

# *Compaq StorageWorks*

## **Release Notes**

### **HSG80 Enterprise/Modular Storage RAID Array Fibre Channel Solution Software Version 8.6 for IBM AIX**

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*These Release Notes contain last-minute and supplemental information about the HSG80 Enterprise/Modular Storage RAID Array Fibre Channel Solution Software Version 8.6 for IBM AIX.*

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Be sure to read these Release Notes before installing your Enterprise/Modular Storage RAID Array. In the event of conflicting information between these Release Notes and other documents contained in this product release, the Release Note content takes precedence. Product documentation is periodically updated and available on the Compaq Website:

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## Document Catalog

To view and access product documentation included with your StorageWorks Solution Software CD-ROM, open the *manuals.pdf* file, found on your CD-ROM. This file serves as a catalog and provides links to all manuals and documents included on your CD-ROM. Multiple document search functionality is also provided through the use of this catalog file.

**NOTE:** All provided documents are included in the *document* folder of your CD-ROM, should you choose to access them directly.

Release Notes (such as the document you are now reading) are not included on the CD-ROM. This is by design and allows for last minute changes that become available after documents go to press.

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To take best advantage of the multiple document search functionality, we highly recommended that you install the Windows based Acrobat Reader and launch it as a separate application (rather than through a browser).

**NOTE:** If you choose to access the *manuals.pdf* catalog file through a browser, an up to date Acrobat Reader plug-in is required if you wish to utilize search functionality. However, there may be instances where search results will not display when run from within your browser.

In addition, if using the Netscape browser, there may be instances when the following tips may prove useful:

1. After installing Acrobat from the tar file, install the file `.acrosrch` into your `$HOME` directory with the command:

```
touch .acrosrch
```

This file is used by Acrobat for configuration information, and can also be installed through the GUI by typing in `.acrosrch` at the New File option of File Manager.

2. Acrobat needs the correct path name in the Netscape browser to locate the `acroread` file. Install this path by using the following procedure:

From the browser menu, select:

    Edit > Preferences > Navigator > Applications > Portable Document Format

Click the **Edit** button and enter the following in the path name field:

```
/usr/lpp/Acrobat4/bin/acroread -tempFile %s
```

Click **OK** twice to accept changes and exit.

**NOTE:** There may sometimes be a problem with mounting the catalog index when using Acrobat Readers. In order to take full advantage of the multiple document search functionality, you may need to manually mount the search index on a per session basis. The following steps outline this procedure:

1. After launching the Acrobat Reader, load the *manuals.pdf* catalog file.
2. If you see the error message “The index associated with this document <index> is not available,” click OK to clear the message and proceed to the next step.

If this error message does not appear, your index has been mounted correctly and this procedure does not apply.

3. From the Edit Menu, select Search > Select Indexes.
4. From the Index Selection dialogue, click the Add button.
5. Enter the path to the *index.pdx* file.

For Windows based readers, this is typically:

```
\acrobat\index.pdx
```

For UNIX based readers, this is typically:

```
/cdrom/acrobat/index.pdx
```

6. Click OK to accept this selection.
7. Making sure the newly added index is selected in the Index Selection dialogue, click OK to exit.

The catalog search function will now operate normally.

**NOTE:** When using the *manuals.pdf* file through the browser, Acrobat is sometimes unable to open documentation files because it can't locate the file, even though the search function has generated results. In these instance, opening documentation files can be accomplished by entering the following from the command line:

```
./user/lpp/Acrobat4/bin/acroread /cdrom/acrobat/manuals.pdf
```

The documentation can also be opened by opening the *readme.htm* file (found on your CD-ROM) in the browser and selecting the desired .pdf link.

## Intended Audience

This document was prepared for customers who have purchased Compaq StorageWorks Enterprise/Modular Storage RAID Array products that include Compaq StorageWorks HSG80 RAID Array Controller.s. This document also serves as a reference for Compaq Customer Services personnel responsible for installing and maintaining systems that include the Compaq StorageWorks HSG80 RAID Array Controller.

## Conventions

The following terminological conventions are used throughout this document:

- Unless otherwise specified, all references to controllers or array controllers should be interpreted as the Compaq StorageWorks HSG80 RAID Array Controller.

