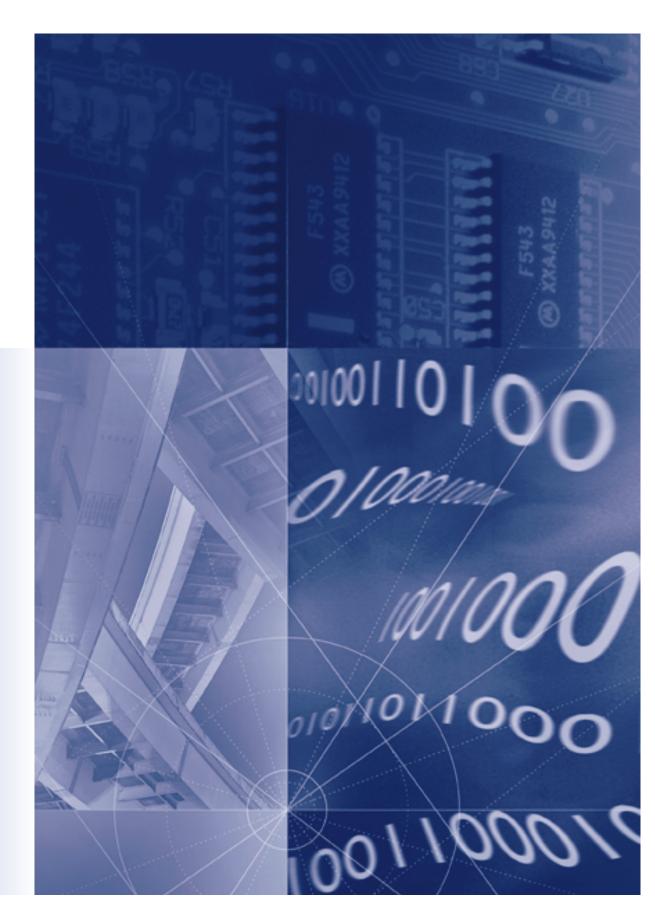


NETBuilder II® Flash Memory Drive Installation Guide



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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Introduction

This guide describes how to install the flash memory drive in all NETBuilder II® systems. The flash memory drive uses Personal Computer Memory Card International Association (PCMCIA) standard 1.0 flash memory cards, purchased separately. Refer to the release notes for approved vendors of the flash memory card.

This guide is intended for the system administrator, network equipment installer, or network manager who is responsible for installing and managing the network hardware. It assumes a working knowledge of network operations, but does not assume prior knowledge of 3Com® internetworking equipment.



If the information in the release notes shipped with your product differs from the information in this guide, follow the release notes.

Conventions

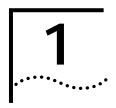
Table 1 and Table 2 list conventions that are used throughout this guide.

Table 1 Notice Icons

lcon	Туре	Description
$\overline{\mathbf{b}}$	Information Note	Information notes call attention to important features or instructions.
A	Caution	Cautions alert you to personal safety risk, system damage, or loss of data.
A	Warning	Warnings alert you to the risk of severe personal injury.

Table 2 Text Conventions

Convention	Description
"Enter" vs. "Type"	When the word "enter" is used in this guide, it means type something, then press the Return or Enter key. Do not press the Return or Enter key when an instruction simply says "type."
"Syntax" vs. "Command"	When the word "syntax" is used in this guide, it indicates that the general form of a command syntax is provided. You must evaluate the syntax and supply the appropriate port, path, value, address, or string; for example:
	Enable RIPIP by using the following syntax:
	SETDefault ! <port> -RIPIP CONTrol = Listen</port>
	In this example, you must supply a port number for ! <port>.</port>
	When the word "command" is used in this guide, it indicates that all variables in the command have been supplied and you can enter the command as shown in text; for example:
	Remove the IP address by entering the following command:
	SETDefault !0 -IP NETaddr = 0.0.0.0
	For consistency and clarity, the full form syntax (upper- and lowercase letters) is provided. However, you can enter the abbreviated form of a command by typing only the uppercase portion and supplying the appropriate port, path, address, value, and so forth. You can enter the command in either upper- or lowercase letters at the prompt.
Text represented as screen display	This typeface is used to represent displays that appear on your terminal screen, for example:
	NetLogin:
Text represented as commands	This typeface is used to represent commands that you enter, for example:
	SETDefault !0 -IP NETaddr = 0.0.0.0
Keys	When specific keys are referred to in the text, they are called out by their labels, such as "the Return key" or "the Escape key," or they may be shown as [Return] or [Esc].
	If two or more keys are to be pressed simultaneously, the keys are linked with a plus sign (+), for example:
	Press [Ctrl]+[Alt]+[Del].
Italics	Italics are used to denote new terms or emphasis.



Installing the Flash Memory Drive

The flash memory drive provides local, internal storage for NETBuilder II systems with the CEC module installed. Flash memory cards must be purchased separately. See the release notes for approved cards and vendors.

This chapter describes how to install the flash memory drive into the NETBuilder II system. This chapter includes information on the following:

- Preparing your system for installation
- Installing in the NETBuilder II 4-Slot chassis
- Installing in the dual-wide NETBuilder II 8-Slot chassis
- Installing in the single-wide NETBuilder II 8-Slot chassis
- Installing in the NETBuilder II 8-Slot Extended chassis

Before Installing the Flash Memory Drive

Before you install the flash memory drive into the NETBuilder II system, follow these steps:

1 Observe appropriate electrostatic discharge (ESD) precautions.

ESD can damage circuit board components. Failures resulting from ESD may not be covered under your warranty. To prevent ESD damage, follow these procedures:

- Keep the flash memory drive in its antistatic shielded bag until you are ready to install it.
- Do not touch pins, leads, or solder connections on the board.
- Handle the board by the edges only.
- Store or ship the flash memory drive in static-protective packaging.

Observe proper grounding techniques when handling the flash memory drive: Use a foot strap and grounded mat, or wear a grounded static discharge wrist strap.

2 Unpack and inspect the flash memory drive for shipping damage.

If you find any damage, file a report with the shipping company. If the drive must be returned to your network supplier, ship it in its original shipping carton. If the original carton was damaged in shipment, repack the system in a carton that provides equivalent protection.

