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## M8 2RU Maintenance Guide

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**Protective Earth** — *This symbol identifies a Protective Earth (PE) terminal, which is provided for connection of the supply system's protective earth (green or green/yellow) conductor.*



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## Important Safety Instructions

- 1) Read these instructions.
- 2) Follow all instructions and heed all warnings.
- 3) Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- 4) The equipment's AC appliance inlets are the means to disconnect the product from the AC Mains and must remain readily operable for this purpose.
- 5) Parts of the equipment's power supplies can still present a safety hazard even when the product is in the "OFF" state. To avoid the risk of electrical shock and to completely disconnect the apparatus from the AC Mains, remove all power supply cords from the product's AC appliance inlets prior to servicing.
- 6) If the product nameplate indicates that the chassis is "Rack Mounted", it is to be rack mounted only. To ensure safe operation and maintain long-term system reliability, proper installation requires that the front and back area of the chassis remain clear of obstructions so as not to restrict airflow.
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8) No operator access to internal parts in this product. The power supply outputs are considered an Energy Hazard (>240VA). To avoid the risk of contact with the Energy Hazard and to completely de-energize the apparatus, remove all power supply cords from the product's AC appliance inlet(s) prior to servicing.



### **Warning**

9) Indoor Use: To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this apparatus to rain or moisture.



### **Warning**

10) This product includes an "Ethernet Port" which allows this product to be connected to a local area network (LAN). Only connect to networks that remain inside the building. Do not connect to networks that go outside the building.



### **Caution**

11) This apparatus contains a Lithium battery, which if replaced incorrectly, or with an incorrect type, may cause an explosion. Replace only with the same type recommended by the manufacturer. Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instruction by qualified service personnel.



### **Caution / Attention**

12) This unit may have more than one power supply cord. Disconnect all power supply cords before servicing to avoid electric shock / Cet appareil peut comporter plus d'un cordon d'alimentation. Afin de prévenir les chocs électriques, débrancher tous les cordons d'alimentation avant de faire le dépannage.

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# Introduction

Thank you for choosing a Ross Video XPression system.

Ross Video designed XPression with the needs of live production in mind. XPression is an easy to use, yet powerful, 3D graphics and character generator. There are a range of XPression systems tailored to suit a variety of needs

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## About This Guide

This guide covers the installation and maintenance of the XPression system. Refer to this guide and the accompanying *Quick Start Guide* when you first install or need to reconfigure your system.

If, at any time, you have questions pertaining to the operation of the XPression system, please contact Ross Video at the numbers listed in the section [Getting Help](#)<sup>24</sup>. Our technical staff are always available for consultation, training, or service.

## Documentation Conventions

Special text formats are used in this guide to identify parts of the user interface, text that a user must enter, or a sequence of menus and sub-menus that must be followed to reach a particular command.

<b>Bold text</b>	<p>Bold text identifies a user interface element such as a dialog box, menu item, or button.</p> <p>For example:</p> <p>In the <b>Slug</b> column, type a slug name for the story.</p>
<i>Italic text</i>	<p>Italic text is used to identify the titles of referenced guides, manuals, or documents.</p> <p>For example:</p> <p>For more information, refer to the <i>DashBoard User Guide</i>.</p>
<code>Courier text</code>	<p>Courier text identifies text that a user must type.</p> <p>For example:</p> <p>In the <b>Username</b> box, type <code>postgres</code>.</p>
<a href="#">Hypertext</a>	<p>Identifies a hyperlink to a related topic.</p>

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XPression documentation is available online at [Product Documentation](#) and is also accessible on the product USB key and by clicking on the **Help** icon in the user interface.

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
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# Hardware Overview

This chapter provides a brief overview of the XPression 2RU system hardware.

The topics described in this chapter are:

[Front View of the System](#) 

[Power and Alarm LED Area](#) 

[HDD Power and Status LED Area](#) 

[Rear Input/Output Connections](#) 

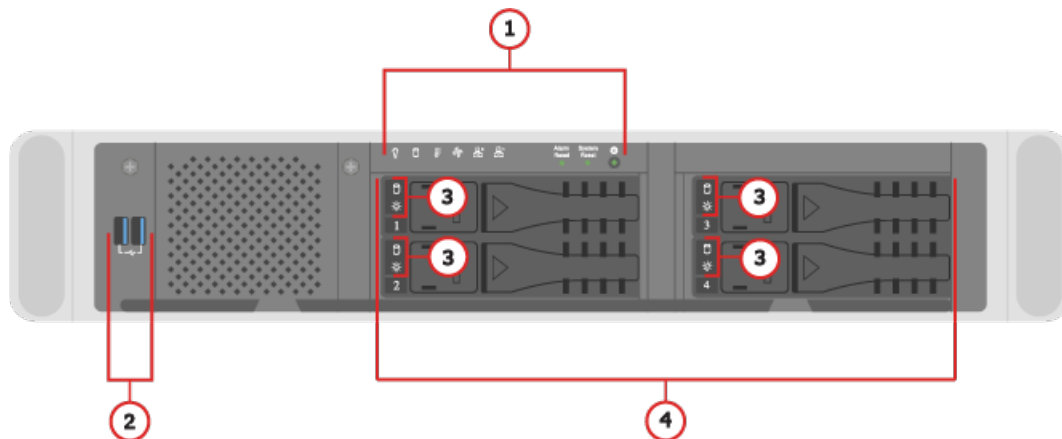
[IP Rear Input/Output Connections](#) 

[Rear Peripheral Connections](#) 

[Power Supply](#) 

## Front View of the System

The following diagram displays the front of the XPression 2RU system with the front door removed. Descriptions of individual components are contained in the legend below the diagram.



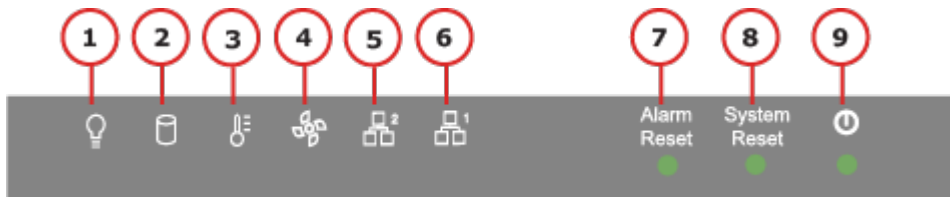
**Figure 2.1** Front View of XPression 2RU System

- 1) **Power and Alarm LED Area** — This area includes the XPression 2RU Power button and alarm LEDs for system components.  
Refer to the section [Power and Alarm LED Area](#) <sup>5</sup> for more information.
- 2) **USB Ports** — These ports can be used to transfer media to and from USB drives.
- 3) **HDD Power and Status LED Area** — This area includes the alarm LEDs for the HDD hardware.  
Refer to the section [HDD Power and Status LED Area](#) <sup>6</sup> for more information.
- 4) **System Drives** — XPression 2RU systems are equipped with four system drives in a RAID 1+0 configuration to provide redundancy in case of a drive failure.  
This arrangement allows for a single drive failure without loss of data or performance.

## Power and Alarm LED Area

The Power and Alarm LED area is located on the front of the XPression 2RU system, in the middle top of the chassis above the first RAID array. This area contains the Power button for the XPression 2RU system, as well as activity and alarm LEDs for system components. Refer to the section [Front View of the System](#) to locate the Power and Alarm LED Area on the front of the XPression system.

The following diagram displays the **Power LED** area of the XPression system. Individual components are described in the legend below the diagram.



**Figure 2.2** Power and Alarm LED Area

- 1) **Power Active Indicator LED** — This LED is active when the system is powered on.
- 2) **Hard Disk Activity LED** — This LED activates when there is read/write activity on any system hard disk.
- 3) **Temperature Status LED** — This LED is blue when the temperature in the chassis is normal. It is red when there is an alarm.
- 4) **Cooling Fan Status LED** — This LED is blue when the cooling fan in the chassis is operating normally. It is red when there is an alarm.
- 5) **Network 2 Activity LED** — This LED is not active.
- 6) **Network 1 Activity LED** — This LED is not active.
- 7) **Alarm Reset Button** — Press this button to stop the audible alarm beep when a system alarm is active. Always check that the system is running properly when the alarm is activated.
- 8) **System Reset Button** — Press this button to reset the system after a hardware or software failure. Pressing this button also reboots the system.
- 9) **Power Button** — Press this button to begin the boot procedure. When the system is turned on and there is a hardware or software failure, press this button to reboot the system.

## HDD Power and Status LED Area

The HDD Power and Status LED area is located on the front left side of each of the four XPression 2RU system drives. Refer to the section [Front View of the System](#) to locate the HDD Power and Status LED Area on the front of the XPression 2RU system.

The following diagram displays the HDD Power and Status LED Area of the XPression 2RU system. Individual components are described in the legend below the diagram.

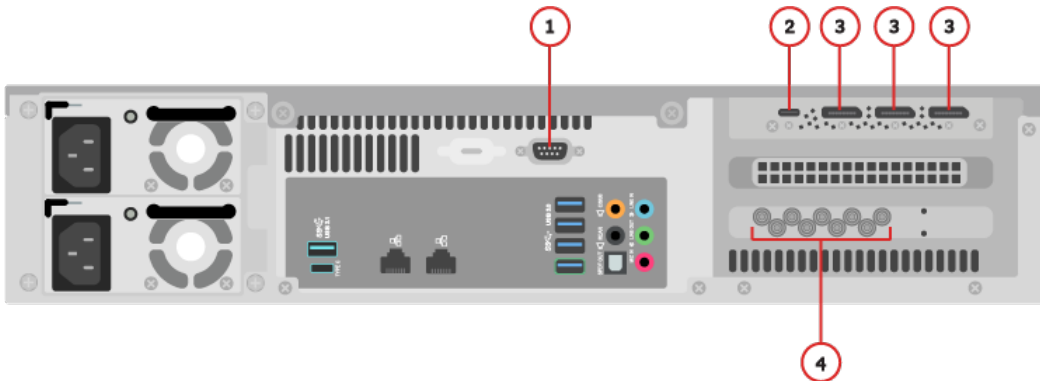


**Figure 2.3** HDD Power and Status LED Area

- 1) **HDD Status LED** — This LED activates when there is read/write activity on the respective system hard disk.
- 2) **HDD Power Status LED** — This LED is green when the respective system hard disk powered on. If it is not turned on, check that the system hard disk is connected properly.

## Rear Input/Output Connections

The following diagram displays the **Input/Output** portion of the XPression 2RU base system. Individual components are described in the legend below the diagram.

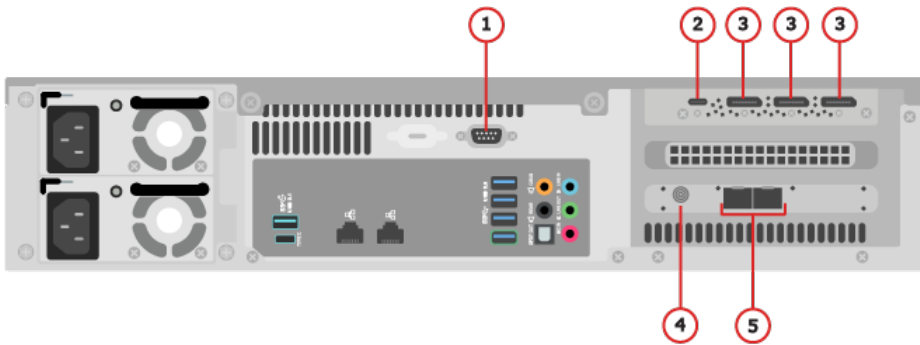


**Figure 2.4** XPression 2RU Base Rear Input/Output Connections

- 1) **RS232 Port** — Provides GPI and CII command functionality.
- 2) **USB-C Port** — Provides output for a computer monitor. Ensure the correct USB-C port to display port adapter is used.
- 3) **Display Ports** — Three display ports provide output for computer monitors. Ensure the correct display port to DVI adapters are used (DVI-D or DVI-I).
- 4) **HD-BNC Connectors** — Provides SDI video input and output, as well as analog reference.  
Refer to [Appendix B: HD-BNC Input and Output Configuration](#) <sup>51</sup> for further information.

## IP Rear Input/Output Connections

The following diagram displays the Input/Output portion of the XPression 2RU IP system. Individual components are described in the legend below the diagram.



