



Chassis

Install and maintain

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Chassis

Overview of chassis replacement - AFF A250

To replace the chassis, you must move the bezel, controller modules, and NVMe drives from the impaired chassis to the replacement chassis, and then remove the impaired chassis from the equipment rack or system cabinet and install the replacement chassis in its place.

About this task

- 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 written with the assumption that you are moving the bezel, NVMe drives, and controller modules to the new chassis, and that the replacement chassis is a new component from NetApp.
- 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 - AFF A250

This procedure is for 2-node, non-MetroCluster configurations only. If you have a system with more than two nodes, see [How to perform a graceful shutdown and power up of one HA pair in a 4-node cluster](#).

Before you begin

You need:

- Local administrator credentials for ONTAP.
- NetApp onboard key management (OKM) cluster-wide passphrase if using storage encryption.
- SP/BMC accessibility for each controller.
- Stop all clients/host from accessing data on the NetApp system.
- Suspend external backup jobs.
- Necessary tools and equipment for the replacement.



If the system is a NetApp StorageGRID or ONTAP S3 used as FabricPool cloud tier, refer to the [Gracefully shutdown and power up your storage system Resolution Guide](#) after performing this procedure.



If using FlexArray array LUNs, follow the specific vendor storage array documentation for the shutdown procedure to perform for those systems after performing this procedure.



If using SSDs, refer to [SU490: \(Impact: Critical\) SSD Best Practices: Avoid risk of drive failure and data loss if powered off for more than two months](#)

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. Turn off AutoSupport and indicate how long you expect the system to be off line:

```
system node autosupport invoke -node * -type all -message "MAINT=8h Power Maintenance"
```

3. Identify the SP/BMC address of all nodes:

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

4. Exit the cluster shell: `exit`
5. Log into SP/BMC over SSH using the IP address of any of the nodes listed in the output from the previous step.

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



Open an SSH session to every SP/BMC connection so that you can monitor progress.