3 Verify that you have received all the contents. If an item is missing from an undamaged carton, contact your network supplier to secure a replacement. See the following sections for carton contents:

For the NETBuilder II 4- or 8-Slot system:

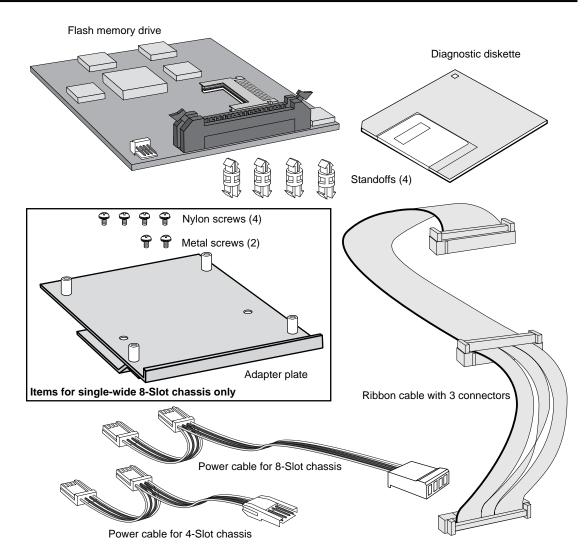
- Flash memory drive
- Ribbon cable
- NETBuilder II Flash Memory Drive Diagnostic diskette
- This guide
- Two bags of materials marked for 4-Slot or 8-Slot.



The dual-wide 8-Slot chassis uses parts from each bag.

 Table 1-1
 Required Materials for Each Chassis

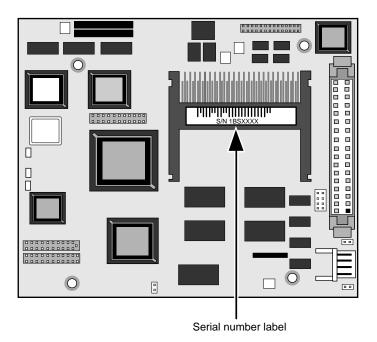
4-Slot Chassis	Dual-Wide 8-Slot Chassis	Single-Wide 8-Slot Chassis
Shorter power cable (4-Slot bag)	Longer power cable (8-Slot bag)	Longer power cable (8-Slot bag)
a 4 plastic standoffs (4-Slot bag)	a 4 plastic standoffs (4-Slot bag)	2 metal screws (8-Slot bag)
OR	OR	4 nylon screws (8-Slot bag)
b 3 plastic standoffs (4-Slot bag)	b 3 plastic standoffs (4-Slot bag)	Adapter plate (8-Slot bag)
and 1 nylon screw (8-Slot bag)	and 1 nylon screw (8-Slot bag)	



For the NETBuilder II 8-Slot Extended system:

- Flash memory drive, mounted on a tray
- NETBuilder II Flash Memory Drive Diagnostic diskette
- This guide
- **4** In the space provided, copy the serial number from the label on the component side of the flash memory drive.

Serial number: _



Software Requirements

The flash memory drive needs version 6.2 or later of the NETBuilder software. The Extended chassis needs version 8.0 or later of the NETBuilder software. Be sure to use the CEC firmware that shipped with your software version.

Identifying Your System

This manual includes installation instructions for four kinds of systems:

- 4-Slot chassis (single-wide and dual-wide)
- Dual-wide 8-Slot chassis
- Single-wide 8-Slot chassis
- Extended chassis

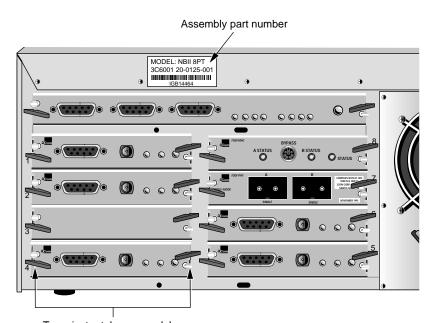
The assembly part number for each chassis is located on a label above the CEC slot. Table 1-2 lists the assembly part numbers for each chassis.

Table 1-2 NETBuilder II Chassis Assembly Part Numbers

Chassis	Assemby Part Number	Go to Page
Single-wide 4-Slot	20-0151-xxx	"Installing in the 4-Slot Chassis"
Dual-wide 4-Slot	20-0250-xxx, 20-0406-xxx, or 20-0457-xxx	"Installing in the 4-Slot Chassis"
Dual-wide 8-Slot	20-0249-xxx, 20-0407-xxx, or 20-0458-xxx	"Installing in the Dual-Wide 8-Slot Chassis"
Single-wide 8-Slot	20-0125-xxx	"Installing in the Single-Wide 8-Slot Chassis"
8-Slot Extended	20-0270-xxx or 20-0459-xxx	"Installing in the Extended Chassis"

Single-Wide Chassis

The older, single-wide 4-Slot and 8-Slot chassis have two ejector tabs for each module, as shown in Figure 1-1.



Two ejector tabs per module

Figure 1-1 Single-Wide Chassis

Dual-Wide Chassis

The newer, dual-wide chassis have one ejector tab for each module (except for the CEC module slot, which has two ejector tabs), as shown in Figure 1-2. The dual-wide chassis has a removeable center column, which allows for the installation of extended-format modules.

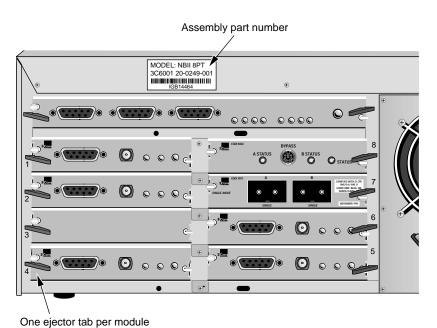


Figure 1-2 Dual-Wide Chassis

Installing in the 4-Slot Chassis

Use the following procedure to install the flash memory drive in the NETBuilder II 4-Slot chassis, both single-wide and dual-wide versions.

To identify your chassis, use Table 1-3.

