



Digital AlphaStation™ 200 4/233

CPU Upgrade Information

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- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
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Preface

The Digital AlphaStation 4/233 CPU Upgrade

This booklet guides you through the upgrade of your Digital AlphaStation 200 Series system to a 4/233 system.

Audience

The information included here is intended for anyone upgrading the performance of a Digital AlphaStation 200 Series system.

Abbreviations

This guide uses the following abbreviations:

Abbreviation	Meaning
CPU	Central processing unit
DROM	Diagnostic read only memory
ESD	Electrostatic discharge
LED	Light emitting diode
MHz	Megahertz
PAL	Programmable array logic
SROM	Serial read only memory

Preface

Special Notices

This guide uses the following notices to emphasize specific information.

WARNING

A WARNING indicates the presence of a hazard that can cause personal injury.

CAUTION

A CAUTION indicates the presence of a hazard that can damage hardware or that might corrupt software.

NOTE

A NOTE provides information on general topics, such as compatibility with other products, or pointers to other sources.

Additional Information Resources

You may wish to consult the following resources for information on your Digital AlphaStation 200 Series system:

- *Digital AlphaStation™ 200 Series Installation Information* (order number EK-PCDTA-II) presents a graphical overview of the Digital AlphaStation 200 Series installation.
- *Digital AlphaStation™ 200 Series User Information* (order number EK-PCDTA-UI). This manual contains information to start, use, update, troubleshoot, and configure your Digital AlphaStation 200 Series system. You can also find general system information such as console commands and system care here.

Contact your distributor or Digital representative for other available product-related information.

Upgrading to a 4/233

Introduction

Upgrading the performance of your AlphaStation 200 Series system is a relatively simple procedure. Upgrading from a 4/100 or a 4/166 to a 4/233 requires three main tasks:

1. Replace the CPU chip.
2. Replace the oscillator chip.
3. Add a jumper.

CAUTIONS

While performing the upgrade, you must touch some electronic components. Treat these high performance components with care:

- To prevent damage to components from electrostatic discharge (ESD), use the wrist strap included in the upgrade kit.
 - Insert and remove components gently. The pins on the components and the sockets in which they fit are delicate. Make sure the component and socket are properly lined up before inserting.
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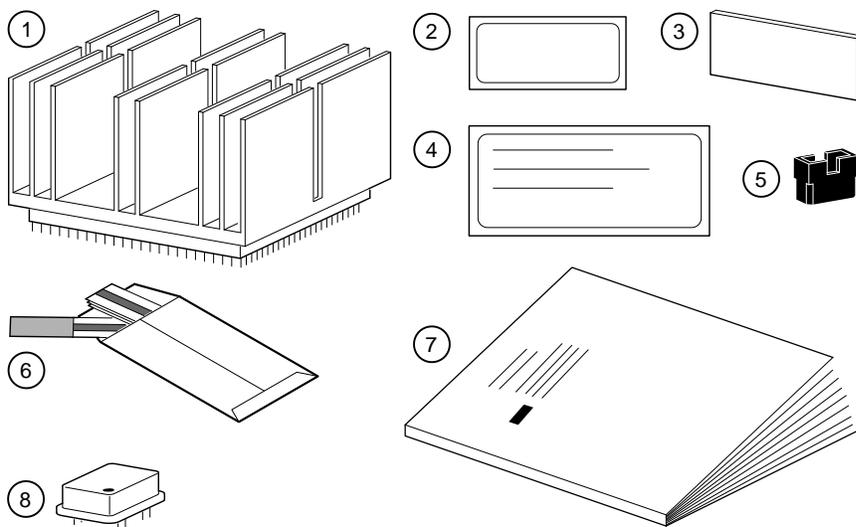
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Upgrade Kit Inventory

The AlphaStation 200 4/233 upgrade kit contains the following items, shown in Figure 1:

- ① CPU and heatsink assembly
- ② Conversion label
- ③ Medallion
- ④ Mailing label
- ⑤ Jumper
- ⑥ Antistatic wrist strap
- ⑦ Documentation
- ⑧ Oscillator

Figure 1. Kit Contents



The packaging materials are reused to return the old CPU/heatsink assembly to Digital.