- Unless otherwise specified, all references to Compaq StorageWorks ACS Version 8.6 should be interpreted as synonymous with the released Compaq StorageWorks ACS Version 8.6-1 code.
- For the purpose of this document Enterprise/Modular Storage RAID Array refers to the following Compaq StorageWorks RAID Array products:
  - ❑ RA8000 - Fibre Channel RAID Array 8000
  - ❑ ESA12000 - Enterprise Storage Array 12000 Fibre Channel
  - ❑ MA8000 - Modular Array 8000 Fibre Channel
  - ❑ EMA12000 - Enterprise Modular Array 12000 Fibre Channel

## Release Package Contents

The HSG80 Fibre Channel Solution Software Kit consists of the following:

- The HSG80 Solution Software documentation set:
  - ❑ *HSG80 ACS Solution Software Version 8.6 for IBM AIX Installation and Configuration Guide*
  - ❑ *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.6 CLI Reference Guide*
  - ❑ *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.6 Maintenance and Service Guide*
  - ❑ *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.6 Troubleshooting Reference Guide*
  - ❑ *Command Console Version 2.4 User Guide*
  - ❑ *Command Console Version 2.4 Release Notes*
  - ❑ *StorageWorks Registration and Warranty Package*
  - ❑ *HSG80 Enterprise/Modular Storage RAID Array Fibre Channel Solution Software Version 8.6 for IBM AIX Release Notes* (this document)
- HSG80 Enterprise/Modular Storage RAID Array Fibre Channel Solution Software Version 8.6 for IBM AIX CD-ROM

The following supporting documentation is available from the Compaq StorageWorks Website:

<http://www.compaq.com/storage/index.html>

- *Heterogeneous Open SAN Design Reference Guide, Part Number: AA-RMPNB-TE*
- *Model 2100 and 2200 Ultra SCSI Controller Enclosures User Guide, Part Number: EK-SE2C8-UA. C01*

- *Model 4300 Family Ultra3 LVD Disk Enclosures User Guide, Part Number: EK-LVDU3-UA. A01*
- *Modular Array Cabinet Restrictions, Part Number EK-MACON-CA. B01*
- *Enterprise/Modular Storage RAID Array FC-AL HA Configurations for IBM AIX Application Note, Part Number: EK-SMA38-AN B01*

## Important Notice Regarding Cache Sizes

Due to the increased host connectivity delivered with ACS Version 8.6, it is very important that users observe new cache size requirements. When upgrading from ACS Version 8.5 to ACS Version 8.6, it is critical that minimum cache module configurations be upgraded from the prior minimum of 64 MB (ACS 8.5) to 128 MB in unmirrored configurations, and 256 MB in mirrored configurations.

## Identifying ACS Software Revision Level

The Array Controller Software (ACS) release package you received should include a Personal Computer Memory Card Industry Association (PCMCIA) program card containing the new ACS software. Included in this section are instructions for determining the ACS version running on your RAID Array.

Once installed, you can identify the specific version of ACS by entering the following command at the Command Line Interpreter (CLI) prompt:

```
SHOW THIS_CONTROLLER
```

The resulting display lists the software revision level as one of the following:

```
V86F-1
```

```
V86S-1
```

If the ACS version is not Version 8.6F-1, contact your support provider for instructions on how to obtain the updated version.

If the ACS version is Version 8.6S-1, you will need additional layered application software beyond this Solution Software Kit.

ACS Version 8.6F-1 is fully compatible with Version 8.6 Solution Software.

# Using the Array Controller in a Modular Solution

The modular solution consists of the array controller (single or dual configurations) installed in a Model 2200 Ultra SCSI controller enclosure and the drives installed in either a Model 4314 disk enclosure or a Model 4354 disk enclosure. The modular solutions must be mounted in RETMA cabinets. The RETMA cabinets are available in heights of 42U, 41U, 36U and 22U. The Model 2200 Ultra SCSI controller enclosure is 4U. The Model 4314 disk enclosure and the Model 4354 disk enclosure are each 3U. This combination allows for several cabinet configurations.

**NOTE:** If you wish to use an existing controller, it will require the Cache Bulkhead upgrade for installation of the controller in the Model 2200.