 Table 1-3
 4-Slot Chassis Assembly Part Numbers

Chassis	Assembly Part Number
Single-wide 4-Slot	20-0151-xxx
Dual-wide 4-Slot	20-0250-xxx, 20-0406-xxx, or 20-0457-xxx

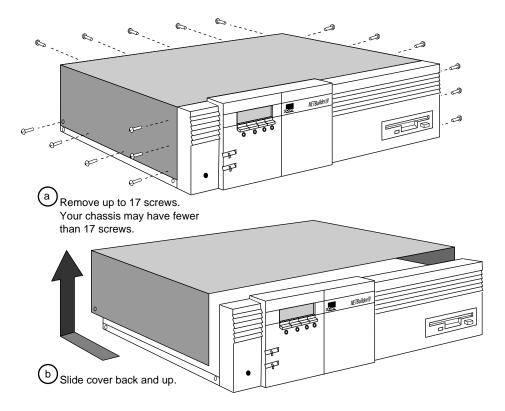
See "Identifying Your System" for more information on single-wide and dual-wide NETBuilder II chassis.

You will need a #2 Phillips screwdriver. A pair of pliers is recommended.

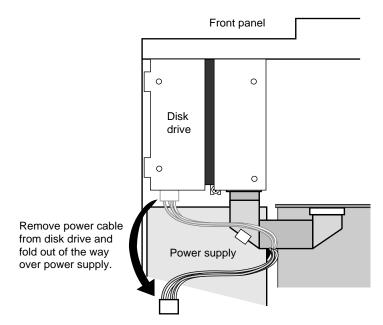
To Install the flash memory drive, follow these steps:

- 1 Turn off the system and unplug the power cord from the outlet and the chassis.
- 2 If your system is mounted in a rack, remove it from the rack.

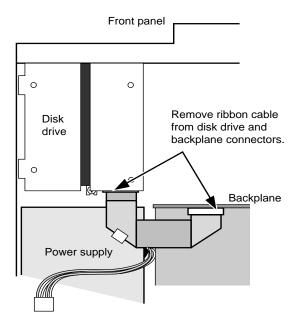
 Use a #2 Phillips screwdriver to unscrew the three screws that secure each rack-mount bracket.
- 3 Remove the cover from the chassis.



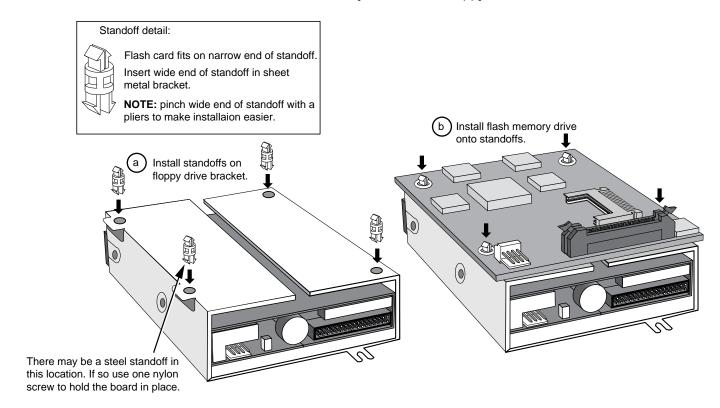
4 Disconnect the floppy disk drive's power cable.



5 Disconnect and discard the floppy disk drive's ribbon cable.



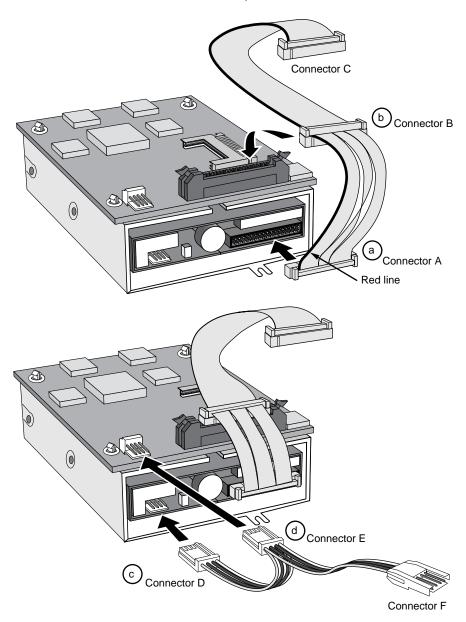
6 Install the flash memory drive on the floppy disk drive bracket.



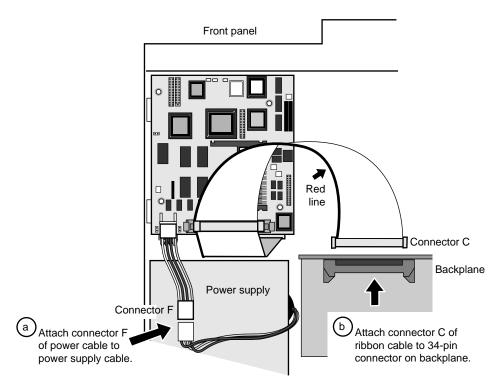
7 Attach ribbon and power cables to the floppy disk drive and flash memory drive.



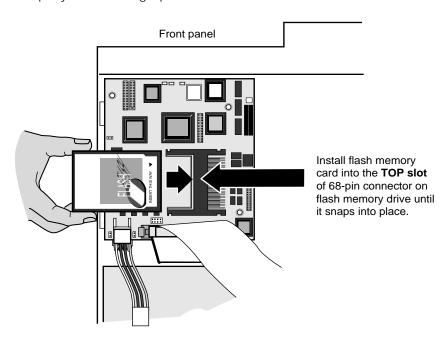
Be careful not to bend the connector pins.



8 Attach the ribbon cable to the backplane and the power cable to the power supply cable.



9 Insert the flash memory card (purchased separately) into the flash memory drive. The flash memory card is keyed so that it can only be installed with the company name facing up.

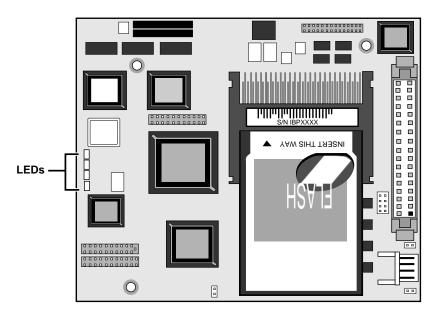


10 Plug the power cord into the chassis.

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CAUTION: Verify that the power switch is in the off (O) position.