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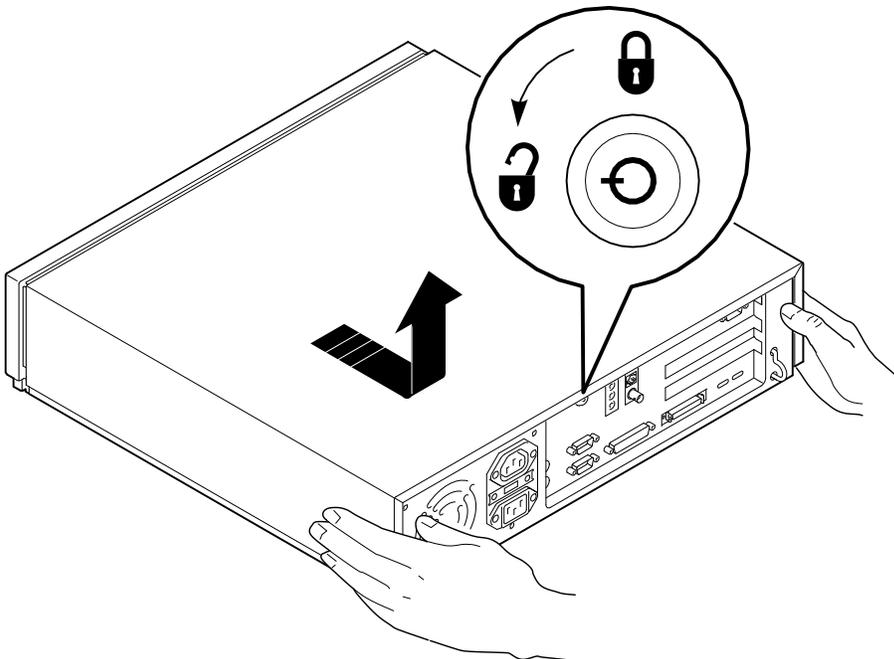
To prepare your system for the upgrade:

1. Back up your hard disk(s).
2. Shut down the operating system using the appropriate command.
3. Turn off the power and unplug the power cable.
4. Remove the system cover by first unlocking the top cover. Then, place your thumbs on the upper corners of the rear panel, pull back on the cover sides, and lift the cover off, as shown in Figure 2.

NOTE

Occasionally, the top cover is pushed back during shipping, causing binding of the locking mechanism. As a remedy, push the top cover toward the bezel to realign the lock.

Figure 2. Unlocking and Removing System Cover



Remove the Components

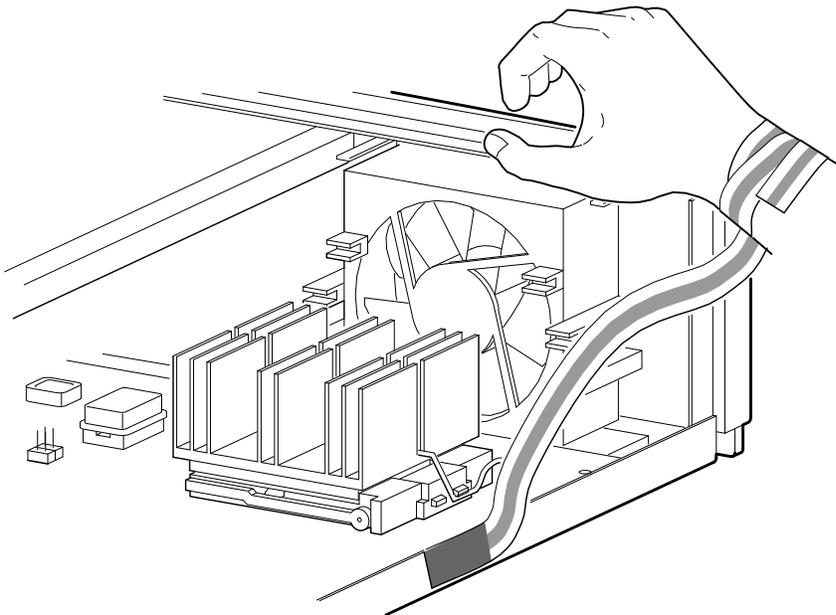
This section takes you through the steps to remove the components. Exercise care when removing the components.

CAUTION

Do not touch any electronic component unless you are wearing the antistatic wrist strap and the strap is attached to the system. A static discharge can permanently damage electronic components.

