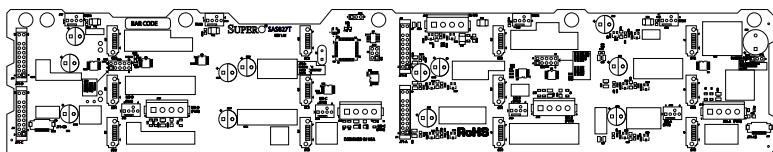


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For faster service, RMA authorizations may be requested online (<http://www.supermicro.com/support/rma/>).

Whenever possible, repack the backplane in the original Supermicro box, using the original packaging materials. If these are no longer available, be sure to pack the backplane in an anti-static bag and inside the box. Make sure that there is enough packaging material surrounding the backplane so that it does not become damaged during shipping.

This warranty only covers normal consumer use and does not cover damages incurred in shipping or from failure due to the alteration, misuse, abuse or improper maintenance of products.

During the warranty period, contact your distributor first for any product problems.

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Chapter 1

SAS-827T Safety Guidelines

To avoid personal injury and property damage, carefully follow all the safety steps listed below when accessing your system or handling the components.

1-1 ESD Safety Guidelines

Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) can damage electronic components. To prevent damage to your system, it is important to handle it very carefully. The following measures are generally sufficient to protect your equipment from ESD.

- Use a grounded wrist strap designed to prevent static discharge.
- Touch a grounded metal object before removing a component from the antistatic bag.
- Handle the backplane by its edges only; do not touch its components, peripheral chips, memory modules or gold contacts.
- When handling chips or modules, avoid touching their pins.
- Put the card and peripherals back into their antistatic bags when not in use.

1-2 General Safety Guidelines

- Always disconnect power cables before installing or removing any components from the computer, including the SAS-827T backplane.
- Disconnect the power cable before installing or removing any cables from the SAS-827T backplane.
- Make sure that the SAS-827T backplane is securely and properly installed on the motherboard to prevent damage to the system due to power shortage.

1-3 An Important Note to Users

All images and layouts shown in this user's guide are based upon the latest PCB Revision available at the time of publishing. The card you have received may or may not look exactly the same as the graphics shown in this manual.

1-4 Introduction to the SAS-827T Backplane

The SAS-827T backplane has been designed to utilize the most up-to-date technology available, providing your system with reliable, high-quality performance.

This manual reflects SAS-827T Revision 1.01, the most current release available at the time of publication. Always refer to the Supermicro Web site at www.supermicro.com for the latest updates, compatible parts and supported configurations.