- **11** Plug the power cord into the outlet, then turn on the system.
- **12** With the cover off, check the status of the LEDs on the flash memory drive. All the LEDs should light simultaneously and then extinguish one by one.



For more information on the flash memory drive's LEDs, see Chapter 3.

- **13** If you have a blank flash memory card and need to format it and install the software, complete the procedures in Chapter 2.
- 14 If you have preinstalled software on your flash memory card, or have finished the procedures in Chapter 2, turn off the power, then remove the power cord from the outlet and chassis.
- **15** Replace the cover.
 - **a** Slide the cover toward the front of the chassis and secure the cover to the chassis with up to 17 screws. Your chassis may have fewer than 17 screws.
 - **b** If your system has rack-mount brackets, screw in the three screws that secure each bracket.
- **16** If the NETBuilder II system was mounted in a rack, remount it in the rack.
- 17 Plug the power cord into the outlet and chassis and turn on your NETBuilder II system.

Installing in the Dual-Wide 8-Slot Chassis



Use the following procedure to install the flash memory drive in the dual-wide NETBuilder II 8-Slot chassis.

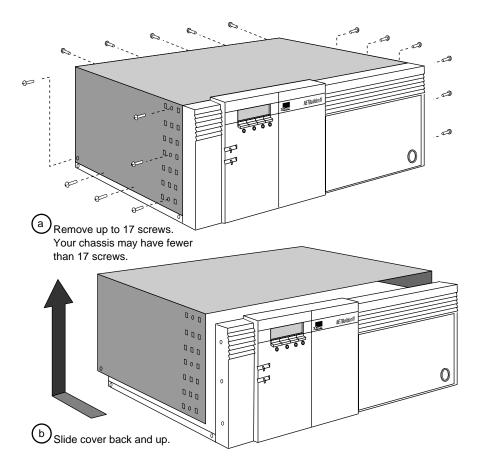
Identify your chassis by the assembly part number: **20-0249-xxx**, **20-0407-xxx**, or **20-0458-xxx**. See "Identifying Your System" for more information on single-wide and dual-wide NETBuilder II chassis.

You will need a #2 Phillips screwdriver. A pair of pliers is recommended.

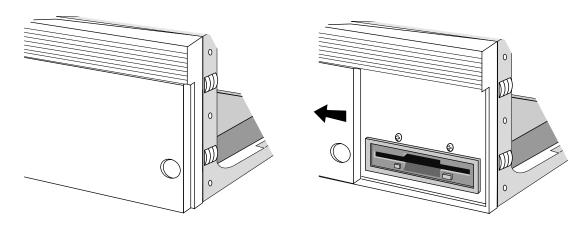
To Install the flash memory drive, follow these steps:

- 1 Turn off the system and unplug the power cord from the outlet and the chassis.
- **2** If your system is mounted in a rack, remove it from the rack.

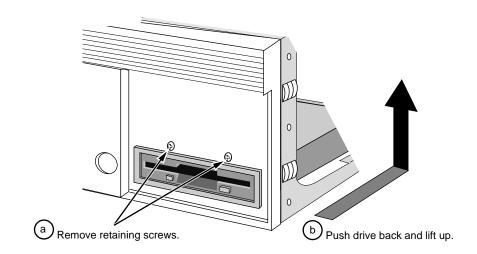
 Use a #2 Phillips screwdriver to unscrew the three screws that secure each rack-mount bracket.
- 3 Remove the cover from the chassis.



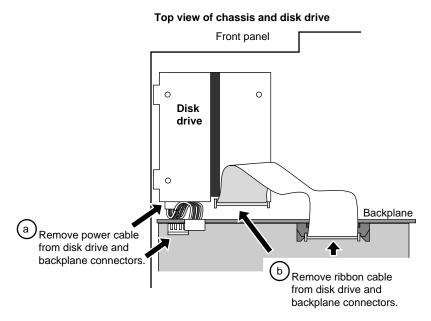
4 Slide the front bezel door to the left to reveal the floppy disk drive.



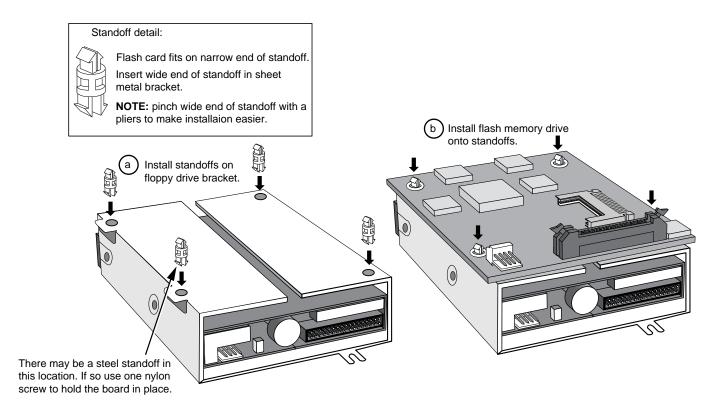
5 Remove the bracket containing the floppy disk drive from the chassis.



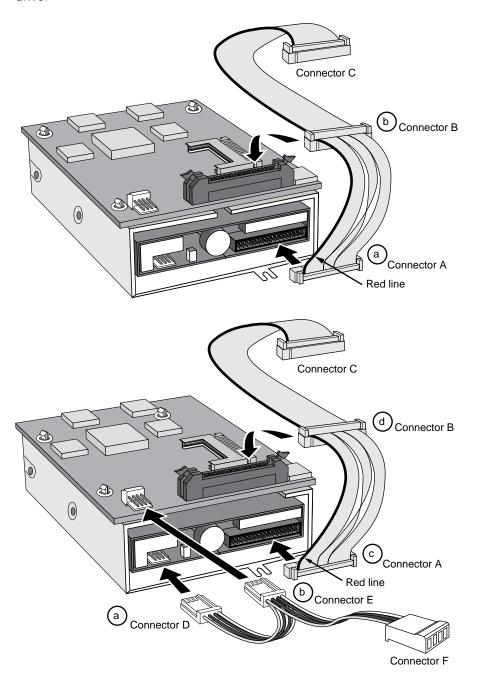
6 Disconnect and discard the ribbon cable and the power cable.



