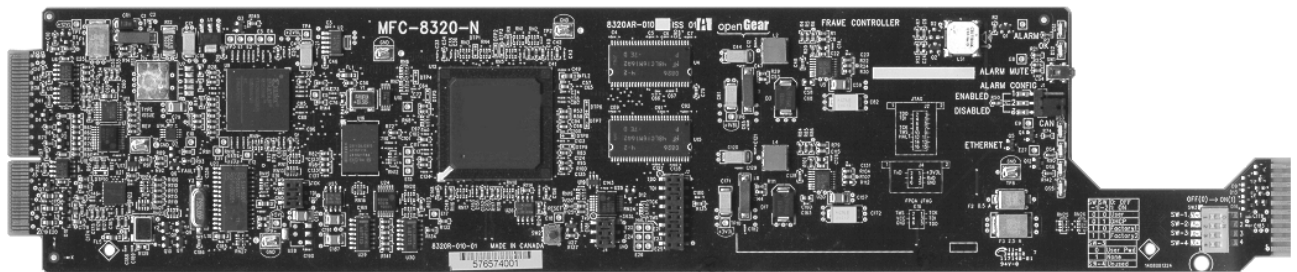


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## User Manual



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## Important Safety Instructions



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**Notice** — *This is a Class A product. In domestic environments this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may have to take adequate measures.*

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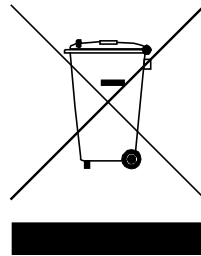
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If you need more information on the collection, reuse, and recycling systems, please contact your local or regional waste administration.

You can also contact Sierra Video for more information on the environmental performances of our products.



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# Introduction

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## In This Chapter

This chapter contains the following sections:

- Features
- Documentation Terms

### A Word of Thanks

Congratulations on choosing an openGear MFC-8300 Series Controller Card. Your MFC-8300 Series Controller Card is part of a full line of products within the openGear Terminal Equipment family of products, backed by Sierra Video's experience in engineering and design expertise.

You will be pleased at how easily your new MFC-8300 Series Controller Card fits into your overall working environment. Equally pleasing is the products' quality, reliability and functionality. Thank you for joining the group of worldwide satisfied Sierra Video customers!

Should you have a question pertaining to the installation or operation of your products, please contact us at the numbers listed on the back cover of this manual. Our technical support staff is always available for consultation, training, or service.

# Features

The MFC-8300 Series Controller Cards are designed for the openGear DFR-8300 series frames and offer a range of monitoring and control options based on the card model. The following sections outline the features for each available MFC-8300 Series Controller Card offered by Sierra Video.

**Table 1.1 Feature Comparison Chart**

Features	8320-S	8320-N	8320-NS
Monitors frame power usage and sets the fan speed accordingly*	✓	✓	✓
Monitors the frame door and PS-8300(s)	✓	✓	✓
Monitors the fan door and notifies the user if it is left open too long	✓	✓	✓
Monitors the status of other cards in the frame via the internal bus	✓	✓	✓
Supports the DataSafe™ feature in DashBoard		✓	✓
Generates alarms if any of the monitored functions develop errors	✓	✓	✓
Provides an ethernet connection for remote control and monitoring through DashBoard	✓†	✓	✓
Stores the IP Address settings on the frame	✓	✓	✓
Provides SNMP Monitoring			✓
Supports more than one concurrent TCP Control connections, such as DashBoard, or a control panel		✓	✓
Available for the DFR-8310 series frames	✓	✓	✓
Available for the DFR-832x series frames	✓	✓	✓
5-year transferable warranty	✓	✓	✓

\*Higher power consumption requires higher fan speed for adequate cooling. The fans always run at maximum speed for 5 seconds after the fan door is closed, then adjust to the appropriate level based on power consumption.

†Only available when the MFC-8320-S is installed in an DFR-832x series frame.

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# Documentation Terms

The following terms are used throughout this guide:

- “**Frame**” refers to any openGear frame within your video system.
- All references to the **DFR-8300 series frame** also includes all versions of the 10-slot and 20-slot frames and any available options unless otherwise noted.
- All references to the **DFR-832x series frames** also includes all versions of the DFR-8320 and DFR-8321 series frames unless otherwise noted.
- All references to the **MFC-8320-N Network Controller Card** also includes the MFC-8320-NS unless otherwise noted.
- References to DIP Switch positions on the card are in the following format: **SW#-X** where **#** represents the silk-screen label on the card for the set of DIP Switches, and **X** represents the position. For example, **SW1-8** refers to the **SW1** Switch position **8**.
- “**Operator**” and “**User**” refer to the person who uses the MFC-8300 Series Controller Card.
- “**Board**”, and “**Card**” refer to openGear terminal devices within openGear frames, including all components and switches.
- “**System**” and “**Video system**” refer to the mix of interconnected production and terminal equipment in your environment.
- “**DashBoard**” refers to the DashBoard Control System™.
- The “**Operating Tips**” and “**Note**” boxes are used throughout this manual to provide additional user information.



# Installation

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## In This Chapter

This chapter provides instructions for installing the MFC-8300 Controller Card, configuring the network settings, and enabling the SNMP monitoring option

The following topics are discussed:

- Before You Begin
- Installing an MFC-8300 Controller Card
- Network Configuration
- Enabling SNMP Support
- Software Upgrades for the MFC-8300 Controller Card

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# Before You Begin

Before you begin, ensure to read the following sections.

## Static Discharge

Throughout this chapter, please heed the following cautionary note:



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**ESD Susceptibility** — *Static discharge can cause serious damage to sensitive semiconductor devices. Avoid handling circuit boards in high static environments such as carpeted areas, and when wearing synthetic fiber clothing. Always exercise proper grounding precautions when working on circuit boards and related equipment.*

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## Unpacking

Unpack each card you received from the shipping container, and check the contents. If any items are missing or damaged, contact your openGear sales representative or Sierra Video directly.

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# Installing an MFC-8300 Controller Card

This section outlines how to install an MFC-8300 Controller Card in a DFR-8300 series frame. The same procedure applies regardless of the frame or card type.

## Installing an MFC-8300 Controller Card

Use the following procedure to install an MFC-8300 Controller Card into a DFR-8300 series frame:

1. Open the frame door. With the frame door open, unscrew the MFC-8300 Card Retaining Screw (Part No. 850-040R) enough to eliminate any protrusion into the card guide slot on the right of the screw. If necessary, remove any cards from the frame that would interfere with easy access and lines of sight. Refer to the *DFR-8300 Series User Manual* for details on opening the frame door.
2. Insert the MFC-8300 Controller Card, with the component side out (**Figure 2.1**) into the card guides between the dividing wall and the last slot, ensuring the card does not touch the Card Retaining Screw.



**Figure 2.1** MFC-8300 Controller Card and Unscrewed Retaining Screw (MFC-8310 shown)

3. Slide the card in the slot until firmly seated and such that the Card Retaining Screw hole on the bottom front edge aligns with the mounted nut beside the bottom guide slot.
4. Tighten the Card Retaining Screw through MFC-8300 Card Retaining Screw hole, to ensure the card does not move from the slot.
5. Power up the frame. Refer to the *DFR-8300 Series User Manual* for details.
6. Ensure the frame door is closed.
7. Check the operation of the fans. If the fans do not operate, verify that:
  - the MFC-8300 Controller Card is seated properly in the frame backplane.
  - the MFC-8300 Controller Card is aligned to the Fan PCB when the door is closed.

This completes the installation of an MFC-8300 Controller Card in a DFR-8300 series frame.

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# Network Configuration

The MFC-8320-S and the MFC-8320-N Network Controller cards feature an ethernet interface which allows cards in the DFR-8300 series frame to be monitored and controlled using the DashBoard Control System. Network connection with an MFC-8320-S is only available in a DFR-832x series frame. Communication is possible only when the Network Controller card is suitably configured to match the network to which it is connected.

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**Note** — *Consult your IT Department before configuring any network settings.*

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This section explains the necessary parameters and lists several possible methods for managing these parameters.