- For information about how to install the array controller in a Model 2200 Ultra SCSI controller enclosure, see the *Model 2100 and 2200 Ultra SCSI Controller Enclosures User Guide*.
- For information about how to install drives in either a Model 4314 disk enclosure or a Model 4354 disk enclosure, see the *Model 4300 Family Ultra3 LVD Disk Enclosures User Guide*.
- For information modular solution configurations and restrictions, see the *Modular Array Cabinet Restrictions* user document.

## Disk Enclosures

The array controller firmware can now address up to 14 disks per SCSI bus. The firmware can see seven disks on each bus allowing use of all 14 when configured for dual bus mode with the 4354 disk shelf. The maximum number of disks supported by an array controller (single or cooperating pair) is 84. The disk enclosures can be configured for single bus or for dual bus.

**NOTE:** The 43xx disk enclosures do not allow daisy chaining between shelves.

### Single Bus Mode

Disk Enclosures Options/Single Bus Mode	Part Number
Model 4310R - Rack-mountable 10-drive enclosure with single bus, single power supply	174631-B21

Disk Enclosures Options/Single Bus Mode	Part Number
Model 4314R - Rack-mountable 14-drive enclosure with single bus, single power supply	190209-001
Model 4314T - Tower mount 14-drive enclosure with single bus, single power supply, LCD monitor	190210-001
Second Power Supply for 4314 (Adds a redundant power supply to the 4314)	119826-B21
Single Bus I/O Module for Existing 4314	190212-B21
Dual Bus I/O Module for Existing 4314 (Changes the 4314 from a single bus to a dual bus)	119829-B21

## Dual Bus Mode

Disk Enclosures Options/Dual Bus Mode	Part Number
Model 4350R - Rack-mountable 10-drive enclosure with dual bus, dual power supply	174630-B21
Model 4354R - Rack-mountable 14-drive enclosure with dual bus, dual power supply	190211-001

Use a single bus I/O module to transform a Model 4354 disk enclosure to single bus.

## SCSI Cables

SCSI Cables must be ordered separately for connection of the 43xx shelves to the Model 2200 enclosure. The following SCSI cables are supported.

SCSI Cable Options/Dual Bus Mode	Part Number
1 M SCSI Cable	168256-B21
2 M SCSI Cable	168258-B21
3 M SCSI Cable	189505-B21
5 M SCSI Cable	400983-005
10 M SCSI Cable	400983-010

## Modular Solution

The Modular Array/Enterprise Modular Array storage systems can be ordered three ways.

- Predefined models are available that provide a set number of controller shelves and drive shelves in a Modular Storage Cabinet:
  - ❑ MA8000: One Model 2200 controller enclosure and three dual bus Model 4354 disk enclosures in a 22U Modular Storage Cabinet
  - ❑ EMA12000 D14: Three Model 2200 controller enclosures and nine dual bus Model 4354 disk enclosures in a 42U Modular Storage Cabinet
  - ❑ EMA12000 S14: One Model 2200 controller enclosure and six single bus Model 4314 disk enclosures in a 36U Modular Storage Cabinet
  - ❑ EMA12000 Blue: One Model 2200 controller enclosure and three dual bus Model 4354 disk enclosures in a 41U Modular Storage Cabinet
- **NOTE:** The predefined models require the following options: Controllers, External Cache Batteries (ECBs), Controller firmware and drives.
- Configure-to-Order. This allows you to specify the number of controller shelves and drive shelves desired in a Modular Storage Cabinet.
- Assembly onsite. This allows you to order the components separately and install them in any supported RETMA rack or cabinet.

# Hardware and Software Support

This section lists the hardware, devices and operating system versions that are compatible with this Fibre Channel Solution Software Kit.

## Array Hardware Support

The following Enterprise/Modular Storage RAID Array hardware products are supported by this Fibre Channel Solution Software Kit:

