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USER'S GUIDE

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Returning Merchandise for Service

A receipt or copy of your invoice marked with the date of purchase is required before any warranty service will be rendered. You can obtain service by calling your vendor for a Returned Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number. When returning to the manufacturer, the RMA number should be prominently displayed on the outside of the shipping carton, and mailed prepaid or hand-carried. Shipping and handling charges will be applied for all orders that must be mailed when service is complete.

For faster service, RMA authorizations may be requested online (http://www.supermicro.com/support/rma/+).

Whenever possible, repack the backplane in the original Supermicro box, using the original packaging materials. If these are no longer available, be sure to pack the backplane in an anti-static bag and inside the box. Make sure that there is enough packaging material surrounding the backplane so that it does not become damaged during shipping.

This warranty only covers normal consumer use and does not cover damages incurred in shipping or from failure due to the alteration, misuse, abuse or improper maintenance of products.

During the warranty period, contact your distributor first for any product problems.
Chapter 1

Safety Guidelines

To avoid personal injury and property damage, carefully follow all the safety steps listed below when accessing your system or handling the components.

1-1 ESD Safety Guidelines

*Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) can damage electronic components. To prevent damage to your system, it is important to handle it very carefully. The following measures are generally sufficient to protect your equipment from ESD.*

- Use a grounded wrist strap designed to prevent static discharge.

- Touch a grounded metal object before removing a component from the antistatic bag.

- Handle the backplane by its edges only; do not touch its components, peripheral chips, memory modules or gold contacts.

- When handling chips or modules, avoid touching their pins.

- Put the card and peripherals back into their antistatic bags when not in use.

1-2 General Safety Guidelines

- Always disconnect power cables before installing or removing any components from the computer, including the SAS-218A backplane.

- Disconnect the power cable before installing or removing any cables from the backplane.

- Make sure that the SAS-218A backplane is securely and properly connected to the motherboard prevent damage to the system due to a power shortage.
1-3 An Important Note to Users

All images and layouts shown in this user's guide are based upon the latest backplane revision available at the time of publishing. The card you have received may or may not look exactly the same as the graphics shown in this manual.

1-4 Introduction to the SAS-218A Backplane

The SAS-218A backplane has been designed to utilize the most up-to-date technology available, providing your system with reliable, high-quality performance.

This manual reflects SAS-218A Revision 1.00, the most current release available at the time of publication. Always refer to the Supermicro Web site at www.supermicro.com for the latest updates, compatible parts and supported configurations.
Chapter 2

Connectors, Jumpers and LEDs

2-1 Front Connectors

Front Connectors

A. SAS connector 0 - 3: JSM1
B. SAS connector 4 - 7: JSM2
C. Upgrade #1: JP69
D. Upgrade #2: JP78
E. SATA connector #8: JSATA1
F. SATA connector #9: JSATA2
G. Power connector: JP10
H. Power connector: JP13
I. SGPIO Connector (for SATA connectors #8 and #9): JP51

Figure 2-1: Front Connectors
2-2 Front Connector and Pin Definitions

A. - B. SAS Connectors
The SAS connectors are numbered 0 - 3 and 4-7. Each may be connected to the system with a SAS cable.

C. - D. Upgrade Connector
The upgrade connectors, designated JP69 and JP78 are for diagnostic purposes only. This connector should only be used by a certified and experienced technician.

E. - F. SATA Connectors
The SATA connectors are numbered #8 and #9. Each may be connected to the system with a SATA cable.

G. - H. Power Connectors
The power connectors are designated JP10 and JP13. These connectors provide power to the backplane.

I. SGPIO Connector
The SGPIO connector is used by the two SATA connectors (#8 and #9) and is designated JP51.
2-3 Front Jumper Locations and Pin Definitions

Explanation of Jumpers

To modify the operation of the backplane, jumpers can be used to choose between optional settings. Jumpers create shorts between two pins to change the function of the connector. Pin 1 is identified with a square solder pad on the printed circuit board. Note: On two pin jumpers, "Closed" means the jumper is on and "Open" means the jumper is off the pins.

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<td>MG9072 chip reset</td>
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<td>MG9071 chip reset</td>
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Figure 2-2: Front Jumpers
2-4 Rear Connectors and LED Indicators

Figure 2-3: Rear Connectors and LEDs

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