- **Automatic configuration using DHCP** — When shipped from the factory, the Network Controller card is configured to automatically obtain network settings from a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server. Since most networks have a DHCP server available, this method is applicable to most users and is the recommended method.
  - **Preset configuration using DIP switch(es)** — The Network Controller card can be forced to use specific pre-defined network settings by means of DIP switches located on the card surface. This can be used to establish initial communications when no DHCP server is available, or to override a custom user configuration.
  - **Custom user configuration via DashBoard** — Using the network setting options available in the DashBoard Control System, you may configure the Network Controller card to use a static address or enable DHCP for automatic configuration. This can only be done once communication has been established.
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**Notice** — *Before proceeding, ensure that the DashBoard Control System software is installed on your computer.*

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## Automatic Configuration using DHCP

This method assumes that the Network Controller card is using the factory default values for the network settings.

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**Note** — *The Network Controller card boots much faster than a typical DHCP server. In the case of a facility-wide power failure, the Network Controller card may not appear on the network if communications with the DHCP server cannot be established. Once the DHCP server becomes operational, re-boot the Network Controller card to re-establish communications. To avoid this, you may use a static configuration as described in the section “Custom User Configuration via DashBoard”.*

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Use the following procedure to establish communications with the Network Controller card:

1. Ensure that DFR-8300 series frame is connected to the same network as your DashBoard computer.
2. Launch the DashBoard application on your computer.
3. Power on the DFR-8300 series frame that the Network Controller card is installed in.



4. Wait approximately 30 seconds while the frame establishes network communications.
5. Verify that the Network Controller card displays in the Tree View of DashBoard.
6. Should the card fail to display after two minutes:
  - Verify the ethernet cables are properly connected.
  - Check the link/activity LEDs found on the ethernet RJ-45 connectors.
  - Ensure the network settings for the Network Controller card are set to the factory default values.
  - If all cables are connected and the LEDs do not indicate an error, then automatic configuration is not possible. Proceed to the section “**Preset Configuration using DIP Switches**”.

This completes the procedure for establishing communications with the Network Controller card.

## Preset Configuration using DIP Switches

This method is used to establish initial communications when no DHCP server is available, or to override a custom user configuration and is intended to be used temporarily in order to establish communication. Once initial communications are established, the Network Controller card should be configured for either DHCP or Static operation.

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**Note** — *Use of this method for normal operation is not recommended, as there is a high chance of IP Address conflicts.*

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Use the following procedure to use a preset network configuration using the DIP Switch(es):

1. Power down the DFR-8300 series frame that houses the Network Controller card.
2. Quit DashBoard on your computer.
3. Set the DIP Switch to choose the preset IP Address.
  - If you are using an MFC-8320-S in a DFR-832x series frame, refer to the section “**SW3 DIP Switch Settings on the MFC-8320-S**”.
  - If you are using an MFC-8320-N, refer to the section “**SW3 DIP Switch Settings on the MFC-8320-N**”.
4. Ensure the network settings of your computer are compatible with those chosen for the Network Controller card.

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**Note** — *The IP Addresses of the Network Controller card and your computer must be similar, but not identical, and the Subnet Mask must match exactly the same. For example, if the Network Controller card has an IP Address of 192.168.1.1, then your computer should be configured for an IP Address with 192.168.1.X where X is a number other than 1.*

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5. Before you begin, and to prevent IP Address conflicts, isolate the Network Controller card and your DashBoard computer from the rest of your network.

- If you are using a hub or switch, unplug all devices except the Network Controller card and your DashBoard computer; or
  - Connect the DFR-8300 series frame directly to the DashBoard computer.
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**Note** — *The MFC-8320-S and MFC-8320-N support Auto-MDIX, enabling you to use any ethernet cable when connecting the frame to the DashBoard computer.*

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6. Launch DashBoard on your computer.
7. Power up the DFR-8300 series frame.
8. Wait approximately 30 seconds while the frame establishes network communications.
9. Verify that the Network Controller card displays in the Tree View of DashBoard.
10. Should the card fail to display after a minute or two:
  - Verify the ethernet cables are properly connected.
  - Check the link/activity LEDs found on the ethernet RJ-45 connectors.
  - Verify that you have properly performed each step of this procedure.
  - Contact Sierra Video Technical Support if you cannot establish a connection.

This completes the procedure for using a preset network configuration using the DIP Switch(es).

## Custom User Configuration via DashBoard

Once communication has been established with the Network Controller card, the network settings may be further adjusted using the following procedure. Note that the steps are optional, you may perform as many, or as few, as needed.

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**Operating Tip** — *Some settings may require that you configure a DIP Switch (SW3) before proceeding. Refer to the section “Controls for the MFC-8320-S” or “Controls for the MFC-8320-N” for details on configuring this switch for your card.*

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Use the following procedure to configure the network settings via DashBoard:

1. In DashBoard, display the **Device** tab of the Network Controller card by double-clicking its status indicator in the **Basic Tree View**.
2. From the **Device** tab, select the **Network** tab.
3. To change the display name of the frame, enter a new name in the **Frame Name** field.
4. To change the **Network Time Server** address, enter the new IP Address in the **NTP Server** field.
5. To change between **Static** and **DHCP** addressing, select an option in the **Addressing Mode** area.

6. Configure the network settings as required:
  - **IP Address** — This is the IP Address of the Network Controller card.
  - **Subnet Mask** — This is the Subnet Mask address for your LAN.
  - **Default Gateway** — This is the IP Address for connection outside the subnet.
7. To save the new settings, click **Apply** in the **Network** tab. The settings are saved immediately and take effect except when overridden by DIP Switch settings. Click **Cancel** to revert to the previous settings.

This completes the procedure for configuring the network settings via DashBoard.

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# Enabling SNMP Support

Certain versions of the MFC-8300 Controller Cards provide support for remote monitoring and control of your frame and openGear cards using SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol), which is compatible with many third-party monitoring and control tools. Refer to **Table 1.1** for a list of cards that support SNMP.

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**Note** — *The MFC-8320-S does not support SNMP.*

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## Enabling SNMP Support for the MFC-8320-N

Before proceeding with this section, ensure that you have configured the network settings for your card as outlined in the section “**Network Configuration**”.

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**Note** — *If SNMP is enabled on an MFC-8320-N, it will perform as an MFC-8320-NS although DashBoard and SNMP still displays MFC-8320-N.*

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Use the following procedure to enable SNMP support using the **SNMP** tab in DashBoard:

1. In DashBoard, display the **Device** tab of the MFC-8320-N by double-clicking its status indicator in the **Basic Tree View**.
2. From the **Device** tab, select the **Setup** tab.
3. In the **Licensable Features** area, make a note of the information displayed in the **SNMP Request Code** field.
4. Contact Sierra Video Technical Support.
  - When you speak to the Technical Support representative, tell them your name, your facility name, and the **SNMP Request Code** displayed in the **Setup** tab.
  - You will be given a **License Key** that must be entered in the **SNMP Feature Key** field of the **Setup** tab.
5. Enter the **License Key** in the **SNMP Feature Key** field.
6. When the installation is complete, verify that the **Setup** tab displays “**Licensed**” in the **SNMP Feature** field and that the **SNMP** tab is now available in the **Device View**.

This completes the procedure for enabling SNMP support using the **SNMP** tab in DashBoard.

## Configuring the SNMP Agent using DashBoard

The SNMP agent on the frame will accept SNMP GET and SET requests on the default SNMP port (161), using SNMP version 1 or SNMP version 2c. The SNMP Agent will send SNMP traps to one or more notification targets, with user-configurable address, port, and protocol version number.

Use the following procedure to configure your SNMP Agent via DashBoard:

1. In DashBoard, display the **Device** tab of the card by double-clicking its status indicator in the **Basic Tree View**.
2. From the **Device** tab, select the **SNMP** tab.
3. Set the required parameters as follows:
  - **Read Community String** — Enter the SNMP password for **GET** requests. For example, **public**.
  - **Write Community String** — Enter the SNMP password for **SET** requests. For example, **private**.
4. To add a trap/notification target, edit the **Trap/Notification Target** field. This field follows the format of **##.##.##/aaa;bb;cc** where:
  - **##.##.##** represents the **Target IP address** to which traps should be sent.
  - **aaa** represents the **UDP Port number** to which traps should be sent.
  - **bb** represents the **SNMP protocol version** to be used for traps to this target.
  - **cc** represents the **Target community string**.

An example is provided in the **SNMP** tab in DashBoard.
5. Click **Add** to update the list with the new target.
6. Click **Apply** to apply your changes or **Cancel** to discard the changes. To remove a trap/notification target, select the target in the list, and click **Delete**.

This completes the procedure to configure your SNMP Agent via DashBoard.