- DS-SW600-AA—600-mm wide cabinet 50/60 Hz, dual-redundant controllers, bolting kit for coupling (two SW600 cabinets)
- DS-SW370-AA—RAID pedestal, five 180-watt power supplies; eight universal 50/60 Hz 120/240V high-powered blowers; one AC input box; one enhanced EMU; one pedestal user's guide; six single-ended I/O modules
- DS-SW370-EA—RAID pedestal; five 180-watt power supplies; eight universal 50/60 Hz 120/240V high-powered blowers; one AC input box; one enhanced EMU; one pedestal user's guide; six single-ended I/O modules; metric mounting hardware
- DS-BA370-AA—RAID rackmount enclosure; five 180-watt power supplies; eight universal 50/60 Hz 120/240V high-powered blowers; one AC input box, six single-ended I/O modules; one pedestal user's guide; one enhanced EMU; one PVA, metric mounting hardware
- DS-BA370-MA—Maintenance Option for the SW370 and BA370 field service Option, field-replaceable unit (FRU)
- DS-BA35X-HH—180-watt, 100 to 200-volt power supply, 240-volt, AC factor-corrected power supply, blue color carrier
- DS-BA35X-MK—High-powered blower for the SW370 and BA370
- DS-BA35X-MP—Termination module
- DS-BA35X-BA—External cache battery shelf for SW370
- DS-BA35X-BC—Single battery in blue SBB
- DS-BA35X-BD—Double battery in blue SBB
- DS-BA35X-EB—Enhanced Environmental Monitor Unit of the SW370 and BA370
- DS-BA35X-MN—Single-ended, Ultra SCSI I/O module
- DS-BA35X-EC—Power verification and addressing module
- HS35X-BA—Single external cache battery in an SBB

- HS35X-BD—Dual external cache battery in an SBB
- DS-HSDIM-AB 64 MB Cache upgrade for HSX80
- DS-HSDIM-AC 256 MB Cache upgrade for HSX80

## Disk Device Support

This Fibre Channel Solution Software Kit supports the disk devices listed in Table 1 at the indicated hardware and microcode levels.

**Table 1 Supported Disk Drives**

Part Number	Device/Model	Capacity in Gigabytes	Spindle Speed (RPM)	Minimum Microcode Version	Minimum Hardware Version
176494-B21	BC072638A2	72.8	10,000	BDC7	A01
176496-B22	BD03663622 BD0366349C BD036635C5	36.4	10,000	BDC4 3B02 B020	A01 A01 A05
180726-006	BD036735C8	36.4	10,000	B020	A01
127968-001	DS-RZ1FC-VW	36.4	10,000	3B02/2B07/ B020/BDC4	A01
147599-001	DS-RZ1FB-VW	36.4	7,200	N1H1/0372/ 1614/3B06	A01
188122-B22	BF01863644	18.2	15,000	3B01	A01
188120-B22	BF00963643	18.2	15,000	3B01	A01
180726-002	BD018635C4	18.2	10,000	B020	A01
180726-005	BD018735C7	18.2	10,000	B020	A01
380589-B21	DS-RZ1ED-VW	18.2	10,000	0306/1614/ 3B07/B020/ BDC4	A01
128418-B22	BD018122C9	18.2	10,000	B016	A01

**Table 1 Supported Disk Drives (Continued)**

<b>Part Number</b>	<b>Device/Model</b>	<b>Capacity in Gigabytes</b>	<b>Spindle Speed (RPM)</b>	<b>Minimum Microcode Version</b>	<b>Minimum Hardware Version</b>
142673-B22	BD01862376 BD01862A67	18.2	10,000	BCJE B007	A01
147598-001	DS-RZ1EA-VW	18.2	7,200	3B05	A01
380694-B21	DS-RZ1EF-VW	18.2	7,200	N1H1/ 0372	A01
388144-B22	BB01811C9C	18.2	7,200	3B05	A01
380588-B21	DS-RZ1DD-VW	9.1	10,000	0306/1614/ 3B07/B020/ BDC4	A01
328939-B22	BD009122BA	9.1	10,000	3B07	A01
142671-B22	BD00962373 BD00962A66	9.1	10,000	BCJE B007	A01
180726-001	BD009635C3	9.1	10,000	B020	A01
180726-004	BD009735C6	9.1	10,000	B020	A01
147597-001	DS-RZ1DA-VW	9.1	7,200	3B05	A01
380595-B21	DS-RZ1DF-VW	9.1	7,200	N1H1/0372/ 1614	A01
123065-B22	BB00911CA0	9.1	7,200	3B05	A01
380693-B21	DS-RZ1DB-VW	9.1	7,200	LYJ0/0307	A01
N/A	DS-RZ1CD-VW	4.3	10,000	0306	A01
N/A	DS-RZ1CB-VW	4.3	7,200	LYJ0/0656	A01
380691-B21	DS-RZ1CF-VW	4.3	7,200	N1H1/1614	A01

System Components

This Fibre Channel Solution Software Kit supports the system components and operating system versions listed in Table 2.