7 Install the flash memory drive on the floppy disk drive bracket.

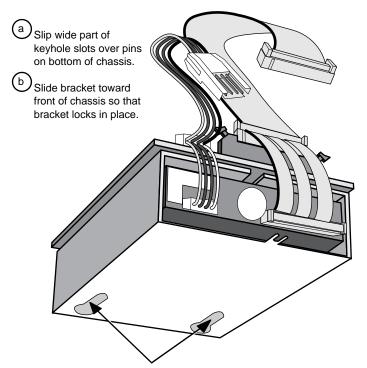


8 Attach ribbon and power cables to the floppy disk drive and flash memory drive.

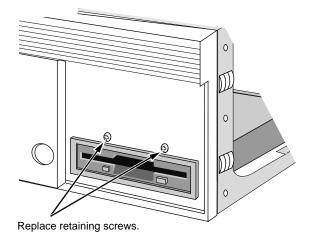


9 Place the bracket containing the floppy disk drive and the flash memory drive in the chassis.

As you place the floppy disk drive and flash memory drive into the chassis, you can compress the ribbon and power cables against the backplane.

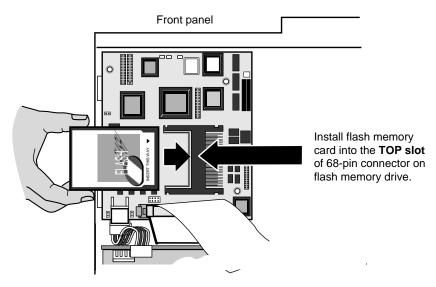


Keyhole slots on bottom of floppy disk bracket

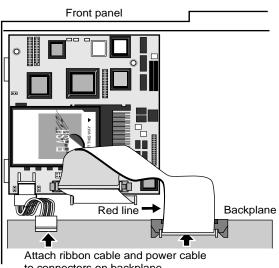


10 Insert the flash memory card (purchased separately).

The flash memory card is keyed so that it can only be installed with the company name facing up.



11 Connect the ribbon cable and the power cable to the backplane.



to connectors on backplane.

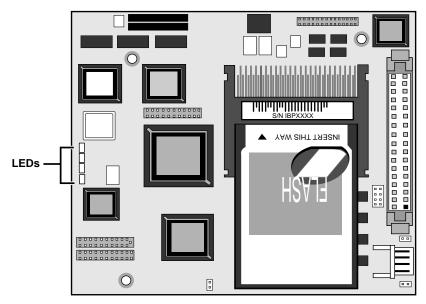
12 Plug the power cord into the chassis.



CAUTION: Verify that the power switch is in the off (O) position.

13 Plug the power cord into the outlet, then turn on the system.

14 With the cover off, check the status of the LEDs on the flash memory drive. All the LEDs should light simultaneously and then extinguish one by one.



For more information on the flash memory drive's LEDs, see Chapter 3.

- 15 If you have a blank flash memory card and need to format it and install the software, complete the procedures in Chapter 2.
- 16 If you have preinstalled software on your flash memory card, or have finished the procedures in Chapter 2, turn off the power, then remove the power cord from the outlet and chassis.
- **17** Replace the cover.
 - **a** Slide the cover toward the front of the chassis and secure the cover to the chassis with up to 17 screws. Your chassis may have fewer than 17 screws.
 - **b** If your system has rack-mount brackets, screw in the three screws that secure each bracket.
- **18** If the NETBuilder II system was mounted in a rack, remount it in the rack.
- **19** Plug the power cord into the outlet and chassis and turn on your NETBuilder II system.

Installing in the Single-Wide 8-Slot Chassis

Use the following procedure to install the flash memory drive in the single-wide NETBuilder II 8-Slot chassis.

Identify your chassis by the assembly part number: **20-0125-xxx**. See "Identifying Your System" for more information on single-wide and dual-wide NETBuilder II chassis.

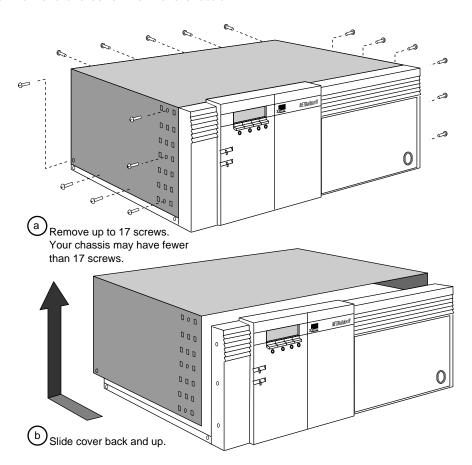
You will need a #2 Phillips screwdriver.

To Install the flash memory drive, follow these steps:

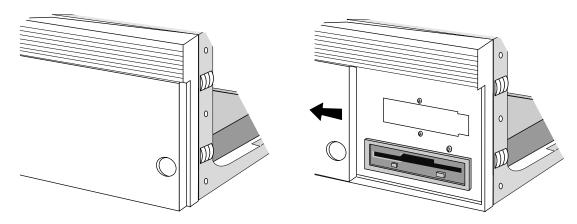
1 Turn off the system and unplug the power cord from the outlet and the chassis.

- 2 If your system is mounted in a rack, remove it from the rack.

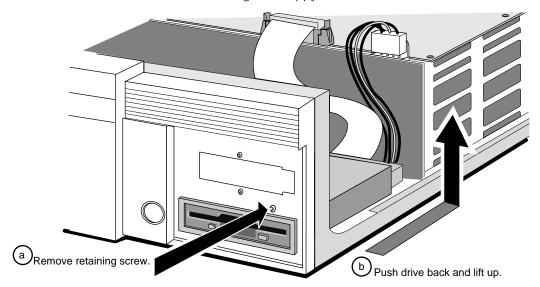
 Use a #2 Phillips screwdriver to unscrew the three screws that secure each rack-mount bracket.
- **3** Remove the cover from the chassis.