1. Put the antistatic strap around your bare wrist, and attach it to the system, as shown in Figure 3 .

Figure 3. Using the Antistatic Wrist Strap



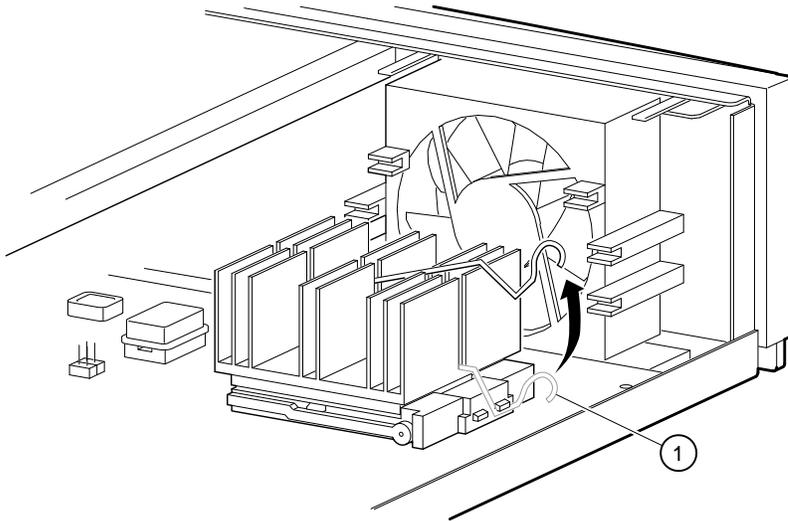
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2. Check your system to verify that the CPU/heatsink assembly is removable. If it sits in a socket that has a release lever, as shown in Figure 5, it is removable. You can also check the number on the label affixed to the motherboard. If the number is 54-23254-01, the assembly is *not* removable, and you must call a Digital service representative to upgrade your system.
3. Release and raise the holding clip ① from the CPU heatsink and CPU assembly, as shown in Figure 4.

WARNING

Be careful when releasing the holding clip. Injury could occur if the clip jumps from the system due to a sudden release of the clip's tension

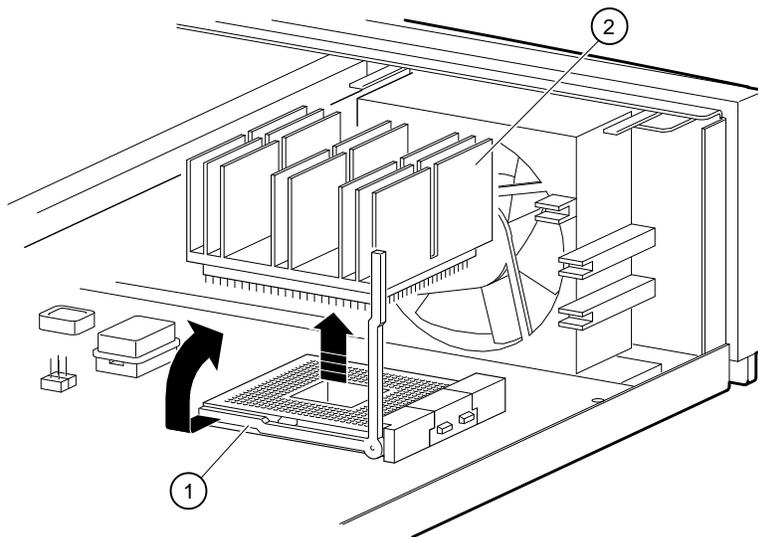
Figure 4. Releasing the Holding Clip



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4. Release and raise the CPU socket release lever ① as shown in Figure 5. Gently lift the heatsink and CPU assembly ② out of the socket. Set the assembly aside for return to Digital.

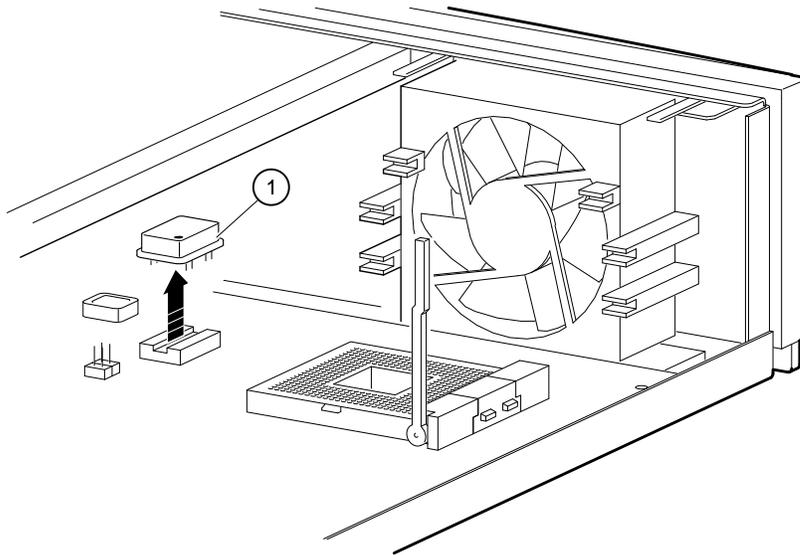
Figure 5. Removing the CPU



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5. At the location shown in Figure 6, remove the oscillator ①, by *gently* pulling upward and rocking the oscillator until it is free.

