



# Delete a virtual volume

Element Software

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Although virtual volumes should always be deleted from the VMware Management Layer, the functionality for you to delete virtual volumes is enabled from the Element UI. You should only delete a virtual volume from the Element UI when absolutely necessary, such as when vSphere fails to clean up virtual volumes on SolidFire storage.

1. Select **VVols > Virtual Volumes**.
2. Click the Actions icon for the virtual volume you want to delete.
3. In the resulting menu, select **Delete**.



You should delete a virtual volume from the VMware Management Layer to ensure that the virtual volume is properly unbound before deletion. You should only delete a virtual volume from the Element UI when absolutely necessary, such as when vSphere fails to clean up virtual volumes on SolidFire storage. If you delete a virtual volume from the Element UI, the volume will be purged immediately.

4. Confirm the action.
5. Refresh the list of virtual volumes to confirm that the virtual volume has been removed.
6. **Optional:** Select **Reporting > Event Log** to confirm that the purge has been successful.

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