SAS to SAS/SATA RAID Subsystem

User Manual

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Preface

About this manual

This manual provides information regarding the hardware features, installation and configuration of the **SAS-to-SAS RAID subsystem**. This document also describes how to use the storage management software. Information contained in the manual has been reviewed for accuracy, but not for product warranty because of the various environment/OS/settings. Information and specifications will be changed without further notice.

This manual uses section numbering for every topic being discussed for easy and convenient way of finding information in accordance with the user's needs. The following icons are being used for some details and information to be considered in going through with this manual:



NOTES:

These are notes that contain useful information and tips that the user must give attention to in going through with the subsystem operation.



IMPORTANT!

These are the important information that the user must remember.



WARNING!

These are the warnings that the user must follow to avoid unnecessary errors and bodily injury during hardware and software operation of the subsystem.



CAUTION:

These are the cautions that user must be aware of to prevent damage to the subsystem and/or its components.

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Before You Begin

Before going through with this manual, you should read and focus on the following safety guidelines. Notes about the subsystem's controller configuration and the product packaging and delivery are also included here.

Safety Guidelines

To provide reasonable protection against any harm on the part of the user and to obtain maximum performance, user is advised to be aware of the following safety guidelines particularly in handling hardware components:

Upon receiving of the product:

- Place the product in its proper location.
- ❖ Do not try to lift it by yourself alone. Two or more persons are needed to remove or lift the product to its packaging. To avoid unnecessary dropping out, make sure that somebody is around for immediate assistance.
- ❖ It should be handled with care to avoid dropping that may cause damage to the product. Always use the correct lifting procedures.

Upon installing of the product:

- ❖ Ambient temperature is very important for the installation site. It must not exceed 30°C. Due to seasonal climate changes; regulate the installation site temperature making it not to exceed the allowed ambient temperature.
- ❖ Before plugging-in any power cords, cables and connectors, make sure that the power switches are turned off. Disconnect first any power connection if the power supply module is being removed from the enclosure.
- Outlets must be accessible to the equipment.
- All external connections should be made using shielded cables and as much as possible should not be performed by bare hand. Using anti-static hand gloves is recommended.
- ❖ In installing each component, secure all the mounting screws and locks. Make sure that all screws are fully tightened. Follow correctly all the listed procedures in this manual for reliable performance.

Controller Configurations

This RAID subsystem supports single controller configuration.

Packaging, Shipment and Delivery

- ❖ Before removing the subsystem from the shipping carton, you should visually inspect the physical condition of the shipping carton.
- Unpack and verify that the contents of the shipping carton are complete and in good condition.
- Exterior damage to the shipping carton may indicate that the contents of the carton are damaged.
- ❖ If any damage is found, do not remove the components; contact the dealer where you purchased the subsystem for further instructions.

Unpacking the Shipping Carton

The shipping package contains the following:

| RAID Subsystem Unit |
|--|
| One (1) power cord for Single Two (2) power cords for Redundant |
| One (1) external SAS cable |
| One (1) RJ45 Ethernet cable |
| One (1) external serial cable RJ11-to-DB9 |
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NOTE: If any damage is found, contact the dealer or vendor for assistance.

Chapter 1 Product Introduction



The 8 bays RAID Subsystem

Unsurpassed Value

Most cost-effective SAS 2.0 (6G) RAID Subsystem

Extraordinary performance

- Equipped the latest technology "SAS 2.0 (SAS 6G)" for the interconnection of storage interface. The maximum data transfer rate up to 6Gbps(per lanes)
- Advanced Data Guarding technology (RAID ADG) provides the highest level of data protection.

Easy Installation, upgrade & Maintenance

 Provide a fast and easy way to install and upgrade the storage. Simplified maintenance reduces ongoing IT labor costs

Exceptional Manageability

- Graphic User Interface (GUI) carries out user easy to remote management and configuration
- Menu-driven interface make user a convenient way to maintain the storage by locally LCD front console

Green Power Thinking

Save the power by adopt the new technology "MAID" (Massive Arrays of Idle Disks)

1.1 Key Features

RAID Features

- SAS 2.0 (6G) interface, compliant with SAS 1.0(3G) and SATAII device
- RAID level 0, 1, 10 (1E), 3, 5, 6, 00, 100, 30, 50, 60, Single Disk, JBOD
- Write-through or write-back cache support
- Supports hot spare and automatic hot rebuild
- Allows online capacity expansion within the enclosure
- Local audible event notification alarm
- Supports password protection
- Built-in serial port interface for remote event notification.
- Dual host channels support clustering technology.
- Disk scrubbing/ array verify scheduling for automatic repair of all configured RAID sets
- Transparent data protection for all popular operating system.
- Support RAID ADG (RAID 6) which provides the highest level of data protection.
- Supports multiple array enclosures per host connection.
- Online RAID level migration.
- Support NTP protocol to synchronize RAID controller clock over the on-board Ethernet port

RAID Management

- Smart-function LCD panel
- Environmental monitoring unit
- Real time drive activity and status indicators
- Web-based GUI management utility

1.2 Technical Specifications

| Model | EP-2803-S6S6-S / EP-2803-S6S6-R |
|--|--|
| Form-factor | 2U 19"rackmount chassis |
| RAID processor | 800MHz RAID-On-Chip storage processor |
| RAID level | 0, 1, 10 (1E), 3, 5, 6, 00, 100, 30, 50, 60, Single Disk, JBOD |
| Cache memory | 2GB with ECC protection |
| No. of Channels (host + drive) | 2+8 |
| Host Bus interface | Two 6Gb/s SAS (SFF-8088) ports |
| Drive Bus interface | 6Gb/s SAS, 6Gb/s SATA HDD |
| Expansion Interface | One 6Gb/s SAS (SFF-8088) |
| Hot-swap drive tray | Eight (8) 1-inch trays |
| Cooling fan | 2 |
| Battery Backup | Option |
| Password protection | Yes |
| Audible alarm | Yes |
| Failed drive indicators | Yes |
| Failed drive auto rebuild | Yes |
| Online consistency check | Yes |
| Online expansion | Yes |
| Array Roaming | Yes |
| Online RAID level/ stripe size migration | Yes |
| Instant availability and background initialization | Yes |
| Environment monitor | Yes |
| Auto spare support | Yes |
| Bad block auto-remapping | Yes |
| Remote management | Yes |
| MAID support | Yes |
| Over 2TB support | Windows OS which GPT supported (Windows XP/x64, 2003/SP1 or 64-bit, Vista, 2008) Mac OS 10 or later, Linux kernel 2.6 or later |

| Power Supplies | 400W x1 (Upgradeable) w/PFC (EP-2803-S6S6-S) 400W x2 w/PFC (EP-2803-S6S6-R) |
|----------------------|--|
| Power requirements | AC 100V ~ 240V full range, 8A ~ 4A, 47Hz ~ 63Hz |
| Environmental | |
| Relative Humidity: | 10% ~ 85% Non-condensing |
| Operating Temp: | 10°C ~ 40°C (50°F ~ 104°F) |
| Physical Dimensions: | 88(H) x 482(W) x 500(D)mm |
| Weight | 12.4Kg (without Drives) |

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1.3 RAID Concepts

RAID Fundamentals

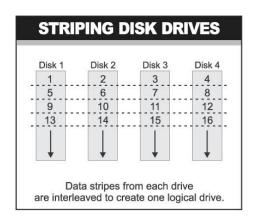
The basic idea of RAID (Redundant Array of Independent Disks) is to combine multiple inexpensive disk drives into an array of disk drives to obtain performance, capacity and reliability that exceeds that of a single large drive. The array of drives appears to the host computer as a single logical drive.

Five types of array architectures, RAID 1 through RAID 5, were originally defined; each provides disk fault-tolerance with different compromises in features and performance. In addition to these five redundant array architectures, it has become popular to refer to a non-redundant array of disk drives as a RAID 0 arrays.

Disk Striping

Fundamental to RAID technology is striping. This is a method of combining multiple drives into one logical storage unit. Striping partitions the storage space of each drive into stripes, which can be as small as one sector (512 bytes) or as large as several megabytes. These stripes are then interleaved in a rotating sequence, so that the combined space is composed alternately of stripes from each drive. The specific type of operating environment determines whether large or small stripes should be used.

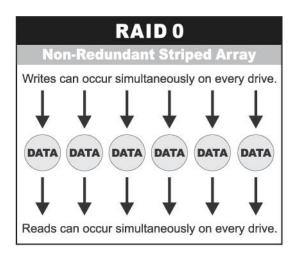
Most operating systems today support concurrent disk I/O operations across multiple drives. However, in order to maximize throughput for the disk subsystem, the I/O load must be balanced across all the drives so that each drive can be kept busy as much as possible. In a multiple drive system without striping, the disk I/O load is never perfectly balanced. Some drives will contain data files that are frequently accessed and some drives will rarely be accessed.



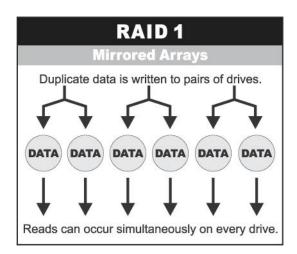
By striping the drives in the array with stripes large enough so that each record falls entirely within one stripe, most records can be evenly distributed across all drives. This keeps all drives in the array busy during heavy load situations. This situation allows all drives to work concurrently on different I/O operations, and thus maximize the number of simultaneous I/O operations that can be performed by the array.

Definition of RAID Levels

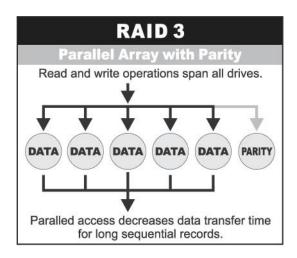
RAID 0 is typically defined as a group of striped disk drives without parity or data redundancy. RAID 0 arrays can be configured with large stripes for multi-user environments or small stripes for single-user systems that access long sequential records. RAID 0 arrays deliver the best data storage efficiency and performance of any array type. The disadvantage is that if one drive in a RAID 0 array fails, the entire array fails.



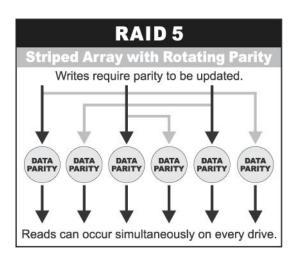
RAID 1, also known as disk mirroring, is simply a pair of disk drives that store duplicate data but appear to the computer as a single drive. Although striping is not used within a single mirrored drive pair, multiple RAID 1 arrays can be striped together to create a single large array consisting of pairs of mirrored drives. All writes must go to both drives of a mirrored pair so that the information on the drives is kept identical. However, each individual drive can perform simultaneous, independent read operations. Mirroring thus doubles the read performance of a single non-mirrored drive and while the write performance is unchanged. RAID 1 delivers the best performance of any redundant array type. In addition, there is less performance degradation during drive failure than in RAID 5 arrays.



RAID 3 sector-stripes data across groups of drives, but one drive in the group is dedicated for storing parity information. RAID 3 relies on the embedded ECC in each sector for error detection. In the case of drive failure, data recovery is accomplished by calculating the exclusive OR (XOR) of the information recorded on the remaining drives. Records typically span all drives, which optimizes the disk transfer rate. Because each I/O request accesses every drive in the array, RAID 3 arrays can satisfy only one I/O request at a time. RAID 3 delivers the best performance for single-user, single-tasking environments with long records. Synchronized-spindle drives are required for RAID 3 arrays in order to avoid performance degradation with short records. RAID 5 arrays with small stripes can yield similar performance to RAID 3 arrays.

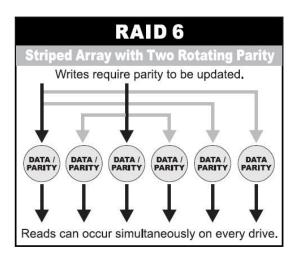


Under **RAID 5** parity information is distributed across all the drives. Since there is no dedicated parity drive, all drives contain data and read operations can be overlapped on every drive in the array. Write operations will typically access one data drive and one parity drive. However, because different records store their parity on different drives, write operations can usually be overlapped.



Dual-level RAID achieves a balance between the increased data availability inherent in RAID 1, RAID 3, RAID 5, or RAID 6 and the increased read performance inherent in disk striping (RAID 0). These arrays are sometimes referred to as RAID 10 (1E), RAID 30, RAID 50 or RAID 60.

RAID 6 is similar to RAID 5 in that data protection is achieved by writing parity information to the physical drives in the array. With RAID 6, however, *two* sets of parity data are used. These two sets are different, and each set occupies a capacity equivalent to that of one of the constituent drives. The main advantage of RAID 6 is High data availability – any two drives can fail without loss of critical data.



In summary:

- RAID 0 is the fastest and most efficient array type but offers no fault-tolerance. RAID 0 requires a minimum of one drive.
- RAID 1 is the best choice for performance-critical, fault-tolerant environments. RAID 1 is the only choice for fault-tolerance if no more than two drives are used.
- RAID 3 can be used to speed up data transfer and provide fault-tolerance in singleuser environments that access long sequential records. However, RAID 3 does not allow overlapping of multiple I/O operations and requires synchronized-spindle drives to avoid performance degradation with short records. RAID 5 with a small stripe size offers similar performance.
- RAID 5 combines efficient, fault-tolerant data storage with good performance characteristics. However, write performance and performance during drive failure is slower than with RAID 1. Rebuild operations also require more time than with RAID 1 because parity information is also reconstructed. At least three drives are required for RAID 5 arrays.
- RAID 6 is essentially an extension of RAID level 5 which allows for additional fault tolerance by using a second independent distributed parity scheme (two-dimensional parity). Data is striped on a block level across a set of drives, just like in RAID 5, and a second set of parity is calculated and written across all the drives; RAID 6 provides for an extremely high data fault tolerance and can sustain multiple simultaneous drive failures. It is a perfect solution for mission critical applications.

RAID Management

The subsystem can implement several different levels of RAID technology. RAID levels supported by the subsystem are shown below.

| RAID Level | Description | Min. Drives |
|------------|---|-------------|
| O | Block striping is provide, which yields higher performance than with individual drives. There is no redundancy. | 1 |
| 1 | Drives are paired and mirrored. All data is 100% duplicated on an equivalent drive. Fully redundant. | 2 |
| 3 | Data is striped across several physical drives. Parity protection is used for data redundancy. | 3 |
| 5 | Data is striped across several physical drives. Parity protection is used for data redundancy. | 3 |
| 6 | Data is striped across several physical drives. Parity protection is used for data redundancy. Requires N+2 drives to implement because of two-dimensional parity scheme. | 3 |
| 10(1E) | Combination of RAID levels 1 and 0. This level provides striping and redundancy through mirroring. RAID 10 requires the use of an even number of disk drives to achieve data protection, while RAID 1E (Enhanced Mirroring) uses an odd number of drives. | 3 |
| 30 | Combination of RAID levels 0 and 3. This level is best implemented on two RAID 3 disk arrays with data striped across both disk arrays. | 6 |
| 50 | RAID 50 provides the features of both RAID 0 and RAID 5. RAID 50 includes both parity and disk striping across multiple drives. RAID 50 is best implemented on two RAID 5 disk arrays with data striped across both disk arrays. | 6 |
| 60 | RAID 60 combines both RAID 6 and RAID 0 features. Data is striped across disks as in RAID 0, and it uses double distributed parity as in RAID 6. RAID 60 provides data reliability, good overall performance and supports larger volume sizes. RAID 60 also provides very high reliability because data is still available even if multiple disk drives fail (two in each disk array). | 6 |
| 00 | Two levels of block-level striping. There is no redundancy. Maximum 32 disks per Raid Set. If you need to create Raid Set over 32 disks, use RAID 00. | 6 |
| 100 | Combination of RAID levels 10 and 0. Mirroring without parity, and two levels of block-level striping. | 6 |

1.4 Array Definition

1.4.1 Raid Set

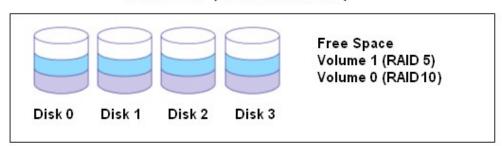
A Raid Set is a group of disk drives containing one or more logical volumes called Volume Sets. It is not possible to have multiple Raid Sets on the same disk drives.

A Volume Set must be created either on an existing Raid Set or on a group of available individual disk drives (disk drives that are not yet a part of a Raid Set). If there are existing Raid Sets with available raw capacity, new Volume Set can be created. New Volume Set can also be created on an existing Raid Set without free raw capacity by expanding the Raid Set using available disk drive(s) which is/are not yet Raid Set member. If disk drives of different capacity are grouped together in a Raid Set, then the capacity of the smallest disk will become the effective capacity of all the disks in the Raid Set.

1.4.2 Volume Set

A Volume Set is seen by the host system as a single logical device. It is organized in a RAID level with one or more physical disks. RAID level refers to the level of data performance and protection of a Volume Set. A Volume Set capacity can consume all or a portion of the raw capacity available in a Raid Set. Multiple Volume Sets can exist on a group of disks in a Raid Set. Additional Volume Sets created in a specified Raid Set will reside on all the physical disks in the Raid Set. Thus each Volume Set on the Raid Set will have its data spread evenly across all the disks in the Raid Set. Volume Sets of different RAID levels may coexist on the same Raid Set.

In the illustration below, Volume 1 can be assigned a RAID 5 level while Volume 0 might be assigned a RAID 10 level.



RAID Set 1 (4 Individual Disks)

1.5 High Availability

1.5.1 Creating Hot Spares

A hot spare drive is an unused online available drive, which is ready to replace a failed disk drive. In a RAID level 1, 10, 3, 5, 6, 30, 50, 60 or 100 Raid Set, any unused online available drive installed but not belonging to a Raid Set can be defined as a hot spare drive. Hot spares permit you to replace failed drives without powering down the system. When the RAID subsystem detects a drive failure, the system will do automatic and transparent rebuild using the hot spare drives. The Raid Set will be reconfigured and rebuilt in the background while the RAID subsystem continues to handle system request. During the automatic rebuild process, system activity will continue as normal, however, the system performance and fault tolerance will be affected.



IMPORTANT: The hot spare must have at least the same or more capacity as the drive it replaces.

1.5.2 Hot-Swap Disk Drive Support

The RAID subsystem has built-in protection circuit to support the replacement of SATA II hard disk drives without having to shut down or reboot the system. The removable hard drive tray can deliver "hot swappable" fault-tolerant RAID solution at a price much less than the cost of conventional SCSI hard disk RAID subsystems. This feature is provided in the RAID subsystem for advance fault tolerant RAID protection and "online" drive replacement.