Chapter 2

Connectors, Jumpers and LEDs

2-1 Front Connectors and Jumpers

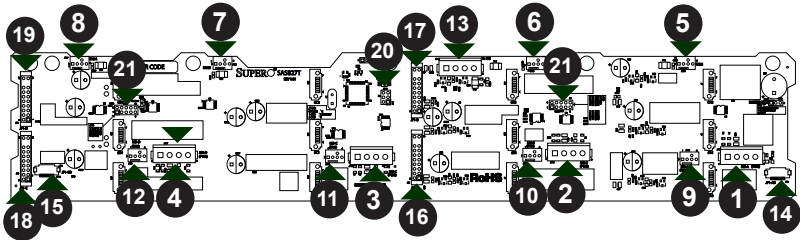


Figure 2-1: Front Connectors

Front Connectors

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|--|--|
| 1. MB Power Connector: JP10: MB-A | 15. Backplane to Front Panel Header: JF1-CD, JF6 |
| 2. MB Power Connector: JP13: MB-B | 16. MB Front Panel Connector: JF1-A, JF1 |
| 3. MB Power Connector: JP46: MB-C | 17. MB Front Panel Connector: JF1-B, JF2 |
| 4. MB Power Connector: JP47: MB-D | 18. MB Front Panel Connector JF1-C: JF3 |
| 5. Chassis Fan Connector: JP54: Fan1 | 19. MB Front Panel Connector JF1-D: JF4 |
| 6. Chassis Fan Connector: JP55: Fan2 | 20. Upgrade Connector: JP69 |
| 7. Chassis Fan Connector: JP56: Fan3 | 21. Manufacturer's testing only: JP26 and JP49 |
| 8. Chassis Fan Connector JP57: Fan4 | |
| 9. MB Fan Connector: JP58: MB-A | |
| 10. MB Fan Connector: JP59: MB-B | |
| 11. MB Fan Connector: MB-C: JP60 | |
| 12. MB Fan Connector: MB-D: JP65 | |
| 13. Power Supply Connector: JP48 | |
| 14. Backplane to Front Panel Header: JF1-AB, JF5 | |

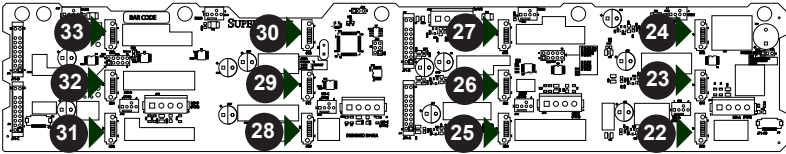


Figure 2-2: Front SAS Ports

SAS Ports

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 22. SAS Port #A0: J5 | 28. SAS Port #C0: J14 |
| 23. SAS Port #A1: J6 | 28. SAS Port #C1: J16 |
| 24. SAS Port #A2: J7 | 29. SAS Port #C2: J22 |
| 25. SAS Port #B0: J8 | 30. SAS Port #D0: J23 |
| 26. SAS Port #B1: J10 | 31. SAS Port #D1: J24 |
| 27. SAS Port #B2: J12 | 32. SAS Port #D2: J25 |

2-2 Front Connector and Pin Definitions

1. - 4. Motherboard Power Connectors

These connectors, designated JP10, JP13, JP46 and JP47 receive power from each of the four motherboards in the chassis. Use the table on the right to connect the motherboard power connector on the backplane to the correct motherboard in the chassis.

MB Power Connections	
Connector	Motherboard
JP10	MB-A
JP13	MB-B
JP46	MB-C
JP47	MB-D

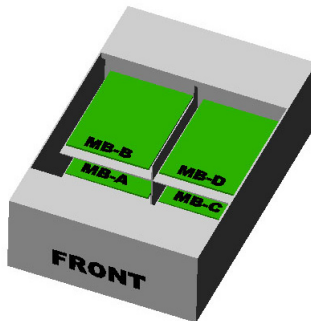


Figure 2-3: Motherboard Locations in the Chassis

5. - 8. Chassis Fan Connectors

These connectors, designated JP54, JP55, JP56 and JP57 supply power to the chassis cooling fans.

9. - 12. Fan Connector Y-Cable

(Optional feature, sold separately)

A Y-cable is used to connect the fan connector from the backplane to the motherboard's fan connectors. These fan connectors are designated JP58, JP59, JP60 and JP65. Only connect a Y-cable into these four connectors. Never directly connect a fan to these connectors as it may damage both the fans and/or the backplane.