Figure 6. Removing the Oscillator



Add the New Components

This section contains the steps you perform to add the new components and complete the upgrade.

When inserting the new components into the motherboard, keep these guidelines in mind:

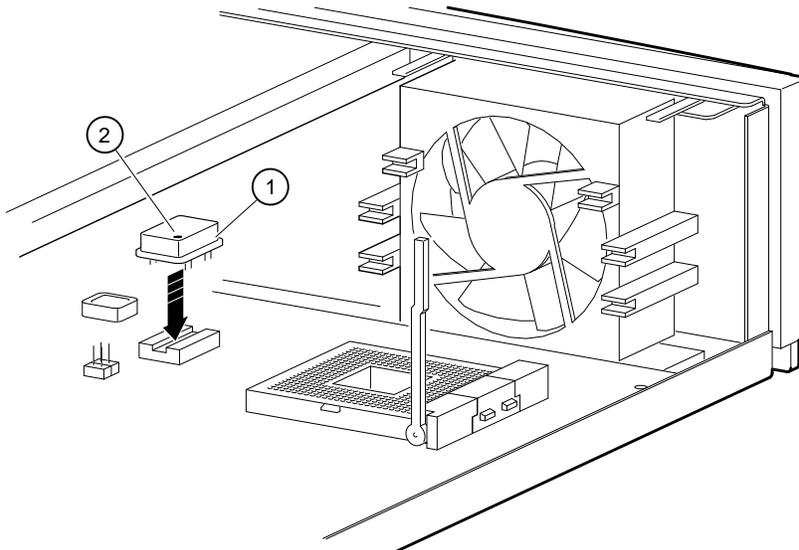
- Wear the antistatic wrist strap and keep it attached to the system while handling components.
- Be gentle. The pins and contacts of the components are fragile.
- Doublecheck that the components are oriented correctly.

CAUTION

Orientation of components is critical. Make sure the component is properly oriented to its socket before inserting it.

1. Locate the new oscillator ① and orient it to the socket using the dot ② (indicating pin 1), as shown in Figure 7. Insert the oscillator with a *gentle* downward pressure.

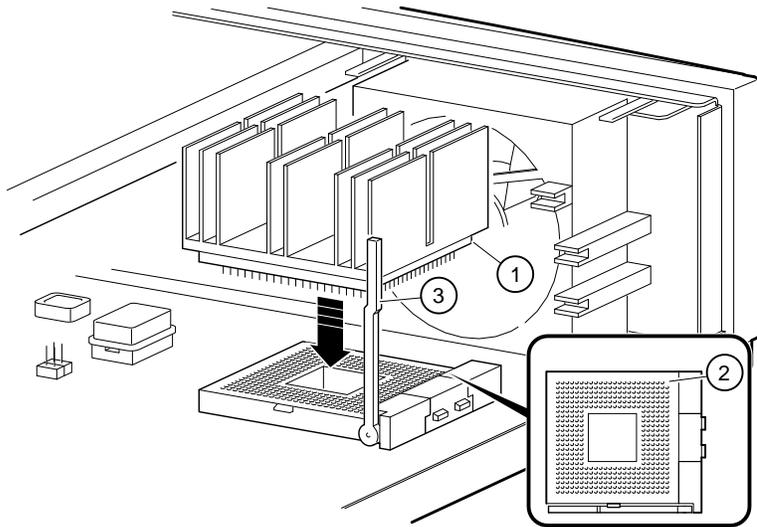
Figure 7. Replacing the Oscillator



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2. Make sure that the socket release lever ③ is raised to the vertical position, as shown in Figure 8.
3. Locate the new CPU/heatsink assembly ① and inspect it to verify that none of the pins are bent. Orient the assembly to the socket, as shown. Note that one corner of the CPU socket ② is missing one pin. Align the corresponding corner of the chip with this corner, and carefully insert the new CPU chip. *No pressure is required.* Once aligned with its socket, the CPU assembly should drop in easily.