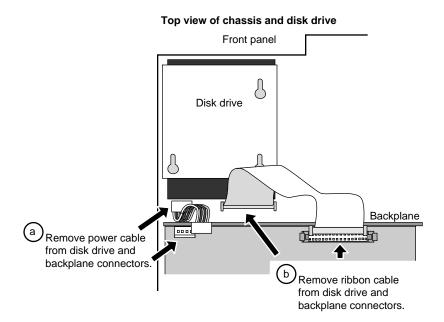
4 Slide the front bezel door to the left to reveal the floppy disk drive.



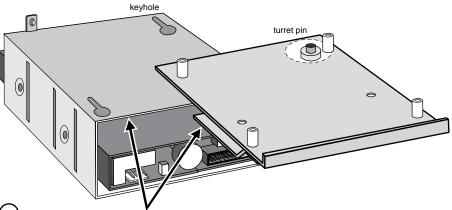
5 Remove the bracket containing the floppy disk drive from the chassis.



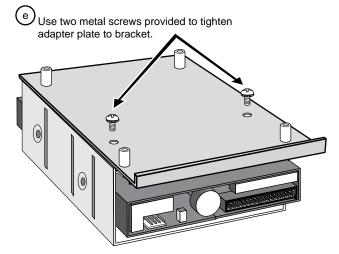
6 Disconnect and discard the ribbon cable and the power cable.



7 Attach the adapter plate to the floppy disk drive.

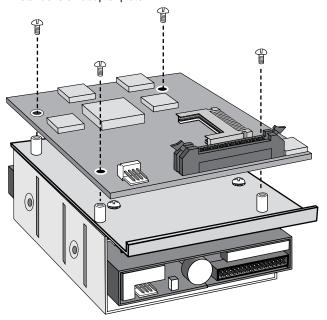


- a Slide flange on adapter plate under top of floppy drive bracket.
- b Slide adapter plate toward rear of bracket.
- © Match turret pin (on underside of adapter plate) with keyhole on top of bracket.
- d Make sure adapter plate is parallel with back of bracket.

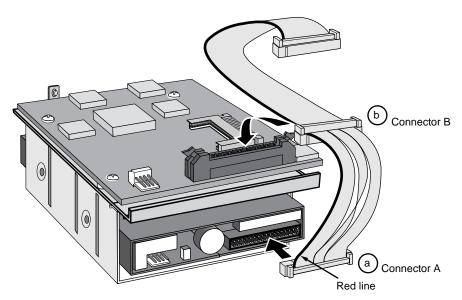


8 Attach the flash memory drive to the adapter plate.

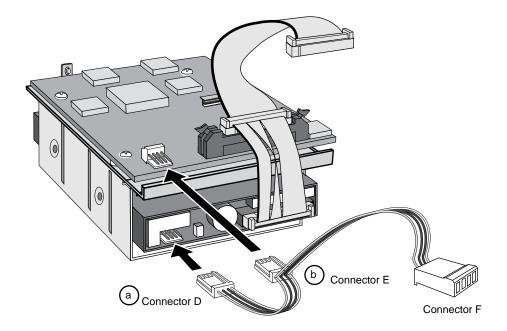
Use four nylon screws to mount flash memory drive to standoffs on adapter plate.



9 Connect the ribbon cable to the floppy disk drive and the flash memory drive.



10 Connect the power cable to the floppy disk drive and the flash memory drive.



11 Place the bracket containing the floppy disk drive and the flash memory drive in the chassis.

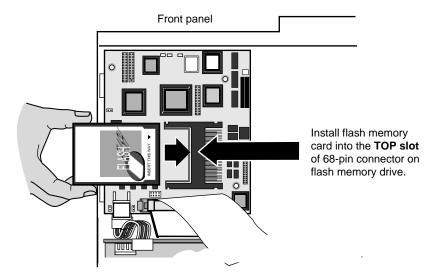
The bottom of the bracket has three turret pins. These pins engage three keyhole slots located on the bottom of the chassis.

- **a** Slip the turret pins into the wide part of the keyhole slots.
- **b** Slide the bracket toward the front of the chassis until it is flush with the chassis.
- **c** Secure this bracket with the retaining screw from the front of the chassis. Both the screw and the pins lock the bracket in place.

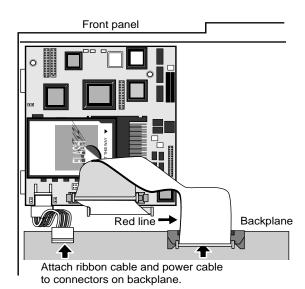
As you place the floppy disk drive and flash memory drive into the chassis, you can compress the ribbon and power cables against the backplane.

12 Insert the flash memory card (purchased separately).

The flash memory card is keyed so that it can only be installed with the company name facing up.



13 Connect the ribbon cable and the power cable to the backplane.

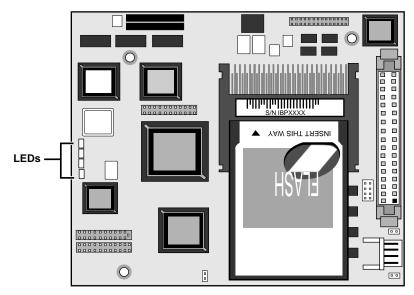


14 Plug the power cord into the chassis.



CAUTION: Verify that the power switch is in the off (O) position.

- **15** Plug the power cord into the outlet, then turn on the system.
- **16** With the cover off, check the status of the LEDs on the flash memory drive. All the LEDs should light simultaneously and then extinguish one by one.



For more information on the flash memory drive's LEDs, see Chapter 3.

- 17 If you have a blank flash memory card and need to format it and install the software, complete the procedures in Chapter 2.
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- **19** Replace the cover.
 - **a** Slide the cover toward the front of the chassis and secure the cover to the chassis with up to 17 screws. Your chassis may have fewer than 17 screws.
 - **b** If your system has rack-mount brackets, screw in the three screws that secure each bracket.
- **20** If the NETBuilder II system was mounted in a rack, remount it in the rack.
- 21 Plug the power cord into the outlet and chassis and turn on your NETBuilder II system.