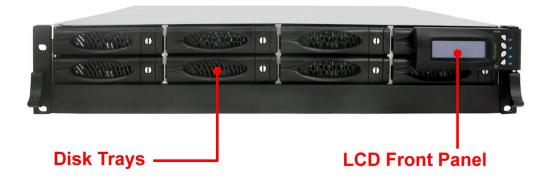
1.5.3 Hot-Swap Disk Rebuild

The Hot-Swap feature can be used to rebuild Raid Sets with data redundancy such as RAID level 1, 10, 3, 5, 6, 30, 50, 60 and 100. If a hot spare is not available, the failed disk drive must be replaced with a new disk drive so that the data on the failed drive can be rebuilt. If a hot spare is available, the rebuild starts automatically when a drive fails. The RAID subsystem automatically and transparently rebuilds failed drives in the background with user-definable rebuild rates. The RAID subsystem will automatically continue the rebuild process if the subsystem is shut down or powered off abnormally during a reconstruction process.

Chapter 2 Identifying Parts of the RAID Subsystem

2.1 Main Components

2.1.1 Front View

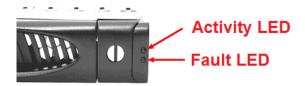




2.1.1.1 **Disk Trays**



HDD Status Indicator

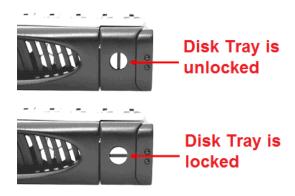


| Part | Function |
|------------------|--|
| HDD Activity LED | This LED will blink blue when the hard drive is being accessed. |
| HDD Fault LED | Green LED indicates power is on and hard drive status is good for this slot. If there is no hard drive, the LED is red. If hard drive defected in this slot or the hard drive is failure, the LED is blinking red. |

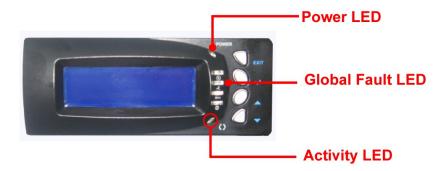
Lock Indicator

Every Disk Tray is lockable and is fitted with a lock indicator to indicate whether or not the tray is locked into the chassis or not. Each tray is also fitted with an ergonomic handle for easy tray removal.

When the Lock Groove is horizontal, this indicates that the Disk Tray is locked. When the Lock Groove is vertical, then the Disk Tray is unlocked.



2.1.1.2 Smart Panel



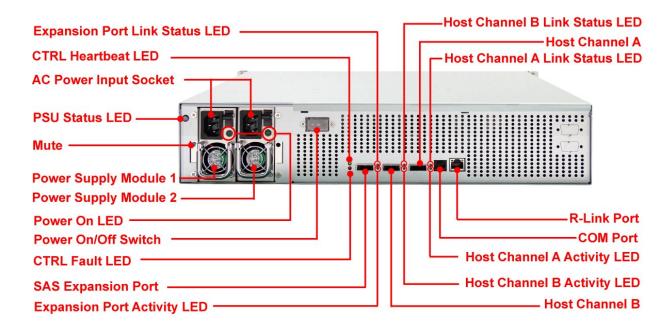
Smart Function Keys

| PARTS | FUNCTION |
|---------------------------|--|
| Up and Down Arrow buttons | Use the Up or Down arrow keys to go through the information on the LCD screen. This is also used to move between each menu when you configure the subsystem. |
| Select button 🗸 | This is used to enter the option you have selected. |
| Exit button EXIT | Press this button to return to the previous menu. NOTE: This button can also be used to reset the alarm beeper. |

Environment Status LEDs

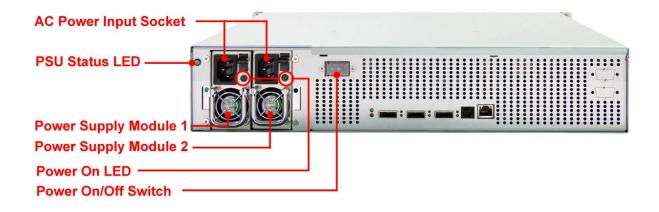
| Parts | Function |
|------------------|---|
| Power LED | Green LED indicates power is ON. |
| Global Fault LED | When an environment abnormal condition occurs, this LED will turn red and an alarm will sound. Fan fails or the fan's rotational speed is below 700RPM CPU temperature over 90°C, Controller temperature over 70°C Voltage abnormality |
| Activity LED () | This LED will blink blue when the RAID subsystem is busy or active. |

2.1.2 Rear View



| Part | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| Host Channel A, B | Two host channels (A and B) are available and can be used to connect to SAS HBA on the Host system, or to connect to SAS switch. |
| SAS Expansion Port | Use for expansion; connect to the SAS In Port of a JBOD subsystem. |
| COM Port | RJ-11 port; Use to manage the RAID subsystem via serial terminal console. |
| R-Link Port | 10/100/1000 Ethernet RJ-45 port; Use to manage the RAID subsystem via network and web browser. |

| Indicator LED | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| Link Status LED | Green indicates Host Channel/Expansion Port has connected or linked. |
| Activity LED | Blue indicates the Host Channel/Expansion Port is busy and being accessed. |
| Fault LED | Blink RED indicates that controller has failed. |
| CTRL Heartbeat LED | Blink Green indicates that controller is working fine. |
| | Solid Green indicates that controller is hung. |

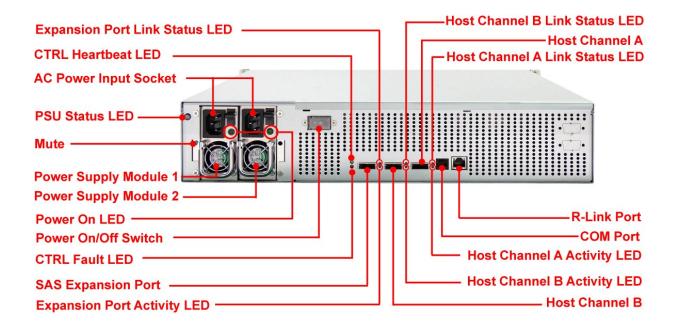


| Indicator LED | Description |
|----------------|---|
| PSU Status LED | When the main power switch is turned on, the LED will turn green . |
| | When one Power Supply Module fails, the LED will be blinking green. |
| | When the power cord connected from main power source is inserted to the AC Power Inlet, the LED becomes Orange . |
| Power On LED | Indicates the Power Supply Module is functioning normally. |

Chapter 3 Getting Started with the Subsystem

3.1 Preparing the RAID Subsystem and Powering On

Here are the steps to prepare the RAID subsystem for use.



- 1. Attach network cable to the R-Link port and connect the other end of network cable to your network hub/switch. Or as alternative for configuration, you may connect the serial cable to the COM port and to the serial port of your host/server.
- 2. Connect the SAS cable(s) to the SAS Host Channel(s) of the RAID subsystem and to the SAS switch or SAS HBA on host/server.
- 3. Connect the power cord to the AC input socket. Plug the other end of power cord to the power source.
- 4. Press on the Power Switch.

3.2 Installing Hard Drives

This section describes the physical locations of the hard drives supported by the subsystem and gives instructions on installing a hard drive. The subsystem supports hot-swapping allowing you to install or replace a hard drive while the subsystem is running.

Each Drive Carrier has a locking mechanism. When the Lock Groove, which is located in carrier open button, is horizontal, the Drive Carrier is locked. When the Lock Groove is vertical, the Drive Carrier is unlocked. Lock and unlock the Drive Carriers by using a flathead screw driver.

3.2.1 Installing 3.5" Disk in a Disk Tray

a. Make sure the lock indicator is in unlocked position. To pull out a disk tray, press the tray open button.



- b. Pull out an empty disk tray. Pull the lever handle outwards to remove the carrier from the enclosure.
- c. Place the hard drive in the disk tray.



d. Install the mounting screws on the bottom part to secure the drive in the disk tray.

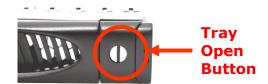


Tray Hole A

- e. Slide the tray into a slot.
- f. Close the lever handle until you hear the latch click into place.

3.2.2 Installing 2.5" Disk in a Disk Tray

a. Make sure the lock indicator is in unlocked position. To pull out a disk tray, press the tray open button.



- b. Pull out an empty disk tray. Pull the lever handle outwards to remove the carrier from the enclosure.
- c. Place the 2.5" hard drive in the disk tray.



d. Install the mounting screws on the bottom part to secure the drive in the disk tray.



- e. Slide the tray into a slot.
- f. Close the lever handle until you hear the latch click into place.

Chapter 4 RAID Configuration Utility Options

Configuration Methods

There are four methods of configuring the RAID controller:

- a. VT100 terminal connected through the serial Monitor port
- b. Front panel touch-control buttons
- c. Web browser-based remote RAID management via the R-Link Ethernet port
- d. Telnet connection via the R-Link Ethernet port



NOTE: The RAID subsystem allows you to access using only one method at a time. You cannot use more than one method at the same time.

4.1 Configuration through Terminal

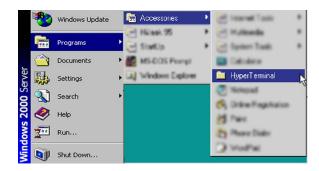
Configuring through a terminal will allow you to use the same configuration options and functions that are available from the LCD panel and via Telnet. To start-up:

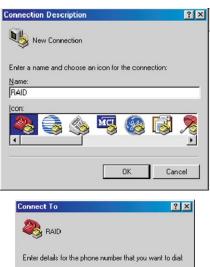
1. Connect the Monitor port located at the rear of the system to another PC or a VT100 compatible terminal operating in an equivalent terminal emulation mode using serial cable.



NOTE: You may connect a terminal while the system's power is on.

- 2. Power-on the terminal.
- 3. Run the VT100 program or an equivalent terminal program.



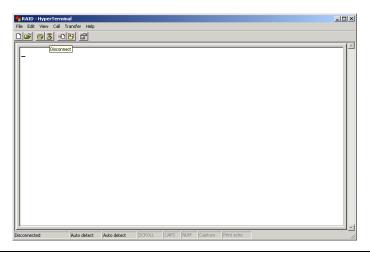




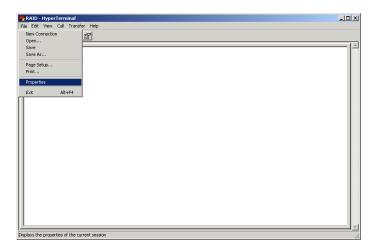
4. The default setting of the monitor port is 115200 baud rate, 8 data bit, non-parity, 1 stop bit and no flow control.



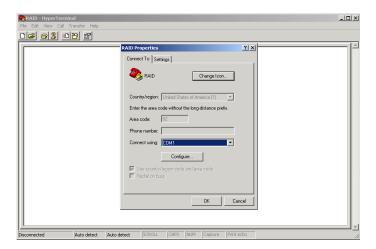
5. Click disconnect button.



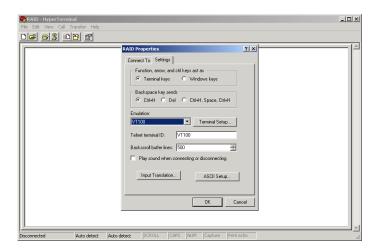
6. Open the File menu, and then open Properties.



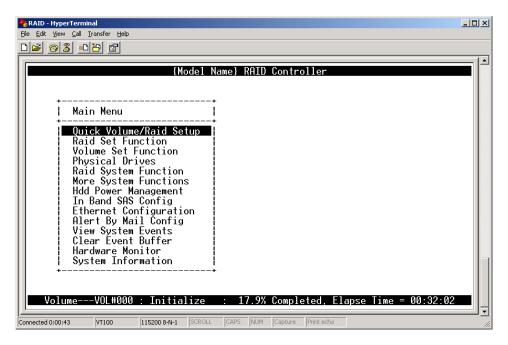
7. Open the Settings Tab.



- 8. Configure the settings as follows:
 - "Function, arrow and ctrl keys act as": Terminal Keys
 - "Backspace key sends": Crtl + H
 - "Emulation": VT100
 - "Telnet terminal ID": VT100
 - "Back scroll buffer lines": 500
 - Click OK.



- 9. Now, the VT100 is ready to use. After you have finished the VT100 Terminal setup, you may press the "X" key (in your Terminal) to link the RAID subsystem and Terminal together. Press "X" key to display the disk array Monitor Utility screen on your VT100 Terminal.
- 10. The Main Menu will appear.



Keyboard Function Key Definitions

"A" key - to move to the line above

"Z" key - to move to the next line

"Enter" key - Submit selection function

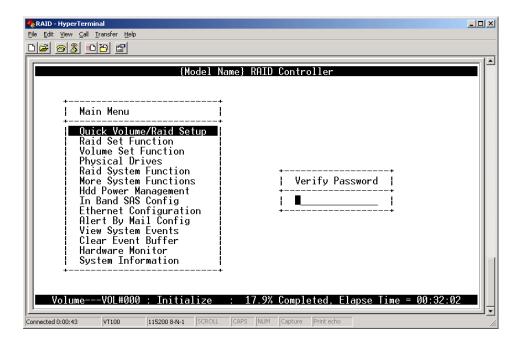
"ESC" key - Return to previous screen

"L" key - Line draw

"X" key - Redraw

Main Menu

The main menu shows all function that enables the customer to execute actions by clicking on the appropriate link.





NOTE: The password option allows user to set or clear the RAID subsystem's password protection feature. Once the password has been set, the user can only monitor and configure the RAID subsystem by providing the correct password. The password is used to protect the RAID subsystem from unauthorized access. The controller will check the password only when entering the Main menu from the initial screen. The RAID subsystem will automatically go back to the initial screen when it does not receive any command in twenty seconds. The RAID subsystem's factory default password is set to 00000000.

VT100 terminal configuration Utility Main Menu Options

Select an option and the related information or submenu items display beneath it. The submenus for each item are shown in Section 4.2.1. The configuration utility main menu options are:

| Option | Description |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Quick Volume And Raid Set Setup | Create a RAID configuration which consists of all physical disks installed |
| Raid Set Functions | Create a customized Raid Set |
| Volume Set Functions | Create a customized Volume Set |
| Physical Drive Functions | View individual disk information |
| Raid System Functions | Setting the Raid system configurations |
| More System Functions | Setting the Raid system configurations |
| Hdd Power Management | Setting the HDD power management configurations |
| In Band SAS Config | Setting the InBand SAS configurations |
| Ethernet Configuration | Setting the Ethernet configurations |
| Alert By Mail Config | Set the Event Notification functions |
| Views System Events | Record all system events in the buffer |
| Clear Event Buffer | Clear all event buffer information |
| Hardware Monitor | Show all system environment status |
| System Information | View the controller information |

4.2 Configuration through the LCD Panel

All configurations can be performed through the LCD Display front panel function keys, except for the "Firmware update". The LCD provides a system of screens with areas for information, status indication, or menus. The LCD screen displays menu items or other information up to two lines at a time. The RAID controller's factory default password is set to **00000000**.

Function Key Definitions

The four function keys at side of the front panel perform the following functions:



| Parts | Function |
|---------------------------|--|
| Up and Down Arrow buttons | Use the Up or Down arrow keys to go through the information on the LCD screen. This is also used to move between each menu when you configure the subsystem. |
| Select button | This is used to enter the option you have selected. |
| Exit button EXIT | Press this button to return to the previous menu. NOTE: This button can also be used to reset the alarm beeper. |