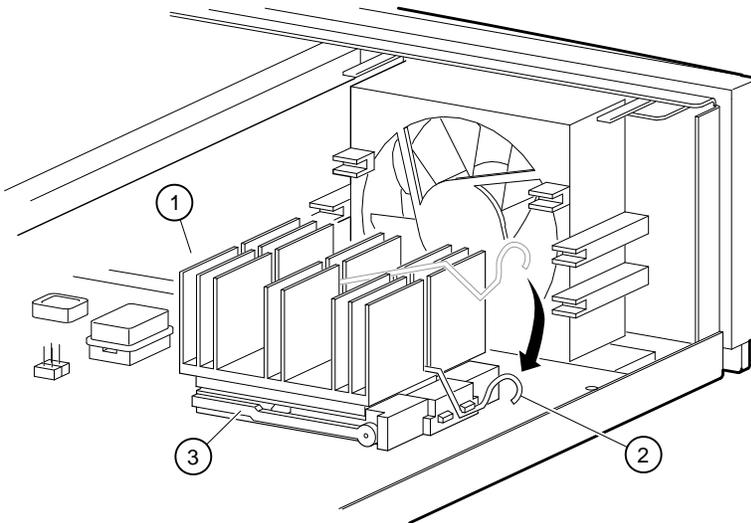
Figure 8. Inserting the CPU Assembly



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4. Lower the socket release lever ③ until it snaps in place, as shown in Figure 9.
5. Replace the holding clip, by first hooking one end ① over the far tab on the socket, and then lowering the clip and securing it by hooking the other end over the near tab on the socket ② as shown.

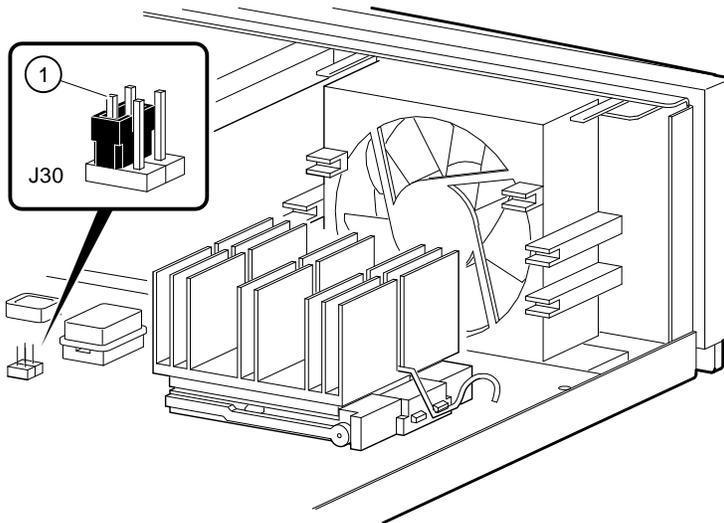
Figure 9. Securing the CPU Assembly



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6. In the upgrade kit, locate the jumper ① and install it at position J30 to connect pin 1 and pin 2 together, as shown in Figure 10.

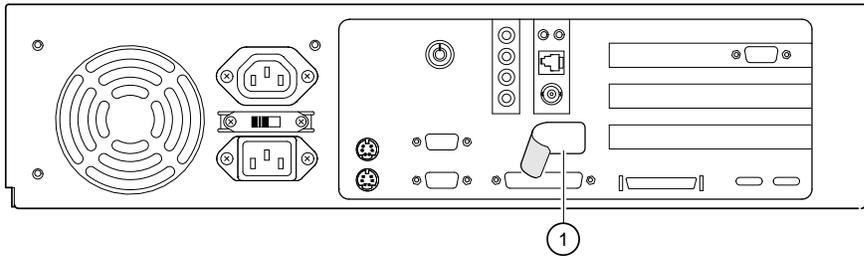
Figure 10. Installing the Jumper



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7. Disconnect the antistatic wrist strap from the system and remove it from your wrist.
8. Locate the conversion label ① in the upgrade kit and apply it to the rear connector bulkhead, as shown in Figure 11.

Figure 11. Conversion Label



9. Replace the system cover.
10. Locate the Model 4/233 medallion, peel off the backing, and place the medallion over the old model number just below the raised DIGITAL logo on the front of the system unit.
11. Connect the power cord and turn the power on.
12. Boot the operating system.
13. Return the old CPU/heatsink assembly to Digital. Pack it in the box that contained your new CPU. Place the CPU box inside the upgrade kit box. Locate the prepaid return label in the upgrade kit, attach it to the box, and return the package by mail.