Table 2 Minimum System Requirements	
Component	Requirement
Controller Compatibility	Compaq StorageWorks HSG80 Array Controller, ACS Version 8.6F
Platform	IBM RS6000 running IBM AIX
Operating System	IBM AIX 4.3.2, 4.3.3
Topology	Fibre Channel Switched (FC-SW) and Arbitrated Loop (FC-AL) Modes
SCSI Protocol	SCSI-2, SCSI-3
Free Disk Space	2 MB minimum
Adapter Compatibility	Compaq PCI FC Host Bus Adapter 197819-B21, HBA driver Version 1.5.11.1, Firmware Version N/A Compaq PCI FC Host Bus Adapter 149841-B21, HBA driver Version 1.5.11.1, Firmware Version N/A, FC-AL only

**IMPORTANT:** For switched fabric environments, use Compaq 8-EL SAN switches (DSGGC-AA) equipped with firmware Version 2.1.9g.

Notes

This release of this Solution Software Kit has been qualified with the following IBM AIX patches installed:

Patch Version 4.3.3.0.06

We recommend that IBM AIX be updated with the latest patch from the IBM Website, available at:

<http://techsupport.services.ibm.com/rs6k/ml.fixes.html>

We also recommend that you insure that the following executable is installed on your system when using AIX 4.3.3:

bos.sysmgt.trace 4.3.3.27 (or later)

This can be verified by using the command:

```
lslpp -L bos.sysmgt.trace
```

This file is required to use the `runtrace` tool provided in the PC1000 driver package. It calls the trace tool for AIX, and without the patch, the host machine will hang.

## StorageWorks Command Console

StorageWorks Command Console (SWCC) Version 2.4 is included in this release. Version 2.4 is used to identify the SWCC suite of components. The Agent, a component of the SWCC product, is delivered at Version 2.3.2.

SWCC provides a graphical user interface that can be used to configure and monitor your storage subsystem. Use of SWCC is highly recommended, but not required. The SWCC Agent is installed as part of the Solution Software Kit.

For more information on SWCC installation, see the *HSG80 ACS Solution Software Version 8.6 Installation and Configuration Guide*. For more information on SWCC Client operation, refer to *Command Console Version 2.4 User Guide* and *Command Console Version 2.4 Release Notes*.

## Secure Path Software

Secure Path is a high availability, multiple pathing software application. The versions of Secure Path software shown in Table 3 are compatible with this Solution Software Kit.

**Table 3 Secure Path Compatibility**

Operating System	Secure Path Product Version
IBM AIX V4.3.2 and V4.3.3	Version 2.0

For more information on Secure Path software, see the product documentation that comes with the product, or visit the Compaq Website:

[http://www.compaq.com/products/storageworks/storage\\_mgmt\\_software.html](http://www.compaq.com/products/storageworks/storage_mgmt_software.html)

## Layered Software Applications

Compatibility with Compaq StorageWorks and SANworks layered software applications is defined in Table 4.

Table 4 Layered Application Compatibility		
Application	Version	ACS Requirement
Enterprise Volume Manager (EVM)	Version 1.1B	Version 8.6F/S/P
Storage Resource Manager (SRM)	Version 4.01	Version 8.6F
Command Scriptor	Version 1.0	Version 8.6F
Management Appliance	Version 1.0A	Version 8.6F
Storage Allocation Reporter	Version 1.0	Version 8.6F

In cases where ACS functional builds other than Version 8.6F are indicated, ensure all required components for those configurations are at the proper level prior to upgrading your ACS code.

Running EVM with ACS Version 8.6F affords you scripting with Clones. If you want to run Snapshots with EVM, you must be running ACS Versions 8.6S or 8.6P code.

For more information on these and other Storage Management software, see the product documentation that comes with the product, or visit the Compaq Website:

[http://www.compaq.com/products/storageworks/storage\\_mgmt\\_software.html](http://www.compaq.com/products/storageworks/storage_mgmt_software.html)

## New Features

This section briefly defines new features that are supported by the array controller running ACS Version 8.6 code, together with this release of the Solution Software.

### ACS Version 8.6

The following new feature enhancements are provided with ACS Version 8.6:

## Drive Support

The following drive support enhancements have been added in the ACS Version 8.6 release.