Installing in the Extended Chassis

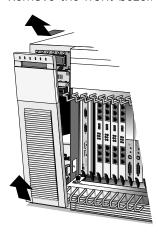


Use the following procedure to install the flash memory drive in the NETBuilder II Extended chassis.

You will need a #2 Phillips screwdriver.

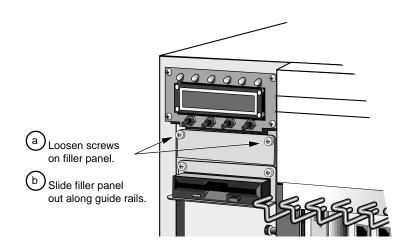
To Install the flash memory drive, follow these steps:

- 1 Turn off the system and unplug the power cord(s) from the outlet and the chassis.
- 2 Remove the front bezel.



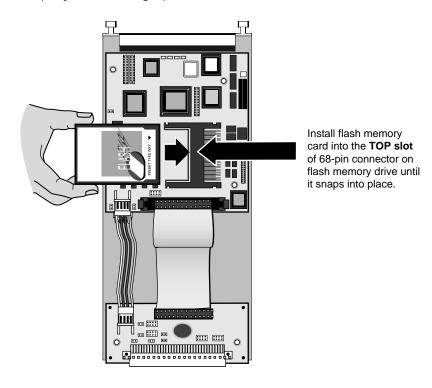
3 Remove the filler panel above the floppy drive.

There are two slots on the Extended chassis for floppy or flash memory drives. The top slot (shown below with the filler panel) is for drive A. The bottom slot is for drive B. This manual shows the flash memory drive installed in drive A, the default boot drive for the NETBuilder II system.

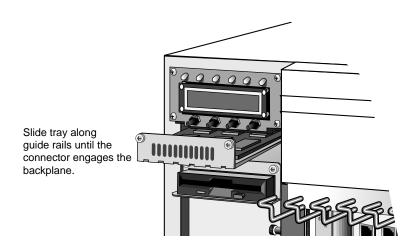


4 Insert the flash memory card (purchased separately) into the drive.

The flash memory card is keyed so that it can only be installed with the company name facing up.



5 Insert the flash memory tray.



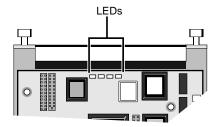
6 Plug the power cord(s) into the outlet and chassis and turn on the system.



CAUTION: Verify that the power switch is in the off (O) position.

7 With the bezel off, check the status of the LEDs on the flash memory drive by looking through the grill of the tray.

All the LEDs should light simultaneously and then extinguish one by one.



For more information on the flash memory drive's LEDs, see Chapter 3.

- **8** Hand tighten the screws and replace the bezel.
- **9** If you have a blank flash memory card and need to format it and install the software, complete the procedures in Chapter 2.



FORMATTING A BLANK FLASH MEMORY CARD

Complete the procedures in this chapter to format a blank flash memory card. See the release notes for approved models and vendors of flash memory cards.



CAUTION: If you have preinstalled software, do not perform the procedure in this chapter and avoid accidentally erasing your software.

Using the Flash Memory Diagnostics

Use the following procedure to boot from the *Flash Memory Drive Diagnostic* diskette after you have installed the flash memory drive in your system. The diagnostic software formats the flash memory card after running diagnostics on the drive.

1 Insert the Flash Memory Drive Diagnostic diskette and turn on the system.

If you have a new system or are booting from the floppy:

Your monitor will display the following:

Do you want to enter the monitor? (Y/N)

If you are booting from a source other than the floppy:

At the prompt, enter:

MONitor

Your monitor will display:

WARNING: Monitor mode halts normal operations. Confirm (Y/N)?

- 2 Enter Y.
- **3** Verify the installation of the flash memory drive by doing the following:
 - **a** At the prompt, enter:

SI

The System Information menu is displayed.

b Select Display System Information Summary from the menu.

The following display indicates successful installation of the flash memory drive:

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Drive A is Flash Memory Drive
Drive B is floppy drive
...press any key to continue
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If you see the message "Drive A is Unknown," you will need to perform step 5 twice, booting from the diagnostic diskette, in order for your system to recognize the flash memory drive.

4 Press any key, then enter Q to exit from System Information.

5 At the prompt, enter the following:

BT B:fdiag.29k



CAUTION: If you have pre-installed software, do not use the diagnostic diskette and avoid accidentally erasing your software.

The system will reboot from the diagnostic diskette, and the monitor will display:

The diagnostics will take approximately 4 minutes to complete Formatting flash file system $\,$

Warning - disk contents will be lost. Are you sure? (Y/N)



If you see the messages "Flash Memory Installation Failure" and "Not enough space on floppy," you will need to boot again from the diagnostic diskette in order for your system to recognize the flash memory drive.

6 Enter Y.

You will then be prompted:

Volume label (11 characters, Enter for none)?

7 Enter a volume label of up to 11 characters.

When the formatting is finished, the monitor will display:

Installation of Flash Memory Drive is complete

- **8** Exit the monitor utility by entering Go.
- **9** Remove the diagnostic diskette.

If you have a new system or are booting from the floppy:

a Insert your normal boot diskette.

If you do not see the displays described in this procedure, see Chapter 4 for troubleshooting information.

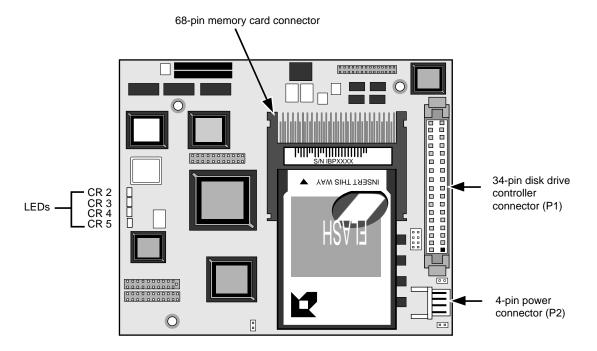
Installing Software

Refer to the *NETBuilder II Bridge/Router Getting Started Guide* to install software on your blank flash memory card.

FLASH MEMORY DRIVE COMPONENTS

This chapter describes the flash memory drive components.