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# Software Upgrades for the MFC-8300 Controller Card

The MFC-8300 Controller Card can be upgraded in the field from DashBoard (via TCP/IP). For MFC-8320-N software versions 2.20 and later, upgrades can also be done using the DashBoard Lite applet. Refer to the section “**Uploading Software to a Card**” for details on using the DashBoard Lite applet

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**Note** — *Contact Sierra Video Technical Support if you are upgrading from a software version of v1.11 or lower. You must upgrade to v1.12 before upgrading to a version higher than v1.12.*

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Use the following procedure to upgrade the software on a MFC-8300 Controller Card:

1. Contact Sierra Video Technical Support for the latest software version file.
2. In DashBoard, display the **Device** tab of the MFC-8300 Controller Card by double-clicking its status indicator in the **Basic Tree View**.
3. From the **Device** tab, click **Upload** to display the **Select file for upload** dialog.
4. Navigate to the \*.bin upload file you want to upload to the MFC-8300 Controller Card.
5. Click **Open** to display a confirmation dialog.
6. Click **Continue** in the **Confirm Upload** dialog to return to the **Device** tab.
7. Follow the on-screen instructions to upload the selected file to the card.
8. Wait until the file is uploaded. An **Upload Complete** dialog displays once the file is loaded.
9. Click **OK** in the **Upload Complete** dialog.
10. Click the **Reboot** button in the **Device** tab for the upgraded card. DashBoard automatically saves all your settings before starting the reboot process.

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**Operating Tip** — *The **Reboot** button is disabled during the upload process. Once the upload process completes, the **Reboot** button is enabled.*

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11. Click **OK** in the **Confirm** dialog.
12. Click **Yes** to begin the reboot process.
13. Monitor the upgrade progress bar displayed in DashBoard while the software is upgraded on your MFC-8300 Controller Card.

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**Note** — *The communications processor of the MFC-8300 Controller Card requires approximately 30 seconds to re-start and re-establish network communications.*

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14. The reboot process is complete once:
  - the card is no longer grayed out in the Tree View, and
  - the status indicators for the **Card State** and **Connection** return to their previous status.

This completes the procedure to upgrade the software on a MFC-8300 Controller Card.





# MFC-8320-S Setup

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## In This Chapter

This chapter provides information on setting up and using the MFC-8320-S Controller Card

The following topics are discussed:

- Controls for the MFC-8320-S

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# Controls for the MFC-8320-S

This section provides information on the jumpers, buttons and LEDs for the MFC-8320-S. Refer to **Figure 3.1** for the location of card control features such as the **Alarm Mute** button, and the **Alarm Config** jumpers.

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**Note** — The functionality of the MFC-8320-S depends on the openGear frame it is installed in. When installed in a DFR-8310 series frame, the MFC-8320-S does not provide an ethernet connection. However, when installed in a DFR-832x series frame, the MFC-8320-S provides a single DashBoard connection.

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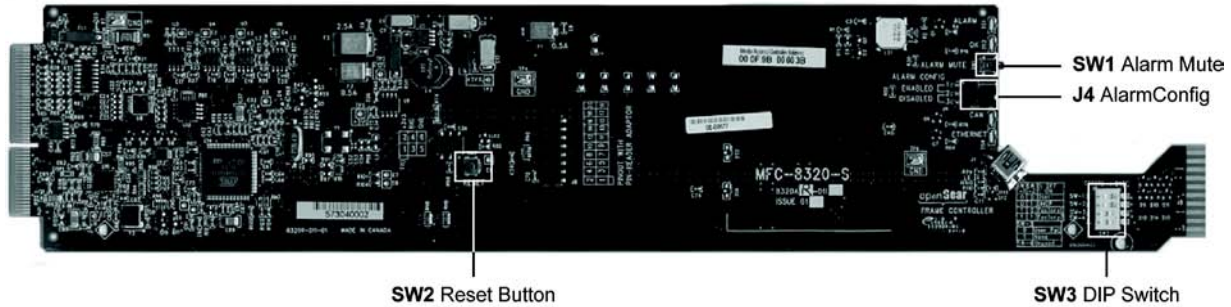


Figure 3.1 MFC-8320-S Card Controls

## SW3 DIP Switch Settings on the MFC-8320-S

This section briefly summarizes the **SW3 DIP Switch** settings on the MFC-8320-S. Refer to MFC-8320-S for the location of **SW3**. Note **Figure 3.2** shows the DIP Switches in the **ON** position.

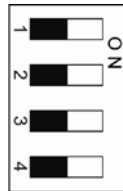


Figure 3.2 SW3 DIP Switch — Set to the ON Positions

### SW3-1, SW3-2 — IP Address Setup

**SW3-1** and **SW3-2** are used in conjunction with the DashBoard menus to set the IP Address of the MFC-8320-S. Refer to **Table 3.1** for DIP Switch positions. For more information on configuring the network settings for your card, refer to the section “**Network Configuration**”.

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**Notice** — The settings related to ethernet setup only apply when using a DFR-832x frame. When installed in a DFR-8310 series frame, the ethernet port is not supported by the MFC-8320-S, and no communication with DashBoard is possible.

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**Table 3.1 SW3-1 and SW3-2 Positions**

SW3-1 Position	SW3-2 Position	Descriptions
OFF	OFF	The card IP Address can be set by the user from the DashBoard <b>Network</b> tab. This is the default setting.
OFF	ON	The card IP Address is automatically assigned (DHCP Mode).
ON	OFF	The card IP Address is set to 192.168.2.1 The card Subnet Mask is set to 255.255.0.0.
ON	ON	The card IP Address is set to 10.1.2.1. The card Subnet Mask is set to 255.255.0.0.

### **SW3-3, SW3-4**

**SW3-3** and **SW3-4** are not implemented at this time.

## **Buttons and Jumpers on the MFC-8320-S**

This section briefly outlines the various buttons and jumpers located on the MFC-8320-S.

### **Alarm Mute Button (SW1)**

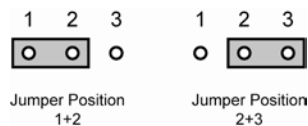
The **Alarm Mute** button (**SW1**) on the card-edge of the MFC-8320-S mutes the audio alarm for two minutes. If a fault condition is still present when the mute timeout ends, the card re-activates the audio alarm.

### **Reset Button (SW2)**

The **Reset** button (**SW2**) is not implemented at this time.

### **Alarm Config Jumper (J4)**

The **Alarm Config** jumper (**J4**) enables or disables the audio alarm signal. The Alarm LED is still lit if alarm conditions are occurring, but the audio will be off. Refer to **Figure 3.3** and the card labeling for jumper positions.

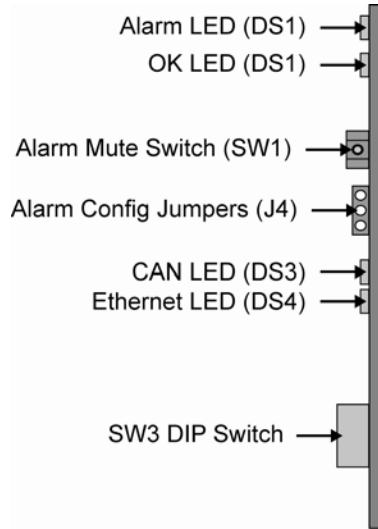


**Figure 3.3 Alarm Config Jumper — Pin Positions**

- **Enabled** — To enable the alarm feature, set the jumper into **Position 1+2**.
- **Disabled** — To disable the alarm feature, set the jumper into **Position 2+3**.

## LEDs on the MFC-8320-S

The front card-edge of the MFC-8320-S, and the frame door, have LED indicators for the cooling module fan, alarm, and communication activity. Refer to **Figure 3.4** for the location of the card-edge LEDs on the MFC-8320-S.



**Figure 3.4** MFC-8320-S Card-edge Controls

**Table 3.2** provides information on the LED displays of the MFC-8320-S.

**Table 3.2** MFC-8320-S LED Descriptions

LED	Color	Description
<b>Alarm</b>	Red	When lit, this LED indicates a major alarm condition is occurring in the frame.
<b>OK</b>	Green	When lit, this LED indicates the MFC-8320-S is operating normally.
<b>CAN</b>	Yellow	When flashing, this LED indicates the MFC-8320-S is communicating with the other cards within the frame. When off, this LED indicates an absence of incoming messages.
<b>Ethernet</b>	Yellow	When lit, this LED indicates a valid ethernet connection but the card is not receiving messages from DashBoard, a control panel, or an external SNMP agent. When flashing, this LED indicates the card is communicating over the ethernet connection to DashBoard, a control panel, or an external SNMP agent. When off, this LED indicates an absence of ethernet connection.