- 72 GB drives in 10-slot 1.6 inch shelves
- Full 14-slot drive support per channel (MA/EMA Series arrays only)
- Storage set size increased to 1.024 TB
- Maximum of 84 drives behind controllers

## Increased Host Connections

The maximum number of host connections has been increased from 64 to 96 for the table of known connections. A connection is unique to the node Worldwide Name (WWN), port WWN, and controller port. This table is maintained in the non-volatile memory (NVRAM) of the controller. If the table contains 96 entries, new connections cannot be added unless some older ones are deleted. Otherwise, a host attempting FC login will be rejected.

## Rolling Upgrades

Rolling upgrades are not supported on IBM AIX with this release.

## CLI Commands

The following CLI commands have been added or enhanced in ACS Version 8.6:

```
ADD/SET UNIT
ADD/SHOW/DELETE PASSTHROUGH
EXIT
SET connection-name RESERVATION STYLE
SHOW ID
```

See the *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.6 CLI Reference Guide* for additional syntax details.

## ACS Improvements

The following is a list of corrections included in ACS Version 8.6.

Corrections included in all variations of ACS Version 8.6:

- Excessive polling by using “show unit status” requests (with either the CLI or SWCC) caused the controller to periodically become unavailable (Code 02DD0101).
- Excessive polling of the controller by SWCC to obtain full status information sometimes resulted in controller unavailability with an “unable to allocate large sense buckets” message.
- Correction of forced errors encountered on RAID 3/5 storage units.
- Correction of controller unavailability due to deadman timer and (LED CODE 39).
- Correction of error code in conjunction with cache hardware failure.
- Improved performance in non-mirrored 8 KB mode.
- Correction of Unit attentions being logged inappropriately to the CCL, which sometimes caused controller unavailability (Codes 02F60103 and 43130100).

Corrections included in ACS Versions 8.6S only:

- Improved CLI operation while utilizing Snapshot units under high I/O.
- Correction of issue regarding write commands to Snapshot units which caused occasional controller unavailability (i960 fault).

## **Multiple Agents Are Now Supported**

This release of the Solution Software Kit contains an updated SWCC Agent, which supports locking, so multiple Agents can be supported. This feature is required to use the SAN Management Appliance in addition to the host-based Agent.

## **ACS Feature Support**

### **Disk Partitioning**

ACS allows partitioning of disk drives or storage sets for improved device management. A partition appears to the operating system as a single virtual disk. Up to eight partitions may be created per storage set or disk drive. Disk partitioning is supported in both transparent and multiple-bus failover modes.

## Snapshot

ACS with Snapshot capability provides a quick and efficient way to make a point-in-time copy of a storage container's data. Snapshot freezes a map of the container's data which can be separated and used for back-up or testing and manipulation without impacting the original data. After the Snapshot, the original data can continue to be updated and utilized while the Snapshot copy remains unchanged.

When the need for the duplicate copy of data has ended, a new snap of a different storage container can be made and the process repeated. Snapshot eliminates much of the overhead associated with mirroring and cloning as the snap is dissolved without having to re-merge the data.

Please see Appendix C of the *HSG80 ACS Solution Software Version 8.6 Installation and Configuration Guide* for details on snapshot with IBM AIX.

**NOTE:** Snapshot functionality requires ACS Version 8.6S.

**NOTE:** Cache modules containing 512 MB of memory must be used with snapshots.

## Dynamic Volume Expansion

Dynamic Volume Expansion is not supported on IBM AIX.

## Configuration Rules

The following list defines maximum configuration rules for the controller:

- 128 visible LUNs/200 assignable unit numbers: If the Command Console LUN (CCL) is enabled, the result is 127 visible LUNs and one CCL
- 1.024 TB storage set size
- 96 host connections
- 84 physical devices
- 20 RAID 3/5 storagesets
- 30 RAID 3/5 and RAID 1 storagesets
- 45 RAID 3/5, RAID 1, and RAID 0 storagesets
- 8 partitions of a storageset or individual disk
- 6 physical devices per RAID 1 (mirrorset)

- 14 physical devices per RAID 3/5 storage set
- 24 physical devices per RAID 0 (stripeset)
- 48 physical devices per RAID 0+1 (striped mirrorset)
- 4 servers per controller port

## Operating Constraints

This section describes the operating constraints for ACS Version 8.6. An operating constraint is a limitation placed on the operation of the controller. Other constraints on host adapters or other system components may also apply. Keep these constraints in mind to avoid problems and to help achieve the maximum performance from your controller. See the documentation that came with your host server for more details.