The following figure shows the flash memory drive board with its major components, including the connectors, LEDs, and flash memory card.



Flash Memory Card

The flash memory card conforms to the Personal Computer Memory Card International Association (PCMCIA) standard 1.0. The flash memory card is the read/write media for the flash memory drive. The drive supports a 10 or 20 MB card.

LEDs

The four green LEDs (which are only visible with the cover off the 4- and 8-Slot chassis, and the bezel off the Extended chassis) provide information about the status of the flash memory drive. The LEDs are identified on the board as LEDs CR2 through CR5. They are used during power-on self-tests to indicate test completion status.

The LEDs are also used during normal operation to indicate channel status. When a hardware reset takes place, all four LEDs automatically light. See Table 3-1 for more information.

Table 3-1 LEDs

LED	Normal Behavior	Indicates
LED CR 2	Off	Motor on
LED CR 3	On	Flash format is recognized
LED CR 4	Off	Write activity
LED CR 5	Off	Recycling activity

Self-Test

All four LEDs are involved in the flash memory drive self-test mode. During self-test, all the LEDs should light simultaneously and then extinguish one by one. LED CR 3 then lights and stays on when the flash memory card has been formatted on a NETBuilder II system. Facing the front of the NETBuilder II system, LED CR 3 is the second from the left. If your LEDs do not light as specified during a self-test, refer to Chapter 4, "Troubleshooting."



The LEDs are only visible with the cover off the 4- and 8-Slot chassis, and the bezel off the Extended chassis.

Each LED indicates a separate self-test, as shown in Table 3-2.

Table 3-2 LEDs Self-Tests

LED	Self-Test
LED CR 2	Address Bus/Refresh
LED CR 3	Full RAM
LED CR 4	Data Bus
LED CR 5	PROM checksum

Specifications

The flash memory drive has a maximum current consumption of 1.5 amp at +5 volt. Table 3-3 lists the physical attributes of the flash memory drive.

 Table 3-3
 Physical Attributes

Attribute	Description	
Length	5.3 inches	_
Width	5 inches	
Height	1 inch	
Weight	4.2 ounces	

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TROUBLESHOOTING

This appendix describes how to troubleshoot the flash memory drive. If you still have problems, refer to Appendix A for information about who to contact.

Table 4-1 describes the symptom of a malfunction, the cause, and the action to correct it.

 Table 4-1
 Troubleshooting the Flash Memory Drive

Symptom	Cause and Action	
After running the diagnostics, no LEDs light during	The power cable is not seated correctly.	
the self-test.	Check that the power cable connector fits securely in the floppy disk drive, the flash memory drive, the existing power cable, and the backplane.	
LED CR3 does not stay on after the self-test.	The flash memory card is not formatted with a recognizable format.	
	Format the flash memory card by completing the procedure in "Using the Flash Memory Diagnostics". Or, at the monitor, enter:	
	FO A:	
One of the following messages appears while booting from	Flash memory drive is not recognized by the system.	
the diagnostics diskette:	Reboot from the diagnostic diskette.	
Flash Memory Installation Failure		
Not enough memory space on floppy		
One of the following messages appears while loading the flash memory diagnostics:	Cables may not be seated correctly.	
System cannot access 2 floppy drives. Check cable connections	Check the cable connections for both the ribbon and power cables.	
or		
Drive A: Unknown drive		
The following message appears while loading the flash	Flash memory card may not be seated correctly.	
memory diagnostics.	Turn off the power. Check that the flash memory card is	
Flash Memory Drive Installation Diagnostic (Version 1.0)	securely seated in the top slot of the 64-pin connector on the flash memory drive.	
System contains 2 floppy drives		
Drive A is unknown drive		
Drive B is floppy drive		
Floppy system did not find a drive with a flash memory card		
Please power off platform and check		
seating of flash card in connector		
After installing the flash memory drive, the following	The ribbon cable is not connected.	
message is displayed when you turn on the system:	Check that the ribbon cable connectors are fully seated on the	
No floppy drives detected during self-test	floppy disk drive, flash memory drive, and the backplane.	



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Country	Data Rate	Telephone Number
Australia	up to 14400 bps	(61) (2) 9955 2073
Brazil	up to 14400 bps	(55) (11) 547 9666
France	up to 14400 bps	(33) (1) 69 86 69 54
Germany	up to 28800 bps	(49) (89) 627 32 188
Hong Kong	up to 14400 bps	(852) 2537 5608
Italy (fee required)	up to 14400 bps	(39) (2) 273 00680
Japan	up to 14400 bps	(81) (3) 3345 7266
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- 2 Enter go threecom.
- **3** Press [Return] to see the 3ComForum main menu.

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U.S.A	(1) (408) 727 7021

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Belgium	0800 71279	Norway	800 11062
Denmark	800 17319	Portugal	0505 442607
Finland	98 001 4444	Russia (Moscow only)	956 0815
France	05 90 81 58	Spain	900 964445
Germany	0130 8180 63	Sweden	020 792954
Italy	1678 99085	U.K.	0800 626403

Telephone

06 0227788

800 11376 (65) 538 9368

Number (525) 520 7841

Support from Your **Network Supplier**

If additional assistance is required, contact your network supplier. Many suppliers are authorized 3Com service partners who are qualified to provide a variety of services, including network planning, installation, hardware maintenance, application training, and support services.

When you contact your network supplier for assistance, have the following information ready:

- Diagnostic error messages
- A list of system hardware and software, including revision levels
- Details about recent configuration changes, if applicable

If you are unable to contact your network supplier, see the following section on how to contact 3Com.

Support from 3Com

If you are unable to receive support from your network supplier, technical support contracts are available from 3Com.

In the U.S. and Canada, call (800) 876 3266 for customer service.

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Country	Telephone Number	Country
Australia*	1 800 678 515	Mexico
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ig Kong	(852) 2501 1111	United Arab Emirates	(971) (4) 349049
ind*	1 800 553117	U.K.*	0800 966197
*	1678 79489	U.S.A	(1) (408) 492 1790
an	(81) (3) 3345 7251		

^{*} These numbers are toll-free.

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Outside Europe, U.S.A., and Canada	(1) (408) 492 1790	(1) (408) 764 7290

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