# MFC-8320-N Series Setup

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## In This Chapter

This chapter provides information on setting up and using the MFC-8320-N and MFC-8320-NS Controller Cards. The MFC-8320-N and MFC-8320-NS bring ethernet connectivity to the DFR-8300 series frames infrastructure, providing a DashBoard interface to monitor openGear cards in the frame. The MFC-8320-NS includes the SNMP Monitoring option.

The following topics are discussed:

- Controls for the MFC-8320-N

# Controls for the MFC-8320-N

This section provides information on the jumpers, buttons and LEDs for the MFC-8320-N and MFC-8320-NS. Refer to **Figure 4.1** for the location of card control features such as the **Alarm Mute** button, and the **Alarm Config** jumpers.

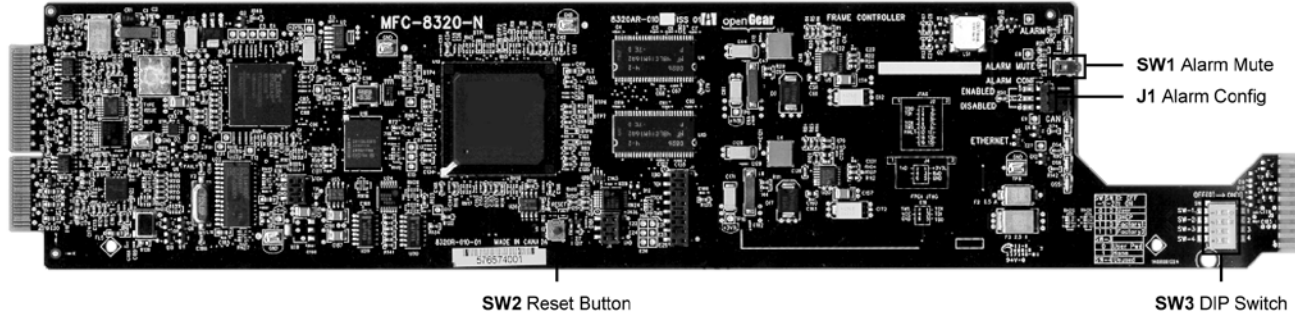


Figure 4.1 MFC-8320-N Card Controls

## SW3 DIP Switch Settings on the MFC-8320-N

This section briefly summarizes the **SW3 DIP Switch** settings on the MFC-8320-N. Refer to **Figure 4.1** for the location of **SW3**. Note that **Figure 4.2** shows the DIP Switches in the **ON** position.

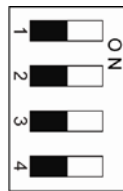


Figure 4.2 SW3 DIP Switch — Set to the ON Positions

### SW3-1, SW3-2 — IP Address Setup

**SW3-1** and **SW3-2** are used in conjunction with the DashBoard menus to set the IP Address of the MFC-8320-N. Refer to **Table 4.1** for DIP Switch positions. For more information on configuring the network settings for your card, refer to the section “**Network Configuration**.”

Table 4.1 SW3-1 and SW3-2 Positions

SW3-1 Position	SW3-2 Position	Descriptions
OFF	OFF	The card IP Address can be set by the user from the DashBoard <b>Network</b> tab. This is the default setting.
OFF	ON	The card IP Address is automatically assigned (DHCP Mode).
ON	OFF	The card IP Address is set to 192.168.2.1 The card Subnet Mask is set to 255.255.0.0.
ON	ON	The card IP Address is set to 10.1.2.1. The card Subnet Mask is set to 255.255.0.0.

## SW3-3, SW3-4

SW3-3 and SW3-4 are not implemented at this time.

## Buttons and Jumpers on the MFC-8320-N

This section briefly outlines the various buttons and jumpers located on the MFC-8320-N.

### Alarm Mute Button (SW1)

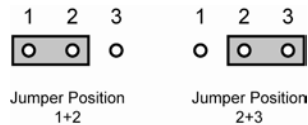
The **Alarm Mute** button (SW1) on the card-edge of the MFC-8320-N mutes the audio alarm for two minutes. If a fault condition is still present when the mute timeout ends, the card re-activates the audio alarm.

### Reset Button (SW2)

The **Reset** button (SW2) is not implemented at this time.

### Alarm Config Jumper (J4)

The **Alarm Config** jumper (J4) enables or disables the audio alarm signal. The Alarm LED is still lit if alarm conditions are occurring, but the audio will be off. Refer to **Figure 4.3** and the card labeling for jumper positions.

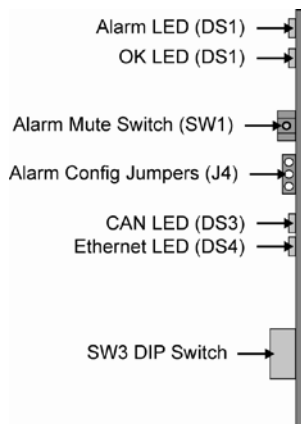


**Figure 4.3** Alarm Config Jumper — Pin Positions

- **Enabled** — To enable the alarm feature, set the jumper into **Position 1+2**.
- **Disabled** — To disable the alarm feature, set the jumper into **Position 2+3**.

## LEDs on the MFC-8320-N

The front card-edge of the MFC-8320-N, and the frame door, have LED indicators for the cooling module fan, alarm, and communication activity. (**Figure 4.4**)



**Figure 4.4** MFC-8320-N Card-edge Controls

**Table 4.2** provides information on the LED displays of the MFC-8320-N.

**Table 4.2 MFC-8320-N LED Descriptions**

LED	Color	Description
<b>Alarm</b>	Red	When lit, this LED indicates an alarm condition is occurring in the frame.
<b>OK</b>	Green	When lit, this LED indicates the MFC-8320-N is operating normally.
	Flashing Green	When flashing, this LED indicates a DataSafe mismatch.
<b>CAN</b>	Flashing Yellow	When flashing, this LED indicates the MFC-8320-N is communicating with the other cards within the frame.
	Off	When off, this LED indicates an absence of incoming messages.
<b>Ethernet</b>	Yellow	When lit, this LED indicates a valid ethernet connection but is not receiving messages from DashBoard, a control panel, or an external SNMP agent.
	Flashing Yellow	When flashing, this LED indicates the card is communicating over the ethernet connection to DashBoard, a control panel, or an external SNMP agent.
	Off	When off, this LED indicates an absence of ethernet connection.

## SNMP Monitoring on the MFC-8320-N

The MFC-8320-N provides optional support for remote monitoring and control of your frame and openGear cards using SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol), which is compatible with many third-party monitoring and control tools. You must obtain a license key from Sierra Video to enable SNMP support. For information on enabling and configuring the SNMP Agent for your card, refer to the section “**Enabling SNMP Support**”.



# DataSafe™

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## In This Chapter

DataSafe™ enables you to load and store card parameters automatically, or you can load from and store to a single file in DashBoard. This feature is available for frames using the MFC-8310-N and MFC-8320-N cards only. MFC-8320-S cards can store the parameter data to a file only.

For more information on using the DataSafe feature in DashBoard, refer to your *DashBoard Control System User Manual*.

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**Note** — *DashBoard version 2.3.0 or higher is required to access DataSafe features.*

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The following topics are discussed:

- Overview
- DataSafe and Network Controller Cards

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# Overview

The following DataSafe features are available for your Network Controller card:

- The Network Controller card monitors all traffic going through it. On power-up, the Network Controller card queries for all card information.
- Changes to writable parameters of cards is noted and the current version of all parameters is stored. Parameter data is stored locally on the network card for every slot independently.
- Parameter data can be saved in a single file.
- DataSafe enables the user to send all the parameter data to a card slot or to every slot on the network that matches.
- You can use a limited DashBoard view to update a subset of cards instead of the entire connected view. DashBoard sends the file to a specific network card and slot for use. Once received, it updates the card if the attached card matches the data sent.
- DataSafe stores and recalls the parameters automatically with or without a network connection.
- When a DataSafe mismatch occurs, there is an audible alarm from the card and a warning message is displayed in DashBoard. You can clear the alarm using an option in the **Setup** tab, or by using the card-edge controls. A DataSafe mismatch occurs when the software version or the card type does not match the saved data for that slot.
- Note that DataSafe is disabled by default.