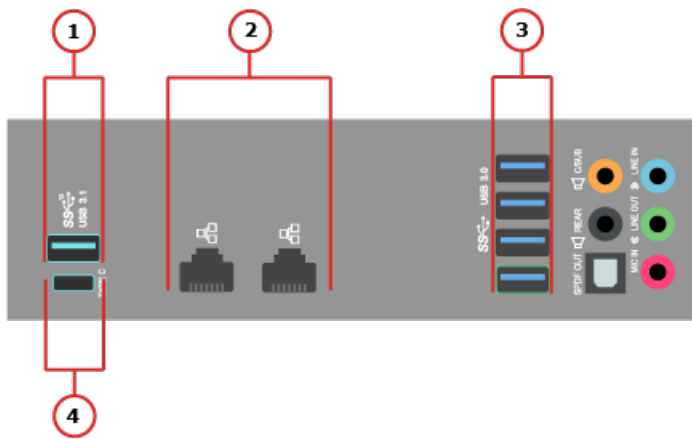
**Figure 2.5** XPression 2RU IP Base Rear Input/Output Connections

- 1) **RS232 Port** — Provides GPI and CII command functionality.
- 2) **USB-C Port** — Provides output for a computer monitor. Ensure the correct USB-C port to display port adapter is used.
- 3) **Display Ports** — Three display ports provide output for computer monitors. Ensure the correct display port to DVI adapters are used (DVI-D or DVI-I).
- 4) **Reference HD-BNC Connector** — Analog reference input when using SMPTE ST 2022-6 protocol.
- 5) **SFP Cages** — Two cages for a small form-factor pluggable (SFP) for attaching network cabling. The second cage is used if using redundancy.



## Rear Peripheral Connections

The following diagram displays the peripheral connections. Individual components are described in the legend below the diagram.



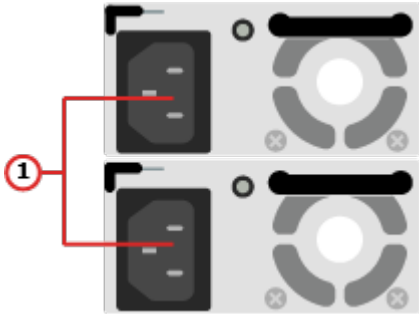
**Figure 2.6** Rear Peripheral Connections

- 1) **USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type-A Port** — Use this port to connect peripheral devices such as a keyboard or mouse to the system. This port can also be used to transfer media to and from USB drives.  
The port supports a maximum of 5 Gbit/s.  
Use of USB 3.1 certified cable and devices are required for USB 3.1 super-speed data rates.
- 2) **10 Gigabit LAN Controller Ports** — Use the two 10 Gigabit LAN controller ports to connect the XPression system to an internal network. These ports can be used for high-speed file transfer between the XPression system and other computers on the internal network.
- 3) **USB 3.0 Ports** — Use these ports to connect peripheral devices such as a keyboard or mouse to the system. These ports can also be used to transfer media to and from USB drives.
- 4) **USB 3.1 Gen 2 Type-C Port** — Use this port to connect peripheral devices such as a keyboard or mouse to the system. This port can also be used to transfer media to and from USB drives.  
The port supports a maximum of 5 Gbit/s.  
★ Use of USB 3.1 certified cable and devices are required for USB 3.1 super-speed data rates.

## Power Supply

The XPression 2RU system has two identical hot-swappable power supply modules, located at the rear of the system on the left-hand side. Since the system requires a minimum of one power supply module to operate, only one power supply module can be hot-swapped at a time. Each power supply module can be attached to a separate power circuit to provide redundancy in case of power failure.

The diagram displays the parts of the power supply modules for the XPression 2RU system. Individual components are described in the legend below the diagram.



**Figure 2.7** XPression 2RU System Power Supply Module

- 1) **A/C Power Cord Connection** — Connect the female end of the power cord to this connector, and the male end to a power circuit.

# Hardware Installation

This chapter provides installation instructions for the XPression 2RU system hardware.

The topics described in this chapter are:

[Inspecting the Shipping Container Contents](#) .

[Installation Requirements](#) .

[Installation Instructions](#) .

## Unpacking the Unit

Unpack the XPression 2RU system from the shipping container(s), and check the contents against the packing list to ensure all items are included. If any items are missing or damaged, contact your sales representative or Ross Video for assistance.

# Installation Requirements

For safe installation and operation of your equipment, note the following installation requirements:

- **Maximum Ambient Temperature** — Install the equipment in an environment compatible with the equipment's maximum ambient temperature (T<sub>ma</sub>). If installed in a closed or multi-rack assembly, the ambient operating temperature of the rack environment may be greater than that of the room.

This equipment has an operating temperature range of 0° C to 35° C. The ambient temperature in the rack shall not exceed this temperature range.

- **Reduced Air Flow** — When installing the equipment in a rack, or as a desktop/tower, ensure that there is sufficient airflow to safely operate the equipment.

A minimum clearance of 0.25" on each side of the equipment must be maintained after installation in the rack.

- **Mechanical Loading** — Equipment must be evenly balanced when loaded into a rack to ensure the stability of the unit. Uneven mechanical loading is hazardous.
- **Circuit Overloading** — Check the nameplate rating of the equipment when connecting to a supply circuit. Overloading the circuits may be hazardous to the overcurrent protection and supply wiring.
- **Reliable Earthing** — Maintain reliable earthing of rack and desktop/tower mounted equipment. Give particular attention to supplementary supply connections (e.g., use of power strips).

## Installing the System in an Equipment Rack

The XPression 2RU system is designed to be mounted in a 19 inch wide equipment rack using the slide rails supplied in the rack mount kit.

- **Rack Units** — 2 RU
- **Width** — 16.9 inches (43.0 cm), 19 inches (48.3 cm) including handles
- **Height** — 3.46 inches (8.8 cm)
- **Depth** — 20.67 inches (52.5 cm), 24.4 inches (6.20 cm) including handles

The slide rails must be installed onto the XPression 2RU system before it can be mounted in an equipment rack. Instructions for mounting the slide rails onto the XPression 2RU system and equipment rack are included with the rack mount kit in the XPression 2RU system shipping box.

★ Failure to install the XPression 2RU system into an equipment rack using the supplied rack mount kit will void the XPression 2RU system warranty.

# Attaching the Cables

Follow the instructions below to attach the cables to the XPression 2RU system.

## To attach the cables to the XPression 2RU system:

1. On the back of the XPression 2RU system, connect the supplied line cords to the two power supplies, then plug the line cord(s) into a grounded outlet.

The power supplies are auto-sensing and can accept line voltages from 100 through 240 VAC. The XPression 2RU system is equipped with two power supplies in a 1+1 redundant configuration. One power supply is required to run the XPression 2RU system.

2. Plug the supplied **USB keyboard** into a **USB port** on the front or back of the unit.
3. Plug the supplied **USB mouse** into a **USB port** on the front or back of the unit.
4. Connect a monitor (customer supplied), to a **Display Port**.

Ensure the correct display port to DVI adapters are used (DVI-D or DVI-I). A monitor can also be connected to the **USB-C port** using a **USB-C** to display port adapter.

Additional monitors can be connected to either of the other two **Display Ports** to provide additional space for virtual preview channels, custom applications, web page capture, and more.

If using analog output, connect a monitor to a display port connector using a display port to VGA converter.

★ KVM extenders (customer supplied) are required when the XPression 2RU system monitor, keyboard, and mouse are located remotely from the rack room.

5. Plug an Ethernet cable from the internal network into one of the **10 Gigabit LAN Controller** ports.

XPression 2RU systems can run standalone or accept a network connection if required to connect to a production network. XPression 2RU systems also use this TCP/IP network connection to support the Smart GPI / RossTalk Feature.

6. Connect the Genlock signal cable to the **REF** (reference in) **HD-BNC connector**. This connection is required to lock the XPression 2RU system to the video timing of the facility. The XPression 2RU system supports the following types of Genlock signal:

- **Analog Blackburst** — a composite color video signal comprised of sync, color burst, and black video. Also called "color black", "house sync", or "house black". Typically used as the house reference synchronization signal.
- **Tri-Level Sync** — a three-level pulse synchronization signal used in high definition systems (recommended for HD installations).

7. Connect the **HD-BNC** end of the pigtail cables to HD-BNC connectors 1 to 8 and attach the SDI cables to the BNC end of the pigtails according to their required destination. See the *XPression User Guide* or **Help** file for information about configuring the key and fill for the **HD-BNC** connectors.

Refer to the section, [Appendix B: HD-BNC Input and Output Configuration](#) for further information on configuring the outputs.

The XPression 2RU system provides HD-BNC inputs. For facilities requiring analog inputs, additional outboard analog to digital conversion equipment is also available from Ross Video.

# Powering the System Up and Down

This section describes how to power the system up and how to shut it down.

## Powering Up the System

Once the cables are attached and the system has been connected to a power source, you can power up the XPression 2RU system.

### To power up the system:

1. Open the front door of the XPression 2RU system.
2. Press the **Power** button to begin the boot procedure.
3. Close the front door to protect the system from dust.

## Powering Down the System

Whenever the XPression 2RU system needs to be powered down, use the following procedure.

### To power down the system:

1. Log on to the XPression 2RU system with the user name **xpression**, with no password.
2. Go to the **Start** menu, and select **Shut down**.

The XPression 2RU system shuts down.

# Hard Drive Maintenance

XPression utilizes a software-based Redundant Array of Independent Drives (RAID) system in conjunction with an Intel® Rapid Storage Technology enterprise. This setup relies on the Windows operating system and host processor to perform all of the RAID functionality.

The topics described in this chapter are:

[Intel® Rapid Storage Manager](#)  16

[RAID Array Consistency Check and Repair](#)  18

[RAID Array Drive Replacement](#)  20



**Warning** — *Always use proper Windows shutdown procedure. NEVER HARD POWER OFF THE UNIT. Hard shutdown may cause failures in the RAID, taking one or more drives offline.*



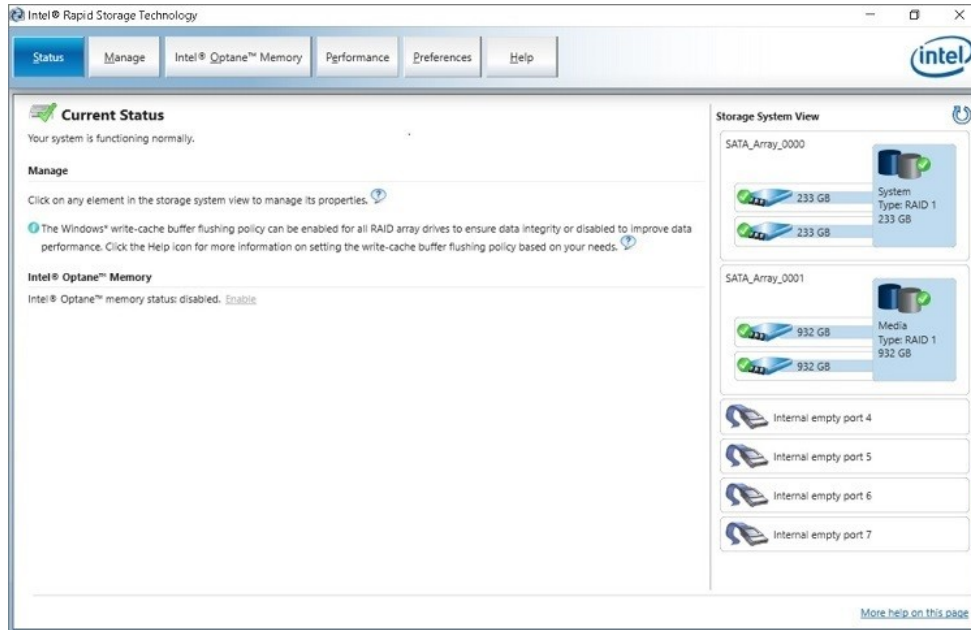
# Intel® Rapid Storage Manager

The Intel Rapid Storage Manager is used to manage, maintain, and monitor the XPression 2RU server RAID array.

Use the following procedure to open the Intel Rapid Storage Manager.

## To open the Intel Rapid Storage Manager:

1. Log in to the **XPression 2RU** system.
2. In **Windows**, go to the **Start** menu, and then select **Intel > Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology**.