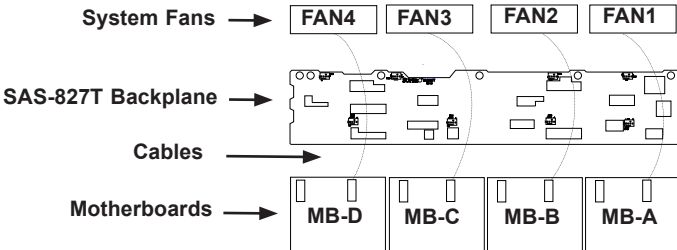


Figure 2-4: Default Configuration - Fans Connected Directly to Motherboards

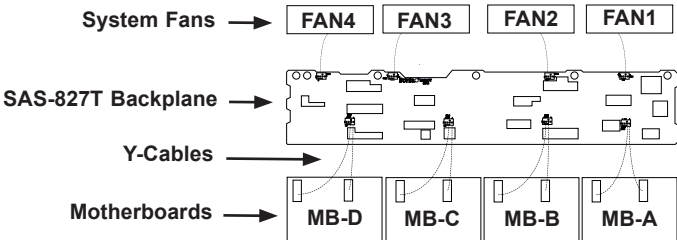


Figure 2-5: Optional Configuration - Motherboards to the Fan Connectors

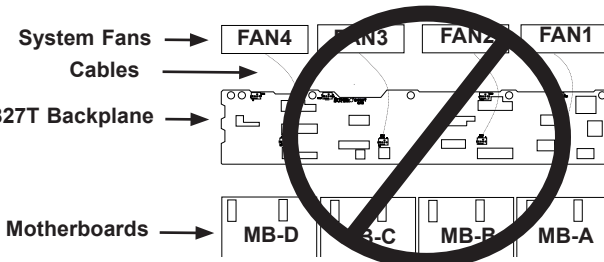


Figure 2-6: Prohibited Configuration

13. Backplane Main Power Connectors

The 4-pin connector, designated JP48, provides power to the backplane. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

Backplane Main Power 4-Pin Connector	
Pin#	Definition
1	+12V
2 and 3	Ground
4	+5V_STBY

14. - 15. Backplane to Front Panel Headers

These connectors are designated JF5 and JF6. They connect the backplane to the front LED panels on the chassis. JF5 connects to the LED display panel for motherboards A and B. JF6 connects to the LED display panel for motherboards C and D.

16. - 19. Motherboard to Backplane Connectors

These connectors, designated JF1, JF2, JF3 and JF4, connect the motherboards to the front LED panels on the chassis. JF1 connects to motherboard A. JF2 connects to motherboard B. JF3 connects to motherboard C and JF4 connects to motherboard D. See the table on page 2-2 to determine the locations of the motherboards within the chassis.

20. Upgrade Connector

The upgrade connector is designated JP69. Upgrade connectors are for manufacturing use only.

21. Manufacturer's Test Connectors

The manufacturer's test connectors are designated JP26 and JP49. These test connectors are for manufacturing use only.

22. - 33. SAS Ports

The SAS-827T backplane is designed with four separate sectors, which support from one to four motherboards independently of each other. The SAS ports are used to connect the SAS drive cables. The 12 ports are designated A0, A1, A2, B0, B1, B2, C0, C1, C2 and D0, D1, D2. Each port is also compatible with SATA drives. Use the table below to determine the SAS port to motherboard configuration that is appropriate for your system.

SAS Port to Motherboard Configurations		
Number of Motherboards	SAS Port Connectors	Connect to Motherboard
Using one MB	A0, A1, A2	MB-A
Using two MBs	A0, A1, A2	MB-A
	B0, B1, B2	MB-B
Using three MBs	A0, A1, A2	MB-A
	B0, B1, B2	MB-B
	C0, C1, C2	MB-C
Using four MBs	A0, A1, A2	MB-A
	B0, B1, B2	MB-B
	C0, C1, C2	MB-C
	D0, D1, D2	MB-D