### ***For More Information...***

- on the options available in the **DataSafe** tab, refer to the section “**DataSafe Tab**”.
- on enabling DataSafe for your Network Controller card, refer to the section “**Enabling DataSafe**”.

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# DataSafe and Network Controller Cards

This section briefly summarizes the DataSafe™ options available for the Network Controller Cards.

For more information on using DataSafe in DashBoard, refer to the *DashBoard Control System User Manual*.

## Using the Alarm Button

An audible alarm indicates when a DataSafe mismatch occurs, such as when a card is installed that does not match the compatibility range of the DataSafe saved data.

- Single pressing the **Alarm** button mutes the audible alarm, but does not mask the alarm displayed in DashBoard. For information on masking DataSafe mismatch warnings, refer to the section “**Hiding the DataSafe Warnings**”.
- Holding the **Alarm** button down for approximately 5 seconds causes the new settings of all cards to be copied to the saved DataSafe slots.

## Enabling DataSafe

All slot fields in the **DataSafe** tab of your Network Controller Card are set to **Disable** by default. The Disable feature prevents DashBoard from automatically recalling the card parameters for the specified slot. You may still monitor the status of the cards in those slots, and DashBoard still updates the slot information when a new card is installed or when a card is removed from the slot and replaced with another card.

Use the following procedure to enable DataSafe for a specific slot:

1. From the **Tree View** in DashBoard, double-click the Network Controller Card to display a corresponding **Device Tab** in the **Device View**.
2. Select the **DataSafe** tab.
3. Locate the card slot(s) you wish to enable DataSafe for.
4. Clear the corresponding checkbox in the **Disable** column.

This completes the procedure for enabling DataSafe for a specific slot.

## Re-naming a Card Slot

DashBoard enables you to re-name a card slot and have that name display in all Tree Views and the DataSafe tab window for the specific Network Controller Card.

Use the following procedure to re-name an openGear slot in the **Tree View**:

1. From the **Tree View** in DashBoard, double-click the Network Controller Card to display a corresponding **Device Tab** in the **Device View**.
2. Select the **Setup** tab.
3. In the **Card Slot Names** section of the **Setup** tab, locate the slot you wish to re-name.
4. Enter the new name for the card slot in the text field provided.

This completes the procedure for re-naming an openGear slot in the **Tree View** .

## Hiding the DataSafe Warnings

A DataSafe mismatch warning occurs in DashBoard when one of the following has occurred:

- a card of the same type is installed that does not match the software of the card previously installed in that slot
- a card of a different type is installed in the slot

DashBoard includes a **Mask Warning** option in the DataSafe tab for each Network Controller Card. Enabling the Mask Warning option prevents error messages from displaying in the **Data Safe State** field of the **Hardware** tab.

Use the following procedure to hide DataSafe mismatch warnings in DashBoard:

1. From the **Tree View** in DashBoard, double-click the Network Controller Card to display a corresponding **Device Tab** in the **Device View**.
2. Select the **DataSafe** tab.
3. Mask the DataSafe mismatch warnings as follows:
  - **Checkbox cleared** — DashBoard displays an error message in the **Data Safe State** field of the **Hardware** tab. Information is also displayed in the **Conflict** field of the **DataSafe** tab to alert the user that a software mismatch is occurring. This is the default setting.
  - **Checkbox selected** — This feature is disabled. DashBoard does not update the **Data Safe State** field of the **Hardware** tab, nor the **Conflict** field of the **DataSafe** tab.

This completes the procedure for hiding DataSafe mismatch warnings in DashBoard.

## Forcing DataSafe Files to Load

The **Conflict** field in the **DataSafe** tab indicates when a currently installed card has a card type or software incompatibility.

- When there is a DataSafe mismatch on the slot, the **Update Slot** button is enabled for that slot. Click this button to replace the last saved parameters with the current card parameters.
- Use the **Force** button in the **DataSafe** tab to force the currently saved DataSafe data to load to all cards with software mismatches and store the new information. Refer to the *DashBoard Control System User Manual* for details.

## Resetting a Network Controller Card to Factory Defaults

Through DashBoard, you can reset the factory settings of the Network Controller Card using the **Restore** button in the **Setup** tab. Note that the frame name is unaffected.



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**Important** — *Clicking the **Restore** button erases all DataSafe data for the Network Controller Card.*

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Pressing the **Restore** button in the **Setup** tab of the Network Controller card performs the following tasks in DashBoard:

- All values in the **Setup** tab of the Network Controller card are reset to the factory defaults.
- All Slot names are deleted. Slot name fields are blank and all DashBoard fields are updated with the default names.

# DashBoard Menus

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## In This Chapter

This chapter provides information the DashBoard menus available for the MFC-8300 Series Controller Cards. Note that some of the available menus and options are dependent on the card you are using. Default values are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

The DashBoard Control System enables you to monitor and control openGear frames and cards from a computer. DashBoard communicates with other cards in the DFR-8300 series frame through the MFC-8300 Series Controller Cards. You can download the DashBoard software and manual from the Sierra Video website.

The following topics are discussed:

- Status Tab
- Setup Tab
- Network Tab
- DataSafe Tab
- SNMP Tab

# Status Tabs

**Table 8.1** summarizes the **Status** tab parameters available in DashBoard for the MFC-8300 Series Controller Cards. The **Status** tabs provide read-only information such as software revision issue, fan door status, and power consumption.

**Table 6.1 Status Tab Items**

Tab Title	Item	Parameters	Description
<b>Product (Read-only)</b>	Frame Name		Name as defined by the user in the <b>Network</b> tab. Refer to <b>Table 6.4</b> .
	Frame S/N <sup>a</sup>		Indicates the Frame Serial Number.
	Product		Indicates the model number of the card
	Supplier	Sierra Video	
	Board Rev	##	Indicates the hardware revision
	Board S/N	#####-###	Indicates the card serial number
	MAC Address	##-##-##-##-##-##	MAC Address for the card
	Software Rev	###	Indicates the card software version
<b>Network (Read-only)</b>	Network Source	DHCP - set by user	<b>SW3-1</b> and <b>SW3-2</b> are set to <b>OFF</b> ; the <b>Addressing Mode</b> is set to <b>DHCP</b> in DashBoard. The network automatically assigns the card ethernet settings.
		Static - set by user	<b>SW3-1</b> and <b>SW3-2</b> are set to <b>OFF</b> ; the <b>Addressing Mode</b> is set to <b>Static</b> in DashBoard. User defines the ethernet settings from the <b>Network</b> tab.
		DHCP - set by DIP	<b>SW3-1</b> is set to <b>OFF</b> and <b>SW3-2</b> is set to <b>ON</b> . The network automatically assigns the card ethernet settings.  This is not applicable to the MFC-8320-S.
		Factory Default 1	<b>SW3-1</b> is set to <b>ON</b> and <b>SW3-2</b> is set to <b>OFF</b> . The IP Address of the card is set to 192.168.2.1. This is not applicable to the MFC-8320-S.

<sup>a</sup> When installed in a DFR-832x series frame only.

Tab Title	Item	Parameters	Description
Network (Read-only)		Factory Default 2	<b>SW3-1</b> and <b>SW3-2</b> are set to <b>ON</b> . The IP Address of the card is set to 10.1.2.1. This is not applicable to the MFC-8320-S.
	IP Address	##.#.###.###	IP Address of the card
	Subnet Mask	###.###.#.#	Subnet Mask for the card
	Default Gateway	##.##.#	The card gateway
	NTP Server	##.##.#	The IP Address of the NTP server used as a time source
	Active Connections	##	Number of external control devices, such as DashBoard, connected via TCP to the card
	Active Cards	##	The number of active cards within the frame
	Bus Load (%)	#	Communication traffic of the CAN Bus. A high value indicates a high amount of traffic
Hardware (Read-only)	Frame Status	Green – OK	Indicates the status of the frame, frame power supplies, and/or cards in the frame
		Yellow – Running a backup code	
		Red – Fan door open	
		Red – PSU fuse blown	
		Red – PSU fault	
		Red – Fame Power > 150W	
		Red – PSU fan stalled	
		Red – Card Fault	
	Mid-Plane ID	#	Indicates the board issue. This field is only displayed when using an MFC-8320-N.
	Audio Alarm	Enabled	Indicates that <b>J4</b> is set to enable audio alarms

Tab Title	Item	Parameters	Description	
Hardware (Read-only)		Disabled	Disables the Audio Alarm feature	
	Voltage (mV)	#	Supply Voltage	
	Current (mA)	#	Current consumption of the card	
	Negative Rail (mV)	#	Indicates the negative voltage of the card	
	Fan Speed	#	Indicates the fan speed of the frame. This is set using the <b>Fan Speed</b> option in the <b>Setup</b> tab.	
	Fan Door	Open		Indicates the state of the fan door
		Closed		
	CPU headroom	x.xx/y.yy/z.zz <sup>b</sup>	CPU Load average for the Primary Processor of the card.	
	RAM available (bytes)	x/y	Memory Used (x) / Total Memory (y)	
	AVR CPU Headroom	#	Processing power available for the Auxiliary Processor of the card. This field is only displayed when using an MFC-8310-N.	
	AVR RAM available	#	On-board processing memory available for the Auxiliary Process of the card. This field is only displayed when using an MFC-8310-N.	
	AVR State		Indicates the state of the AVR on the FINC. This is applicable to MFC-8310-NS cards with software versions of 2.0 or higher.	
	DataSafe State	Green	No DataSafe mismatch is occurring	
Yellow		Indicates that a new card has been installed in the frame and a DataSafe mismatch has occurred. This field is only displayed when using an MFC-8320-N.		