*Intel Rapid Storage Manager — Status Panel*

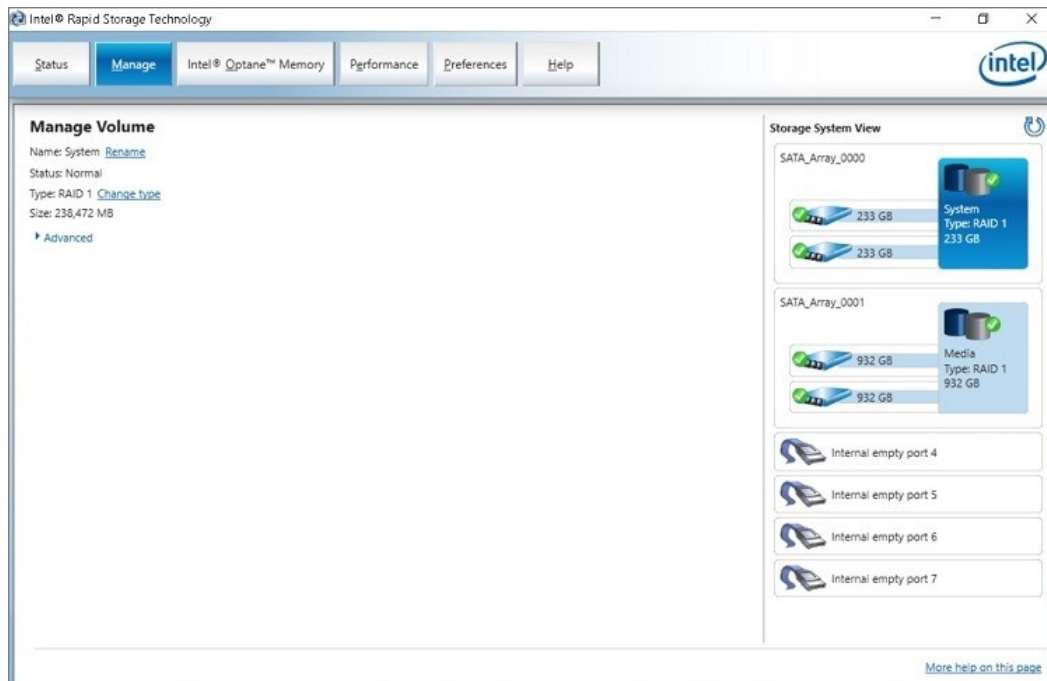
# RAID Array Consistency Check and Repair

It is important to check the XPression RAID array for consistency. Consistency checks ensure that all drives are functioning and that damaged sections are repaired. It is recommended to perform consistency checks on a weekly basis.

★ Consistency checks can affect the performance of the XPression 2RU server. Schedule consistency checks to be performed when the XPression 2RU is not in use.

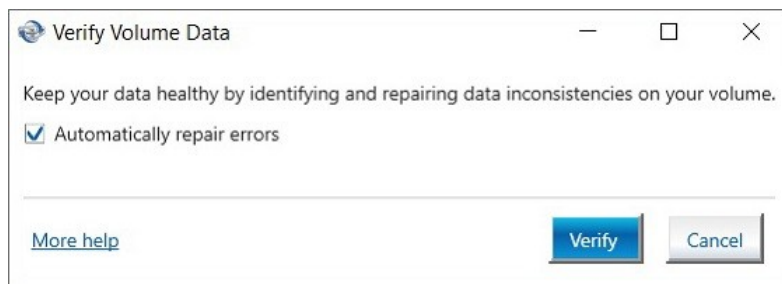
## To run a consistency check and repair on the XPression RAID array:

1. Open the **Intel Rapid Storage Manager**.
2. In the **Intel Rapid Storage Manager**, select **Manage**.



*Intel Rapid Storage Manager — Manage Panel*

3. From the **Storage System View** list, select a RAID Array to check and repair:
  - **SATA\_Array\_0000**
  - **SATA\_Array\_0001**
4. On the **Manage Volume** panel, expand the **Advanced** menu, and then select **Verify**.

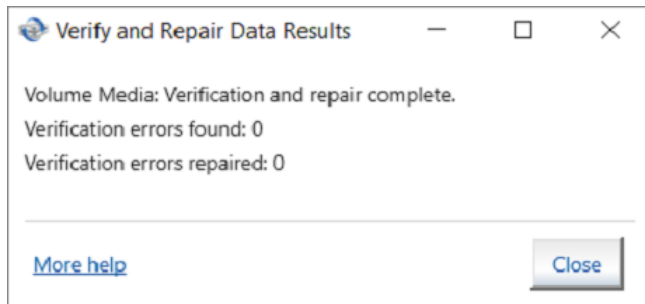


*Verify Volume Data*

5. Select the **Automatically repair errors** checkbox, and then select **Verify**.

The **Intel Rapid Storage Manager** begins to check for, and repair data inconsistencies on the selected RAID Array.

Once the repairs are finished, a **Verification and Data Repair Results** dialog opens.



*Verification and Data Repair results*

6. Select **Close**.

The verification and repair is completed.

**For more information on:**

- opening the MegaRAID storage manager, refer to the procedure [To open the Intel Rapid Storage Manager](#)<sup>18</sup>.

# RAID Array Drive Replacement

If a single drive fails in the XPression 2RU RAID array, the system is protected from data loss. Replace the failed drive as soon as possible and rebuild the data from the failed drive onto a new drive, to restore the system to fault tolerance.

In the **Intel Rapid Storage Manager**, failed drives are highlighted by a yellow warning icon (⚠) displayed to the left of the image of the drive. The drive is also displayed in gray when in a failed state.

Rebuilding a drive consumes bandwidth on the XPression server and is ideally done during off hours, or when the server has a low workload.

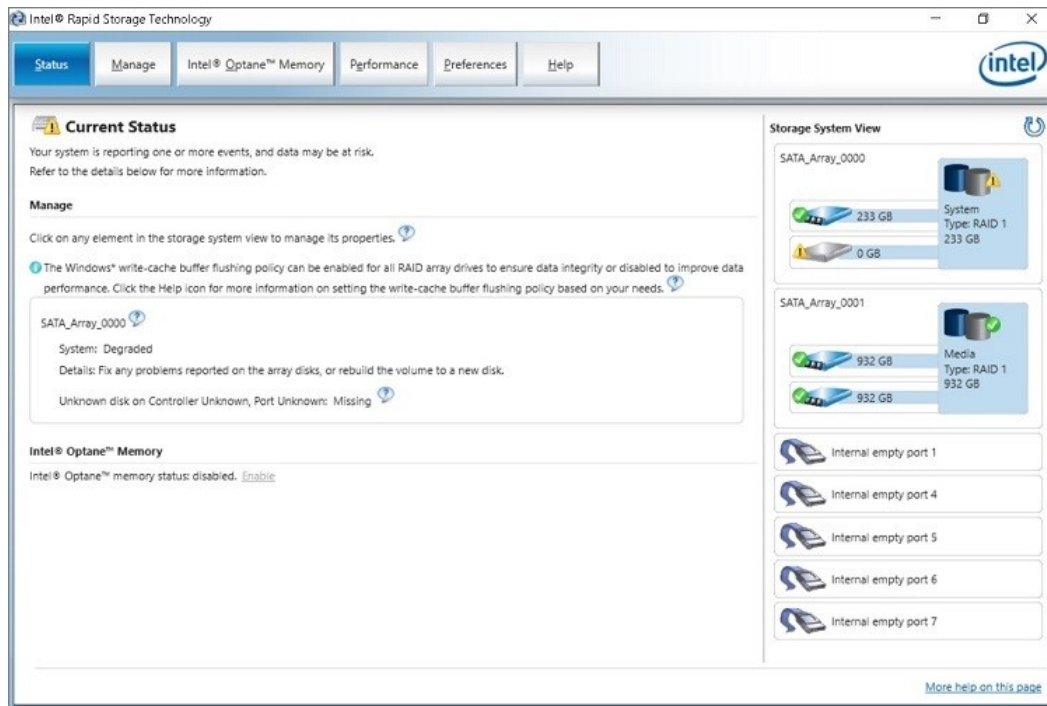
★ To prevent accidental data loss, back up all data before replacing a drive in the XPression 2RU RAID array.

★ Depending on the server workload, rebuilding a drive could take up to three hours to complete.

## To rebuild a failed drive:

1. Open the **Intel Rapid Storage Manager**.

The **Status** panel reports that data may be at risk, and any failed drive displays the yellow warning icon(⚠).



*Intel Rapid Storage Manager — Status Panel, Risk Warning*

2. Remove the failed drive.

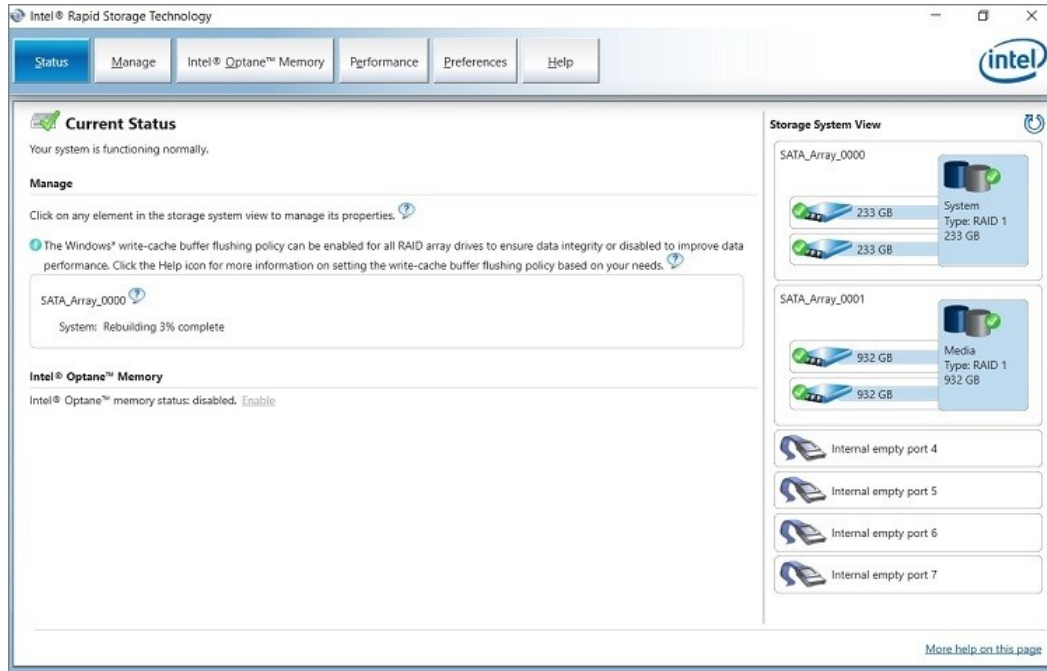
For instructions on removing a drive from the chassis, refer to the procedure [To remove a system drive](#) 22.

3. Insert a new replacement drive of the same size or greater.

★ Do not use a smaller drive.

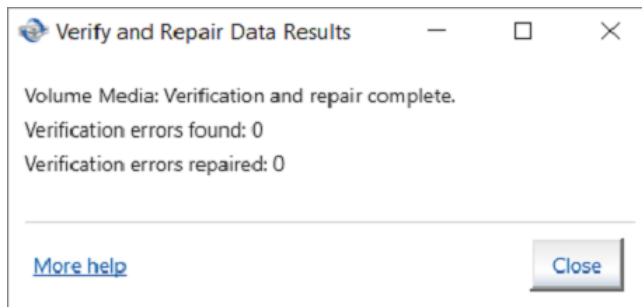
For instructions on inserting a new drive into the chassis, refer to the procedure [To install a system drive](#) <sup>22</sup>.

Once the new drive has been inserted into the chassis, the **Intel Rapid Storage Manager** starts to rebuild the drive.



*Intel Rapid Storage Manager — Status Panel, System Normal*

Once the rebuild is finished, a **Verification and Data Repair Results** dialog opens.



*Verification and Data Repair Results*

4. Select **Close**.

The verification and repair is complete.

**For more information on:**

- opening the Intel Rapid Storage Manager, refer to the procedure [To open the Intel Rapid Storage Manager](#) <sup>20</sup>.

# Hardware Maintenance

This chapter provides information on maintaining the XPression 2RU systems.