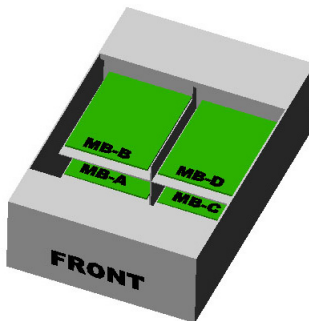


Figure 2-7: Motherboard Locations In the Chassis

2-3 Front Jumper Locations and Pin Definitions

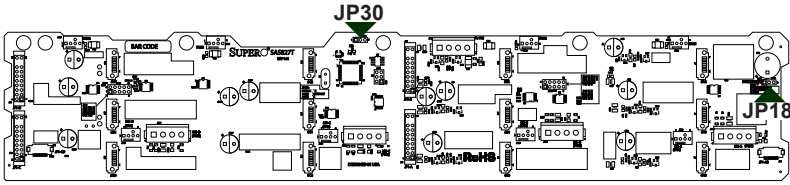
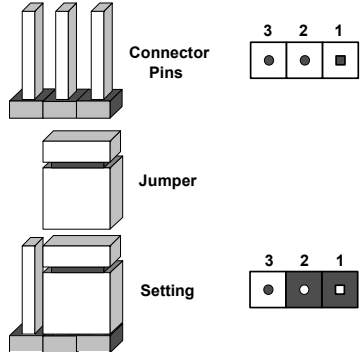


Figure 2-8: Front Jumpers

Explanation of Jumpers

To modify the operation of the backplane, jumpers can be used to choose between optional settings. Jumpers create shorts between two pins to change the function of the connector. Pin 1 is identified with a square solder pad on the printed circuit board. **Note:** On two pin jumpers, "Closed" means the jumper is on and "Open" means the jumper is off the pins.



Jumper Settings		
Jumper	Jumper Settings	Notes
JP18	Open: Buzzer disabled 1-2: Buzzer enabled (Default) 2-3: Test setting	*Buzzer reset
JP30	Overheat Settings Open: 45° Celsius 1-2: 50° Celsius (Default) 2-3: 55° Celsius	Backplane overheat settings

*The buzzer sound indicates that a condition requiring immediate attention has occurred.

The backplane buzzer alarm is triggered by the following condition:

Backplane temperature over 45°, 50° or 55° Celsius, depending upon the overheat setting selected. See the table above for details.

Front LED Indicators

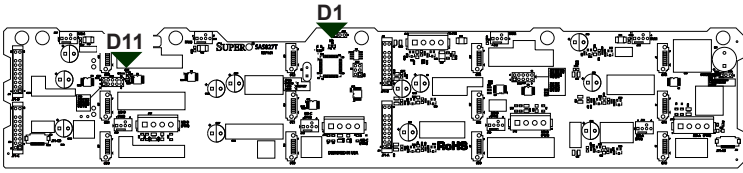


Figure 2-9: Front LEDs

Front Panel LEDs		
LED	State	Specification
Heartbeat LED: D1	Blinking	Blinking heartbeat indicates backplane activity
Overheat LED: D11	Solid On	On indicates backplane overheat condition

2-4 Rear Connectors and LED Indicators

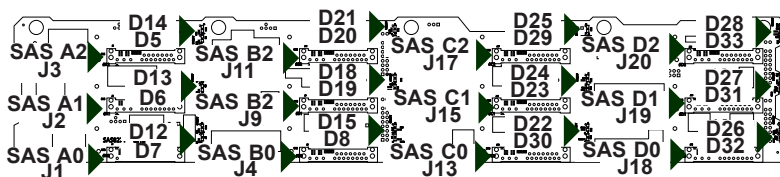


Figure 2-10: Rear Connectors and LEDs

Rear SAS/SATA Connectors			
Rear Connector	SAS Drive Number	Rear Connector	SAS Drive Number
SAS #A2	SAS/SATA A2	SAS #C2	SAS/SATA C2
SAS #A1	SAS/SATA A1	SAS #C1	SAS/SATA C1
SAS #A0	SAS/SATA A0	SAS #C0	SAS/SATA C0
SAS #B2	SAS/SATA B2	SAS #D2	SAS/SATA D2
SAS #B1	SAS/SATA B1	SAS #D1	SAS/SATA D1
SAS #B0	SAS/SATA B0	SAS #D0	SAS/SATA D0

Rear LED Indicators	
Rear LED	Hard Drive Activity
SAS #A0	D12
SAS #A1	D13
SAS #A2	D14
SAS #B0	D15
SAS #B1	D18
SAS #B2	D21
SAS #C0	D22
SAS #C1	D24
SAS #C2	D25
SAS #D0	D26
SAS #D1	D27
SAS #D2	D28

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