

IBM System Storage - DS8880 Disk Storage

Microcode Bundle 88.57.8.0 Release Note Information

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VRMF Level Data Results:

VRMF level From:	88.56.9.0
VRMF Level To:	88.57.8.0
Report for:	All DS8880

Code Bundle Contents

DS8880 Code Bundle Level	SEA or LMC Version:	DSCLI Client	Heat Map Transfer Utility	Storage Manager	Copy Services Manager
88.57.8.0	7.8.57.18	7.8.57.18	7.8.57.18	5.8.57.1008	6.2.9.1

Overview of new features and functions supported by this release

At a glance:

- Dynamically expand SafeGuarded Backup capacity
- Code fixes

This new microcode release supports DS8880 systems only.

Select Modifications Included in this Release Note:

This is a list of some modifications contained across one or more LIC (License Internal Code) or microcode release(s). The potential impact is variable. Specific environments may aggravate or degrade the potential impact. Problem(s) fixed and reported in this release note may not be in higher levels of code bundles.

Definition of Problem Severity:

1	High Impact	- Acute: Irrecoverable error with potential loss of data. - Serious: Irrecoverable error with potential loss of access to data, or critical function.
2	Moderate	- A function not operational and/or performance might be degraded.
3	Service	- A recoverable error (no impact) and service improvements.
4	Improvements	- Improvement changes for better Usability and Serviceability.

HIPER: High Impact problem that is Pervasive: 3 or more occurrences

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Acute: An irrecoverable error with potential loss of data.

HIPER Inconsistent SafeGuarded Backup data

1. **Problem Description:** <https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/6368715>
 2. **Potential Impact of Problem:** Data inconsistency
 3. **Problem Severity:** HIPER
 4. **Pervasive Problem:** No
- ID# 349398

Pinned data after power loss

1. **Problem Description:** During IML with modified data, an exposure exists where a previously queued commit may not be restored to cache.
 2. **Potential Impact of Problem:** loss of data
 3. **Problem Severity:** High Impact
 4. **Pervasive Problem:** No
- ID# 350519

Serious: An irrecoverable error with potential loss of access to data, or critical function.

Last Device Adapter fenced

1. **Problem Description:** A microcode logic error during adapter recovery caused the only available adapter to be fenced.
 2. **Potential Impact of Problem:** loss of access
 3. **Problem Severity:** High Impact
 4. **Pervasive Problem:** No
- ID# 341982

I/O adapter failure caused multiple warmstarts

1. **Problem Description:** PCIe error recovery did not recognize that the adapter was presenting power fault
 2. **Potential Impact of Problem:** Multiple warmstarts
 3. **Problem Severity:** High Impact
 4. **Pervasive Problem:** No
- ID# 345611

TCT Recall fails with Invalid Track Number

1. **Problem Description:** Transparent Cloud Tiering Recall task that spans multiple volumes may fail because a microcode logic error handling parallel recall threads.
 2. **Potential Impact of Problem:** Recall job failure
 3. **Problem Severity:** High Impact
 4. **Pervasive Problem:** No
- ID# 350598

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Transparent Cloud Tiering failure

1. **Problem Description:** After update to a newer DS8880 code bundle, TCT failed because of new cipher restrictions in Java.
2. **Potential Impact of Problem:** loss of access to cloud data
3. **Problem Severity:** High Impact
4. **Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 350740

REST API failure after code bundle update

1. **Problem Description:** In systems running with an alternate internal IP address range, REST API requires manual intervention to restore Transparent Cloud Tiering function after code bundle update.
2. **Potential Impact of Problem:** loss of access to cloud data
3. **Problem Severity:** High Impact
4. **Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 350876

0x014E MLE during failback

1. **Problem Description:** Cluster failback could not complete because it could not access metadata on a quiesced rank.
2. **Potential Impact of Problem:** loss of access
3. **Problem Severity:** High Impact
4. **Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 351315

Loss of access exposure running ESE Sizing Tool

1. **Problem Description:** If an LPAR is running the ESE Sizing Tool, and has a failure, the partner LPAR would be unable to take over, and would also fail. Once the system is recovered, copy services relations would have to be reconfigured. Exposure was discovered in code review.
2. **Potential Impact of Problem:** loss of access, loss of replication
3. **Problem Severity:** High Impact
4. **Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 351682

Moderate: A system path is not operational and/or performance may be degraded.

0x07D2 Host Adapter MLE

1. **Problem Description:** A microcode logic error caused one of the HA internal processors to loop while handling a correctable single-bit error condition.
2. **Potential Impact of Problem:** Loss of path, and warmstart
3. **Problem Severity:** Moderate
4. **Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 331514

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0x0B8A Host Adapter MLE

- 1. Problem Description:** 'Link Down' event on a HA port, during high activity periods, may lead to corruption of a linked list in the HA port wait queue.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Warmstart
- 3. Problem Severity:** Moderate
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 343249

PPRC path inoperative after a FC link event

- 1. Problem Description:** Link recovery on a PPRC path led to a Destination ID (D_ID) change in the Host Adapter port, but the old D_ID also remained, creating a duplicate entry. Condition requires manual intervention to restore the path.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** loss of path
- 3. Problem Severity:** Moderate
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** Yes

ID# 346912

Slow cluster hard drive

- 1. Problem Description:** A failing, but still operational, cluster hard drive caused performance impact, and cluster failover
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** degraded performance
- 3. Problem Severity:** Moderate
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 347791

