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Sun Fire[™] 6800/4810/4800/ 3800 Systems UltraSPARC III+[™] (Cu) 900/ 1050 MHz CPU/Memory Board Upgrade



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Failure to follow these procedures will cause your system to not recognize the new CPU/Memory board. Firmware on all boards and assemblies must be at the same level as the new CPU/Memory board.

Upgrading Current Systems to 900 MHz or 1050 MHz CPU/Memory+ Boards

The types of CPU/Memory board available are:

- UltraSPARC III[™] 750 MHz processor—known as CPU/Memory board
- UltraSPARC III+ (Cu) 900 MHz processor—known as CPU/Memory+ 900 board
- UltraSPARC III+ (Cu) 1050 MHz processor—known as CPU/Memory+ 1050 board



Caution – Mixing CPU/Memory boards with CPU/Memory+ boards in the same chassis is not supported. You must install CPU/Memory boards of the same type (either CPU/Memory boards or CPU/Memory+ boards) in the same chassis.

Note – The CPU/Memory or CPU/Memory+ board field-replaceable unit (FRU) is for maintenance use only. FRUs must not be used to upgrade CPU performance in systems. Usage as such can violate United States export regulations.

Minimum Firmware and OS Requirements

The following minimum requirement must be met for upgrading:

- For CPU/Memory+ 900 board:
 - Firmware level 5.12.7 and RTOS 19
 - Solaris 8 10/01
- For CPU/Memory+ 1050 board:
 - Firmware level 5.13.2 and RTOS 23
 - Solaris 8 10/01

Note – The patch ID for the 5.12.7 is 112127-01 and 5.13.2 is 112494-04. These patches can be found at:

http://sunsolve.sun.com

Installation information, Release Notes and README files are included in the patch download.

Firmware On Existing Boards and Assemblies

After installing new CPU/Memory boards, use the showboards -p proms command to determine if the firmware needs to be updated. If an update is required use the system controller flashupdate -f command. Refer to the Sun Fire 6800/4810/4800/3800 System Controller Command Reference Manual for correct usage of the flashupdate command.



Caution – Do not use the flashupdate –u command as shown in onscreen messages. Using flashupdate –u could result in incompatibility issues that require a reboot of the system controller and domains.

Firmware Upgrade Changes

When running firmware 5.12.5 (or higher) and RTOS 19 (or higher), the firmware upgrade procedure is slightly different. The firmware and RTOS images are upgraded only when the image to install is different than the image that is already installed. The firmware is upgraded early in the boot process.

To upgrade the firmware, RTOS and all of the system boards (CPU/Memory and I/O assemblies), type the following flashupdate command:

schostname: SC> flashupdate -f URL all rtos