The topics described in this chapter are:

[Replacing an XPression 2RU System Drive](#) 

[Removing and Reinstalling the Top Panel](#) 

[Replacing Cooling Fans](#) 

[Replacing Power Supply Modules](#) 

[Accessing the USB Security Dongle](#) 

★ This section uses images from the XPression 2RU base system for demonstrative purposes for both the base system and the prime system. Any physical differences between the base and the prime systems do not impact the following procedures unless noted.



**Caution** — *Danger of explosion if the system lithium battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace **only** with the same or equivalent type of battery recommended by the manufacturer. A qualified service person must dispose of the used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.*

# Replacing a System Drive

This topic describes how to replace a system drive by first removing the old drive, and then installing a new drive. The XPression system drives are capable of being hot-swapped while the system is running.

★ When hot-swapping system drives, only one system drive can be removed at any time.



**Protective Earth** — Static discharge can cause serious damage to sensitive devices. Avoid handling any hard drive in high static environments such as carpeted areas and when synthetic fiber clothing is worn. Touch the chassis to dissipate static charge before removing hard drives from the system, and exercise proper grounding precautions when working around the XPression system.

## To remove a system drive:

1. Open the front door of the XPression 2RU system.



2. On the front of the drive sled, slide the lock button to the left to unlock the drive sled lever.





3. Press the left end of the drive sled lever and pull the lever outward.



4. Gently slide the drive sled out of the drive bay using the black lever.  
As the drive sled is pulled from the drive bay, place a hand underneath it for support.





5. Using a Phillips head screwdriver, remove the four screws from the drive sled.



6. Gently remove the drive from the drive sled, placing it to one side on a flat surface.  
The drive sled is now empty and ready for the installation of a new drive.

**To install a system drive:**

1. Place the new drive onto the sled with the with label facing upwards and the connectors at the open end of the sled.



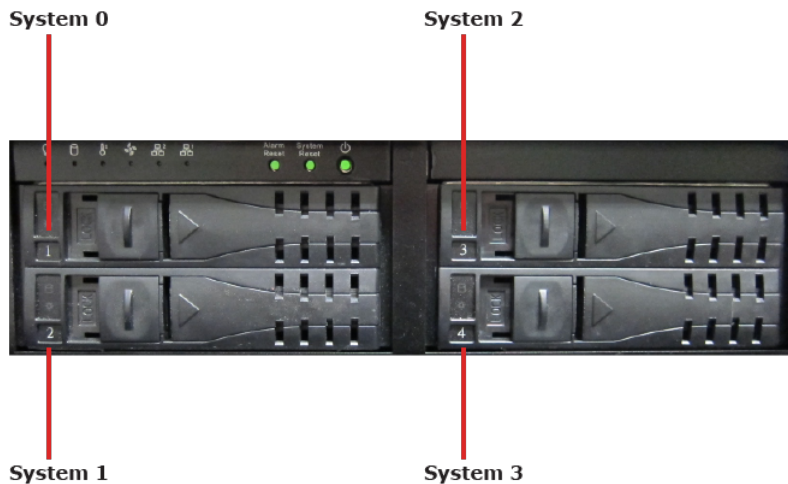
2. Align the 4 screw holes on the drive with the screw holes on the bottom of the sled.

3. Insert the 4 screws into the screw holes, and tighten using a Phillips head screwdriver.



The drive is now ready to be re-inserted into the XPression system.

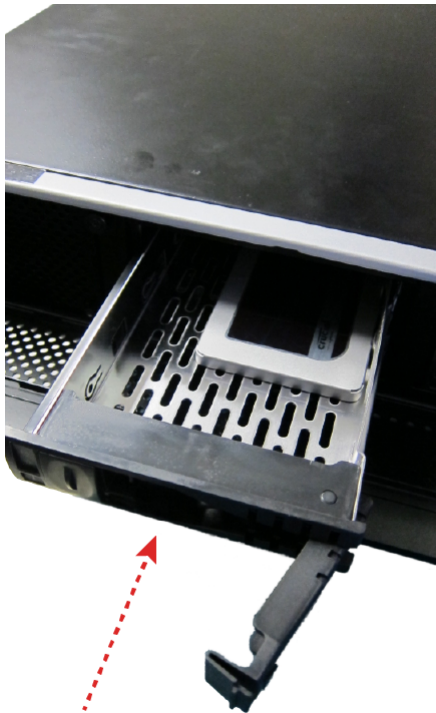
4. Use the drive bay map below to locate the drive in the XPression system that matches the drive sled being returned to the XPression system.



★ The drive number on the drive sled is not representative of the drive number in the storage manager software. The physical numbers on the drive sleds represent the system drives in the RAID storage manager as follows:

- Drive Sled 1 = System 0
- Drive Sled 2 = System 1
- Drive Sled 3 = System 2
- Drive Sled 4 = System 3

5. If the drive sled lever has been closed and relocked since removal:
  - a. On the front of the drive sled, slide the lock button to the left to unlock the drive sled lever.
  - b. Then press the left end of the drive sled lever and pull the lever outward to open it.
6. Align the drive sled so that the rear connector area is at the bottom of the drive sled and facing the correct drive bay for the drive sled.
7. Slide the drive sled into the drive bay.



8. Push the drive sled firmly into place and close the black lever flush to the drive sled face.



9. Slide the lock button to the right to lock the drive sled lever.



The green LED on the bottom left-hand side of the drive sled activates to indicate that the drive is connected to the system.

10. Close the front door of the XPression 2RU system.



**For more information on:**

- hard drive replacement, refer to the section: [Hard Drive Maintenance](#).



## Removing and Reinstalling the Top Panel

The top panel can be removed to gain access to internal components such as fans and cards. This topic describes how to first remove, and then reinstall the top panel of the XPression 2RU system.



**Caution** — *Do not operate the XPression 2RU system with the top panel removed.*

### To remove the top panel of the XPression 2RU system:

1. Shutdown the XPression 2RU system, remove all cabling, remove the system from the equipment rack, and place the system on a flat, non-slip surface.
2. Loosen the 2 thumbscrews at the back of the XPression 2RU system until the top panel can be separated from the chassis.



3. Gently pull the top panel back towards the rear of the unit, creating a gap between the top panel of the unit and the front of the chassis.

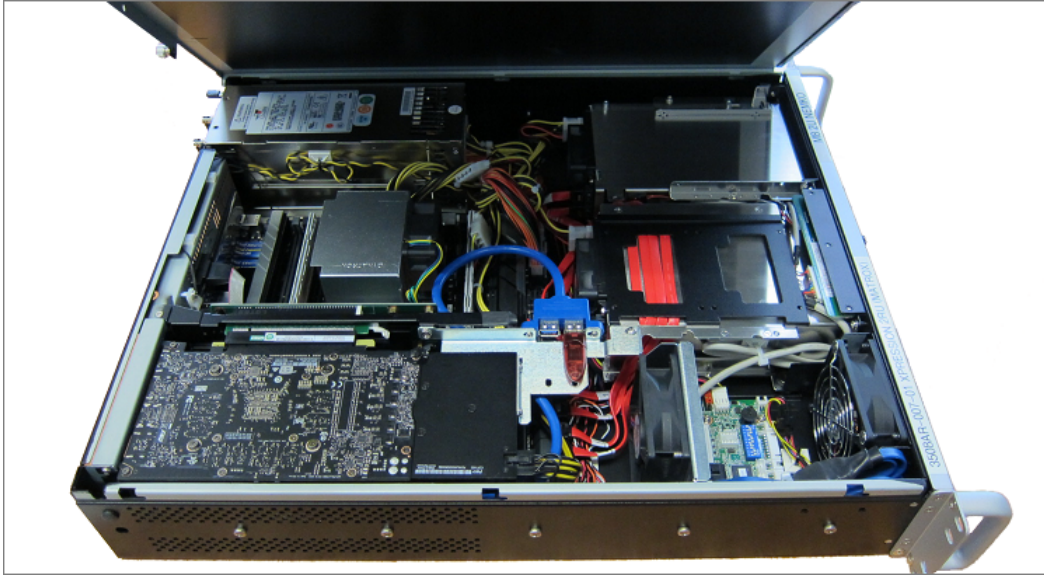


4. Lift the top panel off the chassis.

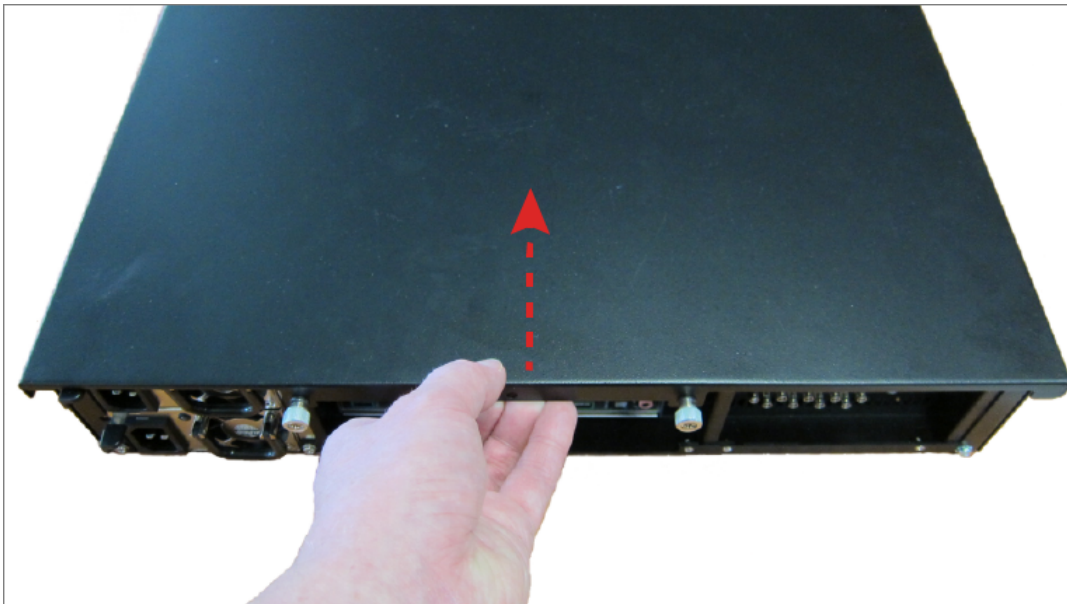


**To reinstall the top panel of the XPression 2RU system:**

1. Place the top panel onto the top of the XPression 2RU system as follows:
  - a. Face the sides of the top panel down around the sides of the system.
  - b. Line up the 3 nubs on the inside of the sides of the top panel with the L-shaped grooves on the sides of the system.



2. Gently slide the top panel into place until the top panel is flush to the front top of the XPression 2RU system.



3. Insert and tighten the two thumbscrews into the back of the XPression RU system.





# Replacing Cooling Fans

The XPression 2RU system has 5 cooling fans. There are 4 cooling fans in the XPression 2RU system that can be replaced if they fail, 1 front chassis fan, 1 inside chassis fan, and 2 system drive fans.

This topic describes:

[Replacing the Front Chassis Fan.](#) 

[Replacing the Inside Chassis Fan.](#) 


[Replacing the System Drive Fans.](#) 

There is 1 fan on the CPU cooler. To replace the CPU cooler fan, please contact Ross Video Technical Support for assistance.

★ The XPression 2RU system must be shut down when replacing the cooling fans.