4.2.1 Menu Diagram

The following menu diagram is a summary of the various configurations and setting functions that can be accessed through terminal. The LCD panel menus also have similar functions except Update Firmware.

```
Raid 0
                                       └─ Greater Two TB Volume Support → No, Use 64bit LBA, Use 4K Block

    □ Edit the Capacity

                                                └ Select Stripe Size → 4K, 8K, 16K, 32K, 64K, 128K, 256K, 512K, 1024K
                                                      L Create Vol / Raid Set → Yes, No
                                                           ☐ Raid Set Mode → 128 Volumes, 16 Volumes
                                                                 Raid 1 or 1+0
                                       └ Greater Two TB Volume Support → No, Use 64bit LBA, Use 4K Block
                                            L Edit the Capacity
                                              └ Select Stripe Size → 4K, 8K, 16K, 32K, 64K, 128K, 256K, 512K, 1024K
                                                    └ Create Vol / Raid Set → Yes, No
                                                         ☐ Initialization Mode ___ Foreground, Background, No Initialization No Init (To Rescue Volume)
                                                                ☐ Raid Set Mode → 128 Volumes, 16 Volumes

    Write Protection → Disabled, Enabled

                                     Raid 1+0 + Spare
                                       ☐ Greater Two TB Volume Support → No, Use 64bit LBA, Use 4K Block
                                           L Edit the Capacity
                                                 └─ Select Stripe Size → 4K, 8K, 16K, 32K, 64K, 128K, 256K, 512K, 1024K
                                                      └ Create Vol / Raid Set → Yes, No
                                                           Lanitialization Mode → Foreground, Background, No Initialization No Init (To Rescue Volume)
                                                                 ☐ Raid Set Mode → 128 Volumes, 16 Volumes

    Write Protection → Disabled. Enabled

                                     Raid 3
                                       ☐ Greater Two TB Volume Support → No, Use 64bit LBA, Use 4K Block

    □ Edit the Capacity

                                                 └ Create Vol / Raid Set → Yes, No
                                                      ☐ Initialization Mode → Foreground, Background, No Init (To Rescue Volume)
                                                                 ☐ Raid Set Mode → 128 Volumes, 16 Volumes

    Write Protection → Disabled. Enabled

Quick Volume / Raid Set -
                                     Raid 5
                                       ☐ Greater Two TB Volume Support → No, Use 64bit LBA, Use 4K Block
                                           L Edit the Capacity
                                                 └ Select Stripe Size → 4K, 8K, 16K, 32K, 64K, 128K, 256K, 512K, 1024K
                                                      └─ Create Vol / Raid Set → Yes, No
                                                           └ Initialization Mode → Foreground, Background, No Init (To Rescue Volume)
                                                                 ☐ Raid Set Mode → 128 Volumes, 16 Volumes
                                                                       Raid 6
                                       ☐ Greater Two TB Volume Support → No, Use 64bit LBA, Use 4K Block
                                           L Edit the Capacity
                                                 └ Select Stripe Size → 4K, 8K, 16K, 32K, 64K, 128K, 256K, 512K, 1024K
                                                      └ Create Vol / Raid Set → Yes, No
                                                          ☐ Initialization Mode ☐ Foreground, Background, No Init (To Rescue Volume)
                                                                 ☐ Raid Set Mode → 128 Volumes, 16 Volumes
                                                                       Raid 3 + Spare
                                       ☐ Greater Two TB Volume Support → No, Use 64bit LBA, Use 4K Block

    □ Edit the Capacity

                                                 └ Create Vol / Raid Set → Yes, No
                                                      ☐ Initialization Mode → Foreground, Background, No Init (To Rescue Volume)
                                                                 ☐ Raid Set Mode → 128 Volumes, 16 Volumes

    Write Protection → Disabled. Enabled

                                     Raid 5 + Spare
                                       ☐ Greater Two TB Volume Support → No, Use 64bit LBA, Use 4K Block
                                           └ Edit the Capacity
                                                 └ Select Stripe Size → 4K, 8K, 16K, 32K, 64K, 128K, 256K, 512K, 1024K
                                                      Create Vol / Raid Set → Yes, No
                                                           └─ Initialization Mode → Foreground, Background, No Init (To Rescue Volume)
                                                                 ☐ Raid Set Mode → 128 Volumes, 16 Volumes

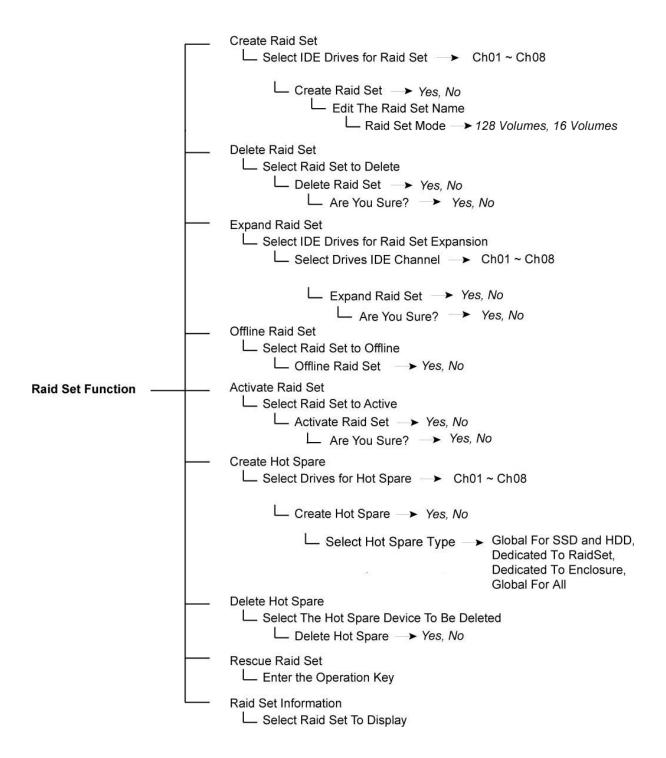
    Write Protection → Disabled, Enabled

                                     Raid 6 + Spare
                                       ☐ Greater Two TB Volume Support → No, Use 64bit LBA, Use 4K Block

    □ Edit the Capacity

                                                 └ Select Stripe Size → 4K, 8K, 16K, 32K, 64K, 128K, 256K, 512K, 1024K
                                                      └ Create Vol / Raid Set → Yes, No
                                                           ☐ Initialization Mode → Foreground, Background, No Init (To Rescue Volume)
                                                                 ☐ Raid Set Mode → 128 Volumes, 16 Volumes

    Write Protection → Disabled. Enabled
```



```
Create Volume Set
                             └ Create Volume From Raid Set
                               ☐ Greater Two TB Volume Support → No, Use 64bit LBA, Use 4k Block
                                 Stripe Size, SAS Port#, LUN Base, SAS
                                                       LUN, Cache Mode, Write Protect, Tag Queuing

    □ Create Volume → Yes, No.

                                          No Init (To Rescue Volume)
                           Create Raid 30/50/60
                             Create Raid 30/50/60 Free (capacity)
                                 ☐ Greater Two TB Volume Support → No, Use 64bit LBA, Use 4k Block
                                      └ Volume Creation
                                                           ➤ Volume Name, Raid Level, Capacity,
                                                             Stripe Size, SAS Port#, LUN Base, SAS
                                                             LUN, Cache Mode, Write Protect, Tag Queuing

    □ Create Volume → Yes, No.

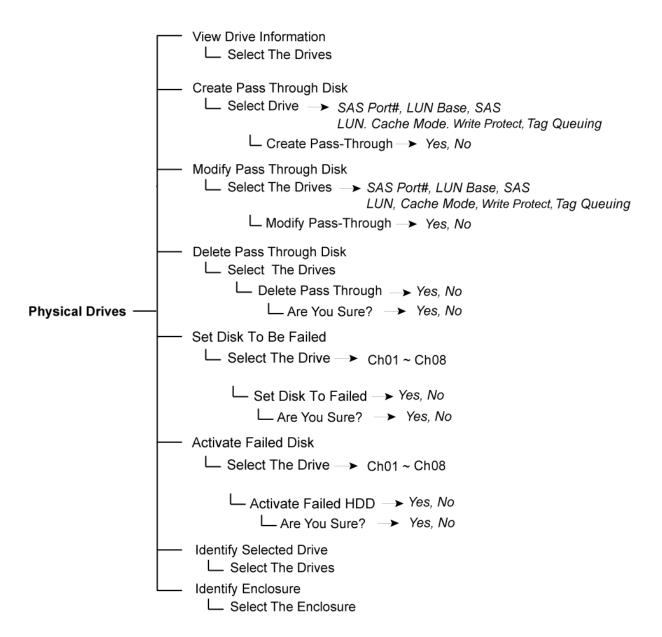
                                                Volume Set Function -
                           Delete Volume Set
                                                                     No Init (To Rescue Volume)
                             └ Delete Volume From Raid Set

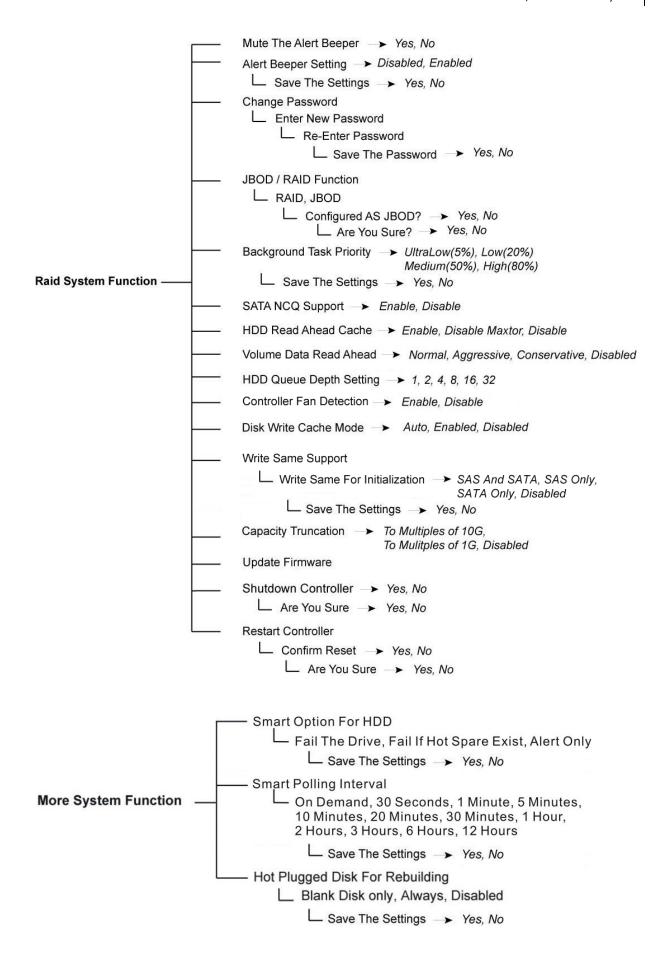
    □ Select Volume To Delete

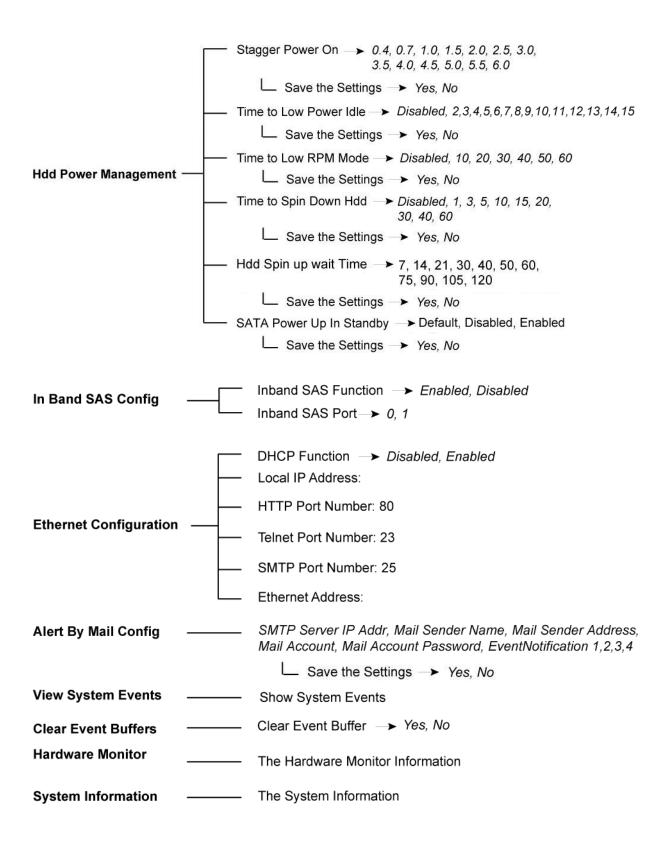
                                     L Delete Volume Set → Yes. No
                                          L Are You Sure? → Yes, No
                           Modify Volume Set
                             └ Modify Volume From Raid Set
                                 └ Volume Modification → Greater Two TB Volume Support, Volume
                                                             Name, Raid Level, Capacity, Stripe Size,
                                                             SAS Port#, LUN Base, SAS LUN, Cache
                                                             Mode, Write Protect, Tag Queuing
                                           └ Modify Volume → Yes, No
                                                L Are You Sure? → Yes, No
                           Check Volume Set
                             └ Check Volume From Raid Set
                                 └ Select Volume Set to Check
                                     L Check The Volume → Yes, No
                                           L Scrub Bad Block ? → Yes, No
                           Stop Volume Check
                             L Stop All Volume Check → Yes, No.
                                 L Are You Sure? → Yes, No.
                           Display Volume Set Info.

    □ Display Volume Info in Raid

    □ Select Volume To Display
```







4.3 Configuration through web browser-based proRAID Manager

The RAID subsystem can be remotely configured via R-Link port with proRAID Manager, a web browser-based application. The proRAID Manager can be used to manage all available functions of the RAID controller.

To configure the RAID subsystem from a remote machine, you need to know its IP Address. Launch your web browser from remote machine and enter in the address bar: http://[IP Address].

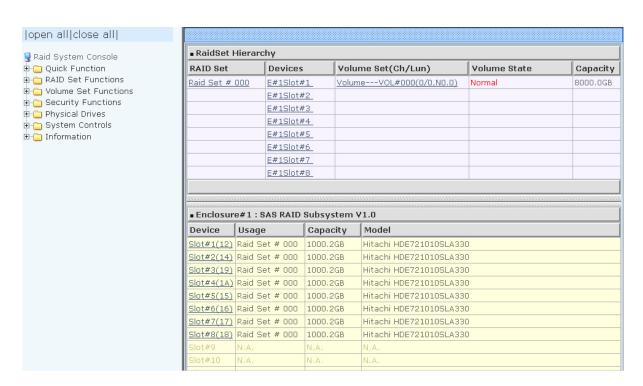


IMPORTANT! The default IP address of Controller R-Link Port is 192.168.1.100 and subnet mask is 255.255.255.0. DHCP client function is also enabled by default. You can reconfigure the IP Address or disable the DHCP client function through the LCD front panel or terminal "Ethernet Configuration" menu.



NOTE: If DHCP client function is enabled but a DHCP server is unavailable and the IP address is changed, a Controller Restart is necessary. If the DHCP client function is disabled and the IP address is changed, Controller Restart is not needed.

Note that you may need to be logged in as administrator with local admin rights on the remote machine to remotely configure the RAID subsystem. The RAID subsystem controller default User Name is "admin" and the Password is "00000000".



Main Menu

The main menu shows all available function that user can execute by clicking on the appropriate hyperlink.

| Individual Category | Description |
|-------------------------|---|
| Quick Function | Create a RAID configuration, which consists of all physical disks installed. The Volume Set Capacity, Raid Level, and Stripe Size can be modified during setup. |
| Raid Set Functions | Create customized Raid Sets. |
| Volume Set Functions | Create customized Volume Sets and allow modification of parameters of existing Volume Sets parameter. |
| Security Functions | Protect Drives with Self-Encrypting Drives (SED) and secure data from unauthorized access or modification. |
| Physical Drive | Create pass through disks and allow modification of parameters of existing pass through drives. This also provides a function to identify a disk drive. |
| System Control | For setting the RAID system configurations. |
| Information | To view the controller and hardware monitor information. The Raid Set hierarchy can also be viewed through the Raid Set Hierarchy item. |

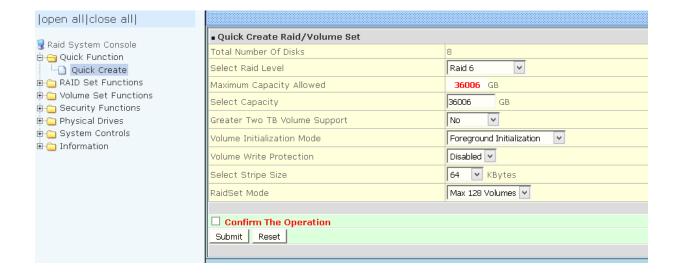
Chapter 5 RAID Management

5.1 Quick Function

5.1.1 Quick Create

The number of physical drives in the RAID subsystem determines the RAID levels that can be implemented with the Raid Set. This feature allows user to create a Raid Set associated with exactly one Volume Set. User can change the Raid Level, Capacity, Volume Initialization Mode and Stripe Size. A hot spare can also be created depending upon the existing configuration.

If the Volume Set size is over 2TB, an option "Greater Two TB Volume Support" will be automatically provided in the screen as shown in the example below. There are three options to select: "No", "64bit LBA", and "4K Block").



Greater Two TB Volume Support:

No: Volume Set capacity is set to maximum 2TB.

64bit LBA: This option use 16 bytes CDB instead of 10 bytes. The maximum volume capacity up to 512TB. For any hard disk drives working in the 4K native mode in the Raid set, the volume set directly sets and exposes 4KB sector size to the operating system. This option works on different OS which supports 16 bytes CDB. Such as: Windows 2003 with SP1 or later / Linux kernel 2.6.x or later.

4K Block: Use this option for Windows OS such as Windows 2000, 2003, or XP. The maximum Volume Set size is 16TB. Just use the Volume as "Basic Disk". Volume can't be used as "Dynamic Disk"; also can't be used in 512Bytes block service program.

Tick on the **Confirm The Operation** option and click on the **Submit** button in the Quick Create screen. The Raid Set and Volume Set will start to initialize.

You can use **RaidSet Hierarchy** feature to view the Volume Set information (Refer to Section 5.6.1).



NOTE: In Quick Create your Raid Set is automatically configured based on the number of disks in your system. Use the Raid Set Function and Volume Set Function if you prefer to customize the Raid Set and Volume Set.

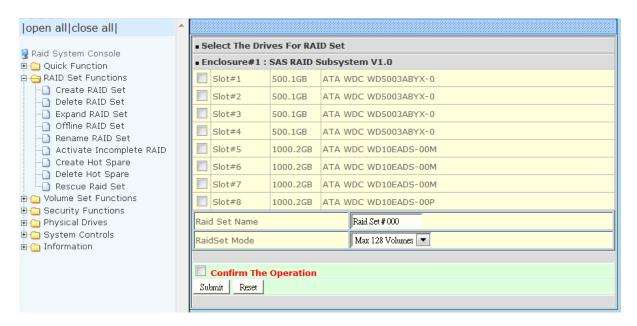


NOTE: In Quick Create, the RAID Level options 30, 50, and 60 are not available. If you need to create Volume Set with RAID Level 30, 50, or 60, use the Create RAID Set function and Create Raid 30/50/60.

5.2 RAID Set Functions

Use the Raid Set Function and Volume Set Function if you prefer to create customized Raid Sets and Volume Sets. User can manually configure and take full control of the Raid Set settings, but it will take a little longer to setup than the Quick Create configuration. Select the Raid Set Function to manually configure the Raid Set for the first time or to delete existing Raid Set and reconfigure a Raid Set.

5.2.1 Create RAID Set



To create a Raid Set, click on the **Create RAID Set** link. A "Select The Drives For RAID Set" screen is displayed showing the disk drives in the system. Tick the box of each disk drive that will be included in Raid Set to be created. Enter the preferred Raid Set Name (1 to 16 alphanumeric characters) to define a unique identifier for the Raid Set. The default Raid Set name will always appear as **Raid Set** # xxx.



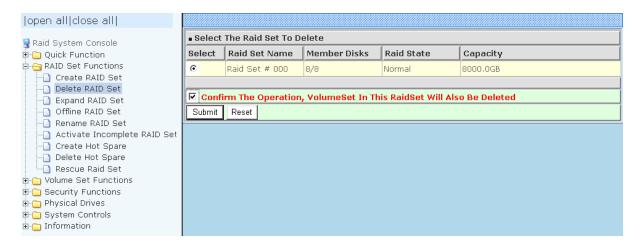
128 volumes is the default mode for SAS RAID controller, the 16 volumes mode is used for support roaming this raidset to SATA RAID controllers. The SATA RAID controller is designed to support up to 16 volumes only. You have to use "Max 16 volumes" on the raidset mode if you plan to roam this raidset between SAS RAID controller and SATA RAID controller.

Tick on the **Confirm The Operation** option and click on the **Submit** button in the screen.

5.2.2 Delete RAID Set

To delete a Raid Set, click on the **Delete RAID Set** link. A "Select The RAID SET To Delete" screen is displayed showing all Raid Sets existing in the system. Select the Raid Set you want to delete in the Select column.