SAN error recovery caused PPRC suspend

- 1. Problem Description:** Fibre Channel frames arrived out of order at the PPRC secondary, but the secondary did not return out-of-order status to the primary.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** PPRC Suspend
- 3. Problem Severity:** Moderate
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** Yes

ID# 348117

0x1159 MLE

- 1. Problem Description:** Release Space is being called before I/O is fully quiesced for the extent
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Warmstart
- 3. Problem Severity:** Moderate
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 349185

0x1C12 MLE during Flash Drive replacement

- 1. Problem Description:** Process to remove the config of the old drive collided with the process to harvest the information from the new one.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Warmstart and LPAR failover
- 3. Problem Severity:** Moderate
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

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Resource Managers hung on LPAR

- 1. Problem Description:** Unable to query or stop/start RMs, or quiesce/resume the LPAR, because of a deadlock between a volume delete command, and a query operation.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** DSCLI command failure
- 3. Problem Severity:** Moderate
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 349388

0x7D0A MLE

- 1. Problem Description:** Preserve Mirror FlashCopy command required a large buffer, so a new Task Control Block was allocated to send the command to the secondary. But the calling function could not handle a callback to the new TCB, and triggered a Microcode Logic Error
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Warmstart
- 3. Problem Severity:** Moderate
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 349420

Host I/O performance degradation while running FlashCopy

- 1. Problem Description:** FlashCopy runs 32 discard scans at a time, which can impact host I/O on smaller systems
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** degraded performance
- 3. Problem Severity:** Moderate
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 349521

0x1D02 MLE running SafeGuarded Copy

- 1. Problem Description:** During SGC rolloff, the Device Adapter encountered an extent with an unexpected (but legal) size.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Warmstart
- 3. Problem Severity:** Moderate
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 349635

DSCLI authentication failure

- 1. Problem Description:** User login timed out while synchronizing the authentication state with the peer HMC.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Unable to process commands
- 3. Problem Severity:** Moderate
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 349931

False 0x2031 MLE

- 1. Problem Description:** Microcode Logic Error was triggered by a condition other than what it was designed to recover from.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Warmstart
- 3. Problem Severity:** Moderate
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

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0x20DB MLE on zHyperLink write

- 1. Problem Description:** Compare-after-restore function encountered a false miscompare indication.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Warmstart
- 3. Problem Severity:** Moderate
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 350596

Service: A recoverable error, Service improvements.

0x01B7:506A MLE

- 1. Problem Description:** Metadata lock contention on Metro Mirror secondary when it is also a Global Copy or Multi-Target Incremental Resync primary.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** ODD dump
- 3. Problem Severity:** Service
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** Yes

ID# 337694

Ambiguous HyperSwap failure sense

- 1. Problem Description:** In a HyperSwap "go to sync" failure, the sense needs an additional qualifier to clarify the reason for the failure.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Extended problem determination
- 3. Problem Severity:** Service
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 345088

HMC code update failure

- 1. Problem Description:** HMC failed to function after code update, because a required function was not updated.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Extended code update activity
- 3. Problem Severity:** Service
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 347978

Flash Drives rejected for SAS path errors

- 1. Problem Description:** Flash drives were incorrectly rejected for SAS path errors that were affecting multiple drives.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Extended service actions
- 3. Problem Severity:** Service
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

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0x01B7:1000 MLE

- 1. Problem Description:** During 'stage grouping' on cascaded FlashCopy target, the thread may exceed the timeout limit.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** ODD dump
- 3. Problem Severity:** Service
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 349225

HMC network description settings lost

- 1. Problem Description:** During private network IP range change procedure, a persistent information file was removed.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** none
- 3. Problem Severity:** Service
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 349227

Enclosure Service Module repair failure

- 1. Problem Description:** HPFE Gen2 ESM repair failed because a prior recovery left the adapter device busses in a quiesced state.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Extended repair action
- 3. Problem Severity:** Service
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 349576

Excessive metadata pre-stage activity

- 1. Problem Description:** On PPRC primary, a flag is not being cleared after every valid metadata pre-stage.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Unnecessary work being done
- 3. Problem Severity:** Service
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 350070

False SRC=BE34002B 'Out of Spares' condition

- 1. Problem Description:** A function to query predicted capacity was left open, each time it was run. Eventually enough resources were consumed, to the degree that Resource Manager functions began to fail.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Resource Management failure
- 3. Problem Severity:** Service
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 350490

MES install failure

- 1. Problem Description:** Drive failure during HPFE Gen2 MES install required manual intervention to complete the install.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** Extended service action
- 3. Problem Severity:** Service
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

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Improvements: Improvements for better usability

Enhance host health checking on secondary volumes

- 1. Problem Description:** Allow FICON Read Accessibility Mask (RAM) command to a secondary device
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** none
- 3. Problem Severity:** Improvement
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

ID# 349826

SafeGuarded Copy performance enhancement

- 1. Problem Description:** Support a cascaded Global Mirror session to perform the SafeGuarded Copy. The cascaded session will form consistency groups when the primary GM is paused with consistency.
Note: Implementation requires APAR PH31059.
- 2. Potential Impact of Problem:** none
- 3. Problem Severity:** Improvement
- 4. Pervasive Problem:** No

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