



Chassis

Install and maintain

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Chassis

Chassis replacement workflow - ASA A20, ASA A30, and ASA A50

Get started with replacing the chassis of your ASA A20, ASA A30, or ASA A50 storage system by reviewing the replacement requirements, shutting down the controllers, replacing the chassis, and verifying system operations.

1

Review the chassis replace requirements

Review the requirements to replace the chassis.

2

Shut down the controllers

Shut down the controllers so you can perform maintenance on the chassis.

3

Replace the chassis

Replace the chassis by moving the drives and any drive blanks, controllers (with the power supplies), and bezel from the impaired chassis to the new chassis, and swapping out the impaired chassis with the new chassis of the same model as the impaired chassis.

4

Complete chassis replacement

Verify the HA state of the chassis and return the failed part to NetApp.

Requirements to replace the chassis - ASA A20, ASA A30, and ASA A50

Before replacing the chassis of your ASA A20, ASA A30, or ASA A50 storage system, ensure you meet the necessary requirements for a successful replacement. This includes verifying all other components in the system are functioning properly, verifying that you have the correct replacement chassis, and the necessary tools.

Review the following requirements and considerations.

Requirements

- The replacement chassis must be the same model as the impaired chassis. This procedure is for a like-for-like replacement, not for an upgrade.
- All other components in the storage system must be functioning properly; if not, contact [NetApp Support](#) before continuing with this procedure.

Considerations

- The chassis replacement procedure is disruptive. For a two-node cluster, you will have a complete service outage and a partial outage in a multi-node cluster.
- You can use the chassis replacement procedure with all versions of ONTAP supported by your storage system.
- The chassis replacement procedure is written with the assumption that you are moving the bezel, drives, any drive blanks, and controllers to the new chassis.

What's next?

After you've reviewed the requirements to replace the chassis, you need to [shut down the controllers](#).

Shut down the controllers to replace the chassis - ASA A20, ASA A30, and ASA A50

Shut down the controllers in your ASA A20, ASA A30, or ASA A50 storage system to prevent data loss and ensure system stability when replacing the chassis.

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.

What's next?

After you've shut down the controllers, you need to [replace the chassis](#).

Replace the chassis - ASA A20, ASA A30, and ASA A50

Replace the chassis of your ASA A20, ASA A30, or ASA A50 storage system when a hardware failure requires it. The replacement process involves removing the controllers, removing the drives, installing the replacement chassis, and reinstalling the chassis components.

About this task

If needed, you can turn on the storage system location (blue) LEDs to aid in physically locating the affected storage system. Log into the BMC using SSH and enter the `system location-led on` command.

A storage system has three location LEDs: one on the operator display panel and one on each controller. Location LEDs remain illuminated for 30 minutes.

You can turn them off by entering the `system location-led off` command. If you are unsure if the LEDs are on or off, you can check their state by entering the `system location-led show` command.

Step 1: Remove the controller

You must remove the controller from the chassis when you replace the controller or replace a component inside the controller.

Before you begin

Make sure all other components in the storage system are functioning properly; if not, you must contact [NetApp Support](#) before continuing with this procedure.

Steps

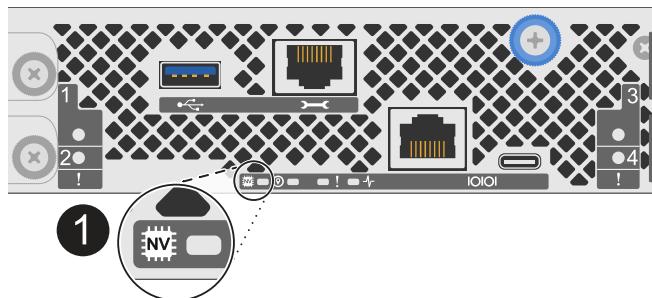
1. On the impaired controller, make sure the NV LED is off.

When the NV LED is off, destaging is complete and it is safe to remove the impaired controller.



If the NV LED is flashing (green), destage is in progress. You must wait for the NV LED to turn off. However, if the flashing continues for longer than five minutes, contact [NetApp Support](#) before continuing with this procedure.

The NV LED is located next to the NV icon on the controller.



1	NV icon and LED on the controller
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2. If you are not already grounded, properly ground yourself.
3. Disconnect the power on the impaired controller:



Power supplies (PSUs) do not have a power switch.