6. Halt all nodes in the cluster:

```
system node halt -node * -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 * -skip-lif-migration-before-shutdown true -ignore-quorum-warnings true -inhibit-takeover true -ignore-strict-sync-warnings true`

7. Enter **y** for each controller in the cluster when you see *Warning: Are you sure you want to halt node "cluster name-controller number"? {y|n}:*
8. Wait for each controller to halt and display the LOADER prompt.
9. Turn off each PSU or unplug them if there is no PSU on/off switch.
10. Unplug the power cord from each PSU.
11. Verify that all controllers in the impaired chassis are powered down.

Replace hardware - AFF A250

To replace the chassis, you move the power supplies, hard drives, and controller module from the impaired chassis to the new chassis, and swap out the impaired chassis from with the new chassis of the same model as the impaired chassis.

Step 1: Remove the controller modules

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

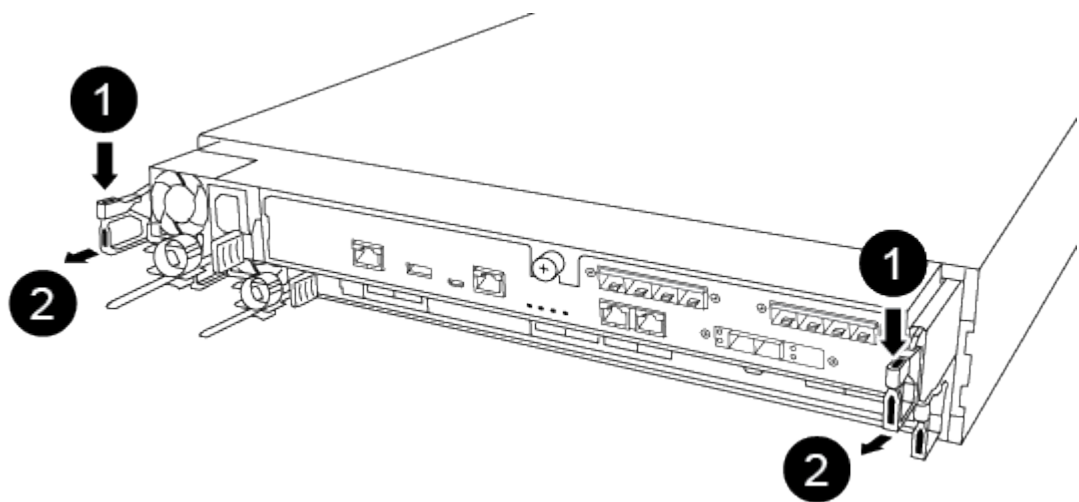
Use the following video or the tabulated steps to replace the chassis; it assumes the removal and replacement of the bezel:

Animation - Replace the chassis

- 1. If you are not already grounded, properly ground yourself.
- 2. Unplug the controller module power supplies from the source.
- 3. Release the power cable retainers, and then unplug the cables from the power supplies.
- 4. Insert your forefinger into the latching mechanism on either side of the controller module, press the lever with your thumb, and gently pull the controller a few inches out of the chassis.



If you have difficulty removing the controller module, place your index fingers through the finger holes from the inside (by crossing your arms).



| | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Lever |
| 2 | Latching mechanism |

- 5. Using both hands, grasp the controller module sides and gently pull it out of the chassis and set it on a flat, stable surface.
- 6. Set the controller module aside in a safe place, and repeat these steps for the other controller module in the chassis.

Step 2: Move drives to the new chassis

You need to move the drives from each bay opening in the old chassis to the same bay opening in the new chassis.

- 1. Gently remove the bezel from the front of the system.

2. Remove the drives:

- a. Press the release button at the top of the carrier face below the LEDs.
- b. Pull the cam handle to its fully open position to unseat the drive from the midplane, and then gently slide the drive out of the chassis.

The drive should disengage from the chassis, allowing it to slide free of the chassis.



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



Drives are fragile. Handle them as little as possible to prevent damage to them.

3. Align the drive from the old chassis with the same bay opening in the new chassis.
4. Gently push the drive into the chassis as far as it will go.

The cam handle engages and begins to rotate upward.

5. Firmly push the drive the rest of the way into the chassis, and then lock the cam handle by pushing it up and against the drive holder.

Be sure to close the cam handle slowly so that it aligns correctly with the front of the drive carrier. It clicks when it is secure.

6. Repeat the process for the remaining drives in the system.

Step 3: Replace a chassis from within the equipment rack or system cabinet

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.
2. With two people, slide the old chassis off the rack rails in a system cabinet or equipment rack, and then set it aside.
3. If you are not already grounded, properly ground yourself.
4. Using two 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 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. If you have not already done so, install the bezel.

Step 4: Install the controller modules

After you install the controller modules into the new chassis, you need to boot the system.

For HA pairs with two controller modules in the same chassis, the sequence in which you install the controller module is especially important because it attempts to reboot as soon as you completely seat it in the chassis.

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. Plug the power cables into the power supplies and reinstall the power cable retainers.
4. Insert the controller module into the chassis:
 - a. Ensure the latching mechanism arms are locked in the fully extended position.
 - b. Using both hands, align and gently slide the controller module into the latching mechanism arms until it stops.
 - c. Place your index fingers through the finger holes from the inside of the latching mechanism.
 - d. Press your thumbs down on the orange tabs on top of the latching mechanism and gently push the controller module over the stop.
 - e. Release your thumbs from the top of the latching mechanisms and continue pushing until the latching mechanisms snap into place.

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

The controller module should be fully inserted and flush with the edges of the chassis.

5. Repeat the preceding steps to install the second controller into the new chassis.

Complete the restoration and replacement process - AFF A250

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.

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`
- `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. Reinstall the bezel on the front of the system.

Step 2: 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 & Replacements](#) page for further information.

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