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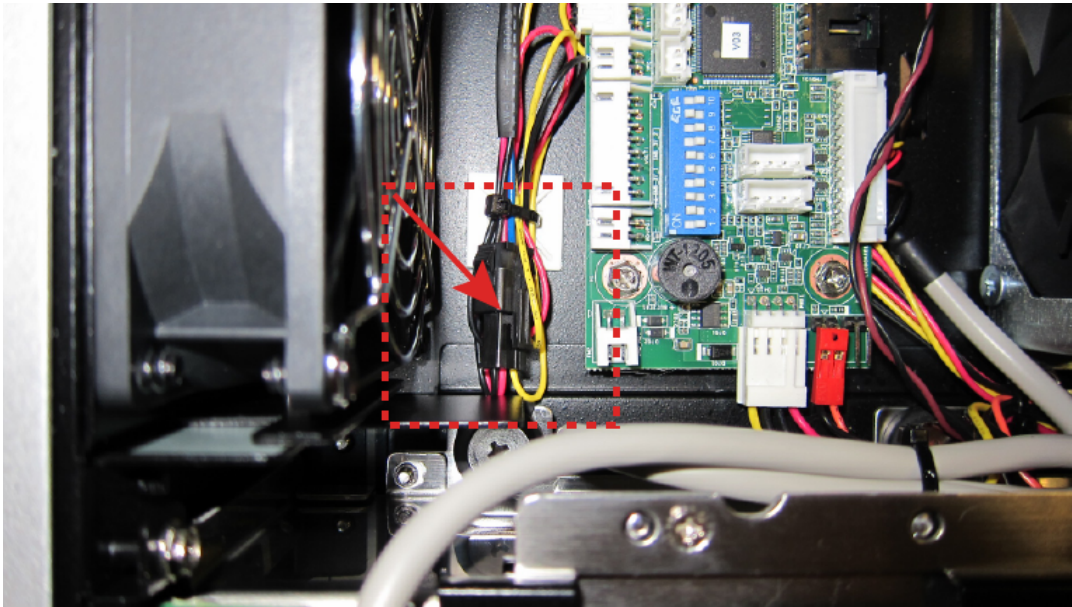
★ If a fan fails, the fan failure alarm will trigger. Refer to the section [Power and Alarm LED Area](#)  for further information on XPression 2RU system hardware alarms.

## Replacing the Front Chassis Fan

This section describes how to remove and reinstall the front chassis fan.

### To remove the front chassis fan:

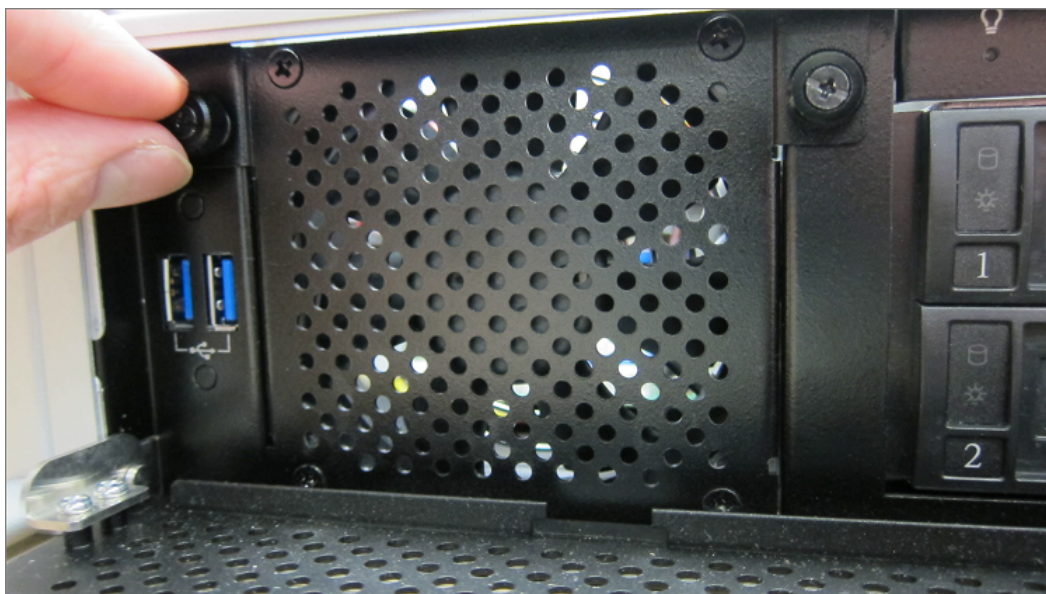
1. Shutdown the XPression 2RU system, remove all cabling, remove the system from the equipment rack, and place the system on a flat, non-slip surface.
2. Remove the top panel from the XPression 2RU system.  
Refer to the section [Removing and Reinstalling the Top Panel](#) for instructions.
3. Disconnect the front chassis fan power supply wire.



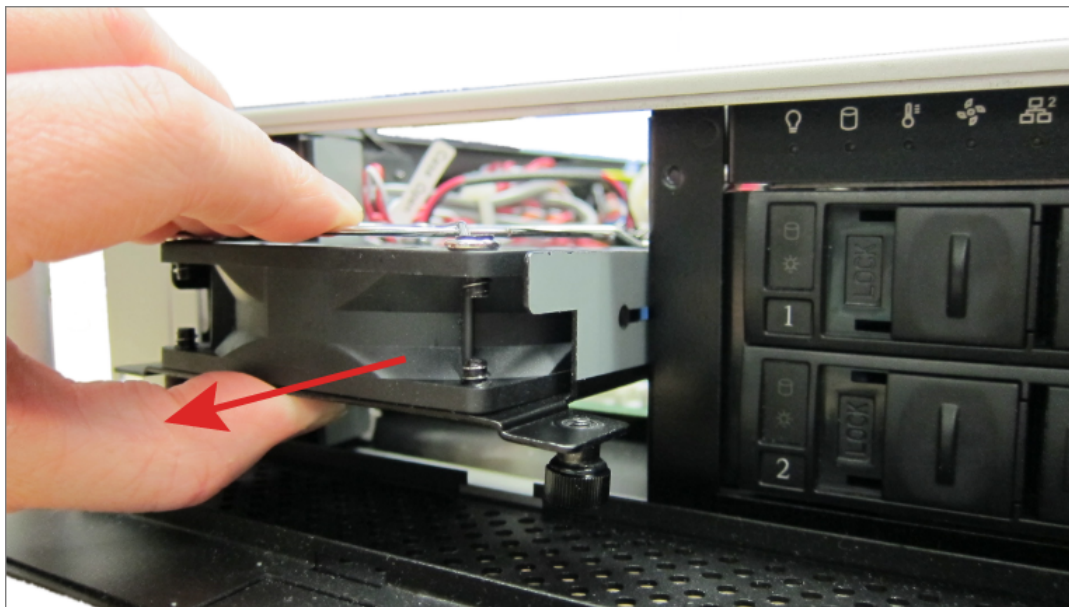
4. Open the front door of the XPression 2RU system.



5. Loosen the 2 thumb screws on the front fan cage until the fan cage is separated from the chassis.



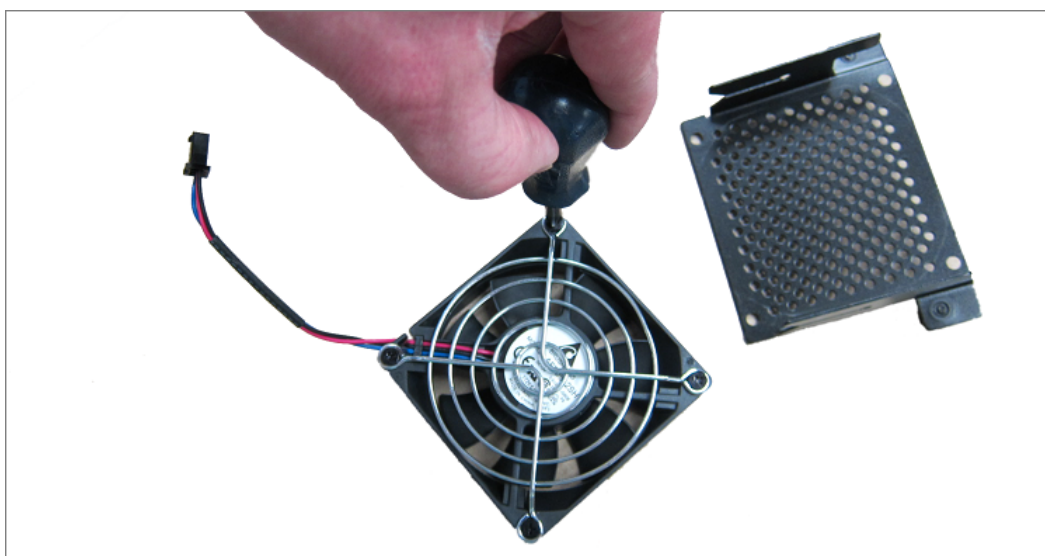
6. Tilt the top of the front fan cage downward and then slide it forward to remove from the XPression 2RU system.



7. Using a Phillips head screwdriver, remove the 4 screws from the fan cage.



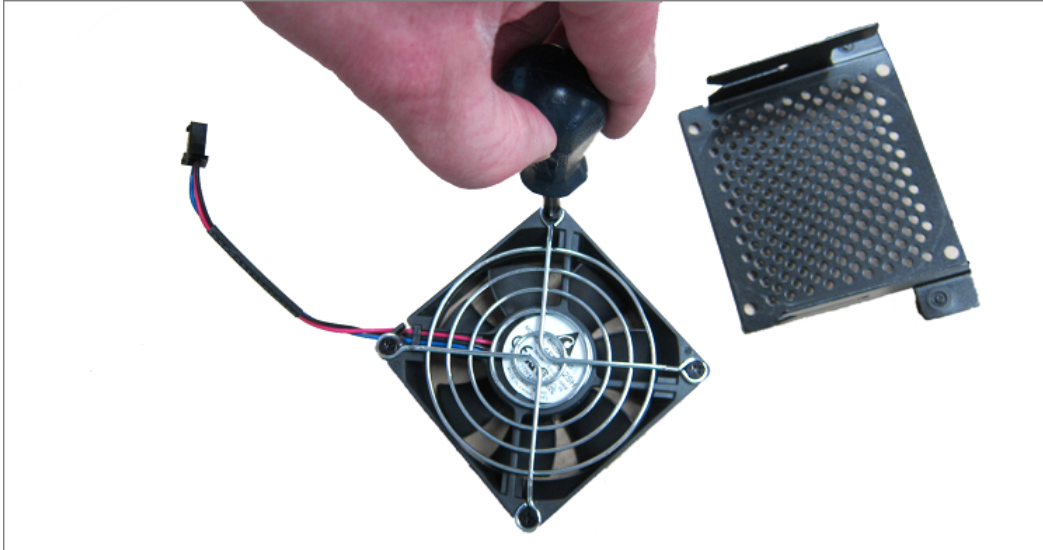
8. Remove the 4 screws from the fan grill.



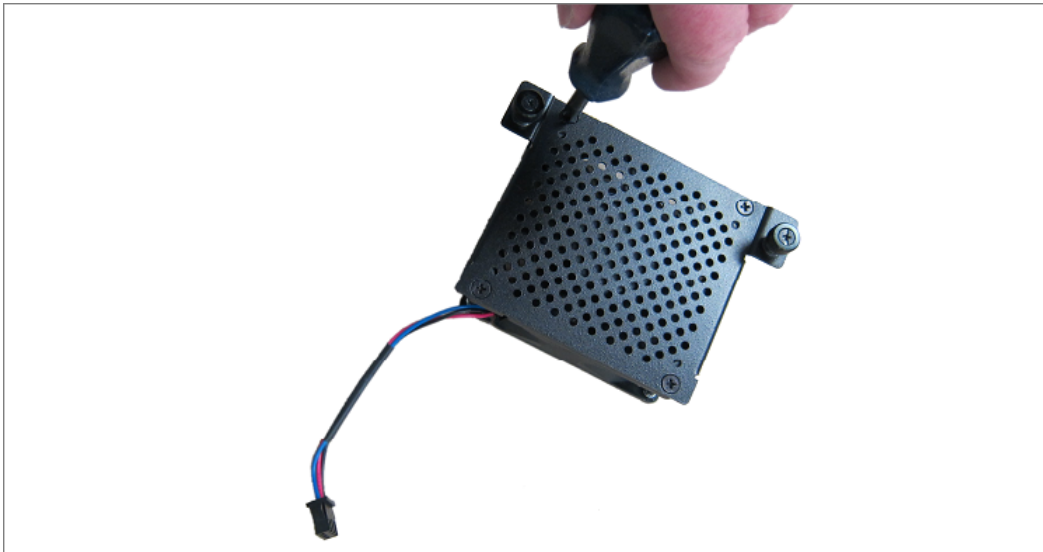
The fan is now removed and ready for replacement.

### To install the front chassis fan:

1. On the side of the fan with the wires and label, place the fan grill on the fan and insert and tighten the 4 Phillips head screws into the screw holes.

