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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

Guidelines

This chapter offers guidelines for personal and equipment safety, and notes about the BPN-SAS3-826A version documented in this manual.

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 backplane.

• Disconnect the power cord before installing or removing any cables from the backplane.

• Make sure that the backplane is securely and properly installed on the mounting frame in the chassis to prevent damage to the system due to power shortage.
1-3  Version Information

The BPN-SAS3-826A backplane has been designed to utilize the most up-to-date technology available, providing your system with reliable, high-quality performance.

This manual reflects BPN-SAS3-826A Revision 1.11, 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.

All images and layouts in this user’s guide are based upon the latest PCB revision available at the time of publishing. The backplane you have received may not look exactly the same as the graphics in this manual.
This manual covers the BPN-SAS3-826A backplane.

2-1 Rear Connector Locations

The following connectors are on the side of the backplane that faces the rear of the chassis. They are marked by silkscreen labels.

1. Power Connectors, 4-pin: JPW1, JPW2, JPW3 and JPW4.
2. JTAG Connector: JS27, CPLD upgrade port (6-pin)
3. Mini SAS HD Connector: JSM1
4. Mini SAS HD Connector: JSM2
5. Mini SAS HD Connector: JSM3
2-2 Rear Connector and Pin Definitions

1. Backplane Main Power Connectors
   The 4-pin connectors, designated JPW1, JPW2, JPW3 and JPW4 provide power to the backplane. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

2. CPLD Upgrade Port
   The JP27 connector is used only by manufacturing to upgrade CPLD.

3. Mini SAS HD Connectors
   The three SAS connectors are used to connect the SAS drive cables and are designated JSM1 to JSM3. Each of the three connectors has four ports for a total of twelve ports. These twelve ports are designated SAS#0 - SAS#11. They are also compatible with SATA drives.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pin#</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>+12V</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 and 3</td>
<td>Ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>+5V</td>
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2-3 Rear Jumper Locations and Pin Definitions

No jumpers on this backplane are configurable by the user.

Figure 2-2. Rear Jumpers

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<th>Jumper Settings</th>
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<td><strong>Jumper</strong></td>
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<td>JP1</td>
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</table>

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.
2-4 Front Connectors and LED Indicators

All connectors support SAS3.

Figure 2-4. Front Connectors and LEDs

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Connector Number and HDD Number</th>
<th>Label</th>
<th>HDD Activity LED (blue)</th>
<th>Failure LED (red*)</th>
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<tr>
<td>SAS #0</td>
<td>J1</td>
<td>ACT#0</td>
<td>FAIL#0</td>
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<td>SAS #1</td>
<td>J2</td>
<td>ACT#1</td>
<td>FAIL#1</td>
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<td>SAS #10</td>
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<td>SAS #11</td>
<td>J12</td>
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* The failure LED may display several states, as described in the table below.

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<tr>
<th>Color and State</th>
<th>Indication</th>
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<td>Red, solid</td>
<td>Failure</td>
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<tr>
<td>Red, blinking at 1Hz</td>
<td>Rebuild</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Red, blinking at 4Hz</td>
<td>Indentify</td>
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