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FRU Removal and Replacement Guide

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About this manual

This FRU removal and replacement guide provides detailed procedures for installing, removing, and replacing field-replaceable units (FRUs) in Nexsan E48X Storage Expansions.

Note While Nexsan makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of technical documentation, screen images and procedures may change after publication. In case of discrepancy, please check for the latest updates on the E-Series and BEAST [Documents and Downloads](#) page. Also, refer to the latest Release Notes.

Conventions

Here is a list of text conventions used in this document:

Convention	Description
<u>underlined blue</u>	Cross-references, hyperlinks, URLs, and email addresses.
boldface	Labels on the physical Nexsan Storage System or interactive items in the graphical user interface (GUI).
<i>italics</i>	System messages and non-interactive items in the GUI. References to software user guides.
monospace	Command-line interface (CLI) text or text that refers to file or directory names.
monospace bold	Text strings that must be entered by the user in the CLI or in text fields in the GUI.

Notes, tips, cautions, and warnings

Note Notes contain important information, present alternative procedures, or call attention to certain items.

Tip Tips contain handy information for end-users, such as other ways to perform an action.



CAUTION: In hardware manuals, cautions alert the user to items or situations which may cause damage to the Nexsan Storage System or result in mild injury to the user, or both. In software manuals, cautions alerts the user to situations which may cause data corruption or data loss.



WARNING: Warnings alert the user to items or situations which may result in severe injury or death to the user.

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Nexsan E48 and Nexsan E60 Storage Systems FRU Removal and Replacement Guide

Nexsan E48 and Nexsan E60 Storage Systems Installation Guide

Nexsan E48X and Nexsan E60X Storage Systems Installation Guide

Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide

Nexsan E-Series Snapshots and Replication User Guide

Nexsan E-Series Multipathing Best Practices Guide

Safety notices

This guide covers the Nexsan E60X and Nexsan E48X Storage Systems Storage Expansions only. Refer to the relevant product manuals for information on other Nexsan Storage Systems or Storage Expansions and other Nexsan products mentioned in this guide.

Always observe the following precautions to reduce the risk of injury and equipment damage:



WARNING: There is a risk of ELECTRIC SHOCK if Nexsan E-Series components are removed or tampered with when a Nexsan Storage System power is on. Only a trained operator may remove certain FRUs. The Nexsan E-Series Storage Systems include the following FRUs:

- Power Supply modules
- RAID Controller and Expansion modules
- Disk drives
- Fan modules

The storage system should only be installed in a clean, dry environment. The operating temperature is 5° to 35° C (41° to 95° F), with operating relative humidity at 20 to 80%, non-condensing.

The cordset specification for the Nexsan E60X and Nexsan E48X in North America is USA IEC C13 to IEC C14, rated 250V/10A. When applying power to the storage system, use ONLY the IEC power cords originally supplied with it. Do NOT use other power cords, even if they appear identical to the supplied cords.

Only a fully-trained Service Engineer is authorized to disassemble any other part of the storage system, and then only when the storage system is powered off.

All Nexsan E-Series Storage Systems have multiple power connections; as a result, you must remove all power leads to completely remove power from the storage system.

Revision history

This section lists updates and new material added to the *Nexsan E-Series FRU Removal and Replacement Guide for the Nexsan E60X and Nexsan E48X Storage Systems*.

P450135 Rev: C, Feb 2025

Removed URL's to the old support website

P450135 Rev: B, March 2022

Updated for technical accuracy, applied new Nexsan template and branding.

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Added Information for E60P and E48P

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Added section [Take proper ESD precautions on page 12](#) to the beginning of Chapter 2; updated all ESD warnings; added ESD warnings to all sections that deal with handling electronic components or disk drives, each one referencing [Take proper ESD precautions on page 12](#).

NXS-EX4U-MG Rev. 02, July 2014

Fixed minor errors throughout.

NXS-EX4U-MG Rev. 01, February 2014

Changed formatting throughout to reflect Nexsan as an Nexsan brand; separated installation content from FRU replacement content into two documents; changed name of document to *Nexsan E-Series FRU Removal and Replacement Guide for the Nexsan E60X and Nexsan E48X RAID Storage Expansion Units*.

Chapter 1

Overview

Nexsan E48X and Nexsan E60X 4U, rack-mountable Storage Expansions can hold up to 48 or 60 SATA, SAS, or SSD data disks respectively.

Nexsan E-Series base models use 3Gb/s SAS for internal communication between the RAID Controllers and hard disks. E-Series P models use 6-Gb/s SAS for internal communication.

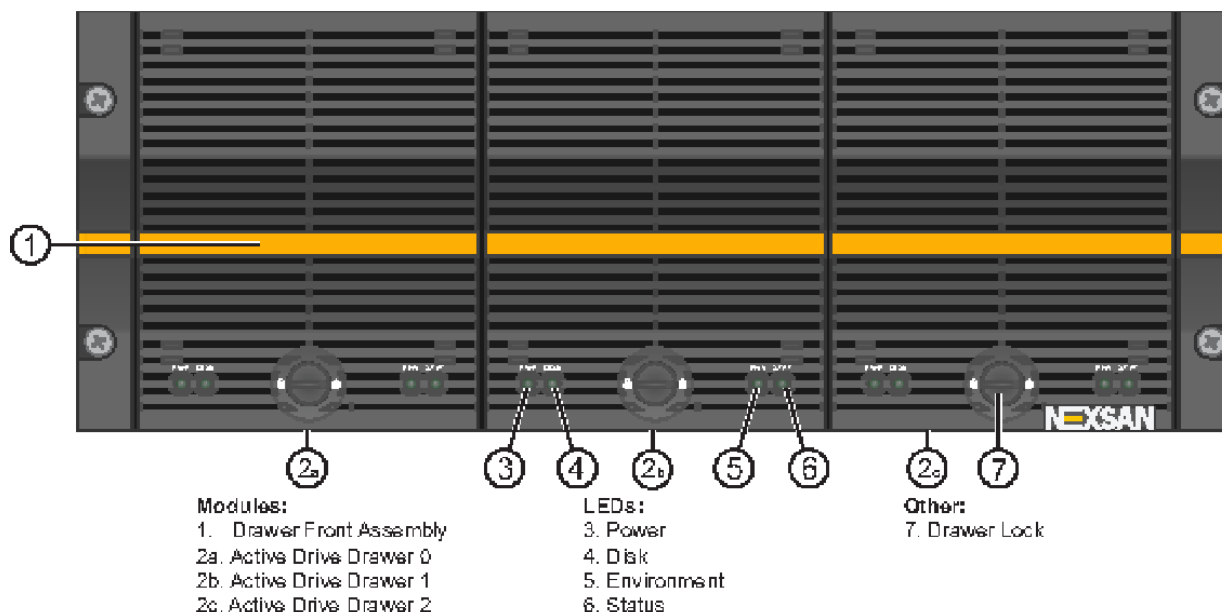
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Front panel

Use this section to understand front panel components.

Figure 1-1: Nexsan E48X/Nexsan E60X front panel



Legend

Use the following tables as a legend for the front panel diagram.

Table 1-2: Field-replaceable modules

Number	Component	Description
1.	Drawer Front Assembly w/ Fan	Each assembly can be field-replaced in the event of a fan failure by removing a screw on each side of the drive drawer (see Front drive drawer fans on page 22).