Tick on the **Confirm The Operation** and click on the **Submit** button to process with deletion.





NOTE: You cannot delete a Raid Set containing a Raid 30/50/60 Volume Set. You must delete the Raid 30/50/60 Volume Set first.

5.2.3 Expand RAID Set

Use this option to expand a Raid Set, when one or more disk drives is/are added to the system. This function is active when at least one drive is available.



To expand a Raid Set, click on the **Expand RAID Set** link. Select the Raid Set which you want to expand.

Tick on the available disk(s) and check **Confirm The Operation.** Click on the **Submit** button to add the selected disk(s) to the Raid Set.



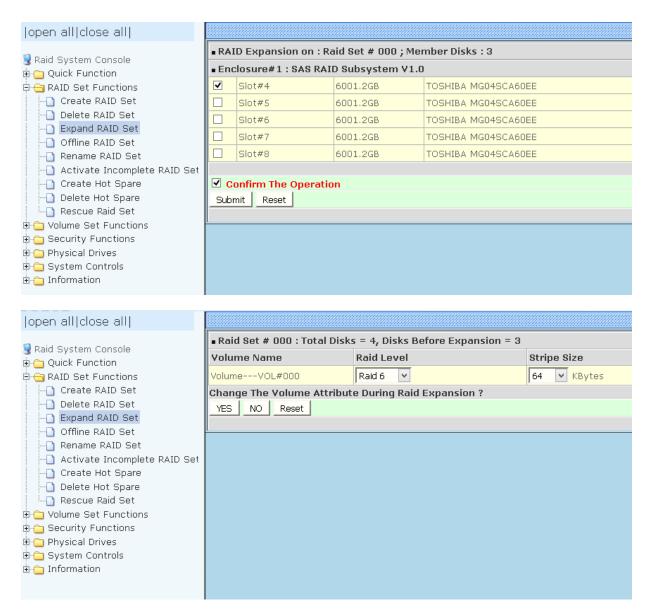
NOTE: Once the Expand Raid Set process has started, user cannot stop it. The process must be completed.



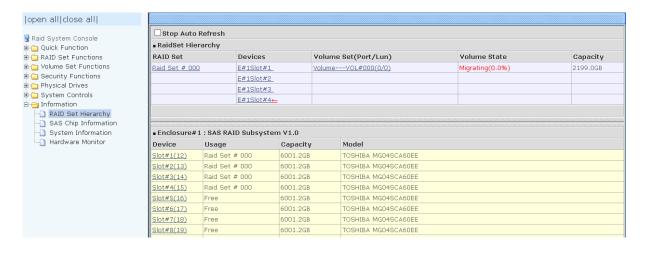
NOTE: If a disk drive fails during Raid Set expansion and a hot spare is available, an auto rebuild operation will occur after the Raid Set expansion is completed.



NOTE: A Raid Set cannot be expanded if it contains a Raid 30/50/60 Volume Set.

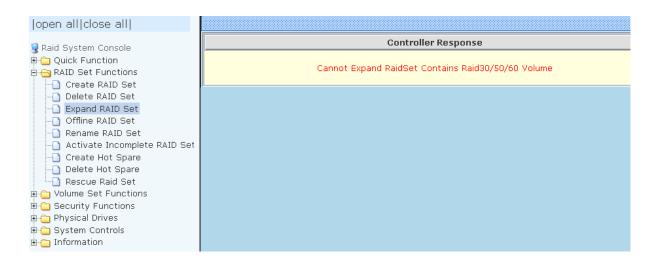


Migration occurs when a disk is added to a Raid Set. Migrating status is displayed in the Raid Set status area of the Raid Set information. Migrating status is also displayed in the Volume Set status area of the Volume Set Information for all Volume Sets under the Raid Set which is migrating.





NOTE: Cannot expand Raid Set when contains Raid30/50/60 volume.

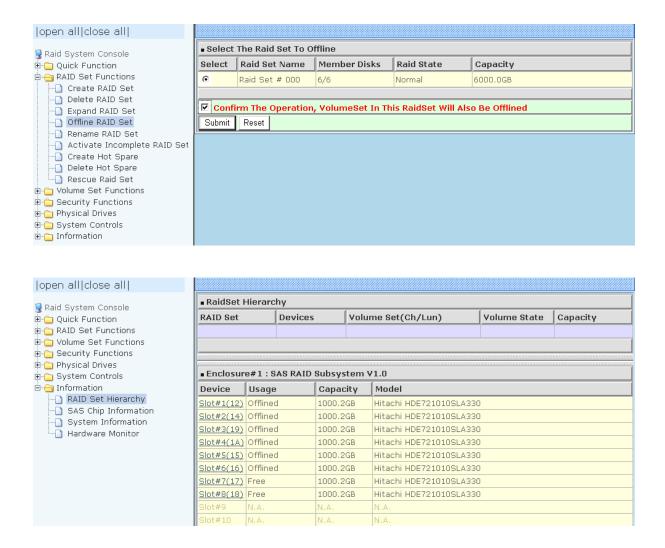


5.2.4 Offline RAID Set

If user wants to offline (and move) a Raid Set while the system is powered on, use the Offline Raid Set function. After completing the function, the HDD state of RAID Set member drives will change to "Offlined" Mode and the HDD Status LEDs will be blinking RED.

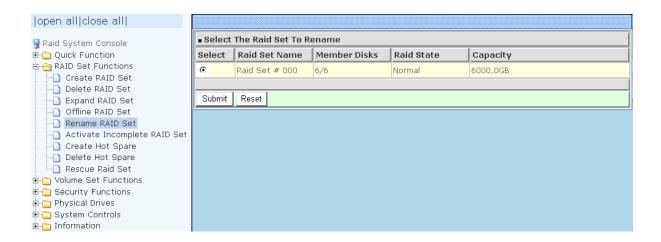
To offline a Raid Set, click on the **Offline RAID Set** link. A "Select The RAID SET To Offline" screen is displayed showing all existing Raid Sets in the subsystem. Select the Raid Set which you want to offline in the Select column.

Tick on the Confirm The Operation, and then click on the Submit button.

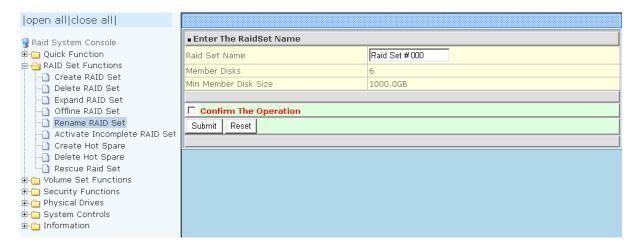


5.2.5 Rename RAID Set

Use this function to rename a RAID Set. Select the "Rename RAID Set" under the RAID Set Functions, and then select the Select the RAID Set to rename and click "Submit".



Enter the new name for the RAID Set. Tick the "Confirm The Operation" and click "Submit".



5.2.6 Activate Incomplete RAID Set

When Raid Set State is "Normal", this means there is no failed disk drive.

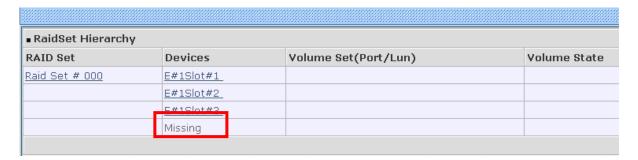
| ■ Raid Set Information | | |
|------------------------|----------------|--|
| Raid Set Name | Raid Set # 000 | |
| Member Disks | 4 | |
| Total Raw Capacity | 24004.0GB | |
| Free Raw Capacity | 0.1GB | |
| Min Member Disk Size | 6001.0GB | |
| Supported Volumes | 128 | |
| Raid Set Power State | Operating | |
| Security Status | N/A | |
| Raid Set State | Normal | |

When does "Incomplete" Raid Set State Happens?

If the RAID subsystem is powered off and one disk drive is removed or has failed in power off state, and when the subsystem is powered on, the Raid Set State will change to "**Incomplete**".

| ■ Raid Set Information | | |
|------------------------|----------------|--|
| Raid Set Name | Raid Set # 000 | |
| Member Disks | 4 | |
| Total Raw Capacity | 24004.0GB | |
| Free Raw Capacity | 24004.0GB | |
| Min Member Disk Size | 6001.0GB | |
| Supported Volumes | 128 | |
| Raid Set Power State | Operating | |
| Security Status | N/A | |
| Raid Set State | Incomplete | |

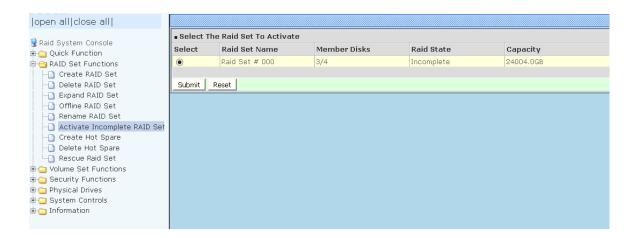
The Volume Set(s) associated with the Raid Set will not be visible and the failed or removed disk will be shown as "**Missing**". At the same time, the subsystem will not detect the Volume Set(s); hence the volume(s) is/are not accessible.



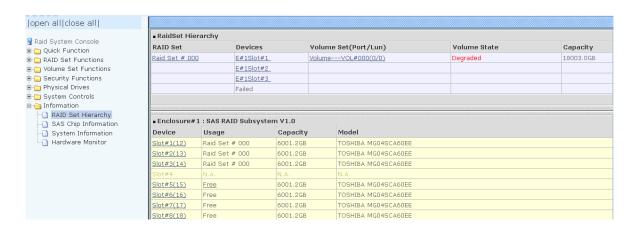
When can the "Activate Incomplete RAID Set" function be used?

In order to access the Volume Set and corresponding data, use the **Activate**Incomplete RAID Set function to active the Raid Set. After selecting this function, the Raid State will change to "Degraded" state.

To activate the incomplete the Raid Set, click on the **Activate Incomplete RAID Set** link. A "Select The Raid Set To Activate" screen is displayed showing all existing Raid Sets in the subsystem. Select the Raid Set with "**Incomplete**" state which you want to activate in the Select column.



Click on the **Submit** button to activate the Raid Set. The Volume Set(s) associated with the Raid Set will become accessible in "**Degraded**" mode.



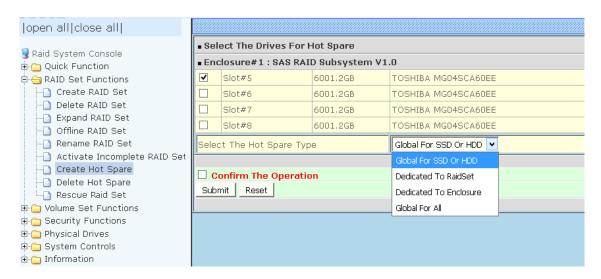


NOTE: The "Activate Incomplete RAID Set" function is <u>only</u> used when Raid Set State is "Incomplete". It cannot be used when Raid Set configuration is lost. In case Raid Set configuration is lost, contact your vendor for support.

5.2.7 Create Hot Spare

The Create Hot Spare option gives you the ability to define a global hot spare.

When you choose the **Create Hot Spare** option in the Raid Set Function, all unused (non Raid Set member) disk drives in the subsystem appear. Select the target disk drive by clicking on the appropriate check box. Select the Hot Spare Type. Tick on the **Confirm The Operation** and click on the **Submit** button to create hot spare drive(s).



| Hot Spare Type | Description |
|------------------------|---|
| Global For SSD or HDD | If you are mixing SSD and HDD in a system, the Hot Spare SSD is a hot spare only to the SSD. This is to prevent possible drops in performance due to HDD using. |
| Global Hot Spare | The Hot Spare disk is a hot spare on all enclosures connected in daisy chain. It can replace any failed disk in any enclosure. |
| Dedicated to RaidSet | The Hot Spare disk is a hot spare dedicated only to the RaidSet where it is assigned. It can replace any failed disk in the RaidSet where it is assigned. |
| Dedicated to Enclosure | The Hot Spare disk is a hot spare dedicated only to the enclosure where it is located. It can replace any failed disk on the enclosure where it is located. NOTE: When the Paid Set status is in Degraded. |
| | NOTE: When the Raid Set status is in Degraded state, this option will not work. |

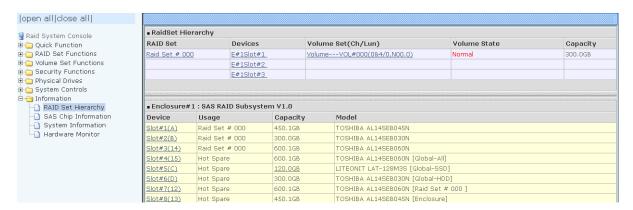


NOTE: The capacity of the hot spare disk(s) must be equal to or greater than the smallest hard disk size in the subsystem so that it/they can replace any failed disk drive.



NOTE: The Hot Spare Type can also be viewed by clicking on Raid Set Hierarchy in the Information menu.

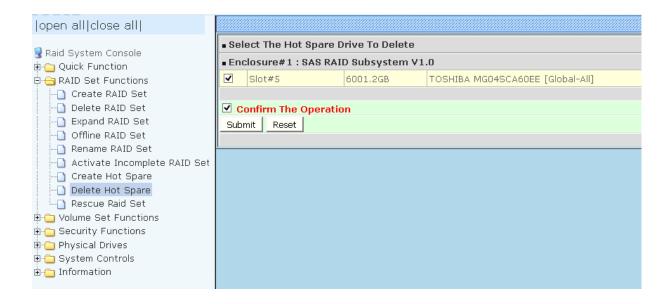
The hot spare type will be indicated in the "Model" area of the "RAID Set Hierarchy" screen. Select the **RAID Set Hierarchy** link from the **Information** menu to display the Raid Set Hierarchy screen.



5.2.8 Delete Hot Spare

Select the target Hot Spare disk(s) to delete by clicking on the appropriate check box.

Tick on the **Confirm The Operation**, and click on the **Submit** button in the screen to delete the hot spare(s).



5.2.9 Rescue Raid Set

If you need to recover missing Raid Set configuration using the "Rescue Raid Set" function, please contact your vendor's support engineer for assistance.



5.3 Volume Set Function

Volume Set is seen by the host system as a single logical device. It is organized in a RAID level with one or more physical disks. RAID level refers to the level of data performance and protection of a Volume Set. A Volume Set capacity can consume all or a portion of the raw capacity available in a Raid Set. Multiple

Volume Sets can exist on a group of disks in a Raid Set. Additional Volume Sets created in a specified Raid Set will reside on all the physical disks in the Raid Set. Thus each Volume Set on the Raid Set will have its data spread evenly across all the disks in the Raid Set.

5.3.1 Create Volume Set

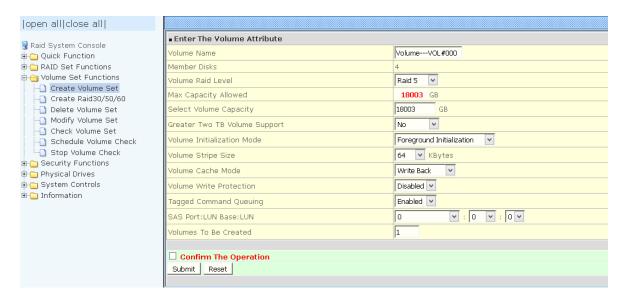
The following are the Volume Set features:

- 1. Volume sets of different RAID levels may coexist on the same Raid Set.
- 2. Up to 128 Volume Sets in a Raid Set can be created by the RAID controller.

To create Volume Set from a Raid Set, expand the Volume Set Functions in the main menu and click on the **Create Volume Set** link. The **Select The Raid Set To Create**On It screen will show all existing Raid Sets. Tick on the Raid Set where you want to create the Volume Set and then click on the **Submit** button.



The Volume Set setup screen allows user to configure the Volume Name, Capacity, RAID level, Two TB Supported, Initialization Mode, Stripe Size, Cache Mode, Volume Write Protection, Tagged Command Queuing, SAS Port Mapping, LUN Base:LUN, and Volume To Be Created.



Volume Name:

The default Volume Set name will appear as "Volume---VOL#XXX". You can rename the Volume Set name provided it does not exceed the 16 characters limit.

Raid Level:

Set the RAID level for the Volume Set. Click the down-arrow in the drop-down list. The available RAID levels for the current Volume Set are displayed. Select the preferred RAID level.

Capacity:

The maximum Volume Set size is displayed by default. If necessary, change the Volume Set size appropriate for your application.

Greater Two TB Volume Support:

If the Volume Set size is over 2TB, an option "Greater Two TB Volume Support" will be automatically provided in the screen as shown in the example above. There are three options to select: "No", "64bit LBA", and "4K Block").

No: Volume Set size is set to maximum 2TB limitation.

64bit LBA: This option use 16 bytes CDB instead of 10 bytes. The maximum volume capacity up to 512TB. For any hard disk drives working in the 4K native mode in the Raid set, the volume set directly sets and exposes 4KB sector size to the operating system. This option works on different OS which supports 16 bytes CDB. Such as: Windows 2003 with SP1 or later / Linux kernel 2.6.x or later.

4K Block: Use this option for Windows OS such as Windows 2000, 2003, or XP. The maximum Volume Set size is 16TB. Just use the Volume as "Basic Disk". Volume can't be used as "Dynamic Disk"; also can't be used in 512Bytes block service program.

Initialization Mode:

Set the Initialization Mode for the Volume Set. Initialization in Foreground mode is completed faster but must be completed before Volume Set becomes accessible. Background mode makes the Volume Set instantly available but the initialization process

takes longer. No Init (To Rescue Volume) is used to create a Volume Set without initialization; normally used to recreate Volume Set configuration to recover data.

Stripe Size:

This parameter sets the size of the stripe written to each disk in a RAID 0, 1, 10, 5 or 6 Volume Set. You can set the stripe size to 4 KB, 8 KB, 16 KB, 32 KB, 64 KB, 128 KB, 256 KB, 512 KB, or 1024 KB.

A larger stripe size produces better-read performance, especially if your computer does mostly sequential reads. However, if you are sure that your computer does random reads more often, select a small stripe size.



NOTE Stripe Size in RAID level 3 can't be modified.

Cache Mode:

The RAID subsystem supports two types of write caching: Write-Through and Write-Back.

Write-Through: data are both written to the cache and the disk(s) before the write I/O is acknowledged as complete.

Write-Back: when data is written to cache, the I/O is acknowledged as complete, and some time later, the cached data is written or flushed to the disk(s). This provides better performance but requires a battery module support for the cache memory, or a UPS for the subsystem.

