the rack rails in a system cabinet or L brackets in an equipment rack, and then set it aside.
3. If you are not already grounded, properly ground yourself.
4. Using two or three people, install the replacement chassis into the equipment rack or system cabinet by guiding the chassis onto the rack rails in a system cabinet or L brackets in an equipment rack.

5. Slide the chassis all the way into the equipment rack or system cabinet.
6. Secure the front of the chassis to the equipment rack or system cabinet, using the screws you removed from the old chassis.
7. Secure the rear of the chassis to the equipment rack or system cabinet.
8. If you are using the cable management brackets, remove them from the old chassis, and then install them on the replacement chassis.
9. If you have not already done so, install the bezel.

Step 7: Move the USB LED module to the new chassis

Steps

Once the new chassis is installed into the rack or cabinet, you must move the USB LED module from the old chassis to the new chassis.

1. Locate the USB LED module on the front of the old chassis, directly under the power supply bays.
2. Press the black locking button on the right side of the module to release the module from the chassis, and then slide it out of the old chassis.
3. Align the edges of the module with the USB LED bay at the bottom-front of the replacement chassis, and gently push the module all the way into the chassis until it clicks into place.

Step 8: Install the de-stage controller power module when replacing the chassis

Steps

Once the replacement chassis is installed into the rack or system cabinet, you must reinstall the de-stage controller power modules into it.

1. Align the end of the DCPM module with the chassis opening, and then gently slide it into the chassis until it clicks into place.



The module and slot are keyed. Do not force the module into the opening. If the module does not go in easily, realign the module and slide it into the chassis.

2. Repeat this step for the remaining DCPM module.

Step 9: Install fans into the chassis

Steps

To install the fan modules when replacing the chassis, you must perform a specific sequence of tasks.

1. Align the edges of the replacement fan module with the opening in the chassis, and then slide it into the chassis until it snaps into place.

When inserted into a live system, the amber Attention LED flashes four times when the fan module is successfully inserted into the chassis.

2. Repeat these steps for the remaining fan modules.
3. Align the bezel with the ball studs, and then gently push the bezel onto the ball studs.

Step 10: Install I/O modules

Steps

To install I/O modules, including the NVRAM/Flash Cache modules from the old chassis, follow the specific sequence of steps.

You must have the chassis installed so that you can install the I/O modules into the corresponding slots in the new chassis.

1. After the replacement chassis is installed in the rack or cabinet, install the I/O modules into their corresponding slots in the replacement chassis by gently sliding the I/O module into the slot until the lettered and numbered I/O cam latch begins to engage, and then push the I/O cam latch all the way up to lock the module in place.
2. Recable the I/O module, as needed.
3. Repeat the preceding step for the remaining I/O modules that you set aside.



If the old chassis has blank I/O panels, move them to the replacement chassis at this time.

Step 11: Install the power supplies

Steps

Installing the power supplies when replacing a chassis involves installing the power supplies into the replacement chassis, and connecting to the power source.

1. Using both hands, support and align the edges of the power supply with the opening in the system chassis, and then gently push the power supply into the chassis until it locks into place.

The power supplies are keyed and can only be installed one way.



Do not use excessive force when sliding the power supply into the system. You can damage the connector.

2. Reconnect the power cable and secure it to the power supply using the power cable locking mechanism.



Only connect the power cable to the power supply. Do not connect the power cable to a power source at this time.

3. Repeat the preceding steps for any remaining power supplies.

Step 12: Install the controller

Steps

After you install the controller module and any other components into the new chassis, boot it.

1. Align the end of the controller module with the opening in the chassis, and then gently push the controller module halfway into the system.



Do not completely insert the controller module in the chassis until instructed to do so.

2. Recable the console to the controller module, and then reconnect the management port.

3. Connect the power supplies to different power sources, and then turn them on.
4. With the cam handle in the open position, slide the controller module into the chassis and firmly push the controller module in until it meets the midplane and is fully seated, and then close the cam handle until it clicks into the locked position.



Do not use excessive force when sliding the controller module into the chassis; you might damage the connectors.

The controller module begins to boot as soon as it is fully seated in the chassis.

5. Repeat the preceding steps to install the second controller into the new chassis.
6. Boot each node to Maintenance mode:
 - a. As each node starts the booting, press `Ctrl-C` to interrupt the boot process when you see the message `Press Ctrl-C for Boot Menu`.



If you miss the prompt and the controller modules boot to ONTAP, enter `halt`, and then at the `LOADER` prompt enter `boot_ontap`, press `Ctrl-C` when prompted, and then repeat this step.

- b. From the boot menu, select the option for Maintenance mode.

Complete the restoration and replacement process - FAS9000

You must verify the HA state of the chassis and return the failed part to NetApp, as described in the RMA instructions shipped with the kit.

Step 1: Verify and set the HA state of the chassis

You must verify the HA state of the chassis, and, if necessary, update the state to match your system configuration.

Steps

1. In Maintenance mode, from either controller module, display the HA state of the local controller module and chassis: `ha-config show`

The HA state should be the same for all components.

2. If the displayed system state for the chassis does not match your system configuration:
 - a. Set the HA state for the chassis: `ha-config modify chassis HA-state`

The value for `HA-state` can be one of the following:

- `ha`
- `mcc`
- `mcc-2n`
- `mccip`

- non-ha

b. Confirm that the setting has changed: `ha-config show`

3. If you have not already done so, recable the rest of your system.

4. Exit Maintenance mode: `halt`

The LOADER prompt appears.

Step 2: Switch back aggregates in a two-node MetroCluster configuration

This task only applies to two-node MetroCluster configurations.

Steps

1. Verify that all nodes are in the enabled state: `metrocluster node show`

```
cluster_B::> metrocluster node show
```

DR	Configuration	DR
Group Cluster Node	State	Mirroring Mode
1 cluster_A	controller_A_1 configured	enabled heal roots
completed cluster_B	controller_B_1 configured	enabled waiting for
switchback recovery		

2 entries were displayed.

2. Verify that resynchronization is complete on all SVMs: `metrocluster vserver show`

3. Verify that any automatic LIF migrations being performed by the healing operations were completed successfully: `metrocluster check lif show`

4. Perform the switchback by using the `metrocluster switchback` command from any node in the surviving cluster.

5. Verify that the switchback operation has completed: `metrocluster show`

The switchback operation is still running when a cluster is in the waiting-for-switchback state:

```
cluster_B::> metrocluster show
```

Cluster	Configuration	State	Mode
Local: cluster_B	configured	switchover	
Remote: cluster_A	configured	waiting-for-switchback	

The switchback operation is complete when the clusters are in the `normal` state.:

```
cluster_B::> metrocluster show
Cluster              Configuration State      Mode
-----
Local: cluster_B configured              normal
Remote: cluster_A configured              normal
```

If a switchback is taking a long time to finish, you can check on the status of in-progress baselines by using the `metrocluster config-replication resync-status show` command.

6. Reestablish any SnapMirror or SnapVault configurations.

Step 3: Return the failed part to NetApp

Return the failed part to NetApp, as described in the RMA instructions shipped with the kit. See the [Part Return and Replacements](#) page for further information.

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