Table 1-3: Other modules

Number	Component	Description
2.	Active Drive Drawers (3)	Each drawer can hold up to 16 (for Nexsan E48X Storage Expansions) or 20 (for Nexsan E60X Storage Expansions) 3.5" disk drives, for a total of up to 48 or 60 drives in the enclosure.

Table 1-4: LEDs

Number	Component	Description
3.	Power LED (PWR)	<p>Indicates the status of power to the components in the drawer. Green indicates that all power levels are within specifications. Red indicates that one or more power levels are outside of specifications. The Environmental Information page (under <i>System Information</i>) in the graphical user interface (GUI) displays details (see the <i>Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide</i>).</p> <p>If the PWR LED on the left drive drawer is amber and all other front panel LEDs are off, this means that the Nexsan Storage System has been powered down through the GUI. It can be powered back up using the SW0 switch (see Rear panel on the next page).</p>
4.	Disk LED (DSK)	<p>Indicates the status of the disk drives in the drawer. Green indicates that all disk drives are operating within specifications. Red indicates that one or more disk faults have been detected. The Disk Drives page (under <i>RAID Information</i>) in the graphical user interface (GUI) displays details (see the <i>Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide</i>).</p>
5.	Environment LED (ENV)	<p>Indicates the temperature and fan status for the drawer. Green indicates that the drawer temperature is within specifications and that all fans are operating properly. Red indicates that the temperature exceeds specifications or that one or more fans are not operating properly. The Environmental Information page (under <i>System Information</i>) in the graphical user interface (GUI) displays details (see the <i>Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide</i>).</p>
6.	Status LED (STAT)	<p>Indicates overall status. Green indicates that the Nexsan Storage System is operating within specification. Amber indicates that the drawer is unlocked. Red indicates a fault in the drawer.</p> <p>If all STAT LEDs are red, this indicates that there is an issue with the Nexsan Storage System that is not drawer-specific. The Environmental Information page (under <i>System Information</i>) in the graphical user interface displays details (see the <i>Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide</i>).</p>

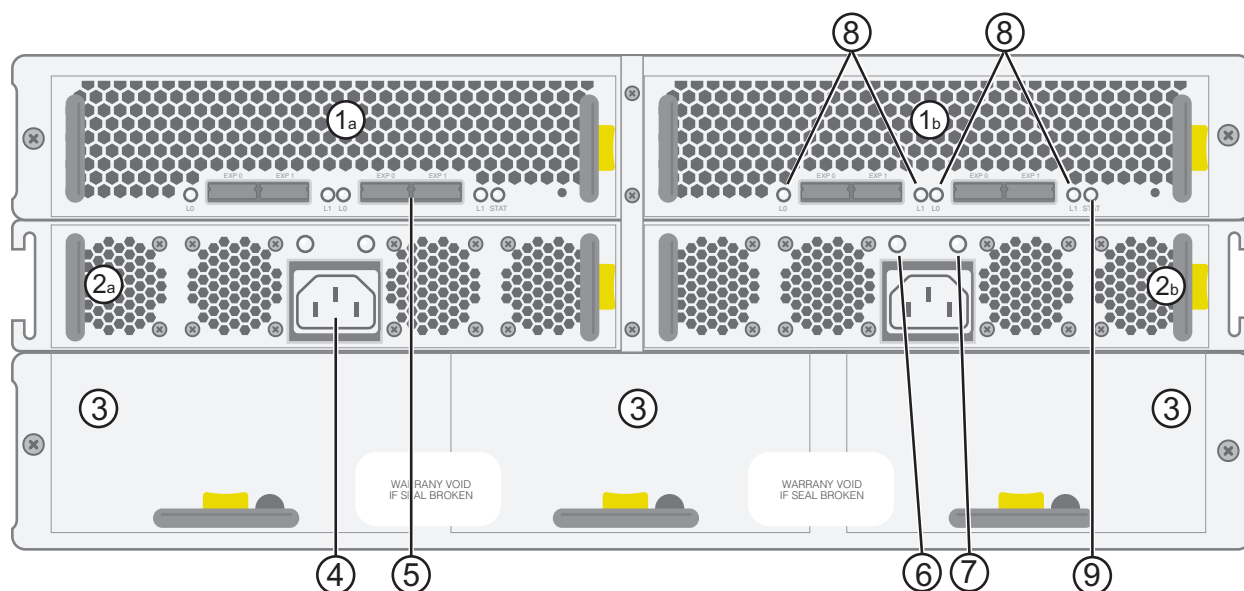
Table 1-5: Other items

Number	Component	Description
7.	Drawer Lock:	Secures the drive drawer in place. When this lock is disengaged, the STAT LED turns amber.

Rear panel

Use this section as a legend for rear panel components.

Figure 1-6: Nexsan E48X/Nexsan E60X rear panel



Field Replaceable Modules:
 1a. Expansion Controller 0
 1b. Expansion Controller 1
 2a. Power Supply Unit (PSU) 0
 2b. Power Supply Unit (PSU) 1

Other Modules:
 3. Interconnect Service Modules (ISMs)
Connectors:
 4. Power
 5. Expansion

LEDs:
 6. PSU status
 7. PSU Fan status
 8. Expansion Port status
 9. Expansion Controller status

Legend

Use the following tables as a legend for the rear panel diagram.

Table 1-7: Field-replaceable modules

Number	Component	Description
1.	RAID Controller(s) (1 or 2)	Expansion Controllers (2). Each controller can be field-replaced in the event of failure (see Expansion Controllers on page 17).
2.	Power Supply Units (PSUs) (2)	Each controller can be field-replaced in the event of a PSU or PSU fan failure (see Power Supply Units (PSUs) on page 16).

Table 1-8: Other modules

Number	Component	Description
3.	Interconnect Service Modules (ISMs) (3)	Can only be replaced by a fully-trained Service Engineer.

Table 1-9: Connectors


Number	Component	Description
4.	Power (2): 200–240VAC, 47–63Hz (for Nexsan E60X Storage Expansions) or 110–240VAC, 47–63Hz (for Nexsan E48X Storage Expansions).	 CAUTION: The cordset specification for the Nexsan E60/Nexsan E60X/Nexsan E48X in North America is IEC C13 to IEC C14 rated 250V/10A. When applying power to the system, use ONLY the IEC power cords originally supplied with the Nexsan Storage System. Do NOT use other power cords, even if they appear identical to the supplied cords.
5.	E-Series V/VT	Four expansion ports (EXP IN 0 and 1 , EXP OUT 0 and 1) per Expansion Controller: Mini-SAS 26 pin I-Pass (8088) 6Gb/s SAS connectors.
6.	One Management port (MGMT) per RAID Controller	Dedicated management port (RJ45) for Web-based configuration (1Gb in E-Series P, 10/100 in prior series models).
7.	One SERIAL port per RAID Controller	Mini-DIN serial port for low-level reporting (Support use only).
8.	Four iSCSI ports (0 through 3) per RAID Controller	1Gb/s Ethernet ports (RJ45s) for iSCSI. If a host port option is installed (see Rear panel on the previous page), only ports 0 and 1 are usable.
9.	Host ports	See Rear panel on the previous page .

Table 1-10: LEDs

Number	Component	Description
12.	Expansion port LEDs	

Drawer interior

Use this section to understand Drawer interior components.