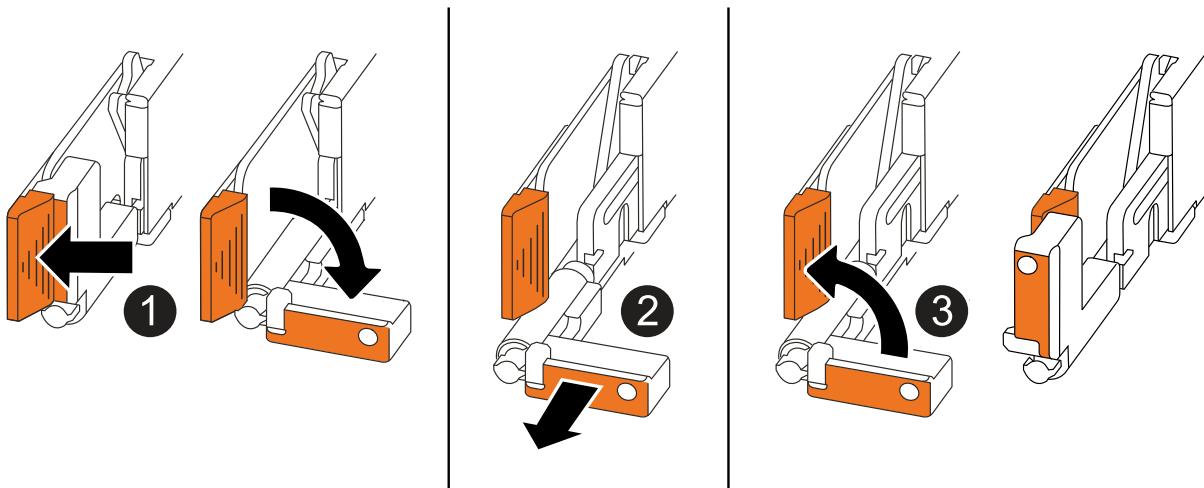
If you are disconnecting a...	Then...
AC PSU	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Open the power cord retainer.2. Unplug the power cord from the PSU and set it aside.
DC PSU	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Unscrew the two thumb screws on the D-SUB DC power cord connector.2. Unplug the power cord from the PSU and set it aside.

4. Unplug all cables from the impaired controller.

Keep track of where the cables were connected.

5. Remove the impaired controller:

The following illustration shows the operation of the controller handles (from the left side of the controller) when removing a controller:



1	On both ends of the controller, push the vertical locking tabs outward to release the handles.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pull the handles towards you to unseat the controller from the midplane. <p>As you pull, the handles extend out from the controller and then you feel some resistance, keep pulling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slide the controller out of the chassis while supporting the bottom of the controller, and place it on a flat, stable surface.
3	If needed, rotate the handles upright (next to the tabs) to move them out of the way.

6. Repeat these steps for the other controller in the chassis.

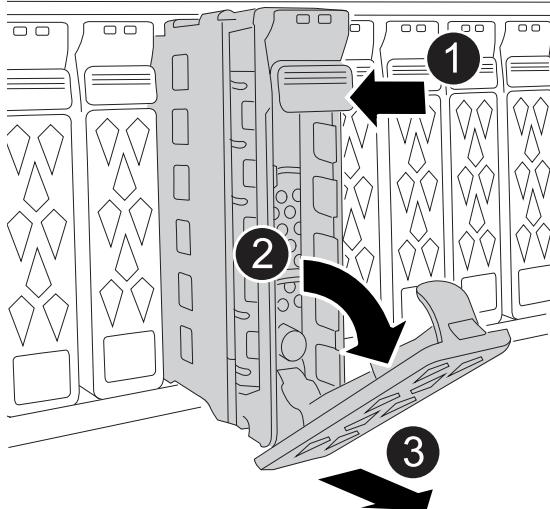
Step 2: Remove the drives from the impaired chassis

You need to remove all of the drives and any drive blanks from the impaired chassis so that later in the procedure you can install them in the replacement chassis.

1. Gently remove the bezel from the front of the storage system.
2. Remove the drives and any drive blanks:



Keep track of what drive bay each drive and drive blank was removed from because they must be installed in the same drive bays in the replacement chassis.



1	Press the release button on the drive face to open the cam handle.
2	Rotate the cam handle downward to disengage the drive from the midplane.
3	<p>Slide the drive out of the drive bay using the cam handle and supporting the drive with your other hand.</p> <p>When removing a drive, always use two hands to support its weight.</p> <p>i Because drives are fragile, minimize handling to avoid damaging them.</p>

3. Set the drives aside on a static-free cart or table.

Step 2: Replace the chassis from within the equipment rack or system cabinet

You remove the impaired chassis from the equipment rack or system cabinet, install the replacement chassis, install the drives, any drive blanks, and then install the bezel.

1. Remove the screws from the impaired chassis mount points.

Set the screws aside to use later in this procedure.



If the storage system shipped in a NetApp system cabinet, you must remove additional screws at the rear of the chassis before the chassis can be removed.