Troubleshooting

This section describes what to do if the system exhibits problems after the upgrade is completed.

It is assumed that the system was functioning normally before the upgrade installation. Refer to Table 1 to identify and solve problems that occurred after the upgrade installation.

Table 1. System Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Action
Power indicator not on.	System is not plugged in.	Turn off the system, plug it in, and then turn it back on again.
	No power at the wall outlet.	Use another wall outlet.
	Power supply failure.	Contact your service representative.
Power is on, but there is no screen display.	Brightness and contrast controls were inadvertently changed when moving the monitor.	Adjust the brightness and contrast controls.
	Monitor is off.	Turn on the monitor.
The ARC or SRM console does not start.	SROM test failing or DROM test failing	Check the upgrade components for proper orientation and seating. Look at the diagnostic LEDs (see Figure 12). Use Table 2 to decode the LED value. Call your Digital service representative.
System does not boot.	Loose cables.	Secure all cable connections.

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Interpreting the LED Indicator Values

Figure 12 shows the locations of the diagnostic LED viewing ports①.

Figure 12. Diagnostic LEDs

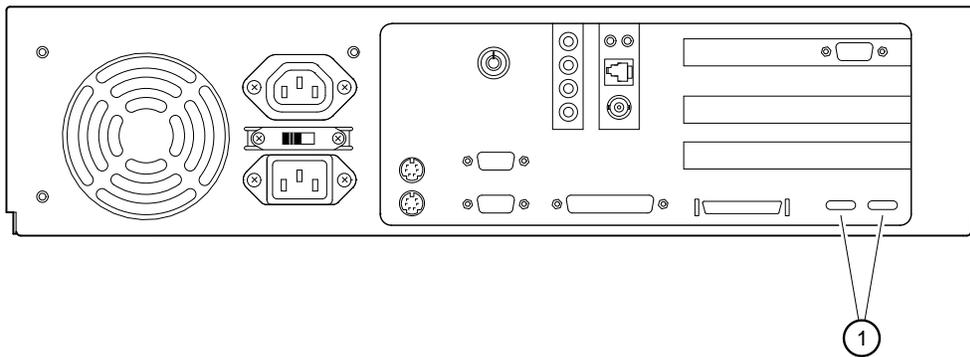


Table 2 lists the LED indicator values and their meanings. The meanings are valid when the LEDs have stopped sequencing through tests due to an error condition. The Indicator Values column of the table shows the LEDs viewed from the rear of the system.

Table 2. LED Codes

Indicator Values ¹ Bit 7	Bit 0	Hex Value	Meaning
● ● ● ● ● ○ ● ○		FA	Memory test 1 failure
● ● ● ● ● ○ ○ ●		F9	Memory test 2 failure
● ● ● ● ● ○ ○ ○		F8	Memory test 3 failure
● ● ● ● ● ○ ● ● ●		F7	Memory test 4 failure
● ● ● ● ● ○ ○ ● ○		F2	DROM and flashROM corrupted
● ● ○ ● ● ● ● ○		DE	Memory test failed
● ● ○ ● ● ● ○ ●		DD	FlashROM ID test failed
● ● ○ ● ● ● ○ ○		DC	NVRAM (nonvolatile random access memory) test failed
● ● ○ ● ● ○ ● ●		DB	SCSI controller test failed
● ● ○ ● ● ○ ● ○		DA	PCI/ISA bridge test failed
● ● ○ ● ● ○ ○ ●		D9	Realtime clock test failed
● ● ○ ● ● ○ ○ ○		D8	Keyboard controller test failed
● ● ○ ● ○ ● ● ●		D7	Floppy controller, bidirectional parallel port, or serial ports test failed
● ● ○ ● ○ ● ● ○		D6	Interrupts test failed
● ● ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○		D0	Power on self test passed, DROM console running
● ● ● ○ ○ ○ ● ○		E2	Floppy load failed
● ● ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ●		E1	Flash load failed
○ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○		20	Machine check occurred
● ● ● ● ● ● ○ ○		FC	Console initialized (final display if using ARC)
● ● ● ○ ○ ● ○ ●		E5	Console initialized (final display if using SRM)

¹The filled in circle (●) indicates that the LED is on; the open circle (○) indicates that it is off.