Figure 1-11: Nexsan E60X drawer interior

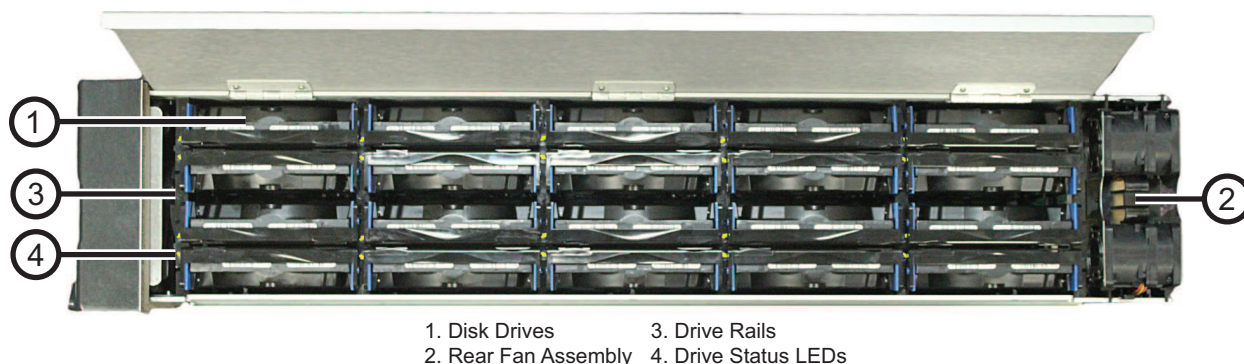
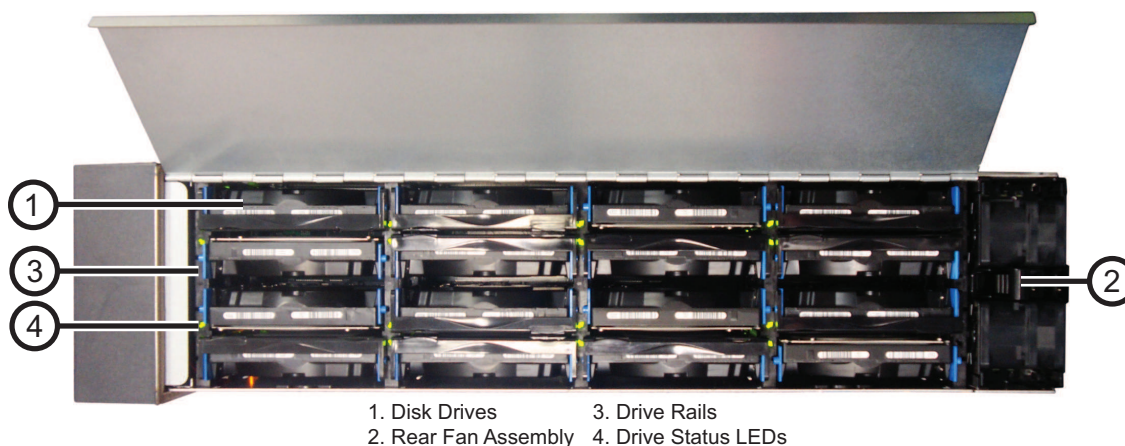


Figure 1-12: Nexsan E48X drawer interior



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Legend

Use the following tables as a legend for the Drawer interior components diagram.

Table 1-13: Field-replaceable modules

Number	Module	Description
1.	Disk Drives	Up to 16 (for Nexsan E48X Storage Systems) or 20 (for Nexsan E60X Storage Systems) 3.5" disk drives in each drawer. Disk drives can be field-replaced in the event of failure (see Disk drives on page 19).
2.	Rear Fan Assembly	Dual-fan assembly located at the rear of each drawer. Can be field-replaced in the event of failure (see Rear drive drawer fan assembly on page 24).

Table 1-14: Other modules

Number	Module	Description
3.	Drive Guides	Align with plastic rails on disk drives to guide installation. These are integral to the drive drawer and cannot be individually replaced.

Table 1-15: LEDs

Number	Module	Description
4.	Drive status	One for each disk drive slot. Solid green indicates that the disk is operating within specifications and is not currently being accessed. Flashing green indicates disk activity. Red indicates that a disk fault has been detected and that the disk is not currently being used by the system. For disk drive slots where no disk drive is installed, this LED is off.

Physical characteristics

Use this section as a reference for the physical characteristics of Nexsan Storage Systems or Nexsan Storage Expansions.

Dimensions, Nexsan E48X

Measurement	Value
Chassis height	4U: 177mm (6.97")
Chassis length	835mm (32.87")
Chassis length, including fascia and handles	887mm (35.95") (allow at least 150mm for cables at rear; a 1,000mm rack is recommended)
Chassis width, body	448mm (17.64")
Chassis width, overall	482.6mm (19")
Storage System weight, no drives	47.63 kg (105 lbs.)
Storage System weight, with drives	84 kg (185.2 lbs.)
Rack mount kit length	660mm to 914mm (26" to 36")
Rack mount kit weight	approx. 2.5 kg (5.5 lbs.)

Dimensions, Nexsan E60X

Measurement	Value
Chassis height	4U: 177mm (6.97")
Chassis length	950mm (37.4")
Chassis length, including fascia and handles	1,026mm (40.39") (allow at least 150mm for cables at rear; a 1,200mm rack is recommended)
Chassis width, body	448mm (17.64")
Chassis width, overall	482.6mm (19")
Storage System weight, no drives	48 kg (106 lbs.)
Storage System weight, with drives	93 kg (205 lbs.)
Rack mount kit length	660mm to 914mm (26" to 36")
Rack mount kit weight	approx. 2.5 kg (5.5 lbs.)

Power

Two 1,600W load-sharing, hot-pluggable, redundant PSUs.

Nexsan E60X nominal input voltage is 200–240VAC, 47–63Hz. Cordset specification in North America is IEC C13 to IEC C14 rated 250V/10A.

Nexsan E48X nominal input voltage is 110–240VAC, 47–63Hz. Cordset specification in North America is IEC C13 to IEC C14 rated 250V/10A.

Typical power consumption for the Nexsan E60X is 1,059W (4.74A) for 600GB SAS drives and 684W (3.0A) for 3TB SATA drives. Peak current is up to 15A.

Typical power consumption for the Nexsan E48X is 935W (4.2A) for 600GB SAS drives and 579W (2.6A) for 3TB SATA drives. Peak current is up to 15A.

Cooling

Front panel: One 120mm 12V axial fan (life 40,000 hrs) per drive drawer, for a total of three.

Internal: Two double-gang 12V axial fans (life 40,000 hrs) per drive drawer, for a total of six.

PSUs: Four 12V axial fans (life 40,000 hrs) per PSU, for a total of eight.

Materials

Chassis, external: Galvanized sheet steel

Chassis, internal: Galvanized sheet steel divider plates and sub-assemblies

Fascia: ABS (blend) Thermoplastic UL 94 V.0

Environment

Ambient operating temperature: 5°C–35°C (41°F–95°F)

Minimum drawer operation temperature: 10°C (50°F)

Chapter 2

Adding Modules

Nexsan E48X and Nexsan E60X Storage Expansions are designed so that adding data disks can be performed while the system is powered on and operating normally.



CAUTION: Computer components and disk drives are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). Always ground any electrostatic charge from your person before touching components with your hands or with any tools. Always use an anti-static wrist strap (one ships with each Nexsan Storage System) while installing or performing maintenance on any Nexsan Storage System. See [Take proper ESD precautions on the next page](#) for detailed instructions.