White Protection:

The RAID Subsystem supports write protection: Disabled and Enabled.

Tagged Command Queuing:

When this option is enabled, it enhances the overall system performance under multi-tasking operating systems by reordering tasks or requests in the command queue of the RAID system. This function should normally remain enabled.

SAS Port Mapping:

Controller has two 6Gbps SAS Host Channels A and B (Ports 0 and 1). Select the SAS Port where to map the LUN (volume Set).



NOTE: If LUN is not mapped to any SAS Port, then LUN is disabled.

LUN Base/LUN:

LUN Base: The base LUN number. Each LUN Base supports 8 LUNs.

LUN: Each Volume Set must be assigned a unique LUN ID number. A SAS Port can connect up to 128 devices (LUN ID: 0 to 127). Select the LUN ID for the Volume Set.

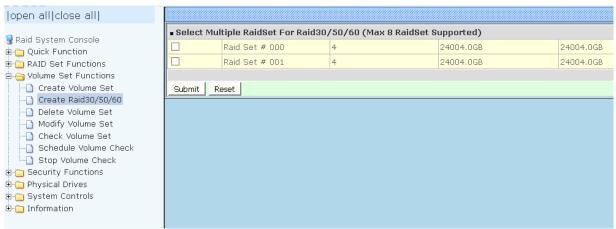
Volumes To Be Created: Use this option to create several Volume Sets with the same Volume Set attributes. Up to 128 Volume Sets can be created.

5.3.2 Create Raid 30/50/60

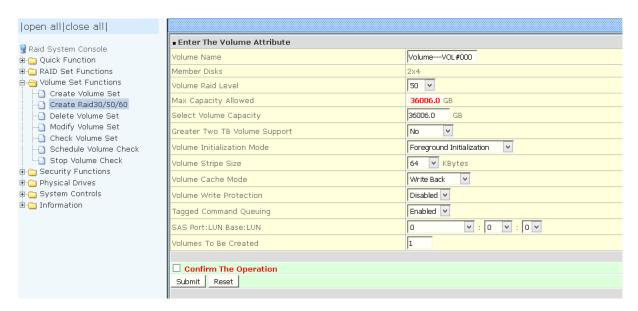
To create a Raid30/50/60 Volume Set, move the mouse cursor to the main menu and click on the **Create Raid30/50/60** link. The **Select Multiple RaidSet For Raid30/50/60** screen will show all Raid Sets. Tick on the Raid Sets that you want to include in the creation and then click on the **Submit** button.



NOTE: Maximum of 8 Raid Sets is supported. All Raid Sets must contain the same number of disk drives.



Configure the Volume Set attributes (refer to previous section for the Volume Set attributes). When done, tick **Confirm The Operation** and click on **Submit** button.





NOTE: Refer to Section 5.3.1 Create Volume Set for detailed information about the Volume Set settings.

5.3.3 Delete Volume Set

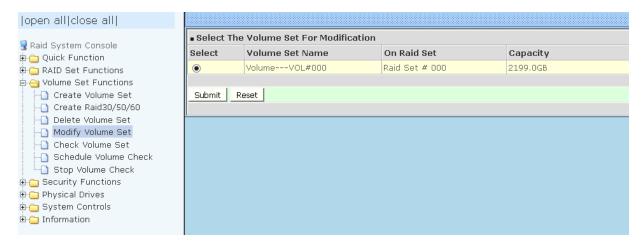
To delete a Volume Set, select the Volume Set Functions in the main menu and click on the **Delete Volume Set** link. The **Select The Volume Set To Delete** screen will show all available Raid Sets. Tick on a Raid Set and check the **Confirm The Operation** option and then click on the **Submit** button to show all Volume Sets in the selected Raid Set. Tick on a Volume Set and check the **Confirm The Operation** option. Click on the **Submit** button to delete the Volume Set.



5.3.4 Modify Volume Set

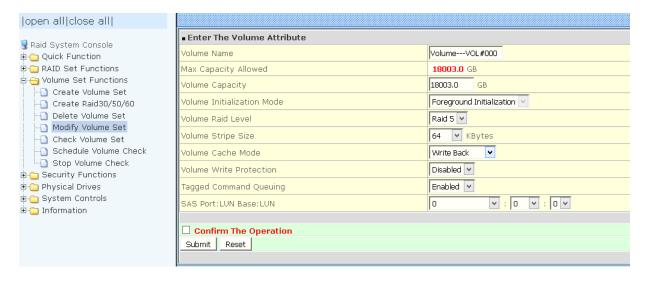
Use this function to modify Volume Set configuration.

1. Click on the **Modify Volume Set** link.



2. Tick from the list the Volume Set you want to modify. Click on the **Submit** button.

The following screen appears.



To modify Volume Set attribute values, select an attribute item and click on the attribute value. After completing the modification, tick on the **Confirm The Operation** option and click on the **Submit** button to save the changes.

5.3.4.1 Volume Set Expansion

Volume Capacity (Logical Volume Concatenation Plus Re-stripe)

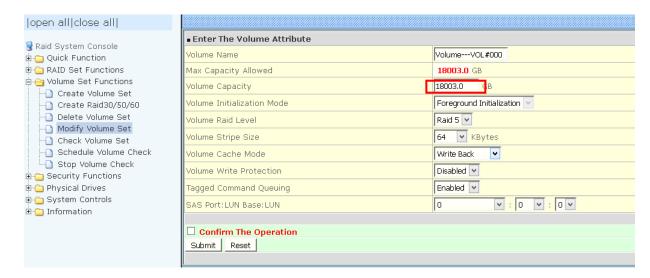
Use the Expand Raid Set function to expand a Raid Set when a disk is added to your subsystem. (Refer to Section 5.2.3)

The expanded capacity can be used to enlarge the Volume Set size or create another Volume Set. Use the Modify Volume Set function to expand the Volume Set capacity. Select the Volume Set and move the cursor to the **Volume Set Capacity** item and enter the capacity size.

Tick on the **Confirm The Operation** and click on the **Submit** button to complete the action. The Volume Set starts to expand.



NOTE: The Volume Set capacity of RAID30/50/60 cannot be expanded.



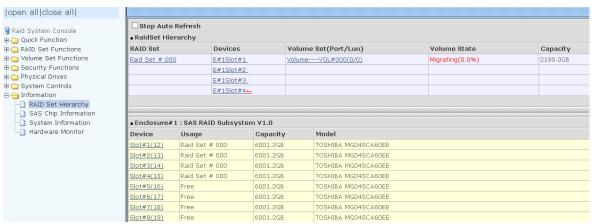
5.3.4.2 Volume Set Migration

Migration occurs when a Volume Set migrates from one RAID level to another, a Volume Set stripe size changes, or when a disk is added to a Raid Set.

Migrating status is displayed in the Volume Set status area of the RaidSet Hierarchy screen during migration.



NOTE: The Stripe Size of a Raid30/50/60 Volume Set cannot be modified.



5.3.5 Check Volume Set

Use this function to perform Volume Set consistency check, which verifies the correctness of redundant data (data blocks and parity blocks) in a Volume Set. This basically means computing the parity from the data blocks and comparing the results to the contents of the parity blocks, or computing the data from the parity blocks and comparing the results to the contents of the data blocks.



NOTE: The Volume Set state must be Normal in order to perform Check Volume Set. Only RAID levels with parity (redundant data) such as RAID Levels 3, 5, 6, 30, 50 and 60, support this function.

To perform Check Volume Set function:

- 1. Click on the Check Volume Set link.
- 2. Tick from the list the Volume Set you want to check. Select the Check Volume Set options.



Check Volume Set Options:

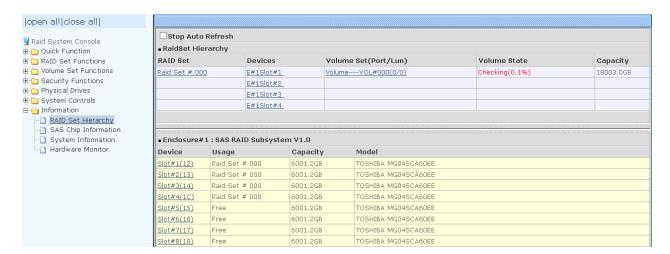
- Scrub Bad Block If Bad Block Found, Assume Parity Data is Good
- Re-compute Parity if Parity Error, Assume Data is Good



NOTE: When the 2 options are not selected, it will only check for errors. It is recommended to perform Check Volume Set with the 2 options unselected at first. If the result shows error, the two options can be selected and redo Check Volume Set to correct the errors.

3. Tick on **Confirm The Operation** and click on the **Submit** button. The Checking process will be started.

The checking percentage can also be viewed by clicking on RaidSet Hierarchy in the Information menu.





NOTE: The result of Check Volume Set function is shown in System Events Information and Volume Set Information. In System Events Information, it is shown in the Errors column. In Volume Set Information, it is shown in Errors Found field.

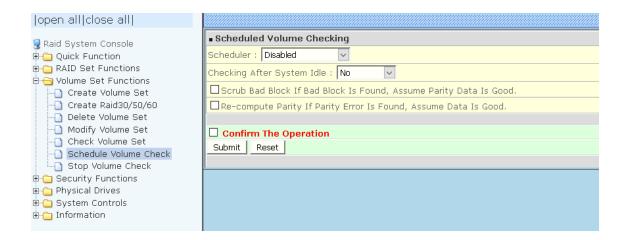
5.3.6 Schedule Volume Check

To perform Check Volume Set by schedule, follow these steps:

- 1. Click on the Schedule Volume Check link.
- 2. Select the desired schedule that you wish the Check Volume Set function to run. Tick on **Confirm The Operation** and click on the **Submit** button.

Scheduler: Disabled, 1Day (For Testing), 1Week, 2Weeks, 3Weeks, 4Weeks, 8Weeks, 12Weeks, 16Weeks, 20Weeks and 24Weeks.

Check After System Idle: No, 1 Minute, 3 Minutes, 5 Minutes, 10 Minutes, 15 Minutes, 20 Minutes, 30 Minutes, 45 Minutes and 60 Minutes.



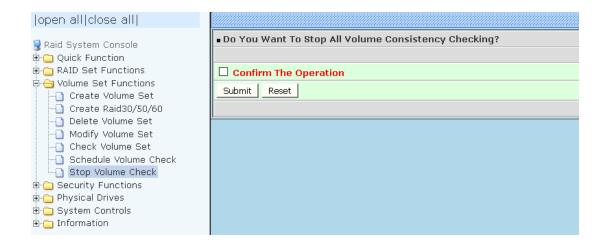


NOTE: To verify the Volume Check schedule, go to Information -> RAID Set Hierarchy -> select the Volume Set -> the Volume Set Information will be displayed.



5.3.7 Stop Volume Check

Use this option to stop current running Check Volume Set process.



5.4 Security Functions

Protecting Drives with Self-Encrypting Drives (SED), a SED is a type of hard drive that automatically and continuously encrypts the data on the drive without any user interaction. The SED encryption is easy to use and manage with minimal impact on RAID controller performance that is invisible to the user, does not interfere in their workflow.

The SED function secures a volume's data from unauthorized access or modification in the event of drive theft, as well as more routine activities such as the return of defective drives for servicing or the decommission or repurposing of drives. The contents of a SED are always encrypted and the encryption keys are themselves encrypted and protected in hardware that cannot be accessed by other parts of the system. Local key management in the controller is designed to protect data from security breaches with minimal cost and complexity.

SEDs do all the cryptography within the disk drive internal controller, which means the disk encryption keys are never present in the RAID controller or memory, where they could be accessed by hackers. Encryption will conceal your volume's data and make accessing the files almost impossible for anyone who does not know your key. With this scramble process, no one can see and access into the hidden volume data without access key.



Note: SED security only works on logical drives composed of SED drives only.

How to enable SED functionality?

This Function is SED (self-encrypting drive technology) which support SED disks to provide Advanced Data Protection. The Security Key will enable the Disk Encryption at SED Raid Set.

- 1. Insert Self-Encrypting Drives (SEDs).
- 2. Login to storage management system. Please refer to Section 4.3 for more information.
- 3. Create SED Raid Set. See Section 5.4.1.
- 4. Create Volume Set. Refer to Section 5.3.1 Create Volume Set for detailed information about the Volume Set settings.
- 5. Create SED Key. See Section 5.4.4



NOTE: If SED Key "not enabled", then SED encryption is not enabled on that Raid Set.

5.4.1 Create SED RAID Set

Use the Create SED Raid Set function if you use SED (self-encryption drive) disks and need to encrypt the data, to use SED Raid Set to group SED drives. After Security Key is created, the SED Raid Set drives will automatically enable data encryption by Security Key. If Security Key is not enabled, the SED Raid Set will work as Normal Raid Set and disk data has no encryption.



To create a SED Raid Set, click on the **Create SED RAID Set** link. A "Select The Drives For SED RAID Set" screen is displayed showing the Self-Encrypting Drives (SEDs) in the system.

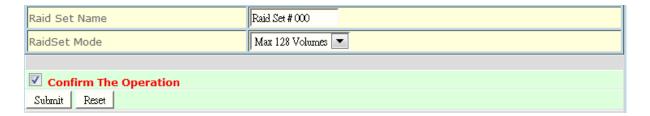


NOTE:

The SED Raid Set can support below drive type. Can check the Supported Capability in the Device Information:

- 1. Trusted Computing Group (TCG) SED
- 2. Secure Erase And Password (SATA)
- 3. Cryptographic Erase And Password (SATA)

Tick the box of each Self-Encrypting Drives (SEDs) that will be included in Raid Set to be created.



Enter the preferred Raid Set Name (1 to 16 alphanumeric characters) to define a unique identifier for the Raid Set. Default Raid Set name always appear as **Raid Set # xxx**.

128 volumes is the default mode for SAS RAID controller, the 16 volumes mode is used for support roaming this raidset to SATA RAID controllers. The SATA RAID controller is designed to support up to 16 volumes only. You have to use "Max 16 volumes" on the raidset mode if you plan to roam this raidset between SAS RAID controller and SATA RAID controller.

Tick on the **Confirm The Operation** option and click on the **Submit** button in the screen.



NOTE: If SATA SED drives (with attached SAS bridge / MUX / dongle boards) are used in Dual Controller mode, the SED function cannot be used.



NOTE: Encryption in SED drives is enabled only when Create SED Raid Set. If create Normal Raid Set using SED drives, the Encryption is not enabled in those drives.



NOTE: In a SED Raid Set, the Rebuild/Expand/Clone/ Local Hot Spare can only select SED drive.



NOTE: For SSD with Block Erase Support: SATA SSD with Block Erase Support does not encrypt user data. It support Password Protect and "Instant Secure Erase" (may be longer erase time), it is included in SED Support. The difference is if Raid Set is deleted and NOT Secure Erased (Block Erase), the original data is still in the drive and accessible without Encryption.

5.4.2 Delete SED RAID Set



To delete a SED Raid Set, click on the **Delete SED RAID Set** link. A "Select The SED Raid Set To Delete" screen is displayed showing all Raid Sets existing in the system. Select the Raid Set you want to delete in the Select column.



If want to Security Erase the SED Raid Drive at Same Time, Tick On the **Secure erase the member disks** and Key In Correct **Confirmation Code**.

Confirmation Code:

Confirmation code is shown on the screen. This Code is produced by Controller. If tick on the "Secure Erase The Member Disks" but did not input the Confirmation Code or wrong Confirmation Code is entered, the Secure Erase will not be executed.



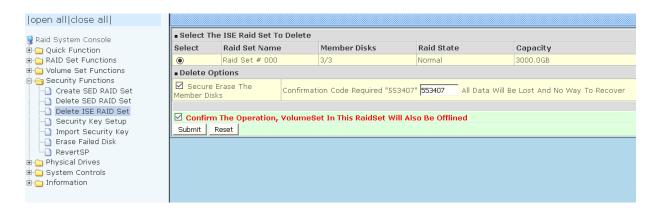
NOTE: Be careful when this options is selected, all data will be lost and no way to recover.

Tick on the **Confirm The Operation** and click on the **Submit** button to process with deletion.



NOTE: After Delete SED RAID Set, the Security Key will be disabled at same time in the SED RAID Set member disks, if Security Key was enabled before.

5.4.3 Delete ISE RAID Set



Instant Secure Erase (ISE) is designed to protect data on hard disk drives by instantly resetting the drive back to factory settings and changing the encryption key so that any data remaining on the drive is cryptographically erased. This means all data on the drive is permanently and instantly unreadable.

Non-SED drives (such as ISE-only drives) are supported in Normal Raid Set. If the Normal Raid Set, with some ISE member drives with Instant Secure Erase Capability, will be deleted, use the Delete ISE RAID Set.

To delete a ISE Raid Set, click on the **Delete ISE RAID Set** link. A "Select The ISE Raid Set To Delete" screen is displayed with Raid Set member disks including existing Instant Secure Erase capable drives. Select the Raid Set you want to delete in the Select column.



If want to Security Erase the ISE Raid Drive at Same Time, Tick On the **Secure erase** the member disks and Key In Correct Confirmation Code.

Confirmation Code:

Confirmation code is shown on the screen. This Code is produced by Controller. If tick on the "Secure Erase The Member Disks" but did not input the Confirmation Code or wrong Confirmation Code is entered, the Secure Erase will not be executed.



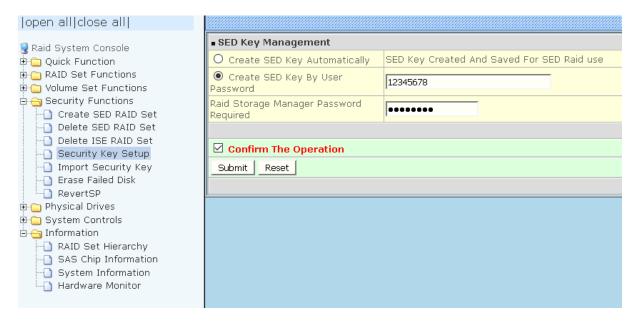
NOTE: Be careful when this options is selected, all data will be lost and no way to recover.

Tick on the **Confirm The Operation** and click on the **Submit** button to process with deletion.

5.4.4 Security Key Setup

Security Key Setup options are: Create / Disable / Change / Export - Security Key for SED Raid Set. The Security Key is global for all SED Raid Set. When SED Raid Set is created and Security Key is enabled, the Security Function will be enabled in the SED Raid Set member disks without any sequence.