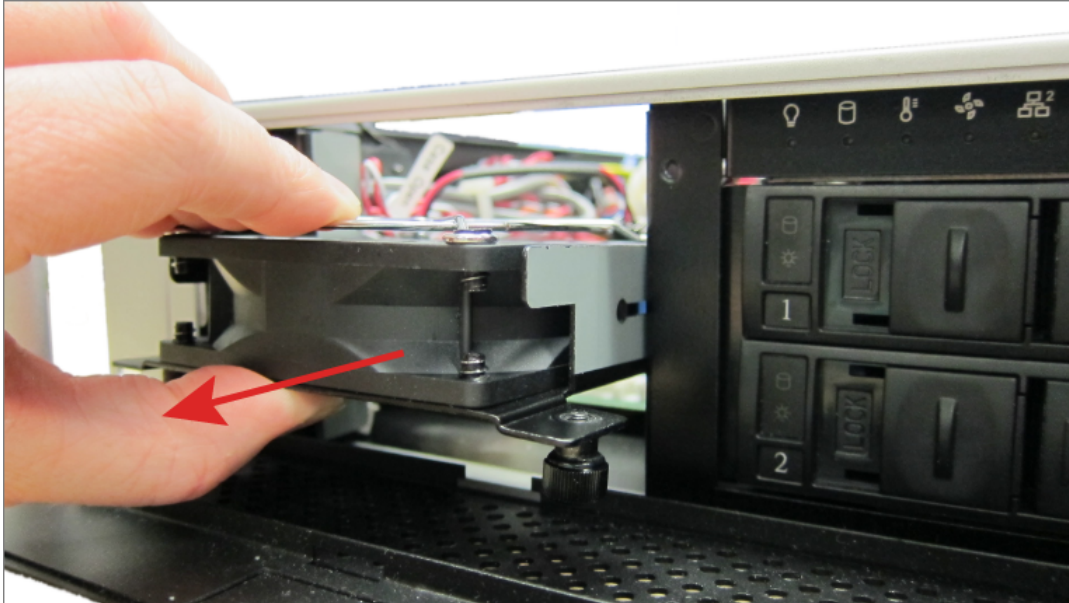


2. On the opposite side to the fan grill, place the fan cage on the fan and insert and tighten the 4 Phillips head screws in the screw holes.

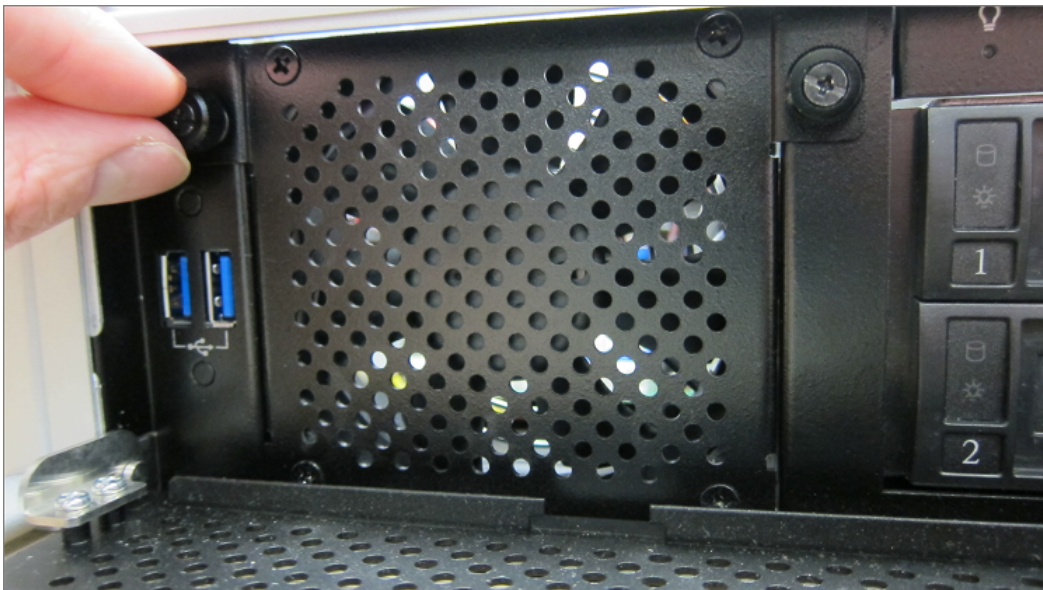




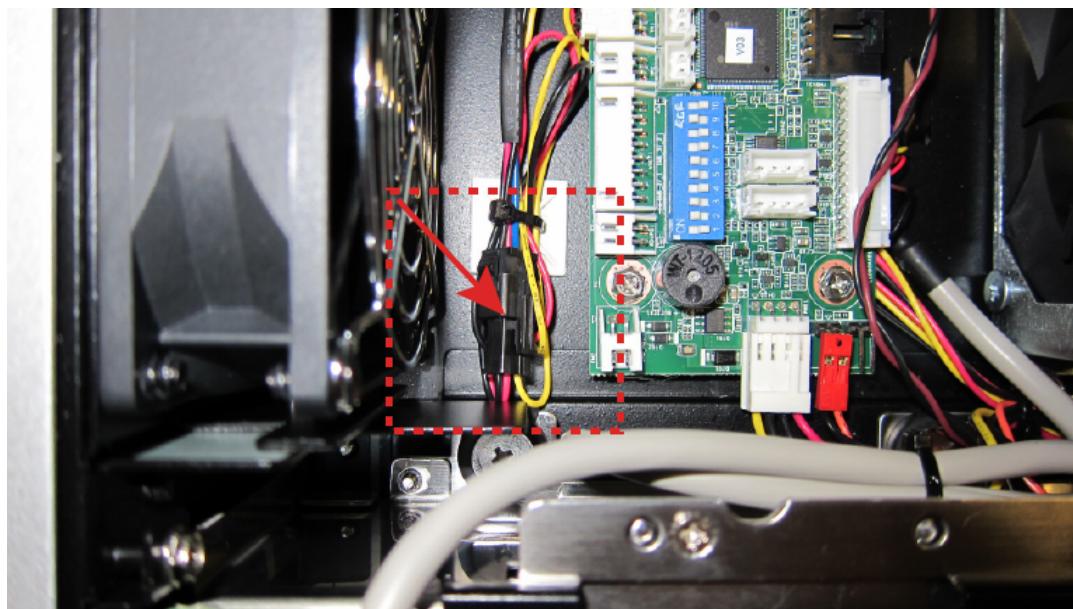
3. With the thumbscrews facing down and the fan wire inside the chassis, align the inserts on the side of the fan cage with the nubs on the chassis and slide the fan cage inward.



4. Tilt the front fan cage upward and tighten the 2 thumb screws on the front fan cage.



5. Connect the front chassis fan power supply wire.



6. Replace the top panel.

Refer to the section [Removing and Reinstalling the Top Panel](#) <sup>29</sup> for instructions.

7. Close the front door of the XPression 2RU system.



## Replacing the Inside Chassis Fan

This section describes how to remove and reinstall the inside chassis fan.

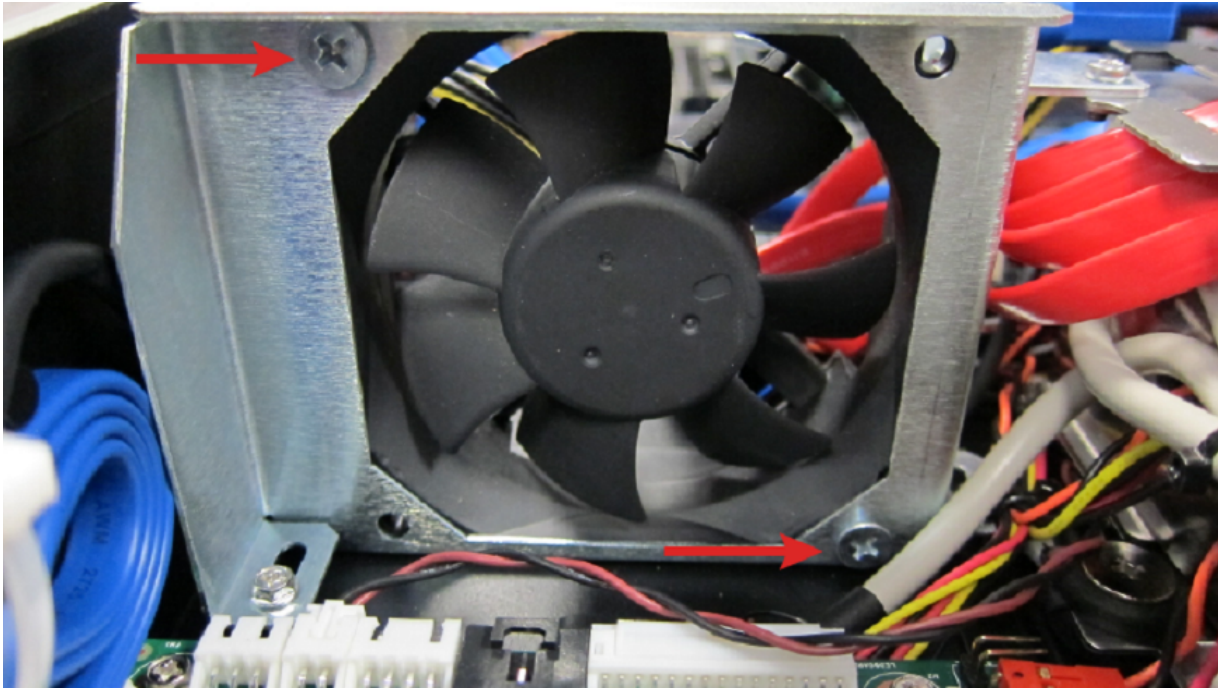
### To remove the inside chassis fan:

1. Shutdown the XPression 2RU system, remove all cabling, remove the system from the equipment rack, and place the system on a flat, non-slip surface.
2. Remove the top panel from the XPression 2RU system.  
Refer to the section [Removing and Reinstalling the Top Panel](#) <sup>29</sup> for instructions.
3. Disconnect the inside chassis fan power supply wire.





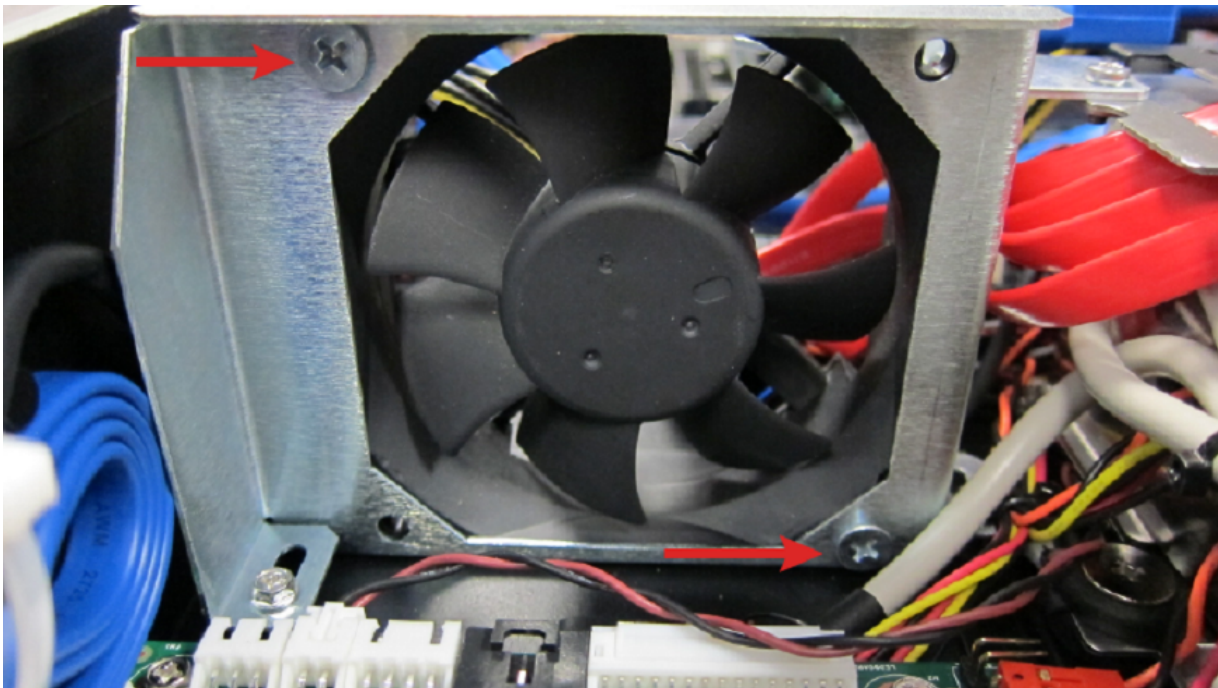
4. Using a Phillips head screwdriver, remove the 2 screws from the fan cage.