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Take proper ESD precautions

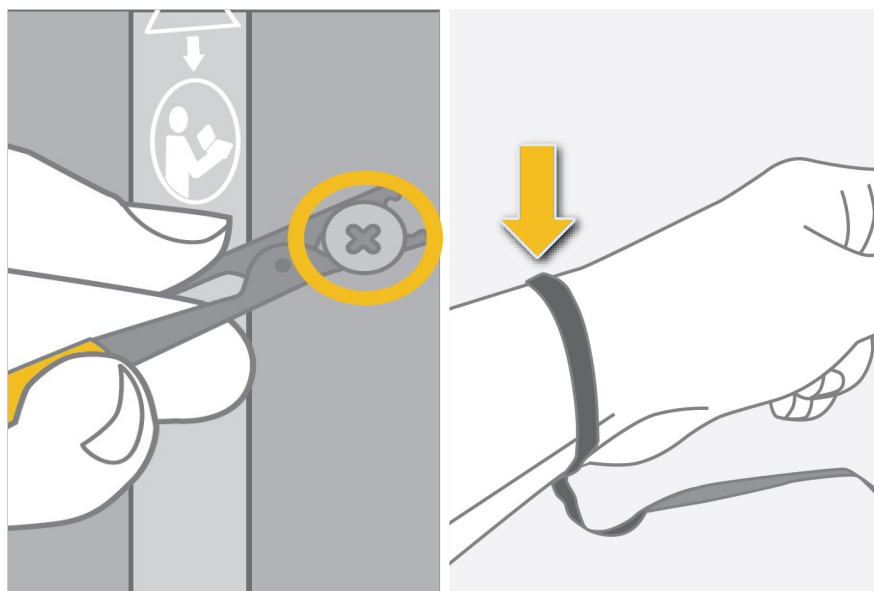


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▶ **To protect the storage system from electrostatic discharge:**

1. Ground any electrostatic charge from your person by touching a metal part of the rack or any properly grounded conductive object (such as the ground point at an anti-static workstation).
2. Attach the clip end of the anti-static wrist strap to the rack's ESD grounding pin or to any bare metal part of the rack (for a racked storage system) or to any proper grounding point (for an unracked storage system). Secure the loop end around your wrist.

Figure 2-1: Attaching and putting on the anti-static wrist strap



CAUTION: Do not attach the anti-static wrist strap to any powder-coated part of the equipment rack or storage system. The powder coating can interfere with the transmission of current, resulting in improper grounding which can allow a static charge to build.

3. When working on unracked storage systems or components, place the storage system or component on an anti-static surface.

Adding disk drives



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Systems that are not fully populated with disk drives can have disk drives added to them at a later time.

Note The Spare Mode that the Nexsan Storage System is set to determines whether or not newly-inserted disks are automatically assigned as pool spares. To check or set the spare mode, go to **Configure RAID > Spare Mode** in the graphical user interface (GUI). See the *Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide* for more information.

► To add disk drives to the Nexsan Storage Expansion:

1. Turn the drawer lock counter-clockwise to unlock the drive drawer.

Figure 2-2: Unlocking the drive drawer



The **STAT** LED turns amber to let you know that the drive drawer is unlocked.



CAUTION: Only open ONE drawer at a time. Fully close and lock each drawer before opening another one. Failure to do so may overbalance the rack, causing equipment damage or injury to personnel.

2. Carefully slide the drawer all the way out.

Figure 2-3: Sliding the drive drawer out





CAUTION: Do not lean on or place any heavy object on an open drive drawer. Doing so may damage the drawer slide mechanism or overbalance the rack.

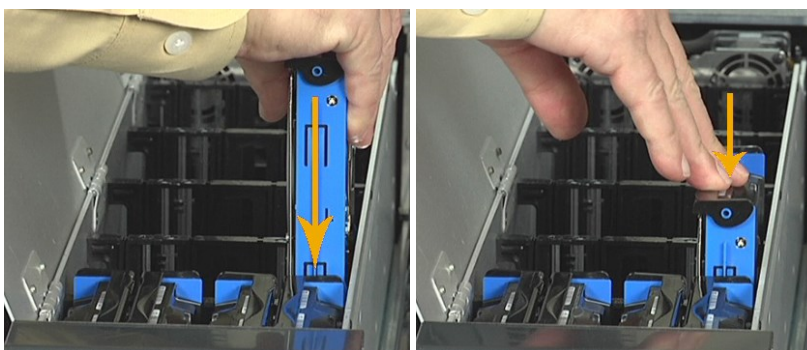
3. Open the drive drawer lid.



CAUTION: Disk drives are shock sensitive. Perform all actions involving disk drives carefully to avoid damage and data loss.

4. Using the drive guides to help you orient the disks, carefully load the new disk drive into a drive slot. Make sure that each disk is fully seated and that the drive ejection handles are flat against each drive.

Figure 2-4: Loading a new disk drive



The drive status LED lights up green to inform you that the disk is connected and functioning properly.



CAUTION: Where possible, always load disk drives in rows of four across the width of the drive drawer. Leaving large gaps between disk drives decreases cooling efficiency and may result in some disk drives overheating.

5. Close the drive drawer lid.
6. Carefully slide the drawer back into the enclosure, making sure that it is flush with the rest of the front panel.
7. Turn the drawer lock clockwise to lock the drawer into place.

The **STAT** LED on the front of the drawer turns from amber to green to let you know that the drive drawer is properly latched. The **DSK** LED lights up green to let you know that all drives are functioning properly.

8. In the graphical user interface (GUI), go to the **Home** page and verify that the status bar for the new drive is either blue or gray, meaning that it has been automatically detected and assigned as a pool spare or that it is unassigned and ready to be used in a new array or assigned as a spare. See *Home Page* in *Chapter 3 of the Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide* for more information.

Chapter 3

Replacing Modules

Nexsan E48X and Nexsan E60X Storage Expansions are designed so that some components can be replaced without turning off the system or interrupting its functioning. This chapter describes how to replace each of these modules in the field while the unit is running.



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Power Supply Units (PSUs)

In the event of a power supply or PSU fan failure, replace the PSU using the following procedure.



CAUTION: DO NOT REMOVE THE FAILED PSU until the new PSU has arrived and is ready to be installed. Removing a PSU reduces air flow and cooling and can result in the system overheating.

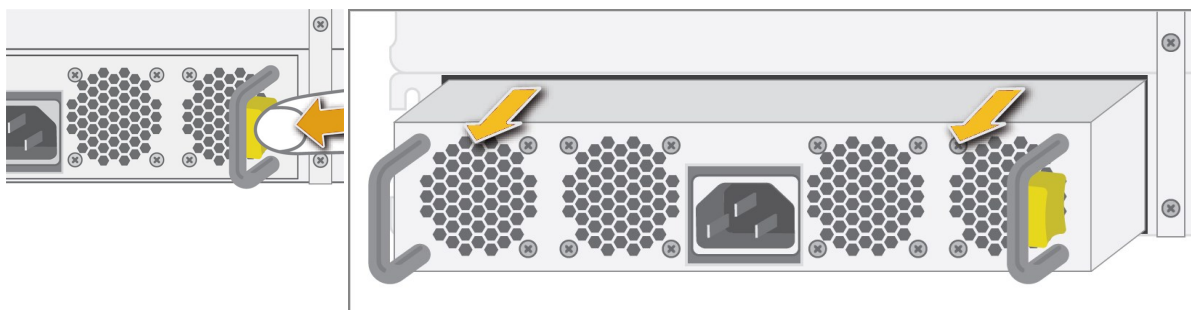


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► To replace a PSU:

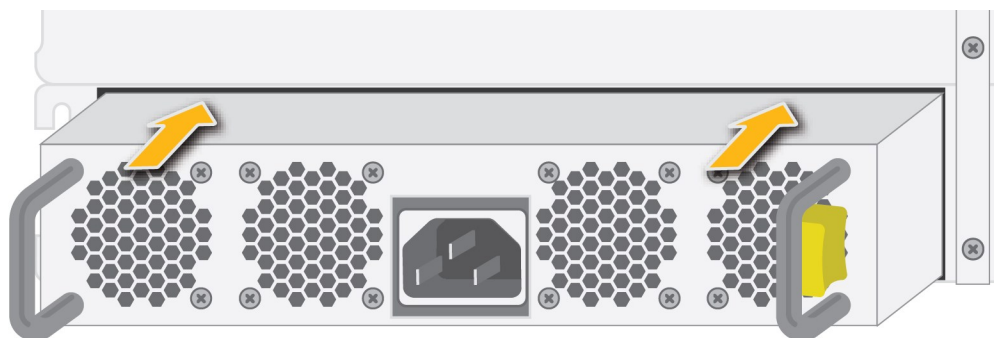
1. Determine which PSU or PSU fan has failed by examining the PSU status LEDs on each module. A red LED indicates the failed module (see [Rear panel on page 4](#)). The **Home** page of the GUI also tells you which module has failed (see the *Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide*).
2. Remove the power cable from the power socket on the PSU where the failure has occurred.
3. Press the spring lock tab away from the edge of the PSU, then carefully remove the PSU from the unit. Support the weight of the PSU with your free hand while removing it.

Figure 3-1: Removing the PSU



4. Make sure that the replacement PSU is right side up. The spring lock tab should be on the right.
5. Insert the replacement PSU into the slot and carefully slide it back until the spring lock tab clicks.

Figure 3-2: Sliding the PSU into place



6. Plug the power cable into the power cable socket on the replacement PSU.

The two PSU status LEDs light up green to indicate that the unit is functioning properly and supplying power to the unit.

- In the graphical user interface (GUI), go to the **Home** page and verify that the status bar for the new Power Supply Unit is green. See the *Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide* for more information.

Expansion Controllers



CAUTION: Computer components and disk drives are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). Always ground any electrostatic charge from your person before touching components with your hands or with any tools. Always use an anti-static wrist strap (one ships with each Nexsan Storage System) while installing or performing maintenance on any Nexsan Storage System. See [Take proper ESD precautions on page 12](#) for detailed instructions.

Note If an Expansion Controller fails or is removed, the RAID Controller on the main unit that it is connected to passes control of the expansion units to the other RAID Controller. *This is normal behavior.* After the Expansion Controller is replaced, you can re-establish the proper control paths through the graphical user interface (GUI).

In the event of an Expansion Controller failure, replace the controller using the following procedure:



CAUTION: DO NOT REMOVE THE FAILED EXPANSION CONTROLLER until the new Expansion Controller has arrived and is ready to be installed. Removing a Controller reduces air flow and cooling and can result in the system overheating.

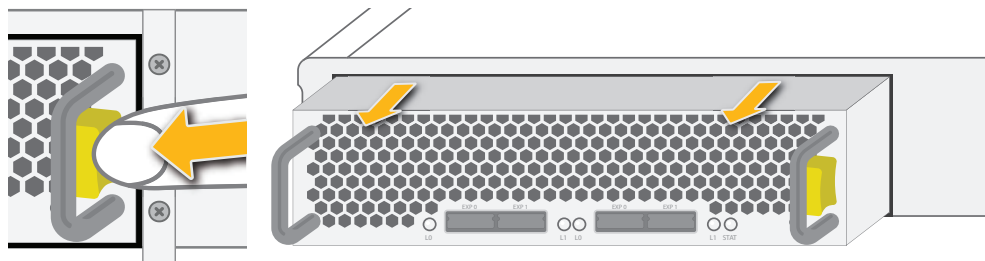
► To replace an expansion controller:

- Determine which RAID Controller has failed by examining the **STAT** LED on each module (see [Rear panel on page 4](#)). A flashing red LED indicates the failed unit. The **Home** page of the graphical user interface (GUI) also tells you which unit has failed (see the *Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide*).

Note In some cases, an Expansion Controller needs to be replaced even if it has not failed outright. In this case, you must determine which Expansion Controller to replace by following the troubleshooting procedures in *Chapter 4* of the *Nexsan High-Density Storage User Manual*.

- Remove the SAS cables from the failed Expansion Controller.
- Press the spring lock tab away from the edge of the controller, then carefully remove the controller from the unit. Support the weight of the controller with your free hand while removing it.

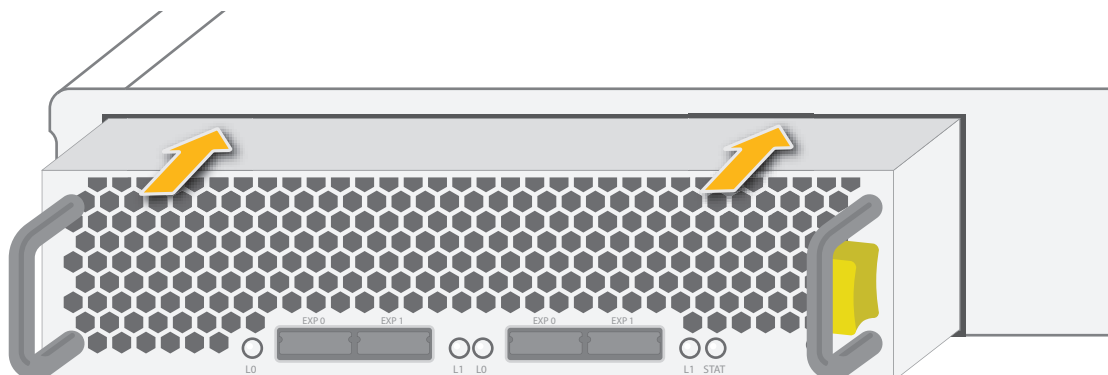
Figure 3-3: Removing the Expansion Controller



- Make sure that the replacement Expansion Controller is right side up. The spring lock tab should be on the right.

5. Insert the replacement Expansion Controller into the slot and carefully slide it back until the spring lock tab clicks.

Figure 3-4: Sliding the Expansion Controller into place



The STAT LED lights up green to let you know that the unit is functioning properly.

6. Attach the SAS cables to the **EXP IN 0** and **1** connectors on the replaced Expansion Controller.
7. In the graphical user interface (GUI), do the following:
 - a. Go to **System Admin > Reboot**.
 - b. Scroll down to the Controller Maintenance section.
 - c. Click the **Re-enable controller X** button.
 - d. Check the confirmation check box.
 - e. Click **Execute NOW**.

The RAID Controller is brought back online and connects to the replaced Expansion Controller.

Disk drives

In the event of a disk drive failure, replace the drive using the following procedure.

Note The Spare Mode that the unit is set to determines whether or not newly-inserted disks are automatically assigned as pool spares. To check or set the spare mode, go to **Configure RAID > Spare Mode** in the graphical user interface (GUI). See the *Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide* for more information.



CAUTION: Computer components and disk drives are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). Always ground any electrostatic charge from your person before touching components with your hands or with any tools. Always use an anti-static wrist strap (one ships with each Nexsan Storage System) while installing or performing maintenance on any Nexsan Storage System. See [Take proper ESD precautions](#) on page 12 for detailed instructions.