To set the security key configuration options, click the **Security Key Setup** link under the **Security Functions** menu.



5.4.4.1 Create Security Key

There are two options to enable SED Key.

- 1. Create SED Key Automatically: the controller will automatically generate the SED Key.
- 2. Create SED Key By User Password: user defined password. The SED Key characters allowed are 'A' 'Z', 'a' 'z', and '0' '9'. The minimum number of Password characters is 4.



NOTE: Once the SED Key has been set, the user can only lock and unlock the data by providing the correct SED Key.

Enter the RAID Storage Manager Password (default is 00000000) to login. Tick the "Confirm The Operation" and click "Submit".



NOTE: The browser will prompt you to remember your password. We strongly recommend you not allow AutoComplete to save passwords. Do not store/save Raid Storage Manager Password in the web browser (cache). If Raid Storage Manager Password is saved in web browser and then configure Security Key Setup, the Raid Storage Manager Password will be automatically inputted by web browser. Suggestion is to enter the Raid Storage Manager Password every time for better security in the Security Key Setup.



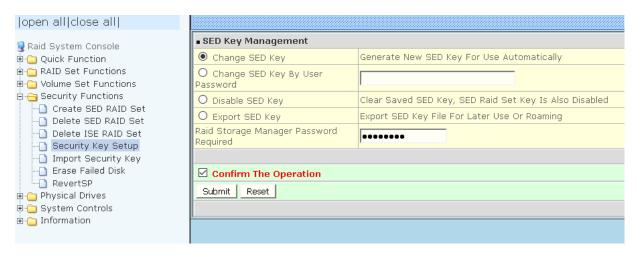


IMPORTANT: The SED Key must be exported regularly and add date and time at the exported Key filename. The default Key filename is SEDKEY256.BIN. Suggestion is to add date and time, e.g. 201702091210_SEDKEY256.BIN at every Export Key file. These Key file can provide more protection of the saved Key. Refer to next Section for exporting Key.

5.4.4.2 Modify Security Key

After create Security Key, next time to use the SED Key Management, the function will change to Change / Disable / Export Security Key for the global SED Raid Set.

To change, disable or export the SED Key, click the **Security Key Setup** link under the **Security Functions** menu.



Using "Change SED Key" and "Change SED Key By User Password" can change Security Password to new one.



NOTE: Create SED Key By User Password, the SED Key characters allowed are A' - Z', a' - Z', and 0' - 9'. The minimum number of Password characters is 4.



NOTE: If need to change the SED Key, the RAID system and all device must be at Normal Status:

- 1. No failed SED Disk
- 2. The SED Raid Set must not be in Offline status
- 3. In dual controller mode, other controller must not be at "Restarting Controller" status
- 4. In dual controller mode, both controllers must be operational and no failed controller

If not, may be some disk's SED Key not matched will happen.

"Disable SED Key" is to disable Security key for all SED Raid Sets in the RAID unit. This will also clear saved SED key.

"Export SED Key" can store Security key to a file for later use or roaming.

After selecting an option, need to provide the "Raid Storage Manager Password Required" for security confirmation, and then tick on the "Confirm The Operation" and click **Submit.**



NOTE: The browser will prompt you to remember your password. We strongly recommend you not allow AutoComplete to save passwords. Do not store/save Raid Storage Manager Password in the web browser (cache). If Raid Storage Manager Password is saved in web browser and then configure Security Key Setup, the Raid Storage Manager Password will be automatically inputted by web browser. Suggestion is to enter the Raid Storage Manager Password every time for better security in the Security Key Setup.

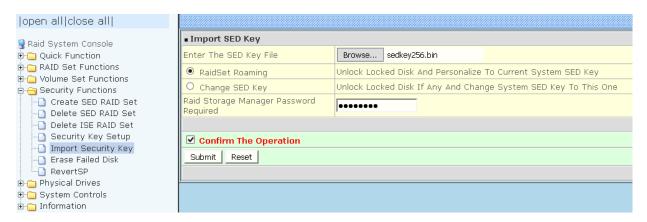


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5.4.5 Import Security Key

Import Security Key provides function to import Security Key to unlock/Locked Disks.

To Import Security Key, click the **Import Security Key** link under the **Security Functions** menu.



Enter The SED Key File: Click the [Browse...] button and select SED Key File first, then choose a type to unlock Locked Disk.

Import Security Key supports 2 functions: RaidSet Roaming and Change SED Key.

RaidSet Roaming: Use to Unlock Locked Disk and Personalize to current system SED Key.

Change SED Key: Use to Unlock Locked Disk If Any and Change system SED Key To This One. If the Security Key function is not enabled, after unlock Locked Disks the Security Key will be enabled automatically.

After selecting an option, need to provide the "Raid Storage Manager Password Required" for security confirmation, and then tick on the "**Confirm The Operation**" and click **Submit.**



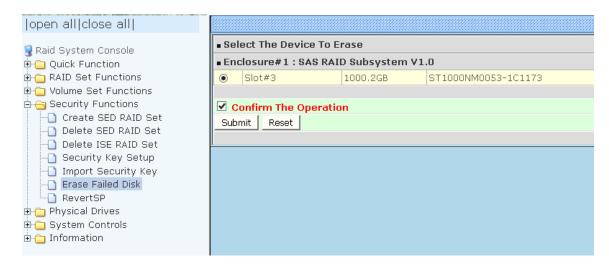
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IMPORTANT: The SED Key must be exported regularly and add date and time at the exported Key filename. The default Key filename is SEDKEY256.BIN. Suggestion is to add date and time, e.g. 201702091210_SEDKEY256.BIN at every Export Key file. These Key file can provide more protection of the saved Key.

5.4.6 Erase Failed Disk

The Erase Failed Disk function can be used to securely erase a SED or ISE disk that is failed. User can select to erase its content. If failed disk is not accessible and this function fails, in this case, failed disk can be power cycled and try again.

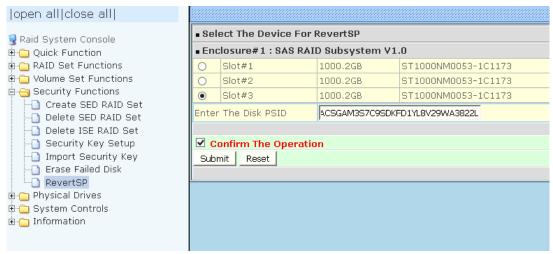


To securely erase the SED or ISE failed disk, choose and click the failed disk Slot# and tick on the "Confirm The Operation" and click Submit. After secure erase failed disk, there is no way to recover original data.

5.4.7 RevertSP

If a disk has been Locked and cannot be Unlocked, then need to use RevertSP to return disk to Factory Default. After execute RevertSP to reset disk to Factory Default, there is no way to recover original data.

Please contact your vendor's support engineer for assistance.

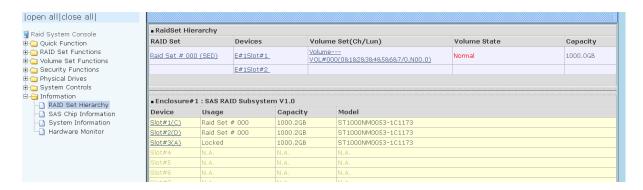




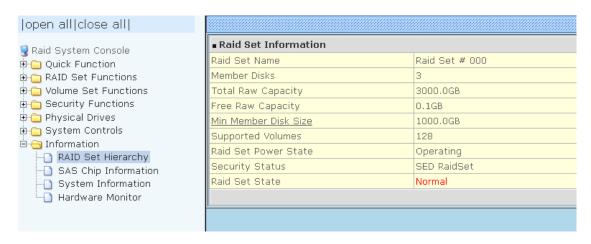
NOTE: Pass-Through Disk and JBOD mode do not support SED Function.

5.4.8 SED Information

Use this feature to view the RAID subsystem's existing SED Raid Set(s) and SED disk drive(s) configuration and information. Select the **RAID Set Hierarchy** link from the **Information** menu to display the Raid Set Hierarchy screen.



To view the Raid Set information, click the **Raid Set #** link from the Raid Set Hierarchy screen. The Raid Set Information screen appears.



The Raid Set Hierarchy can show SED Raid Sets, click the Raid Set name link and check the Raid Set Information for Security Status:

| Security Status | Description |
|-----------------|--|
| N/A | Non-SED or ISE Disk |
| x/y ISE Disks | Number of ISE disks included in the Raid Set x: ISE Disk Count; if SED Disk is used to create Normal Raid Set this will display ISE Disk. y: Total Disk Count. |
| SED Raid Set | SED Raid Set has member SED disks. |

To view the disk drive information, click the **E# Slot#** link from the Raid Set Hierarchy screen. The Device Information screen appears. This screen shows various information such as disk drive model name, serial number, firmware revision, disk capacity, **Security Capability**, **Security State**, timeout count, media error count, Hdd Xfer Speed and SMART information.



Device Information has 2 fields displayed about disk Security Type and Status, which are:

- 1. Security Capability
- 2. Security State

Below table is the description.

Security Capability

| Security Capability | Description | Shows the drive security capability, for example: Cryptographic Erase, TCG SED |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| N/A | Normal disk, Non-ISE disk | Can be used to create Normal Raid Set |
| Cryptographic Erase | ISE Secure Erase - Some SAS Disks Only Support Encryption without Password | Can be used to create Normal Raid Set |
| Cryptographic Erase And Password | ISE Sanitize with Crypto erase - Some SAS/SATA Support this Type of Operation | Can be used to create Normal Raid Set and also SED Raid Set |
| Secure Erase And Password | Password & FDE (Full-Disk-Encryption) with Password Protect - Some SATA Disk Support Password and Encryption SSD with Block Erase and Password | Can be used to create Normal Raid Set and also SED Raid Set |
| Block Erase | SSD with Block Erase | Can be used to create Normal Raid Set |
| TCG SED | Full SED Function Support | Can be used to create Normal Raid Set and also SED Raid Set |

Security State

| Security State | Description |
|----------------|--|
| N/A | Non-SED Disk |
| Disabled | Not Personalized, No SED Key Setup. |
| | Personalized, Operational by SED Key enabled and Key is match |
| Unlocked | Comment: Every time the SED Key is changed, it is necessary to export the SED Key and save by time record (Date and Time). |
| l a alva d | Personalized, SED Key is not match |
| Locked | Comment: Import SED Key is required. |

5.5 Physical Drive

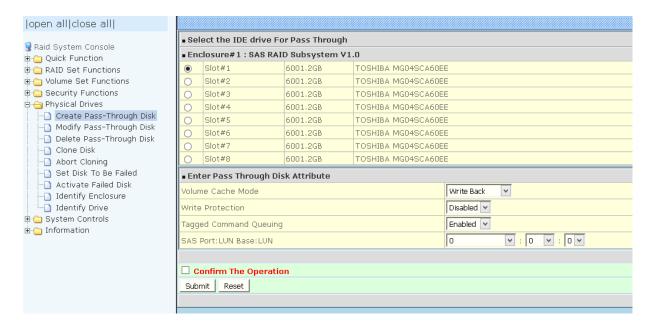
Choose this option from the Main Menu to select a disk drive and to perform the functions listed below.

5.5.1 Create Pass-Through Disk

A Pass-Through Disk is a disk drive not controlled by the internal RAID subsystem firmware and thus cannot be a part of a Volume Set. A Pass-Through disk is a separate and individual Raid Set. The disk is available to the host as an individual disk. It is typically used on a system where the operating system is on a disk not controlled by the RAID firmware.

To create pass-through disk, click on the **Create Pass-Through** link under the Physical Drives main menu. The setting function screen appears.

Select the disk drive to be made as Pass-Through Disk and configure the Pass-Through Disk attributes, such as the Cache Mode, Tagged Command Queuing, and SAS Port/LUN Base/LUN for this volume.

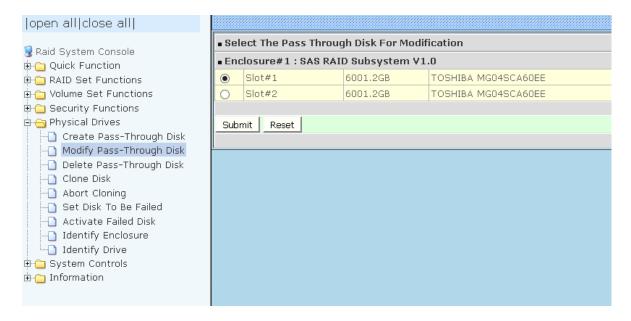


5.5.2 Modify a Pass-Through Disk

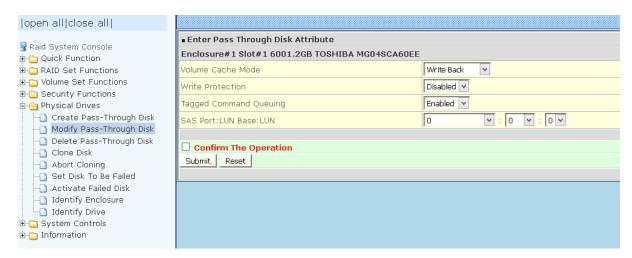
Use this option to modify the attribute of a Pass-Through Disk. User can modify the Cache Mode, Tagged Command Queuing, and SAS Port/LUN Base/LUN on an existing Pass-Through Disk.

To modify the Pass-Through drive attribute from the Pass-Through drive pool, click on the **Modify a Pass-Through Disk** link. The "Select The Pass-Through Disk For Modification" screen appears. Tick on the Pass-Through Disk from the Pass-Through drive pool and click on the **Submit** button to select the drive.

The Enter Pass-Through Disk Attribute screen appears. Modify the drive attribute values as you want.

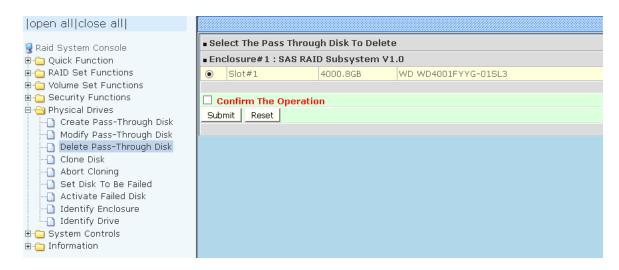


The Enter Pass-Through Disk Attribute screen appears. Modify the drive attribute values as you want.



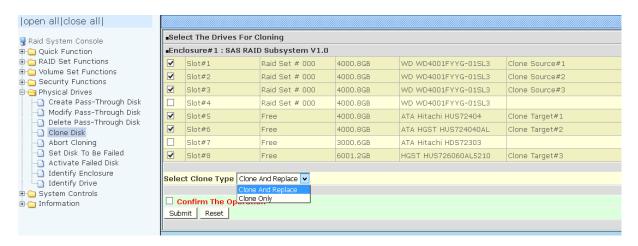
5.5.3 Delete Pass-Through Disk

To delete Pass-Through Disk from the Pass-Through drive pool, click on **Delete Pass-Through** link. Select a Pass-Through Disk, tick on the **Confirm The Operation**and click the **Submit** button to complete the delete action.



5.5.4 Clone Disk

Instead of deleting a RAID set and recreating it with larger disk drives, the "Clone Disk" function allows the users to replace larger disk drives to the RAID set that have already been created. Click on the "Clone Disk" option on the "Physical Drives" link to enable the clone function. If there is an available disk, then the "Select The Drives For Cloning" screen appears. There are two "Clone Disk" function options: "Clone And Replace" and "Clone Only."



Clone Disk Procedure

1. Select one of the members as the "Clone Source" (status indicated as Raid Set #) by clicking on the appropriate check box.

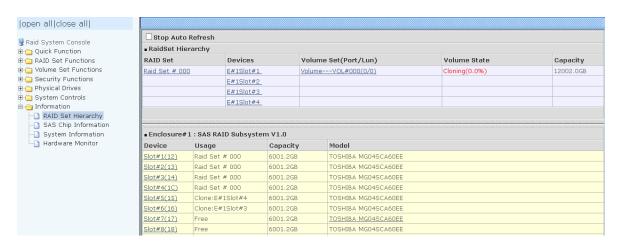


NOTE: An error message will be showed on the screen, when the selected disk is not in a Raid Set.



- 2. Select a "Clone Target" (status indicated as Free or Hot Spare) by clicking on the appropriate check box.
- 3. If you have available disk member, you can repeat above procedures to define another clone pair.
- 4. Select clone type.

The pair number for both the "Clone Source" and the "Clone Target" will be indicated in the screen. Tick on the "Confirm The Operation" check box and click on the "Submit" button on the screen; the controller will automatically start the cloning process using the existing "stand-by" (Free or Hot Spare drive) to clone the source drive (the Raid Set member drive). The cloning process percentage will be indicated in the "Volume State" area of the "RAID Set Hierarchy" screen. Completion of the Clone function process will be indicated by a notification message on the event log.



5.5.4.1 Clone And Replace

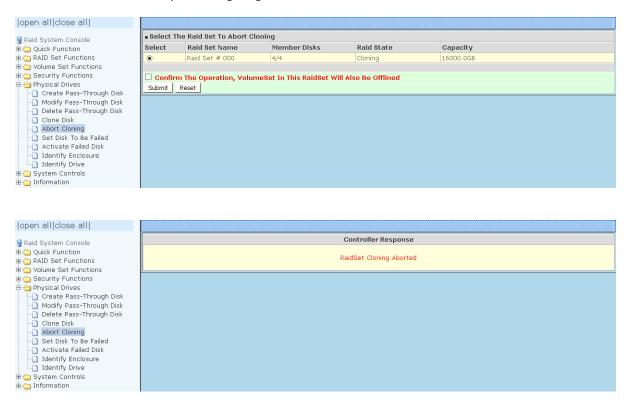
You can enlarge your logical drives by copying and replacing all member drives with drives of higher capacity. The existing data in the logical drives is copied onto the new drives, and then the original members are marked as "Offlined".

5.5.4.2 Clone Only

The stand-by disk will clone the logical drives without substituting it. The status of the stand-by drive will be marked as "Offlined" after the cloning process. The source drive will remain a member of the logical drive.

5.5.5 Abort Cloning

Use this function to stop the ongoing clone disk action.

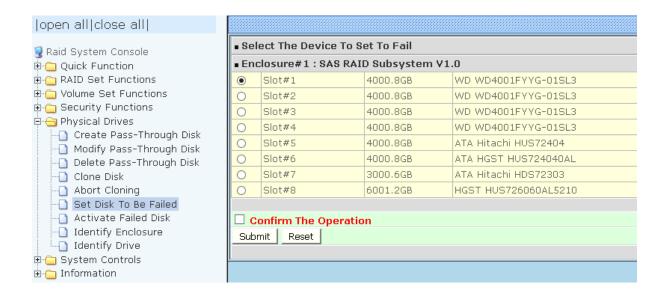


5.5.6 Set Disk To Be Failed

It sets a normal working disk as **failed** so that users can test some of the features and functions.