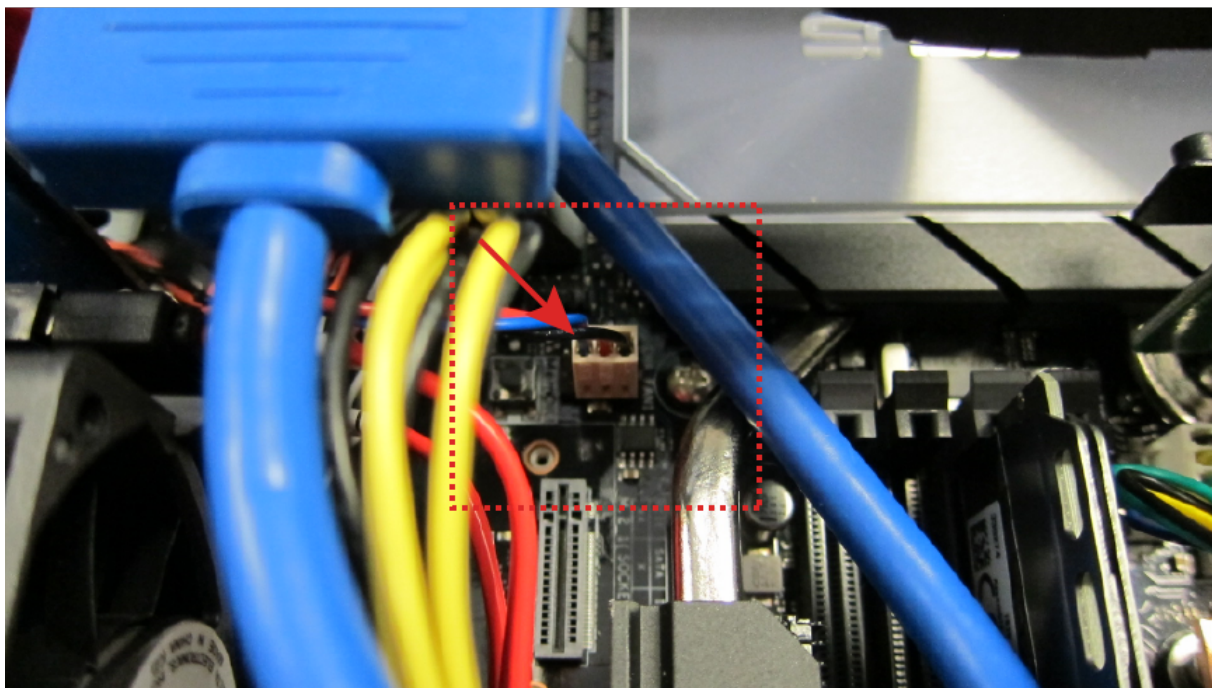
5. Remove the fan from the cage.

**To install the inside chassis fan:**

1. Line up the fan screw holes with the fan cage screw holes.
2. Insert the 2 screws into the fan cage screw holes, and tighten using a Phillips head screwdriver.



3. Connect the inside chassis fan power supply wire.



4. Replace the top panel from the XPression 2RU system.

Refer to the section [Removing and Reinstalling the Top Panel](#)<sup>29</sup> for instructions.



## Replacing the System Drive Fans

This section describes how to remove and reinstall the system drive fans.

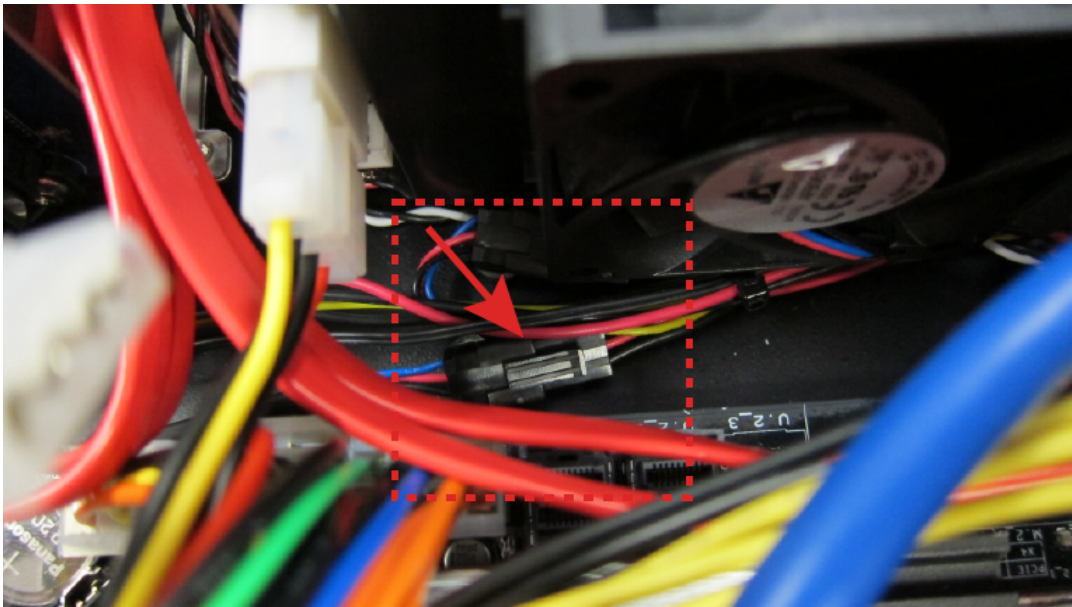
### To remove a drive cage fan:

1. Shutdown the XPression 2RU system, remove all cabling, remove the system from the equipment rack, and place the system on a flat, non-slip surface.
2. Remove the top panel from the XPression 2RU system.

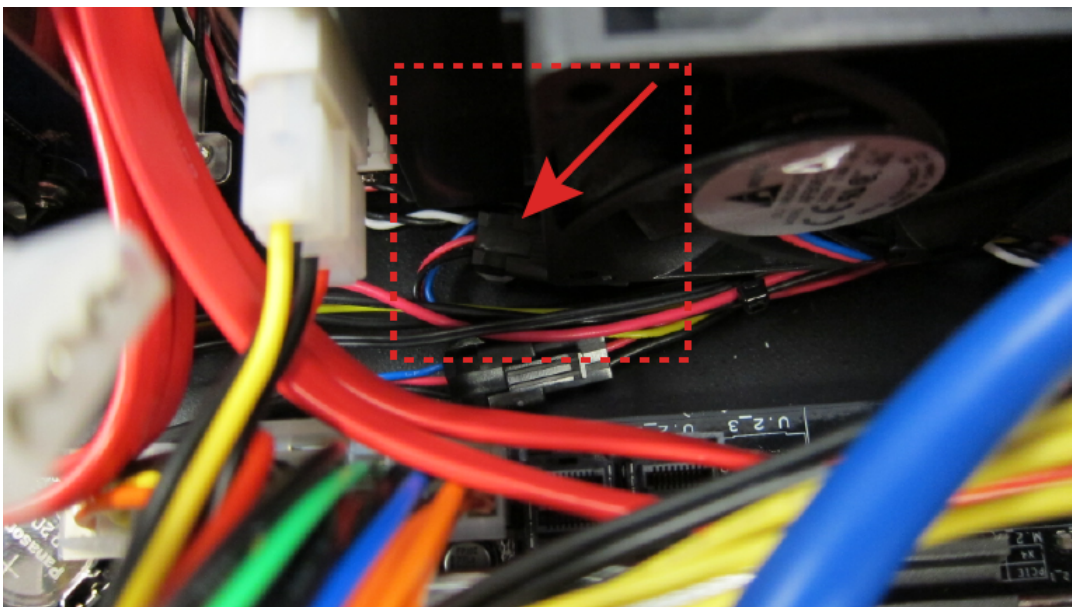
Refer to the section [Removing and Reinstalling the Top Panel](#) for instructions.

3. Disconnect the necessary system drive fan power supply wire from the power supply:

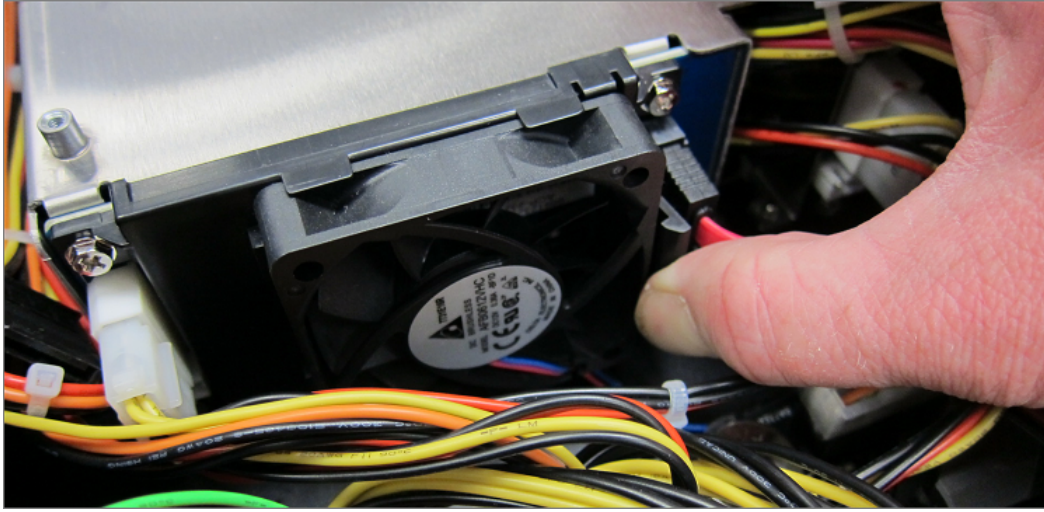
- Drive cage one (system drives 0 and 1):



- Drive cage two (system drives 2 and 3):



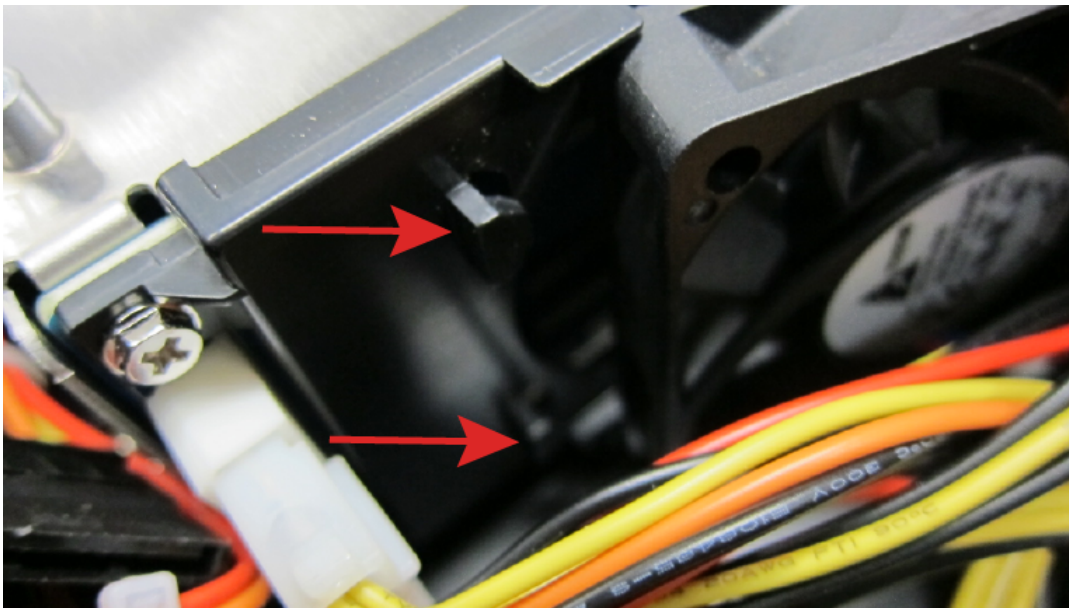
4. Push the lever outward to the right on the right side of the system drive fan casing of the respective drive cage fan.