► **To replace disk drives in the Nexsan Storage Expansion:**

1. Determine which drive drawer contains the failed drive by examining the **DSK** LEDs on the front of each drawer (see [Front panel](#) on page 2). A red LED indicates which drawer contains the failed drive.
2. Turn the drawer lock counter-clockwise to unlock the drive drawer.

Figure 3-5: Unlocking the drive drawer



The **STAT** LED turns amber to let you know that the drive drawer is unlocked.



CAUTION: Only open ONE drawer at a time. Fully close and lock each drawer before opening another one. Failure to do so may overbalance the rack, causing equipment damage or injury to personnel.

- Carefully slide the drawer all the way out.

Figure 3-6: Sliding the drive drawer out



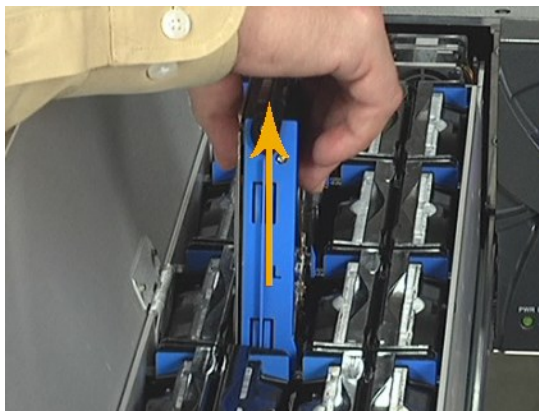
CAUTION: Do not lean on or place any heavy object on an open drive drawer. Doing so may damage the drawer slide mechanism or overbalance the rack.

- Open the drive drawer lid.

CAUTION: Disk drives are shock sensitive. Perform all actions involving disk drives carefully to avoid damage and data loss.

- Determine which drive has failed by examining the arrow-shaped drive status LEDs next to each drive (see [Drawer interior on page 6](#)). A red LED indicates the failed drive.
- Carefully lift the drive's ejection handle to disengage the drive, then remove the drive from the drive slot. Support the weight of the drive with your free hand while removing it.

Figure 3-7: Removing a disk drive



7. Using the drive guides to help you orient the disks, carefully load the replacement disk drive into the drive slot. Make sure that the disk is fully seated and that the drive ejector handle is flat against the drive.

Figure 3-8: Loading a new disk drive



The drive status LED lights up green to inform you that the disk is connected and functioning properly.

8. Close the drive drawer lid.
9. Carefully slide the drawer back into the unit, making sure that it is flush with the rest of the front panel.
10. Turn the drawer lock clockwise to lock the drawer into place.

The **STAT** LED on the front of the drawer turns from amber to green to let you know that the drive drawer is properly latched. The **DSK** LED lights up green to let you know that all drives are functioning properly.

11. In the graphical user interface (GUI), go to the **Home** page and verify that the status bar for the new drive is either blue or gray, meaning that it has been automatically detected and assigned as a pool spare or that it is unassigned and ready to be used in a new array or assigned as a spare. See *Home Page* in *Chapter 3* of the *Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide* for more information.

Front drive drawer fans

In the event of the failure of a front drive drawer fan, replace the drawer front assembly by using the following procedure:

► **To replace the front drive drawer fans:**

1. Determine which drive drawer contains the failed fan by examining the **ENV** LEDs on the front of each drawer (see [Front panel on page 2](#)). A red LED indicates which drawer has the failed fan. The **Home** page of the graphical user interface (GUI) also tells you which fan has failed (see *Home Page* in *Chapter 3* of the *Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide*).
2. Turn the lock clockwise to unlock the drive drawer (see [Figure 3-5](#)).

The STAT LED turns amber to let you know that the drive drawer is unlocked.



CAUTION: Only open ONE drawer at a time. Fully close and lock each drawer before opening another one. Failure to do so may overbalance the rack, causing equipment damage or injury to personnel.

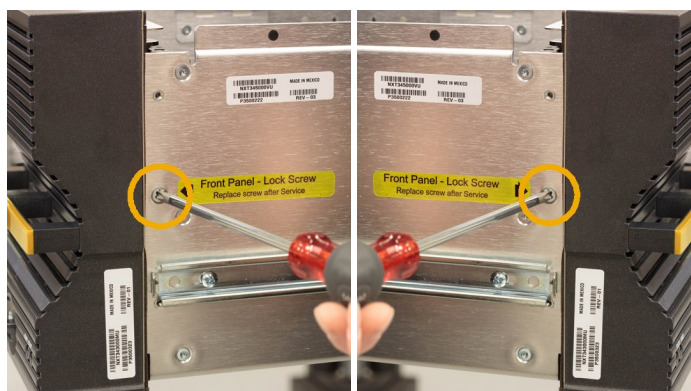
3. Carefully slide the drawer all the way out (see [Figure 2-3](#)).



CAUTION: Do not lean on or place any heavy object on an open drive drawer. Doing so may damage the drawer slide mechanism or overbalance the rack.

4. Open the drive drawer lid.
5. Unscrew the retaining screws on either side of the drive drawer.

Figure 3-9: Unscrewing the drawer front assembly retaining screws



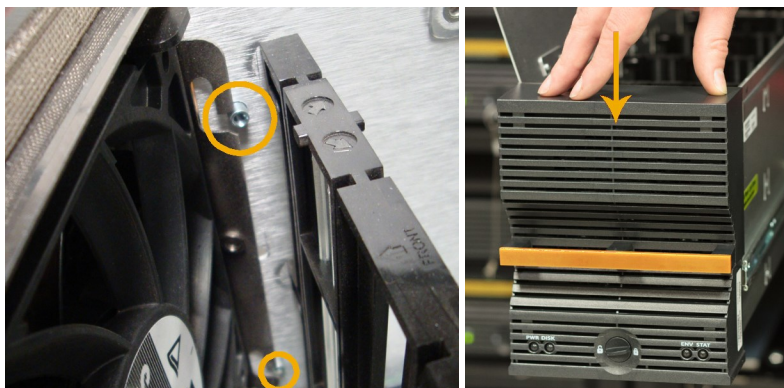
6. Carefully slide the drawer front assembly upwards to disengage it, then remove it from the front of the drive drawer.

Figure 3-10: Removing the drawer front assembly



7. Guide the replacement drawer front assembly onto the guides in the front of the drawer, then carefully push down to seat it.

Figure 3-11: Replacing the drawer front assembly



The LEDs on the front of the drawer front assembly light up to let you know that the assembly is properly in place.

8. Replace the retaining screws on the sides of the drive drawer.
9. Close the drive drawer lid.
10. Carefully slide the drawer back into the unit, making sure that it is flush with the other drawers.
11. Turn the lock clockwise to lock the drawer into place.

The **STAT** LED on the front of the drawer turns from amber to green to let you know that the drive drawer is properly latched. The **ENV** LED lights up green to let you know that the fan is functioning properly and that the drawer temperature is within specifications.

12. In the Nexsan GUI, go to the **Home** page and verify that the status bar for the replacement fan assembly is green. See *Home Page* in *Chapter 3* of the *Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide* for more information.