NOTE: When you want to set a disk as failed, please contact your vendor's support engineer for assistance.

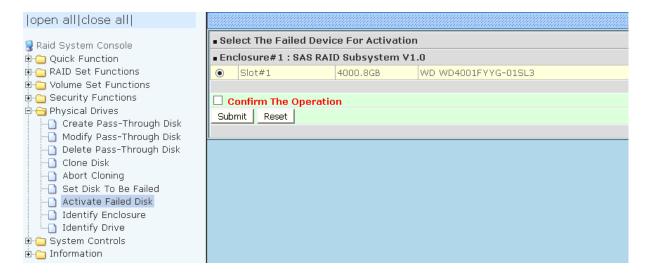


5.5.7 Activate Failed Disk

It forces the current **failed** disk in the system to be back online. **Activate Failed Disk** function has no effect on the removed disks, because a **removed** disk does not give the controller a chance to mark it as **failure**.

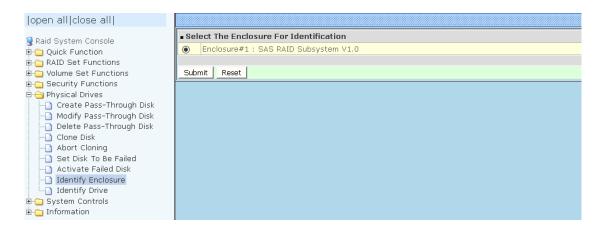
Followings are considered as Removed-Disk:

- (1). Manually removed by user
- (2). Losing PHY connection due to bad connector, cable, backplane
- (3). Losing PHY connection due to disk fail
 Basically, in the eyes of the controller, the disk suddenly disappears due to whatever reason.



5.5.8 Identify Enclosure

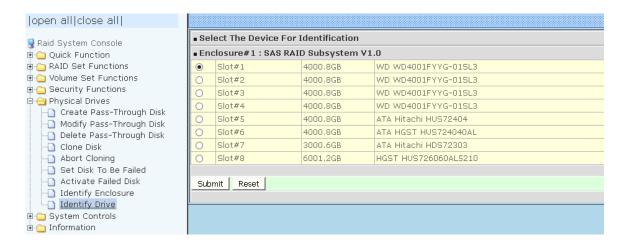
To identify an Enclosure, move the mouse cursor and click on **Identify Enclosure** link. The **Select The Enclosure For Identification** screen appears. Tick on the enclosure from the list of enclosures, then click on the **Submit** button to identify the selected enclosure. All disk drives' Status LEDs in an enclosure will be blinking when a particular enclosure is selected.



5.5.9 Identify Selected Drive

Use this option to physically locate a selected drive to prevent removing the wrong drive. When a disk drive is selected using the **Identify Drive** function, the Status LED of the selected disk drive will be blinking Red.

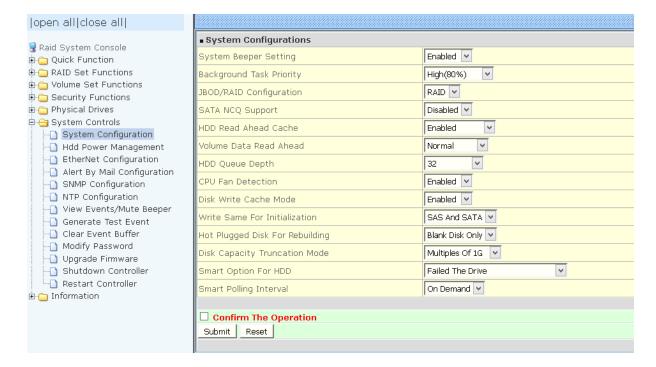
To identify a selected drive from the drives pool, click on the **Identify Drive** link. The "Select The IDE Device For identification" screen appears. Tick on the IDE device from the drives list. After completing the selection, click on the **Submit** button to identify selected drive.



5.6 System Controls

5.6.1 System Configuration

To set the RAID subsystem system configuration options, click the **System Configuration** link under the **System Controls** menu. The System
Configurations screen will be shown. Set the desired system option as needed.



System Beeper Setting:

This option is used to Disable or Enable the system's RAID controller alarm beeper.

Background Task Priority:

The Background Task Priority indicates how much time and system resource the RAID controller devotes to a background task, such as a rebuild operation. The RAID subsystem allows user to choose the background task priority (High 80%, Medium 50%, Low 25%, and Ultra Low 5%) to balance between background task process and Volume Set access. For high RAID subsystem performance, specify a low value.

JBOD/RAID Configuration:

The RAID subsystem supports JBOD and RAID configuration.

SATA NCQ Support:

NCQ is a command protocol in Serial ATA that can only be implemented on native Serial ATA hard drives. It allows multiple commands to be outstanding within a drive at the same time. Drives that support NCQ have an internal queue where outstanding commands can be dynamically rescheduled or re-ordered, along with the necessary tracking mechanisms for outstanding and completed portions of the workload. Disabled or Enable the SATA NCQ function.

HDD Read Ahead Cache:

This option allows the users to disable the cache of the HDDs on the RAID Subsystem. In some HDD models, disabling the cache in the HDD is necessary to prove the RAID Subsystem functions correctly. When Enabled, the drive's read ahead cache algorithm is used, providing maximum performance under most circumstances.

Volume Data Read Ahead:

This option allows the users to set the Volume Data Read Ahead function. Options are: Normal, Aggressive, Conservative, and Disabled.

HDD Queue Depth:

The queue depth is the number of I/O operations that can be run in parallel on a disk drive. This parameter is adjusted the queue depth capacity of NCQ (SATA HDD) or Tagged Command Queuing (SAS HDD) which transmits multiple commands to a single target without waiting for the initial command to complete. HDD Queue Depth options are 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, and 32.

CPU Fan Detection:

This option is used to Disable or Enable the system's CPU Fan Detection.

Disk Write Cache Mode:

The RAID subsystem supports Disk Write Cache Mode options: Auto, Enabled, and Disabled. If the RAID subsystem has BBM (battery backup module), selecting the Auto option will automatically enable Disk Write Cache. On the other hand, if there is no BBM, the Auto option will disable Disk Write Cache.

Write Same For Initialization:

Drives that support the Write Same feature (SCT) can write to multiple drive sectors at once, improving initialization time. To take advantage of this feature, all the drives in the unit must support Write Same. User can set the "SAS And SATA", "SAS Only", "SATA Only" or "Disabled" for the controller initialization.

Hot Plugged Disk For Rebuilding

It defines if the RAID array volume should start rebuilding or not when detects a disk is inserted/re-inserted during online.

The options are: Blank Disk Only, Always, and Disable. The default is **Blank Disk Only**.

Blank Disk Only: it will trigger the rebuilding if and only if the inserted disk has not been in the RAID array before, which has no RAID signature on it. So when a previously removed disk is self re-inserted, it won't trigger the degraded RAID array to rebuild, and so that the administrator has a chance to identify this misbehaving disk and replaces it.

Always: it is what it was before. Whenever a disk is inserted/ re-inserted whether new or previously existed, it always trigger a rebuilding for the Degraded RAID set/Volume.

Disable: it will not trigger rebuilding regardless what sort of disk plugging in. When **Disable** and/or **Blank Disk Only** is selected, the re-inserted/previously removed disk will be identified as a disk in a separate RAID set with duplicated RAIDset# and with all the rest of RAID members missing.

Disk Capacity Truncation Mode:

The RAID subsystem use drive truncation so that drives from different vendors are more likely to be able to be used as spares for each other. Drive truncation slightly decreases the usable capacity of a drive that is used in redundant units. Options are:

Multiples Of 10G: If you have several 120GB drives from different vendors, chances are that the capacity varies slightly. For example, one drive might be 121.1 GB, and the other 120.4 GB. This drive truncation mode makes the 121.1 GB and 120.4 GB drives same capacity as 120 GB so that one could replace the other.

Multiples Of 1G: If you have 120 GB drives from different vendors, chances are that the capacity varies slightly. For example, one drive might be 121.1 GB, and the other 121.4 GB. This drive truncation mode makes the 121.1 GB and 121.4 GB drives same capacity 121 GB so that one could replace the other.

No Truncation: The capacity of the disk drive is not truncated.

Smart Option For HDD

This option is used to increases the reliability of SSDs/HDDs by automatically copying data from a drive with potential to fail to a designated hot spare or newly inserted drive. The options are: Failed The Drive, Failed The Drive If Hot Spare Exist, and Alert Only. The default is **Alert Only**.

Failed The Drive- controllers kill off the SMART fail drive immediately. **Failed The Drive If Hot Spare Exist** – controllers kill off the SMART fail disk if hot spare dive is existed.

Alert Only – it will trigger alert when there happens a SMART failed drive.

Smart Polling Interval

Besides the scheduled volume check, user can define the Smart Pulling Interval to pull the SMART status of each disk. The default is **on demand**. User can schedule every certain period of time interval to pull the SMART status of each disk. When SMART pulling is executed, disk activity will be temporally halted until the SMART parameter reading is finished. That is why you don't want to set the Interval too frequent. What to use is up to the users to decide based on their applications and experiment results.

5.6.2 HDD Power Management

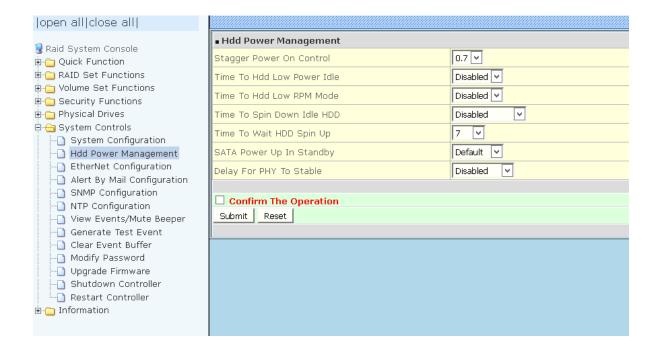
MAID (Massive Array of Idle Disks) is a storage technology that employs a large group of disk drives in which only those drives in active use are spinning at any given time.

This reduces power consumption and prolongs the lives of the drives.

MAID is designed for Write Once, Read Occasionally (WORO) applications such as Data Backup, Document, Mail server, and so on.

MAID technology focuses on "Green Storage Concept" to save power consumption and enhance disk drives effective usage, i.e., "disk drives are spun down when there is no activity or I/O on the drives".

In the RAID subsystem, MAID is implemented in the **HDD Power Management** menu. Using the **Advanced Power Management (APM)** function of disk drives, HDD Power Management has three options (MAID Levels): (Level 1) Place idle drives in Lower Power Mode, where the drives' heads are unloaded; (Level 2) Place idle drives in Low RPM Mode, where drives' heads are unloaded and slows down to around 4000 RPM; and (Level 3) Spin down idle drives, where drives stops spinning and goes into sleep mode.



Stagger Power On Control:

This option allows the RAID subsystem's power supply to power up in succession each HDD in the RAID subsystem. In the past, all the HDDs on the RAID subsystem are powered up altogether at the same time. This function allows the power transfer time (lag time) from the last HDD to the next one be set within the range of 0.4 to 6.0 seconds. Default is 0.7 seconds.

Time to HDD Low Power Idle: (MAID Level 1)

This option enables the RAID subsystem to place idle HDDs of a RAID Set in Low Power Mode, where drives' heads are unloaded. The power consumption of the Idle HDD saving is around 15% to 20%. Recovery time is under a second.

Options are: Disabled, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 (Minutes).

Time to HDD Low RPM Mode: (MAID Level 2)

This option enables the RAID subsystem to place idle HDDs of a RAID Set in Low RPM Mode, where drives' heads are unloaded and drive platters speed is reduced to around 4000 RPM. The power consumption of the Idle HDD saving is from 35% to 45%. Recovery time is 15 seconds.

Options are: Disabled, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 (Minutes).

Time to Spin Down Idle HDD: (MAID Level 3)

This option enables the RAID subsystem to spin down HDDs of a RAID Set after they become idle after a preset period of time. In this level, the drives stop spinning and go into sleep mode. The power consumption of the Idle HDD saving is from 60% to 70%. Recovery time is 30 to 45 seconds.

Options are: Disabled, 1 (For Test), 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, and 60 (Minutes).

Time To Wait HDD Spin Up

This option allows user to set the host system waiting time for HDD spin up. The values can be selected from 7 to 120 seconds.



NOTE: To verify if the disk drive you use supports APM, select RAIDSet Hierarchy and click the disk drive (E# Slot#) link. In the Device Information screen, check the Disk APM Support if "Yes".

SATA Power Up In Standby

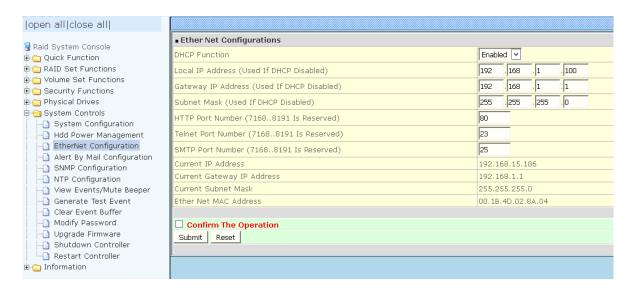
SATA Power Up In Standby (power management 2 mode, PM2) is a SATA disk drive configuration which prevents the drive from automatic spinup when power is applied. **Enabled** option allows the drive to be powered-up into the Standby power management state to minimize inrush current at power-up and to allow the controller to sequence the spinup of devices. It is mainly for server/workstation environments operating in multiple-drive configurations.

Delay for Phy to Stable

This function is used to increases the availability of the HDD unpredictable behavior. Delay timing can be set from 10 to 50 seconds, indicating the time that the controller waits, from the startup of the system until the hard drive is being detected. The default is **Disabled.**

5.6.3 EtherNet Configuration

To set the Ethernet configuration, click the **EtherNet Configuration** link under the System Controls menu. The EtherNet Configuration screen will be shown. Set the desired configuration. Once done, tick on the **Confirm The Operation** and click the **Submit** button to save the settings.

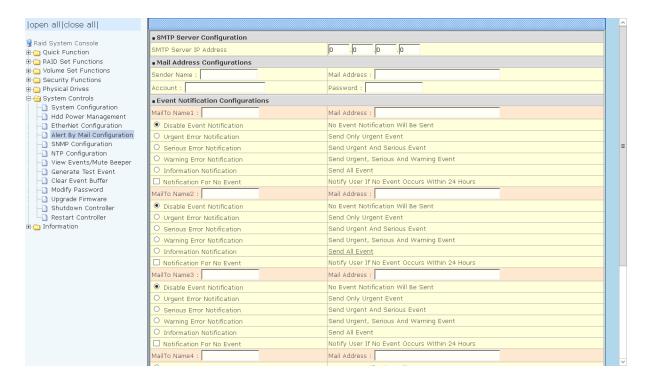




NOTE: If HTTP, Telnet and SMTP Port Number is set to "0", the service is disabled.

5.6.4 Alert By Mail Configuration

To set the Event Notification function, click on the **Alert By Mail Configuration** link under the System Controls menu. The Event Notification configuration screen will be shown. Set up the desired function and option. When an abnormal condition occurs, an error message will be emailed to the email recipient(s) that a problem has occurred. Events are classified into 4 levels (Urgent, Serious, Warning, and Information).





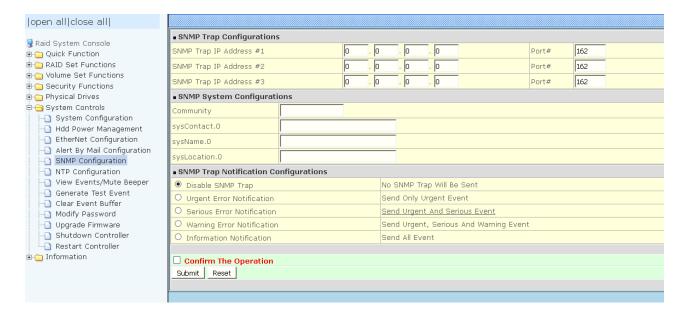
NOTE: If Event Notification by email is enabled, every 30 of event log will be sent to the email recipient(s) as one package log.

NOTE: If different email recipients are setup, the event notification levels for each email recipient can be configured differently. For example, first email recipient can be configured with "Urgent Error Notification" while second email recipient can be configured with "Serious Error Notification".

5.6.5 SNMP Configuration

The SNMP gives users independence from the proprietary network management schemes of some manufacturers and SNMP is supported by many WAN and LAN manufacturers enabling true LAN/ WAN management integration.

To set the SNMP function, move the cursor to the main menu and click on the **SNMP Configuration** link. The SNMP Configurations screen will be shown. Select the desired function and set the preferred option.



SNMP Trap Configurations: Type in the SNMP Trap IP Address box the IP address of the host system where SNMP traps will be sent. The SNMP Port is set to 162 by default.

SNMP System Configuration:

Community: Type the SNMP community. The default is public.

(1) sysContact 0 (2) sysLocation 0 and (3) sysName 0: SN

(1) **sysContact.0**, (2) **sysLocation.0**, and (3) **sysName.0**: SNMP parameter (31 bytes max). If these 3 categories are configured and when an event occurs, SNMP will send out a message that includes the 3 categories within the message. This allows user to easily define which RAID unit is having problem.

SNMP Trap Notification Configurations: Select the desired option.

After completing the settings, tick on the **Confirm The Operation** and click on the **Submit** button to save the configuration.

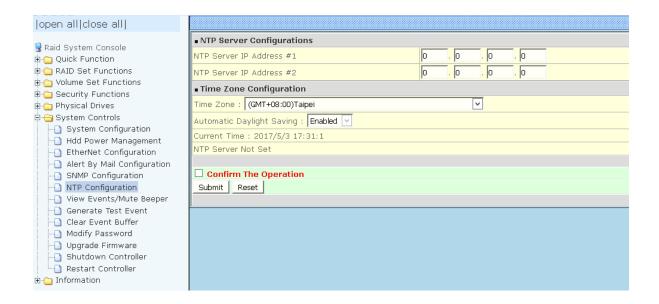
SNMP also works in the same as Alert By Mail when sending event notifications.