5. Remove the fan by pulling the system drive fan casing away from the system drive cage.

**To install the system drive fan:**

1. Place the left side of the fan on the 2 black clasps on the left side of the drive cage and push the right side of the fan in towards the drive cage.

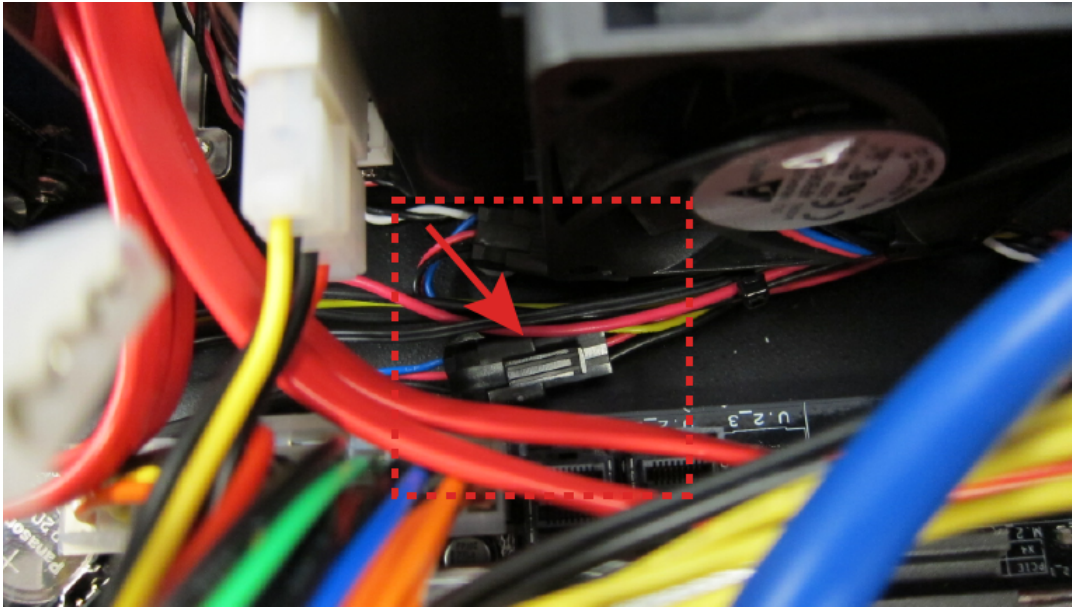


The lever that locks the fan casing in place will click when the fan is secured to the system drive cage.

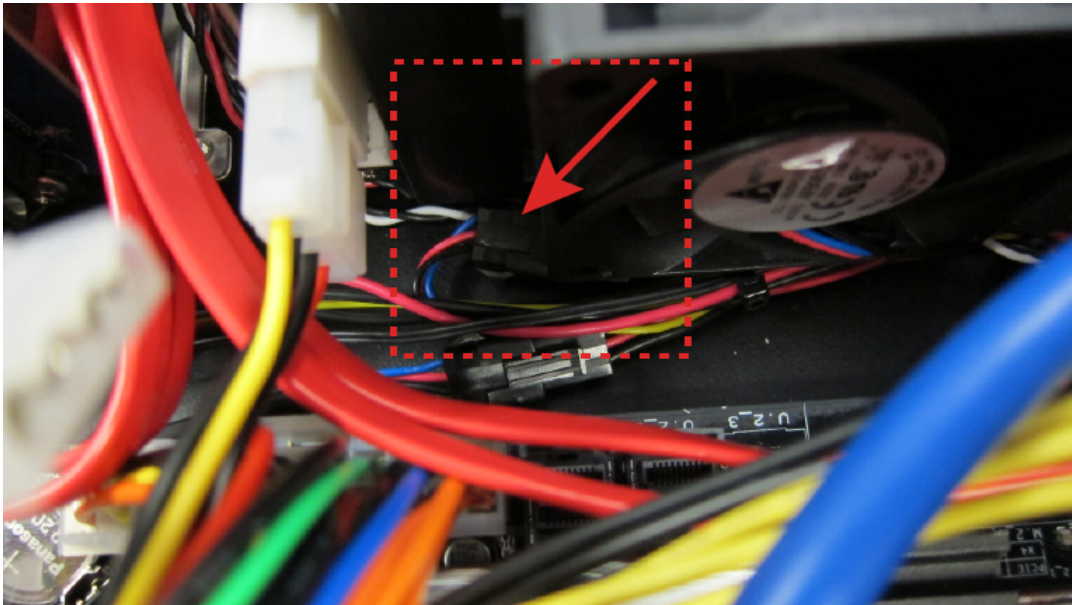


2. Connect the respective system drive fan power supply wire to the power supply:

- Drive cage one (system drives 0 and 1):



- Drive cage two (system drives 2 and 3):



3. Replace the top panel.

Refer to the section [Removing and Reinstalling the Top Panel](#)<sup>29</sup> for instructions.

## Replacing Power Supplies

The XPression 2RU system has 2 identical hot-swappable power supply modules, located at the rear of the system on the left-hand side. Since the system requires a minimum of one power supply module to operate, one power supply module can be hot-swapped at a time.

This section describes how to remove and install a power supply module.



**Protective Earth** — *Static discharge can cause serious damage to sensitive devices. Touch the chassis to dissipate static charge before removing power supply modules from the system, and exercise proper grounding precautions when working around the XPression 2RU system.*

Keep the following safety information in mind while removing a power supply module from the XPression 2RU system:

- Always ground yourself before touching electronic equipment.
- When removing a power supply module, always support the module with both hands to help prevent dropping it.



**Warning Hazardous Voltages** — *Hazardous voltages capable of delivering electric shock remain within the power supply module for a period of time after removal from the system.*

*Ross Video power supply modules are intended to be factory serviced by qualified Ross Video service personnel only. Users should only remove and replace the power supply modules. When removing or replacing a power supply module, follow the instructions below:*

- *Disconnect the power cord from the power supply module or the power supply from AC mains before removing or replacing a power supply module.*
- *Do not open or try to remove the casing of the power supply module.*

*Failure to follow these instructions can result in death or serious injury.*

**To remove a power supply module:**

1. At the back of the XPression 2RU system, disconnect the power cord from the power supply module.
2. Push the black release lever inward to the right.



3. While pushing on the black release lever, hold the removal handle and gently pull on the power supply module to disengage the power supply module from the power supply bay.



4. Support the power supply module with your other hand, and continue pulling until the power supply module is completely removed from the power supply bay.

**To install a new power supply module in the XPression system:**

1. In front of the open power supply bay, align the power supply module so that the black release lever is positioned to the left-hand side.
2. Slide the power supply module into the open bay and push it firmly until it snaps into place.



3. Connect the power cord to the new power supply module.



## Accessing the USB Security Dongle

You may be required to remove or replace the USB security dongle if instructed to do so by Ross Video Technical Support.

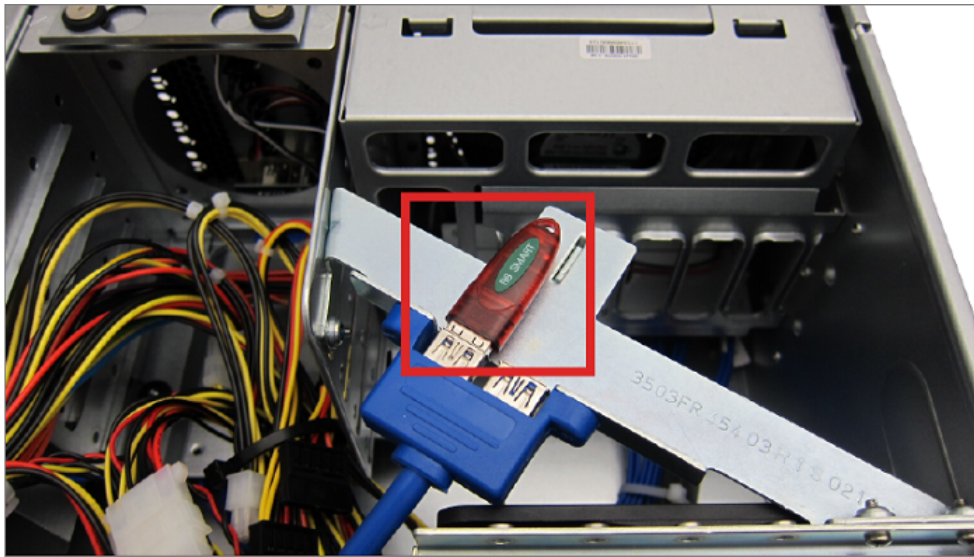
### To access the USB security dongle:

1. Remove the top panel from the Voyager system:

Refer to the section [Removing and Reinstalling the Top Panel](#)<sup>29</sup> for instructions.

2. Remove and replace the security dongle as instructed by Ross Video Technical Support.

The USB security dongle is located above the inside chassis fan behind the front chassis fan. The security dongle connects to the Voyager system via a USB interface.



Use the addition USB interface to install an additional dongle if necessary.

3. Replace the top panel.

Refer to the section [Removing and Reinstalling the Top Panel](#)<sup>29</sup> for instructions.

# Appendix A: RS232 Pinouts

This appendix provides information on the RS232 port pinouts.

XPression offers two **GPI** options:

- **GPI 1**: Data Set Ready pin 6 and pin 7
- **GPI 2**: Clear to Send pin 8 and pin 7

The RS232 port can also be used for CII using the XPression CII Gateway option.



**Figure A.1** RS232 — Male

The following table lists the signals associated with each pin of the RS232 port.

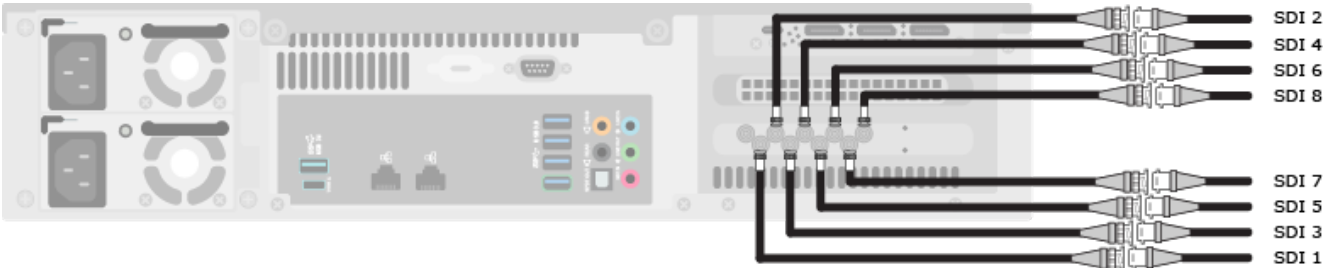
**Table A.1 RS232 Pinouts**

Pin #	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	Data Carrier Detect	6	Data Set Ready
2	Received Data	7	Request to Send
3	Transmitted Data	8	Clear to Send
4	Data Terminal Ready	9	Ring Indicator
5	Signal Ground		

★ When creating an RS232 GPI trigger, create a device that short-circuits either pin 8-7 or 6-7 on the nine pin female connector. No additional power can be added to the circuit or it will damage the RS232 port.

# Appendix B: HD-BNC Input and Output Configuration

This appendix provides information on the HD-BNC cables and the accompanying input and output configurations.



**Figure B.1** XPression 2RU HD-BNC Connections

The following table lists the possible input and output configurations for the HD-BNC connectors on the XPression 2RU system.

**Table B.1 HD-BNC Configurations**

HD-BNC	0 In 8 Out	1 In 7 Out	2 In 6 Out	3 In 5 Out	4 In 4 Out
1	Out 1 Fill	In 1	In 1	In 1	In 1
2	Out 2 Fill	Out 1 Fill	Out 1 Fill	Out 1 Fill	Out 2 Fill
3	Out 3 Fill	Out 2 Fill	Out 2 Fill	In 2	In 2
4	Out 4 Fill	Out 3 Fill	Out 3 Fill	Out 2 Fill	Out 2 Fill
5	Out 1Key	Out 4 Fill	In 2	In 3	In 3
6	Out 2 Key	Out 1 Key	Out 1 Key	Out 1 Key	Out 1 Key
7	Out 3 Key	Out 2 Key	Out 2 Key	Out 3 Fill	In 4
8	Out 4 Key	Out 3 Key	Out 3 Key	Out 2 Key	Out 2 Key

★ Physical relays are present between HD-BNC 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, and 7 & 8.

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