Rear drive drawer fan assembly

In the event of the failure of a rear drive drawer fan, replace the rear fan assembly by using the following procedure:

► **To replace the rear drive drawer fans:**

1. Determine which drive drawer contains the failed fan by examining the **ENV** LEDs on the front of each drawer (see [Front panel on page 2](#)). A red LED indicates which drawer has the failed fan. The **Home** page of the graphical user interface (GUI) also tells you which fan has failed (see the Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide).
2. Turn the lock clockwise to unlock the drive drawer (see [Figure 2-2](#)).

The **STAT** LED turns amber to let you know that the drive drawer is unlocked.



CAUTION: Only open ONE drawer at a time. Fully close and lock each drawer before opening another one. Failure to do so may overbalance the rack, causing equipment damage or injury to personnel.

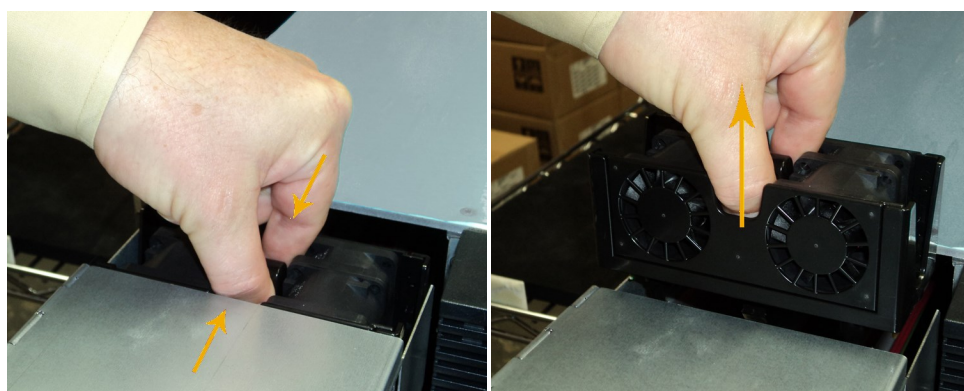
3. Carefully slide the drawer all the way out (see [Figure 2-3](#)).



CAUTION: Do not lean on or place any heavy object on an open drive drawer. Doing so may damage the drawer slide mechanism or overbalance the rack.

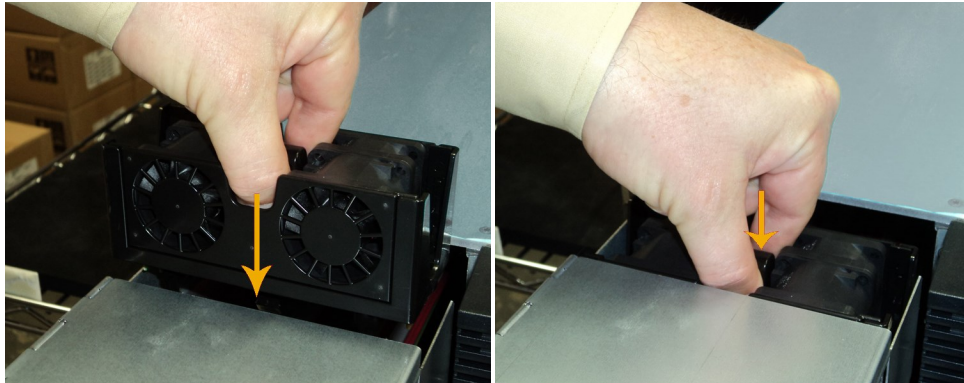
4. On the fan assembly at the back of the drawer, press the release tabs inward. Then carefully pull the fan assembly out of the drawer.

Figure 3-12: Disengaging and removing the rear fan assembly



- Carefully slide the replacement fan assembly down until the two tabs click into place.

Figure 3-13: Inserting the rear fan assembly



- Carefully slide the drawer back into the enclosure, making sure that it is flush with the other drawers.
- Turn the lock clockwise to lock the drawer into place.
The **STAT** LED on the front of the drawer turns from amber to green to let you know that the drive drawer is properly latched. The **ENV** LED lights up green to let you know that the fan is functioning properly and that the drawer temperature is within specifications.
- In the Nexsan GUI, go to the **Home** page and verify that the status bar for the new fan assembly is green. See *Home Page* in *Chapter 3* of the *Nexsan High-Density Storage User Guide* for more information.

3

Glossary

1

10Gb Ethernet

A 10 gigabit per second (Gb/s) Ethernet connection using either fibre-optic cables or twisted-pair copper wires.

10Gb iSCSI

An iSCSI connection that runs on a 10Gb Ethernet network.

10GbE

See 10Gb Ethernet and 10Gb iSCSI.

A

active drawer

A slide-out container on the front of Nexsan Storage Systems that houses the disk drives used by the system for data storage. Also sometimes referred to as a “pod” in event logs and other internal statistics.

Active Drawer Technology

Nexsan’s industry-first technology which enables users to replace drives and perform certain maintenance tasks without powering off the system and without interrupting service. An advanced, built-in cable management system allows cables to extend and retract with the active drawer for easy servicing.

Anti-Vibration Design

Nexsan’s proprietary disk installation scheme wherein drives are loaded into the chassis in opposite-facing pairs. Disks in each pair rotate in opposite directions and serve to self-dampen any related vibration.

antistatic wrist strap

An anti-static device used to prevent electrostatic discharge (ESD) by safely grounding a person working on electronic equipment. Also called an ESD strap or a grounding bracelet.

array

A linked group of one or more physical, independent hard disk drives. See also RAID.

B

bit

The smallest unit of digital data, representing a 0 or a 1. Abbreviated “b”.

byte

A unit of data that is 8 bits long. Often used for alphanumeric characters. Abbreviated “B”.

C

cache

Reserved areas of memory that are used to speed up instruction execution, data retrieval, and data updating. In Nexsan Storage Systems, a memory unit in the RAID controller that temporarily holds user data.

CoolDrive Technology

Nexsan's proprietary active drawer cooling system, which uses front- and rear-mounted fans to provide air intake and exhaust through the drawer. Air flows from the front of the drawer to the back through airflow channels located between the drive pairs. Either fan can fail; air is still supplied to the drawer by the alternate fan.

D

daisy-chain

The attachment of hardware to a computing system by connecting each component to another similar component rather than directly to the computing system that uses the component. Only the last component in the chain directly connects to the computing system. For example, up to two Nexsan Storage Expansions can be daisy-chained to the back of one Nexsan Storage System.

drawer front assembly

In Nexsan E60 and E48 Storage Systems (and their V, VT and P variants), the assembly that houses the active drawer status LEDs, the drive drawer lock, and the front drive drawer fan.

drive drawer

See active drawer.

E

E-Series

The series of Nexsan Storage Systems that includes the Nexsan E18, E48, and E60 Storage Systems (and their V, VT and P variants), the Nexsan E32V, the Nexsan E18X, E48X, and E60X expansions (and their V variants), and the Nexsan E32V. Nexsan E-Series Storage Systems feature Active Drawer Technology, Anti-Vibration Design, and CoolDrive Technology.

electrostatic discharge

The sudden and momentary electric current that flows between two objects at different electrical potentials caused by direct contact or induced by an electrostatic field. Potentially harmful to electronic components.

ESD

See electrostatic discharge.

ESD strap

See anti-static wrist strap.

Ethernet

A system for connecting a number of computer systems to form a local area network (LAN), with protocols to control the passing of information and to avoid simultaneous transmission by two or more systems. Supports data transfer rates of 10, 100, 1,000, and 10,000 megabits per second (Mb/s). 10, 100, and 1,000Mb/s networks are often referred to as 10BASE-T, 100BASE-T, and 1000BASE-T, respectively. 10,000Mb/s networks are usually referred to as 10Gb Ethernet or 10GbE.