<sup>b</sup>The CPU Load average is displayed in the following format where x.xx represents in the last minute, y.yy represents the last five minutes, and z.zz is the last fifteen minutes.



Tab Title	Item	Parameters	Description
<b>Power (Read-only)</b>	PSU1 Current (mA)	#	The power consumption for Frame Power Supply 1
	PSU2 Current (mA)	#	The power consumption for Frame Power Supply 2
	Frame Power (W)	#	Frame power consumption
	Max Slot Current (mA)	#	Indicates which card slot in the frame is drawing the most power
	PSU1 Temp (C)	#	The temperature of Frame Power Supply 1
	PSU2 Temp (C)	#	The temperature of Frame Power Supply 2
	Ambient Temp (C)	#	The ambient temperature within the frame

# Setup Tab

Table 6.2 summarizes the **Setup Menu** options available in DashBoard for the MFC-8300 Series Controller Cards.

**Table 6.2 Setup Menu Items**

Menu Title	Item	Parameters	Description
Setup	Fans Installed <sup>c</sup>	Checkbox is selected*	Alarms are displayed in the <b>Frame Status</b> field of the <b>Hardware</b> tab
		Checkbox is cleared	No alarms are displayed in the <b>Frame Status</b> field of the <b>Hardware</b> tab
	Fan Speed	Auto*	DashBoard automatically controls the cooling fan speed of the frame
		Max	Frame fans always run at maximum speed
	Notify on Card Fault	Checkbox is selected*	Card displays an alarm in DashBoard and the <b>Fault</b> LED flashes red on the frame when a fault condition is reported by a card in the frame
		Checkbox is cleared	Disables this feature
	Factory Settings <sup>d</sup>	Restore	Defaults all the values in the <b>Setup</b> tab only. Refer to the sections below for details.
	Licensable Features		Indicates if the software key for any licensable features is installed
	Card Slot Names		Configures the name displayed in DashBoard for the specified slot. This is not applicable to the MFC-8320-S.

<sup>c</sup>This option is read-only when the frame door is closed.

<sup>d</sup>This option is labeled as Factory Defaults when using an MFC-8320-S.

# Restoring Menu Items to Factory Default Settings

**Table 6.3** lists the editable menu items that are reset to factory default settings when the **Restore** button is pressed in the **Setup** menu.

*Table 6.3 Menu Items Restored to Factory Default Settings*

Menu	Menu Item	MFC-8320-N
<b>Setup</b>	Fans Installed	✓
	Fan Speed	✓
	Notify on Card Fault	✓
	Card Slot Names	✓
<b>Network</b>	All menu items	
<b>DataSafe</b>	Disable	✓
	Mask Warning	✓
<b>SNMP</b>	All menu items	

# Network Tab

**Table 6.4** summarizes the **Network** tab options available in DashBoard for the MFC-8300 Series Controller Cards.

**Table 6.4 Network Menu Items**

Menu Title	Item	Parameters	Description	
<b>Network</b>	Frame Name		Configures the name displayed in DashBoard for the frame the card is installed in. The Frame Name is automatically updated in the <b>Product</b> tab.	
	NTP Server	##.##.##	This is the IP Address of the NTP server used as a time source	
	Current DIP Switch		Indicates the position of the <b>SW3</b> DIP Switches	
	Addressing Mode	Static		User defines the Network settings of the card
		DHCP*		Dashboard obtains network settings automatically for the card
	IP Address	##.##.###	Enables you to set the IP Address of the card if the <b>Addressing Mode</b> is set to <b>Static</b> .	
	Subnet Mask	###.###.###.#	Enables you to set the Subnet Mask of the card if the <b>Addressing Mode</b> is set to <b>Static</b>	
	Default Gateway	##.##.##	Enables you to set the Default Gateway of the card if the <b>Addressing Mode</b> is set to <b>Static</b>	
	Apply		Applies and saves any changes made to the <b>Network Settings</b>	
Cancel		Cancels any setting changes and resets the <b>Network Settings</b> to the previous values		

## DataSafe Tab

**Table 6.5** summarizes the DataSafe Menu options available in DashBoard for the MFC-8300 Series Controller Cards.

**Note** — This tab is not available when using an MFC-8320-S.

This tab displays an array of cards based on the frame the selected card is installed in.

**Table 6.5 DataSafe Menu Items**

Menu Title	Item	Parameters	Description	
### [y] <sup>e</sup>	Card Type and Software Revision	aaa-bbbb :: #.##	Displays information for the card currently installed in that slot; where aaa-bbbb represents the card name, and #.## represents the current software version of the card.	
	Correct Mismatch	<- Update Slot	Press this button to automatically update the slot with the new card information indicated in the <b>Conflict</b> field.	
	Conflict			When blank, this field indicates that the card currently in the slot has the same card type and software version as the saved DataSafe data
			##	Indicates that the software version or the card type do not match the saved data for the slot
	Disable		Checkbox is selected*	Disables DataSafe for the selected slot. You may still monitor the slot, but you cannot update the slot with any new configuration data received when a new card is installed in the slot.
			Checkbox is cleared	Enables the <b>Conflict</b> field to display any card mismatch information. To update the slot, you must press the <- <b>Update Slot</b> button.
Force			Press this button to load the current DataSafe data to the cards. This button is enabled only if a software version incompatibility exists.	

<sup>e</sup>Displays the current slot name (###) and the slot number [y]. For example, Slot 5 [1]. The slot name is set in the **Cards Slot Name** field of the **Setup** tab.

Menu Title	Item	Parameters	Description
	Mask Warning	Checkbox is selected	The card displays a warning in DashBoard if any of the card slots have a new or changed entry.
		Checkbox is cleared*	The card does not display a warning in DashBoard if any of the card slots have a new or changed entry.

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# SNMP Tab

**Table 8.6** summarizes the **SNMP Menu** options available in DashBoard for the MFC-8300 Series Controller Cards with the SNMP feature.

**Table 8.5 SNMP Menu Items**

Menu Title	Item	Parameters	Description
SNMP	Trap/Notification Target		Adds a trap/notification target
	Add		Adds the selected target
	Delete		Deletes the selected target
	Read Community String		Specifies the SNMP password for GET requests
	Write Community String		Specifies the SNMP password for SET requests
	Apply		Applies the current changes and saves them to the card memory
	Cancel		Cancels the changes

## Notes on the Trap/Notification Target Feature

Keep the following in mind when adding and saving Trap/Notification targets in the **SNMP** tab:

- When entering a new target in the **Trap/Notification Target** field, enter the text in the field, and then press **Enter** to enable the **Add** button.
- Click the **Add** button to add the new target to the **Trap/Notification Target** drop-down list.
- A maximum number of 6 strings are displayed in the **Trap/Notification Target** drop-down list at one time. If at the maximum number, you must select a string from the drop-down list and delete it before adding a new entry.
- Press **Apply** to save the strings in the **Trap/Notification Target** drop-down list to non-volatile memory.





# DashBoard Lite Applet

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## In This Chapter

If you are using an MFC-8320-N or MFC-8310-N Network Controller Card running software version 2.20 or higher, you can access the DashBoard Lite applet using a web browser. The DashBoard Lite applet enables you to make card adjustments through a web browser interface instead of installing the DashBoard Control System software on your computer.