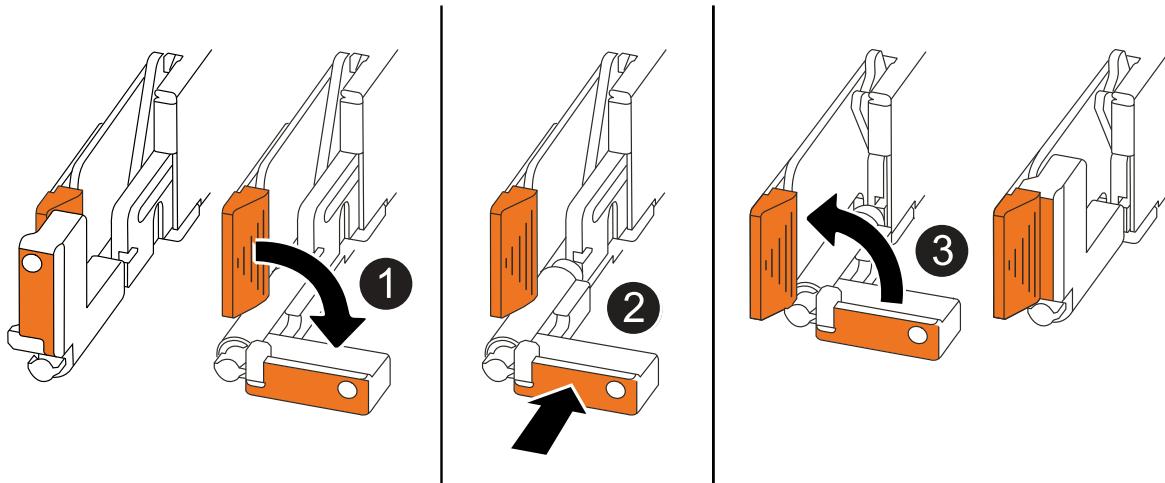
2. Using two people or a power lift, remove the impaired chassis from the equipment rack or system cabinet by sliding it off the rails, and then set it aside.
3. Using two people, install the replacement chassis into the equipment rack or system cabinet by sliding it onto the rails.
4. Secure the front of the replacement chassis to the equipment rack or system cabinet using the screws you removed from the impaired chassis.

Step 4: Install the controllers and drives

Install the controllers and drives into the replacement chassis and reboot the controllers.

About this task

The following illustration shows the operation of the controller handles (from the left side of a controller) when installing a controller, and can be used as a reference for the rest of the controller installation steps.



1	If you rotated the controller handles upright (next to the tabs) to move them out of the way, rotate them down to the horizontal position.
2	Push the handles to reinsert the controller into the chassis and push until the controller is fully seated.
3	Rotate the handles to the upright position and lock in place with the locking tabs.

1. Insert one of the controllers into the chassis:

- Align the back of the controller with the opening in the chassis.
- Firmly push on the handles until the controller meets the midplane and is fully seated in the chassis.



Do not use excessive force when sliding the controller into the chassis; it could damage the connectors.

- Rotate the controller handles up and lock in place with the tabs.

2. Recable the controller, as needed, except for the power cords.

3. Repeat these steps to install the second controller into the chassis.

4. Install the drives and any drive blanks you removed from the impaired chassis into the replacement chassis:



The drives and drive blanks must be installed in the same drive bays in the replacement chassis.

- With the cam handle in the open position, use both hands to insert the drive.

- b. Gently push until the drive stops.
- c. Close the cam handle so that the drive is fully seated into the midplane and the handle clicks into place.

Be sure to close the cam handle slowly so that it aligns correctly with the face of the drive.

- d. Repeat the process for the remaining drives.

5. Install the bezel.

6. Reconnect the power cords to the power supplies (PSU) in the controllers.

Once power is restored to a PSU, the status LED should be green.



The controllers begin to boot as soon as the power is restored.

If you are reconnecting a...	Then...
AC PSU	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plug the power cord into the PSU. 2. Secure the power cord with the power cord retainer.
DC PSU	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plug the D-SUB DC power cord connector into the PSU. 2. Tighten the two thumb screws to secure the D-SUB DC power cord connector to the PSU.

7. If controllers boot to the LOADER prompt, reboot the controllers:

`boot_ontap`

8. Turn AutoSupport back on:

`system node autosupport invoke -node * -type all -message MAINT=END`

Complete chassis replacement - ASA A20, ASA A30, and ASA A50

Verify the HA state of the chassis and then return the failed part to NetApp to complete the final step in the ASA A20, ASA A30, and ASA A50 chassis replacement procedure.

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 storage system configuration.

1. In Maintenance mode, from either controller, display the HA state of the local controller 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 storage system configuration:

- Set the HA state for the chassis:

```
ha-config modify chassis HA-state
```

The value for HA-state should be *ha*. The value for HA-state can be one of the following: * **ha** * **mcc** (not supported in ASA)

- Confirm that the setting has changed:

```
ha-config show
```

3. If you have not already done so, recable the rest of your storage 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 and Replacements](#) page for further information.

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