Expansion Controller

A module of Nexsan E-Series expansion units (Nexsan E18X/XV, E32XV, E48X/XV, and E60X/XV) that connects via SAS to a Nexsan Storage System's RAID controller.

F

FC port

See Fibre Channel port.

FCC

The Federal Communications Commission; the United States federal agency that regulates electromagnetic emissions.

Fibre Channel

A gigabit (Gb) speed network technology primarily used for storage networking and the current standard connection type for storage area networks (SANs). Despite its name, Fibre Channel signaling can run on both twisted-pair copper wire and fibre-optic cables.

Fibre Channel port

Any entity that actively communicates over a Fibre Channel network. Usually implemented in a device such as disk storage or a Fibre Channel switch. Depending on the system, the Fibre Channel ports on Nexsan Storage Systems can support 2Gb/s, 4Gb/s, 8Gb/s, 16Gb/s, or 32GB/s connections.

Fibre Channel switch

A network switch compatible with the Fibre Channel protocol. Enables the creation of a Fibre Channel network, which is currently the core component of most storage area networks (SANs).

FRU (Field Replaceable Unit)

A module within a Nexsan Storage System or Nexsan Storage Expansion that can be replaced on site. Consult Nexsan Support for details.

G

Gb

Gigabit. Approximately one billion (1,000,000,000) bits.

GB

Gigabyte. Approximately one billion (1,000,000,000) bytes. Used to describe the storage capacity of hard disk drives. A gigabyte is usually computed as 109 (1,000,000,000) bytes, but can also be computed as 230 (1,073,741,824) bytes (often called a “binary gigabyte” and abbreviated GiB).

Gb/s

Gigabits (Gb) per second. Used to describe the speed of network data transmission.

GB/s

Gigabytes (GB) per second. Used to describe the speed of network data transmission. 1 GB/s is eight times faster than 1Gb/s.

gigabit interface converter

A standard for transceivers, commonly used with Gigabit (Gb) Ethernet and Fibre Channel, with a hot-swappable electrical interface. Gigabit interface converter ports can support a wide range of physical media, from copper to optical fibre, at lengths of up to hundreds of kilometers.

graphical user interface

A type of user interface that enables users to interact with electronic devices using images rather than text commands. Nexsan Storage Systems use a graphical user interface for system configuration.

grounding bracelet

See anti-static wrist strap.

GUI

See graphical user interface.

H

hot-plug

To insert a new piece of hardware into a computerized system while the system is running. See also hot-swap.

hot-swap

To replace a failed or faulty component of a computerized system while the system is running. See also hot-plug.

I

I/O

Input/Output. The communication between an information processing system (such as a computer or a Nexsan Storage System RAID controller), and the outside world (either an operator or another information processing system). Inputs are the signals or data received by the system, and outputs are the signals or data sent from it.

IEC

The International Electrotechnical Commission. Prepares and publishes international standards for all electrical, electronic, and related technologies.

interconnect service module

A module of the Nexsan E-Series storage units that provides connectivity between all modules in the chassis.

IP address

Internet Protocol address. A numerical label assigned to each device (such as a computer, printer, or Nexsan Storage System) on a computer network that uses TCP/IP for communication.

iSCSI

Internet Small Computer System Interface. A transport protocol that provides for the SCSI protocol to be carried over a TCP/IP network.

ISM

See Interconnect Service Module.

L

LAN

See local area network.

LED

Light Emitting Diode. LEDs are used for indicator lights on the front and back of Nexsan Storage Systems.

link module

A module of single-controller Nexsan E18/E18V storage units that fits into a RAID controller slot and provides connections to the mid-plane.

local area network

A computer network that links devices within a small geographic area, such as a building or group of adjacent buildings.

M

Mb

Megabit. Approximately one million (1,000,000) bits.

Mb/s

Megabits (Mb) per second. Used to describe the speed of network data transmission.

P

PCIe

Peripheral Component Interconnect Express. A computer expansion card standard designed to replace the older Peripheral Component Interconnect (PCI), PCI-eXtended (PCI-X), and Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP) standards.

pod

See active drawer.

power supply unit

A module that regulates electrical power to the components of Nexsan Storage Systems.

PSU

See power supply unit.

R

rack

A metal frame designed to hold hardware devices.

rack-mounted

Attached to a rack.

rack mount

Hardware for attaching devices to a rack.

RAID

Redundant Array of Independent Disks. A system using multiple hard drives organized into a single logical unit for the sharing or replication of data in order to increase data integrity, fault-tolerance, and throughput. Also referred to as a RAID set. RAIDs are organized into RAID levels, which describe their architecture and configuration.

RAID Controller

A hardware device, software program, or combination of the two which manages the physical disk drives in a RAID and presents them as a single logical unit to attached devices. The RAID Controllers in Nexsan Storage Systems are hardware modules. Nexsan RAID Controllers also provide connections for system administration and configuration.

RAID level

A numeric indicator of the architecture used by a RAID. RAIDs can be built using any combination of striping, mirroring, and parity. The levels are numbered from 0 through 6. Some RAID levels can also be combined, and these configurations are usually referred to with a two-digit number. For example, RAID 10 = RAID 1 + RAID 0.

rail

A type of rack mount that enables a device to be easily slid into and back out of a rack.

S

SAN

See storage area network.

SAS

Serial Attached SCSI. A serial version of the SCSI interface. A point-to-point architecture that uses a disk controller with four or more channels that operate simultaneously. Each full-duplex channel, known as a SAS port, transfers data at 1.5Gb/s, 3Gb/s, or 6Gb/s in each direction. SAS also supports Serial ATA (SATA) drives, which can be mixed with SAS drives in a variety of configurations.

SATA

Serial Advanced Technology Attachment. A connection standard for fixed and removable hard disk drives.

SCSI

Small Computer System Interface. A collection of standards and proposed standards for input/output (I/O) communication, primarily intended for connecting storage subsystems or devices to hosts.

SFP

Small Form-factor Pluggable. A type of gigabit interface converter (GBIC) in a compact form factor. The Fibre Channel ports or 10Gb iSCSI ports on Nexsan storage devices are SFPs.

SSD

Solid State Disk. A high-performance storage device that contains no moving parts.

storage area network

An architecture that provides for attachment of remote computer storage devices to servers in such a way that the devices appear as locally attached to the operating system.

T

communicate with users and computers in other locations.

TB

Terabyte. Approximately one trillion (1,000,000,000,000) bytes. Used to describe the storage capacity of hard disk drives. A terabyte is usually computed as 10^{12} (1,000,000,000,000) bytes, but can also be computed as 2^{40} (1,099,511,627,776) bytes (often called a “binary terabyte” and abbreviated TiB).

TCP/IP

Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol. The set of communications protocols used for the Internet and other similar networks. TCP provides reliable delivery of messages between networked computers. IP uses numeric IP addresses to join network segments.

U

U

Unit. The standard unit of measure for designating the vertical usable space, or height, of racks. 1U is equal to 1.75 inches. A device that is described as being 1U in height may be shorter than 1.75 inches, but, due to the design of most racks, will still take up 1.75 inches of rack space.

W

WAN

See wide area network.

wide area network

A telecommunication network that covers a broad area or that links across metropolitan, regional, or national boundaries. Wide area networks are used to connect local area networks and other types of networks together, so that users and computers in one location can com-



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