5.6.6 NTP Configuration

NTP stands for **Network Time Protocol**. It is an Internet protocol used to synchronize the clocks of computers to some time reference. Type the NTP Server IP Address to enable the RAID Subsystem to synchronize with it.

To set the NTP function, move the cursor to the main menu and click on the **NTP Configuration** link. The NTP Configuration screen will be displayed. Select the desired function and configure the necessary option.

After completing the settings, tick on the **Confirm The Operation** and click on the **Submit** button to save the configuration.



5.6.7 View Events / Mute Beeper

To view the RAID Subsystem's event log information, move the mouse cursor to the System Controls menu and click on the **View Events/Mute Beeper** link. The System Events Information screen appears.

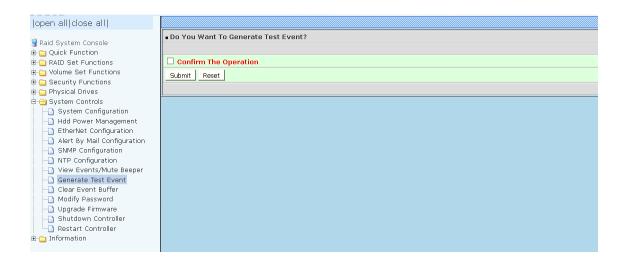
The System Events Information screen will show: Time, Device, Event type, Elapse Time and Errors.



This function is also used to silence the beeper alarm.

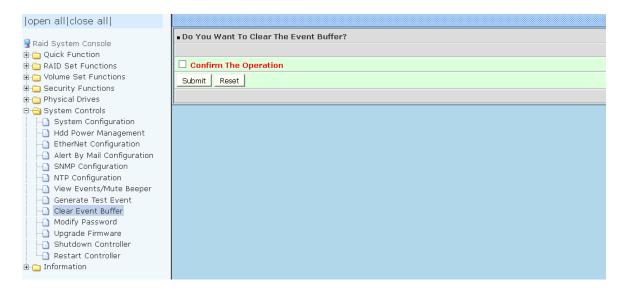
5.6.8 Generate Test Event

If you want to generate test events, move the cursor bar to the main menu and click on the **Generate Test Event** Link. Tick on the **Confirm The Operation** and click on the **Submit** button. Then click on the **View Events/Mute Beeper** to view the test event.



5.6.9 Clear Event Buffer

Use this feature to clear the RAID Subsystem's System Events Information buffer.



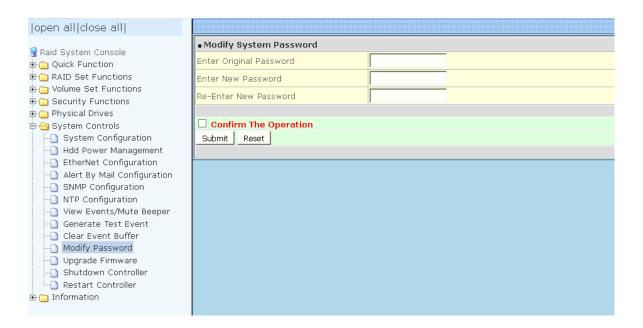
5.6.10 Modify Password

To change or disable the RAID Subsystem's admin password, click on the **Modify Password** link under the **System Controls** menu. The Modify System Password screen appears.

The factory-default admin password is set to **0000000**. Once the password has been set, the user or administrator can only monitor and configure the RAID Subsystem by providing the correct password.

The password is used to protect the RAID Subsystem's configuration from unauthorized access. The RAID controller will check the password only when entering the Main Menu from the initial screen. The RAID Subsystem will automatically go back to the initial screen when it does not receive any command after sometime.

To disable the password, enter only the original password in the **Enter Original Password** box, and leave both the **Enter New Password** and **Re-Enter New Password** boxes blank. After selecting the **Confirm The Operation** option and clicking the **Submit** button, the system password checking will be disabled. No password checking will occur when entering the main menu from the starting screen.





NOTE: The admin Password characters allowed are A' - Z', a' - Z', and G' - G'. The minimum number of Password characters is null/empty (Password is disabled) and maximum number of Password characters is 15.

5.6.11 Upgrade Firmware

Please refer to Section 6.2 for more information.

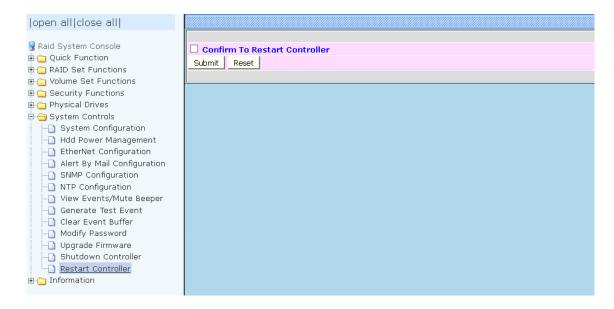
5.6.12 Shutdown Controller

Use this function to shutdown the RAID Controller. This is used to flush the data from the cache memory, and is normally done before powering off the system power switch.



5.6.13 Restart Controller

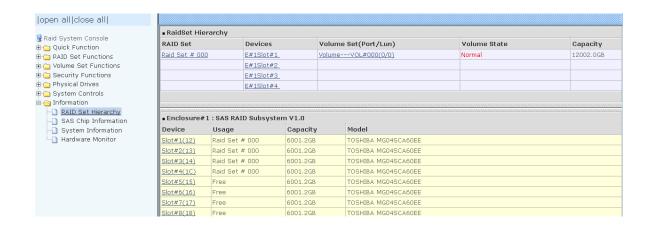
Use this function to restart the RAID Controller.



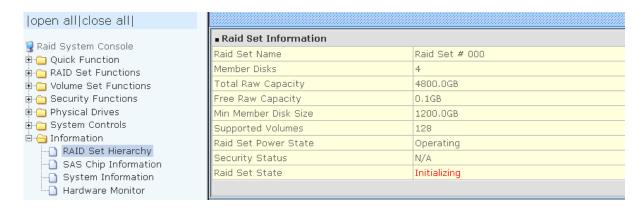
5.7 Information Menu

5.7.1 RAID Set Hierarchy

Use this feature to view the RAID subsystem's existing Raid Set(s), Volume Set(s) and disk drive(s) configuration and information. Select the **RAID Set Hierarchy** link from the **Information** menu to display the Raid Set Hierarchy screen.



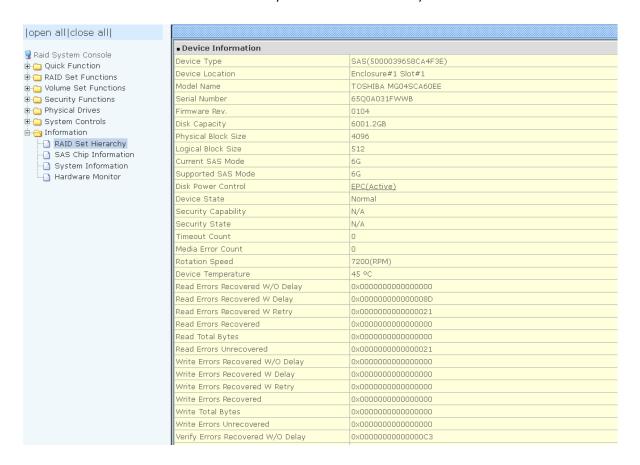
To view the Raid Set information, click the **Raid Set #** link from the Raid Set Hierarchy screen. The Raid Set Information screen appears.



Raid Set Power State has Operation and Spin down.

Raid Set State has Normal mode, Degraded mode and Incomplete mode.

To view the disk drive information, click the **E# Slot#** link from the Raid Set Hierarchy screen. The Disk Information screen appears. This screen shows various information such as timeout count, media error count, and SMART information.



To view the Volume Set information, click the **Volume---VOL#** link from the Raid Set Hierarchy screen. The Volume Set Information screen appears.



Volume State has Normal mode, Degraded mode, Initializing mode (Foreground or Background), Rebuilding mode, Checking mode, Migrating mode, Cloning and Failed mode.

5.7.2 SAS Chip Information

To view the SAS Chip Information of the RAID Controller, click the link SAS Chip Information.

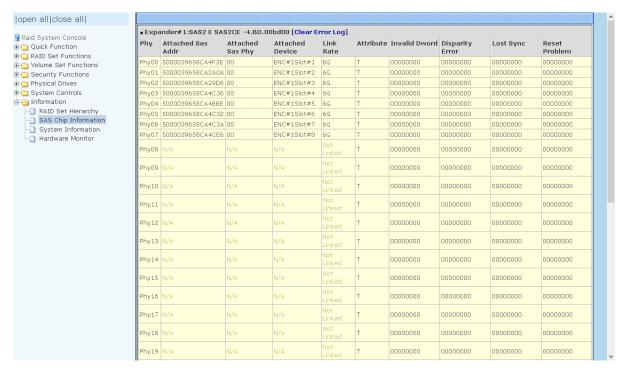


The SAS Address, Component Vendor, Component ID, Enclosure number, Number of Phys, and Attached Expander information will be shown.

User can click on controller and SAS expander # item on the "SAS Chip Information" screen. It will show statistic page for ports on the controller and SAS expander#.



NOTE: First to refresh of the fully statistic page by ticking the "Clear Error Log" option.



5.7.3 System Information

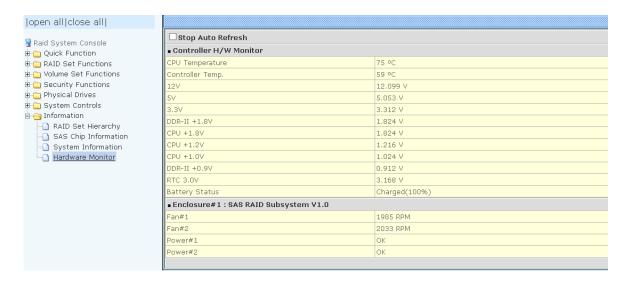
To view the RAID subsystem's controller information, click the **System Information** link from the **Information** menu. The Raid Subsystem Information screen appears.



The Controller Name, Firmware Version, BOOT ROM Version, PL Firmware Version, Serial Number, Unit Serial #, Main Processor, CPU ICache size, CPU DCache size, CPU SCache Size, System Memory, Current IP Address, SAS Address, SAS Port0 Link Status, SAS Port1 Link Status, and Dual Controller State appear in this screen.

5.7.4 Hardware Monitor

To view the RAID subsystem's hardware information, click the **Hardware Monitor** link from the **Information** menu. The Hardware Monitor Information screen appears.





NOTE: To disable auto refresh of GUI, tick the "Stop Auto Refresh" option.

The following are the states of Battery Backup Module(BBM):

| State | Description |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Not Installed | BBM is not installed |
| xx% | The percentage of battery remaining |
| Charged(100%) | BBM is completely charged |
| Failed | BBM is Failed. |

The Hardware Monitor Information provides the temperature, fan speed (chassis fan) and voltage levels of the RAID subsystem. All items are also unchangeable. When the threshold values are surpassed, warning messages will be indicated through the LCD, LED and alarm buzzer.

| Item | Warning Condition |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| CPU Temperature | > 90 Celsius |
| Controller Board Temperature | > 80 Celsius |
| HDD Temperature | > 65 Celsius |
| Fan Speed | < 700 RPM |
| Power Supply +12V | < 10.5V or > 13.5V |
| Power Supply +5V | < 4.7V or > 5.4V |
| Power Supply +3.3V | < 3.0V or > 3.6V |
| DDR-II +1.8V | < 1.62V or > 1.98V |
| CPU +1.8V | < 1.62V or > 1.98V |
| CPU +1.2V | < 1.08V or > 1.32V |
| CPU +1.0V | < 0.9V or > 1.1V |
| DDR-II +0.9V | < 0.81V or > 0.99V |
| RTC 3.0V | < 2.7V |

Chapter 6 System Maintenance

6.1 Upgrading the RAID Controller's Firmware

Upgrading Firmware Using Flash Programming Utility

Since the RAID subsystem's controller features flash firmware, it is not necessary to change the hardware flash chip in order to upgrade the controller firmware. User can simply re-program the old firmware through the RS-232 port. New releases of the firmware are available in the form of binary file at vendor's FTP. The file available at the FTP site is usually a self-extracting file that contains the following:

XXXXVVV.BIN Firmware Binary (where "XXXX" refers to the model name and "VVV" refers to the firmware version)

README.TXT It contains the history information of the firmware change. Read this file first before upgrading the firmware.

These files must be extracted from the compressed file and copied to one directory in the host computer.

Establishing the Connection for the RS-232

The firmware can be downloaded to the RAID subsystem's controller using an ANSI/VT-100 compatible terminal emulation program or web browser-based RAID Manager remote management page.

With terminal emulation program, you must complete the appropriate installation and configuration procedure before proceeding with the firmware upgrade. Whichever terminal emulation program is used must support the ZMODEM file transfer protocol.

Web browser-based RAID Manager can be used to update the firmware. A web browser must have been setup before proceeding with the firmware upgrade.

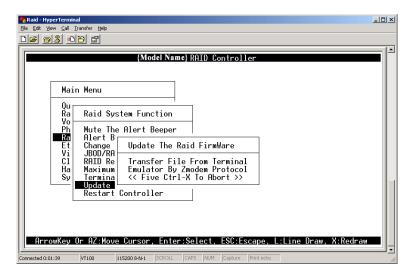
Upgrading Firmware Through ANSI/VT-100 Terminal Emulation

Get the new version firmware for your RAID subsystem controller. For Example, download the bin file from your vendor's web site into the local directory.

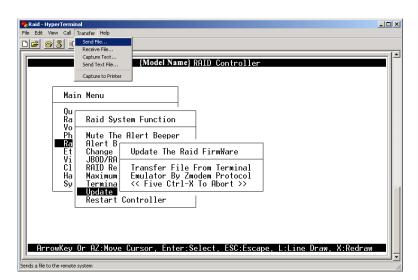


NOTE: When there is new boot ROM firmware that needs to be upgraded, upgrade first the boot ROM firmware. Then repeat the process (steps 1 to 9) to upgrade the firmware code after which a RAID controller restart will be necessary.

- 1. From the Main Menu, scroll down to "Raid System Function"
- 2. Choose the "Update Firmware". The **Update The Raid Firmware** dialog box appears.

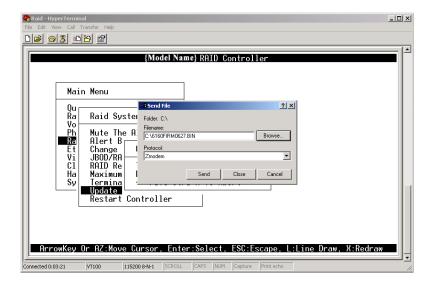


3. Go to the menu bar and click **Transfer**. Select **Send File**.

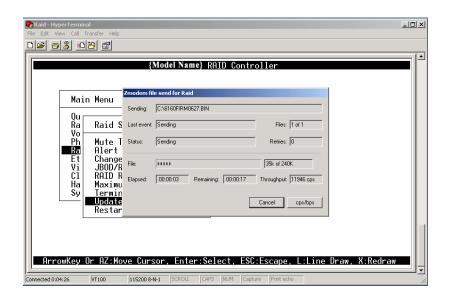


4. Select "ZMODEM modem" under Protocol to set ZMODEM as the file transfer protocol of your terminal emulation software.

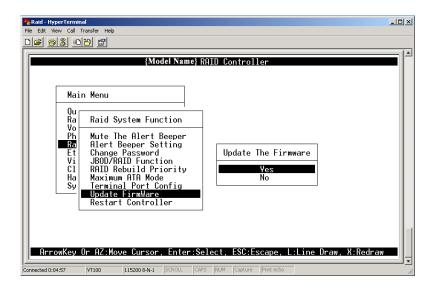
5. Click Browse. Look in the location where the firmware file was saved. Select the firmware file name "XXXXXXXXXBIN" and click Open.



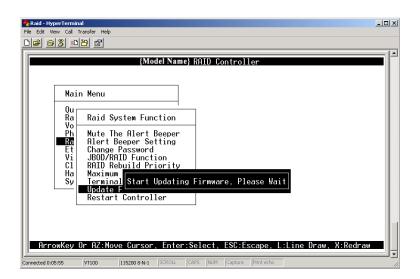
6. Click Send to send the firmware binary file to the RAID controller.



7. When the firmware downloading is completed, the confirmation screen appears. Select Yes to start programming the flash ROM.

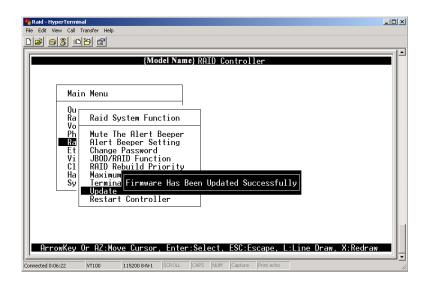


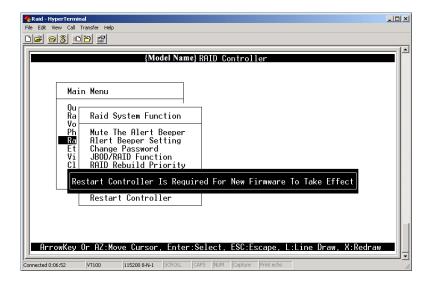
8. When the Flash programming starts, a message will show "Start Updating Firmware. Please Wait".



9. The firmware upgrade will take approximately thirty seconds to complete.

10. After the firmware upgrade is complete, a message will show "Firmware Has Been Updated Successfully". Restarting the RAID controller is required for the new firmware to take effect.





Upgrading Firmware Through Web Browser

Get the new version of firmware for your RAID subsystem controller.



NOTE: When there is new boot ROM firmware that needs to be upgraded, upgrade first the boot ROM firmware. Then repeat the process (steps 1 to 3) to upgrade the firmware code after which a RAID controller restart will be necessary.

- To upgrade the RAID subsystem firmware, click the **Upgrade Firmware** link under **System Controls** menu. The Upgrade The Raid System Firmware Or Boot Rom screen appears.
- 2. Click **Browse**. Look in the location where the firmware file was saved. Select the firmware file name "XXXXXXXX.BIN" and click Open.
- 3. Select the **Confirm The Operation** option. Click the **Submit** button.



- 4. The Web Browser begins to download the firmware binary to the controller and start to update the flash ROM.
- 5. After the firmware upgrade is complete, a message will show "Firmware Has Been Updated Successfully". Restarting the RAID controller is required for the new firmware to take effect.