### External Cache Battery (ECB)

Compaq recommends that you replace the ECB every two years to prevent battery failure.

If you are shutting down your controller for longer than one day, complete the additional steps in “Shutting Down the Subsystem” in the *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.6 Maintenance and Service Guide*. This will prevent the ECB from discharging during planned power outages.

### Dual External Cache Battery (ECB) Failures

The array controller cache policy provides for proper handling of a single ECB failure as described in the *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.6 Troubleshooting Reference Guide*. For dual ECB failures, it states that no failover occurs. For this release, if a dual ECB failure is detected both controllers will be restarted.

### Using FRUTIL to Insert a New Controller

When using FRUTIL to insert a new controller in a dual-redundant controller configuration, you will see a new set of instructions after the new controller has been inserted:

If the other controller did not restart, follow these steps:

1. Press and hold the **Reset** button on the other controller.

2. Insert the program card for the other controller.
3. Release the **Reset** button.

**NOTE:** Whenever you are running FRUTIL you must quiesce all I/O.

## Saving Your Configuration

When enabled, the `SAVE_CONFIGURATION` switch allows you to do the following (on supported single controller configurations only):

- Save a configuration to a disk or storage set. The configuration may be retrieved later and downloaded onto a replacement controller.
- Retain code patches to the ACS software.

### Saving a Configuration to Previously Initialized Storage Sets

If any storage set within the configuration was previously initialized with the `INITIALIZE container-name SAVE_CONFIGURATION` command to save your configuration to disk, it will not be necessary to reconfigure your devices with a new controller. `SAVE_CONFIGURATION` also retains code patch information to the software. This option is supported on single controller configurations only.

ACS Version 8.6 saves any installed software patches on disks initialized with the `SAVE_CONFIGURATION` option. To replace a controller and restore the configuration from a disk, you will not have to reinstall any software patches.

Configuration information cannot be retrieved from storage sets created on other HSx controllers (for example, HSD, HSJ, or HSZ controllers). You can only restore a configuration from a configuration saved on this or another HSG80 array controller.

## Avoiding Problem Situations

Under certain conditions, you may experience unusual array controller behavior. This section presents information to help you avoid such situations and to recover from them if they occur.

## Adding, Moving, and Changing Devices

The array controller maintains a configuration map of a device's type and location. This map is used to communicate with devices. If you add, move, or change a device while the array controller is powered off, without first changing the array controller configuration, the array controller is not able to communicate with the changed device when it returns to service.

If a device is removed by mistake while the array controller is off, delete all containers associated with the removed device after power has been restored to the array controller.

If a device is replaced while the array controller is off, remove the device before restoring power to the array controller. Correctly remove the current device and add the new device after restoring power to the array controller.

See the *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.6 Maintenance and Service Guide* for correct device removal and addition procedures.

## Moving StorageSets

Move only normal storageSets.

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**CAUTION:** Do not move storageSets that are reconstructing or have been reduced, or data corruption will result.

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## Adding, Moving, and Changing Array Controllers, Cache Modules, or External Cache Battery (ECB) Storage Building Blocks (SBBs)

You can replace the array controller, cache module, or external cache battery SBB while the subsystem is shut down. However, you must enter the SHUTDOWN THIS\_CONTROLLER command before shutting the subsystem down to make configuration changes. If two array controllers are configured in a dual-redundant configuration, you must first enter the SHUTDOWN OTHER\_CONTROLLER command.

These commands instruct the array controllers to flush all unwritten data from the cache modules and discontinue all I/O activity. For more information regarding the SHUTDOWN controller command, see the *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.6 CLI*

*Reference Guide.* For information on maintenance and replacement of the array controller, cache module, and external cache battery, see the *HSG80 Array Controller ACS Version 8.6 Maintenance and Service Guide*.

## Host Operating System Notes

The following section identifies host specific operating notes.

### Host Function

Although an IBM operating system entry is present in the CLI and SWCC for the Fibre Channel connection, use the default setting “WINNT” for operation with your IBM host. The IBM setting may cause problems when LUNs are not available to AIX or during a controller failover.