This chapter provides information on installing, accessing, and using the DashBoard Lite applet.

The following topics are discussed:

- Before You Begin
- DashBoard Lite Applet Overview
- Adding Frames to the DashBoard Lite Applet
- Using the DashBoard Lite Applet
- Uploading Software to a Card
- Troubleshooting

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## Before You Begin

Refer to the following sections before using the DashBoard Lite applet.

### System Requirements

Ensure that your system meets the following requirements before using the DashBoard Lite applet.

- MFC-8310-N or MFC-8320-N software version 2.20 or higher. Refer to the section “**Software Upgrades for the MFC-8300 Controller Card**” for details on upgrading the software for your card.
- Computer running the Microsoft® Windows® XP®, Windows Vista®, or Windows 7® operating systems
- Firefox® 3 or higher or Microsoft® Internet Explorer® 7 or 8
- Java® 6 update 11 or higher
- Ensure that the Java 6 plug-in is properly configured for your web browser.

### Running the DashBoard Lite Applet

Use the following procedure to run the DashBoard Lite applet:

1. Make a note of the IP address for the frame you are attempting to access.
2. Start your web browser from your computer desktop.
3. Enter the frame IP address into the Address Bar of your web browser.
4. Press **Enter** to display the **openGear Frame Configuration** web page.
5. Click the **DashBoard Lite** icon to launch the DashBoard Lite applet.
6. Wait while DashBoard Lite verifies the version of Java installed on your computer. Once your version of Java is verified, the DashBoard Lite applet opens in the web browser.

This completes the procedure for running the DashBoard Lite applet.

# DashBoard Lite Applet Overview

When first started, the DashBoard Lite applet connects to and displays the specific frame you entered the IP Address for, and the devices installed in that frame. The interface resembles the DashBoard interface but does not support the restoring of card settings from a file, nor the porting of card settings from one card to another.

## Interface Overview

This section includes a brief summary of the DashBoard Lite applet interface and its components.

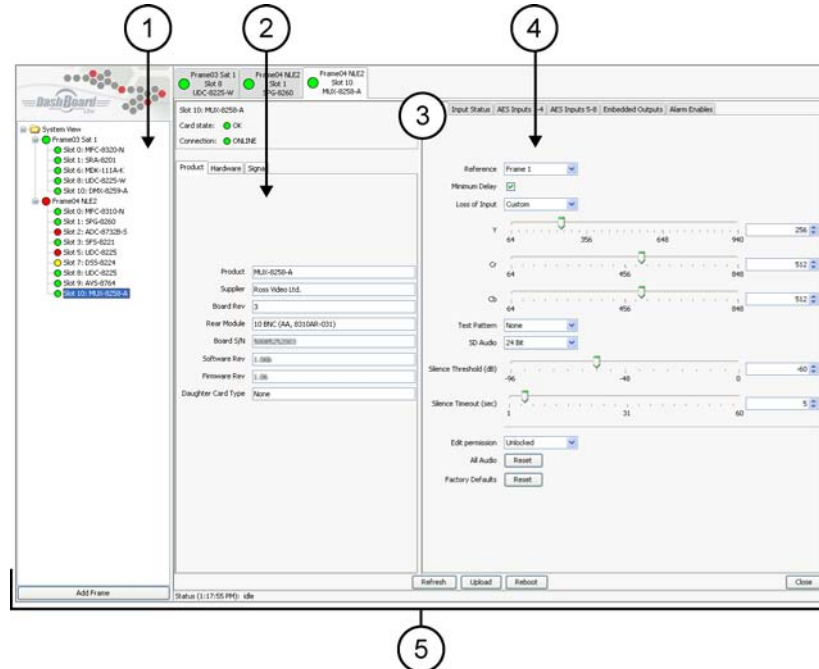


Figure 7.1 DashBoard Lie Applet Interface Example

### 1. Navigation Pane

The DashBoard Lite applet displays the following details in the **Navigation Pane**:

- An indicator for the frame. If you entered a new name using the **Add Frames** dialog, it is displayed beside the indicator. The indicator beside the frame is the worst-case status of all cards in the frame.
- The product name for each card installed in the frame and which slot it is in. The name for each card is the product name as reported by the card.
- Indicators for each card in the frame. The cards and their status are detected automatically.

### 2. Status Area

This area is located in the tabbed menu on the lower left of the screen. This area displays the status parameters as reported by the card including the **Product** tab. The **Product** tab displays the product name, alarm status, details about the most serious alarm reported, and the connection status. The information in the **Status Area** is read-only.

### 3. Arrow Buttons

The Arrow buttons are located at the top of the vertical bar that separates the **Status** Area and the **Settings** Area within the **Device View**. Click the arrows to maximize or minimize the Status and Settings Areas in the direction of that arrow.

For example, with all areas maximized, click the top arrow to maximize the Settings Area within the Device View. Click the bottom arrow to return the areas of the Device View to the default size. Click the bottom arrow again to maximize the Settings Area within the Device View.

### 4. Settings Area

This area is located in the tabbed menu on the right side of the screen, and is used to configure the parameters for the card. Each parameter has an appropriate control for configuring that parameter. The following features may be available:

- a drop-down box of selections;
- a slider for limited-range variables; or
- an entry field with arrows for continuous variables.

### 5. Button Area

The following buttons are available at the bottom of the Device View:

- **Add Frame** button — Use this button to display a new frame in the **Navigation Pane**.
- **Refresh** button — Use this button to request the latest information from the card.
- **Upload** button — Use this button to upload new software to the card.
- **Reboot** button — Use this button to instruct the card to reboot.
- **Close** button — Use this button to close the specific **Device** tab.

## Device View

You can select a device from the **Navigation Pane** to display its tab in the **Device View**. Selecting a Device tab enables you to view the information on that device such as product information, monitoring options, and editable parameters.

Each Device tab is labeled with the name of the frame, the slot number that the device is installed in, the device type, and the status indicator. You can have several Device tabs open at any time in the Device View such as displayed in **Figure 7.1**.

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## Adding Frames to the DashBoard Lite Applet

Once the DashBoard Lite applet is running, you can select additional openGear frames to communicate with. This section outlines the connection methods for adding frames.

There are two connection methods for adding a frame:

- **Automatic Detection** — Select this option to enable the DashBoard Lite applet to automatically connect and add the frame to the Navigation Pane. It is recommended to select this method if the IP Address of your frame may change. This is the default method.
- **Advanced Connection** — Select this option when connecting via TCP through an MFC-8320-N Network Controller card. Advanced Connection allows you to select the type of connection to the frame and enter the IP Address of the device. You can also select this connection if the openGear frame you want to add is not listed in the **Automatic** dialog.

## Adding Frames to the DashBoard Lite Applet

Use the following procedure to add a frame to the DashBoard Lite applet:

1. Ensure the DashBoard Lite applet is running on your computer.
2. Click **Add Frame** located at the bottom of the **Navigation Pane** to display the **Add Frame** dialog. The **Automatic** tab is selected by default in the **Add Frame** dialog.
3. To add a frame using an Automatic Detection:
  - Select the desired frame name. You can also select more than one frame at a time.
  - Click **OK** to add the selected frame and exit the dialog. Or click **Cancel** to exit the dialog and not save any changes.

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**Operating Tip** — Click **Refresh** to update the list of Detected Frames in the **Automatic** tab. The refresh feature enables the DashBoard Lite applet to check the network for recently added or enabled frames.

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4. To add a frame using an **Advanced Connection**:
  - Select the **Advanced** tab from the **Add Frame** dialog.
  - Enter a name for the frame in the **Frame name** field.
  - Enter the IP Address of the frame in the **IP Address** field.
  - Enter the port of the frame in the **Port** field.
  - Click **OK** to save your changes and exit the dialog. Or click **Cancel** to exit the dialog and not save any changes.

This completes the procedure for adding a frame to the **DashBoard Lite applet**.

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## Using the DashBoard Lite Applet

Use the following procedure to change and verify device information for an MFC-8320-N:

1. From the **Navigation Pane**, double-click a card indicator to display a new tab in the **Device View**.
2. Change the parameters using the controls provided in the **Settings Area**.
3. The parameters available in the **Settings Area** depends on the card you have selected to configure.
4. To close a tab so that it is no longer displayed in the Device View:
  - Right-click the tab.
  - Select close to close the selected tab. You can also click **Close** in the selected tab.
  - Select close all to close all card tabs.