Check the connection name with the following CLI command:

```
SHOW CONNECTIONS
```

Change the operating system connection type with the following CLI command:

```
SET [connection name] operating_system=WINNT
```

*Where:* [connection name] is the name of the connection with the status listed as OL this (Online This) or OL other (Online Other) when the `SHOW CONNECTION` command is entered.

Once the connections have been made to WINNT, the `SHOW CONNECTION` command should display WINNT in the Operating System column for the connection name(s) set with the command above.

### Supported Adapters

The PC1000 adapter (Compaq P/N=149841-B21) is supported with this release. The PC1000 adapter is not capable of FC-SW operation. If your application requires the FC-SW mode use the PC1000F adapter (Compaq P/N=197819-B21) as it supports both FC-SW and FC-AL modes of operation.

## Setting the dma\_window Attribute

If your system has 1 GB of memory or greater, and you are running AIX Version 4.3.2 or greater, you must change the dma\_window attribute for any installed PC1000F adapters. Otherwise, your adapters will not be able to bind to any units when `cfgmgr` is run. The default setting is 256M; however, systems with >1 GB of memory should use 64M. This setting is changed by the install script, but you can use the following commands to view/change this attribute:

To view the attributes for an adapter enter the following command:

```
# lsattr -El scsiX (where scsiX is the specific adapter instance)
```

To change the attributes for an adapter enter the following command:

```
# rmdev -l scsiX (where scsiX is the specific adapter instance to be changed)
# chdev -l scsiX -a dma_window=64M
# mkdev -l scsiX
```

## Units Show as Defined, not Available

In certain circumstances, some units may not show as AVAILABLE after running `cfgmgr`, or a message may appear indicating a “device not found” error. This is normal, and is due to excessive unit attentions that can be caused by units rebuilding or other informational events. If this does occur, run `cfgmgr` again to clear the unit attentions.

## Fibre Channel Loop Identifiers

Compaq PC1000/PC1000F Fibre Channel host adapters default to a SCSI target ID of 7. To avoid problems in FC-AL mode, when configuring the array controller use the AL\_PAs listed in the *HSG80 ACS Solution Software Version 8.6 Installation and Configuration Guide*. These AL\_PAs should be D5 for port 1, and D6 for port 2.

## Adapter Driver Capabilities

This adapter driver release supports SCSI initiator mode only. No target mode support or IP support are planned.

## AIX Boot Support

The ability to bootstrap the RS6000 from an array controller is not supported.

## A Subsystem Name Cannot Use a Pipe Character

When adding a storage subsystem, do not use a pipe character (|) in the name.

## HACMP Support

This release of the Solution Software supports HACMP with the array controller. The HACMP enabler software is provided on the CD-ROM. Find the /hacmp directory on the CD-ROM for the enabler file. For information on setting up and managing HACMP, refer to the *HSG80 ACS Solution Software Version 8.6 Installation and Configuration Guide*.

## Method Error

When installing the Solution Software, you may see the following message:

```
Configuring system...Method error
(/usr/lib/methods/cfgefscsi -l fscsil ):
0514-061 Cannot find a child device.
OK
```

Your host may have other unsupported adapters installed, but not used at this time. Running cfmgr will allow you to find all available devices. Please ignore the message.

## Documentation Anomalies

The following are known additions and corrections to the *HSG80 ACS Solution Software Version 8.6 Installation and Configuration Guide*.

- Under “Examining and Upgrading Your Driver,” on page 3-10, in step 3 for installations using the PC1000.driver.obj package, the command syntax should read:
 

```
installp -acd PC1000.image all
```
- Under “Installing the Client,” on page B-2 of Appendix B, the following restriction should be observed when installing SWCC on Windows NT 4.0 Workstations:

If you select all of the applets during installation, the installation will fail on the HSG60 applet and again on one of the HSG80 applets. The workaround is to install all of the applets you want except for the HSG60 applet and the HSG80 ACS 8.5 applet. You can then return to the setup program and install the one that you need.

In a SAN environment where you would need both G60 and G80 subsystems, we recommend you install both, but one at a time. This problem is not seen under Windows NT 4.0 Server.

- Under “Installing the Client,” in step 3 on page B-3 of Appendix B, select the “HSG80 Controller for ACS85 newer” menu option to properly install SWCC client.