This completes the procedure for changing and verifying card information for an MFC-8320-N.

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## Uploading Software to a Card

Use the following procedure to upload software to a card:

1. Select the **Device** tab in the **Device View** for the device you wish to upload software to.
  2. In the **Device** tab, select **Upload** to display the **File Upload** dialog.
  3. Navigate to the directory where the upload file is stored, and select the file to be sent.
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**Note** — *The **Upload** button is disabled when the **Read Only** check box is selected.*

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4. From the **File Selection** dialog, click **Open**. The DashBoard Lite applet reads the file and displays a **Confirmation** dialog. This dialog displays the selected upload file name, type, size, and the file creation date.
  5. From the **Confirmation** dialog, you can select from the following:
    - Click **Cancel** to cancel the upload of the file and return to the Device View.
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**Important** — *Do NOT click **Cancel** unless the upload progress has stopped completely for 60 seconds or more. Cancelling an upload will leave the card in an invalid state.*

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- Click **Continue** to upload the file. While uploading, the **Uploading Progress** dialog is displayed.
6. When the upload process is complete:
    - The card reboots and may be briefly offline.
    - The **Product** tab indicates the new software information in the required fields.

This completes the procedure for uploading software to a card.

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# Troubleshooting

This section provides additional information should you encounter problems with running or using the options in the DashBoard Lite applet.

## Starting the DashBoard Lite Applet

This section provides additional information to help troubleshoot problems you may encounter when using the DashBoard Lite applet.

- **An error dialog displays stating that Java® is disabled** — Refer to your web browser help system for information on enabling Java.
- **An error dialog displays stating that the wrong version of Java is installed** — You must upgrade your Java version to Java 6 update 11 or higher. A link to the Java website is provided in the error dialog.
- **An error dialog displays stating that Java is not installed on your computer** — You must install Java 6 update 11 or higher on your computer. A link to the Java website is provided in the error dialog.
- **A Warning - Security dialog displays** — This dialog states that the application digital signature cannot be verified and prompting you to run the application. To continue loading the DashBoard Lite applet, click Run.

## Device Tab Issues

If you are unable to make changes to the parameters of a card, or the **Upload** or **Reboot** buttons are disabled:

1. Verify that your system view is not set to Read Only as follows:
  - Right-click the **System View** option.
  - Clear the **Read Only** check box.
2. Verify that the **Edit Permission** for the card is set to **Unlocked** in the **Device** tab. This control typically appears on the **Setup** page of the Device tab.

## Frame Connections

This section provides a troubleshooting list if your frame is not automatically detected by the DashBoard Lite applet when you attempt to add a frame.

1. Verify that the frame is powered on and connected to the network by navigating to the frame IP Address using your web browser.
2. Contact your IT Department to learn if the selected frame is operating inside a firewall which can cause the Automatic Connection to fail.
3. Click **Refresh** in the **Add frames** dialog and verify if the frame is listed.
4. If the frame is still not listed, you must re-connect to the frame using the Advanced Connection method as outlined in the section “**Adding Frames to DashBoard Lite Applet**”.



## Troubleshooting the Software Upload Process

This section provides information to troubleshoot when the software upload process has failed.

### ***Power or Communications Loss***

If the power or communications is lost during the upload process, there will be no response from the card. It is recommended to perform the following:

1. Verify the card is powered on.
2. Verify communications by re-starting the upload process.
3. If the upload process still fails, re-boot the card and re-start the upload process again.

### ***Messages in the Upload Failed Dialog***

You may receive a message in the Upload failed dialog that indicates the reason for the failure.

- **Selected file does not exist** — Click **OK** and re-start the upload process.
- **Selected file is not a valid upload file** — Click **OK** and re-start the upload process.
- **Selected file is rejected by the card** — Verify that you are uploading the software to the correct card. For example, you will receive this message when attempting to upload FSR-6601 software to a SRA-8601A card.
- **No response from device** — The upload failed while in progress due to a loss of power or communications. Refer to the section “**Power or Communications Loss**”.
- **Recovering from a failed upload** — To recover from a failed upload:
  - Re-boot the card by clicking **Reboot** in the **Device** tab;
  - Wait for the card to boot up; then,
  - Re-start the file upload process.



# Service Information

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## In This Chapter

This chapter contains the following sections:

- Troubleshooting Checklist
- Warranty and Repair Policy

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# Troubleshooting Checklist

Routine maintenance to this openGear product is not required. In the event of problems with your card, the following basic troubleshooting checklist may help identify the source of the problem. If the card still does not appear to be working properly after checking all possible causes, please contact your openGear products distributor, or the Technical Support department at the numbers listed under the “**Contact Us**” section at the end of this manual.

1. **Visual Review** — Performing a quick visual check may reveal many problems, such as connectors not properly seated or loose cables. Check the module, the frame, and any associated peripheral equipment for signs of trouble.
2. **Power Check** — Check the power indicator LED on the distribution frame front panel for the presence of power. If the power LED is not illuminated, verify that the power cable is connected to a power source and that power is available at the power main. Confirm that the power supplies are fully seated in their slots. If the power LED is still not illuminated, replace the power supply with one that is verified to work.
3. **Reset the Card in the Frame** — Eject the card and re-insert it in the frame.
4. **Check Control Settings** — Refer to the Installation and Operation sections of the manual and verify all user-adjustable component settings.
5. **Input Signal Status** — Verify that source equipment is operating correctly and that a valid signal is being supplied.
6. **Output Signal Path** — Verify that destination equipment is operating correctly and receiving a valid signal.
7. **Card Exchange** — Exchanging a suspect card with a card that is known to be working correctly is an efficient method for localizing problems to individual cards.

## MFC-8320-S Alarm Mute/Bootload Button

In the unlikely event of a complete card failure, you may be instructed by a Sierra Video Technical Support specialist to perform a complete software reload on the MFC-8320-S. The **Alarm Mute/Bootload** button (**SW1**) enables emergency booting in case of flash corruption or, to recover from a failed software upgrade.

The MFC-8320-S contains a primary software load and two backup loads. When the **Alarm Mute/Bootload** button is pressed and held during power-up, the card will try the two backups, in turn, instead of the primary load. If a valid backup is found, it is copied into the primary load. If neither backup is valid, then all LEDs are lit to indicate a failure.

When running from a backup copy that differs from the primary load, the **Frame Status** indicator in the **Hardware** tab of DashBoard displays “**Running a backup code**”. If this message displays, Sierra Video recommends performing a software upgrade to ensure that all copies remain valid.

## MFC-8320-N Bootload Button

The **Bootload** function of **SW1** is not implemented on the MFC-8320-N Network Controller Card.

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## Warranty and Repair Policy

The MFC-8300 Series Controller Card are warranted to be free of any defect with respect to performance, quality, reliability, and workmanship for a period of FIVE (5) years from the date of shipment from our factory. In the event that your MFC-8300 Series Controller Card prove to be defective in any way during this warranty period, Sierra Video reserves the right to repair or replace this piece of equipment with a unit of equal or superior performance characteristics.

Should you find that this MFC-8300 Series Controller Card have failed after your warranty period has expired, we will repair your defective product should suitable replacement components be available. You, the owner, will bear any labor and/or part costs incurred in the repair or refurbishment of said equipment beyond the FIVE (5) year warranty period.

In no event shall Sierra Video be liable for direct, indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages (including loss of profits) incurred by the use of this product. Implied warranties are expressly limited to the duration of this warranty.

This User Manual provides all pertinent information for the safe installation and operation of your openGear Product. Sierra Video policy dictates that all repairs to the MFC-8300 Series Controller Card are to be conducted only by an authorized Sierra Video factory representative. Therefore, any unauthorized attempt to repair this product, by anyone other than an authorized Sierra Video factory representative, will automatically void the warranty. Please contact Sierra Video Technical Support for more information.

### ***In Case of Problems***

Should any problem arise with your MFC-8300 Series Controller Card, please contact the Sierra Video Technical Support Department. (Contact information is supplied at the end of this publication.)

A Return Material Authorization number (RMA) will be issued to you, as well as specific shipping instructions, should you wish our factory to repair your MFC-8300 Series Controller Card. If required, a temporary replacement module will be made available at a nominal charge. Any shipping costs incurred will be the responsibility of you, the customer. All products shipped to you from Sierra Video will be shipped collect.

The Sierra Video Technical Support Department will continue to provide advice on any product manufactured by Sierra Video, beyond the warranty period without charge, for the life of the equipment.



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