



Catalyst 6500 Series DFC Memory Installation Note

Product numbers:

MEM-DFC-128M=, MEM-DFC-256M=, MEM-DFC-512M= (for WS-F6K-DFC)

MEM-XCEF720-512M= (for WS-F6K-DFC3A, WS-F6700-DFC3A, WS-F6700-DFC3B)

MEM-XCEF720-1GB= (for WS-F6700-DFC3A, WS-F6700-DFC3B, WS-F6700-DFC3BXL)

This publication provides procedures for installing memory on the following Catalyst 6500 series Distributed Forwarding Cards (DFCs):

- WS-F6K-DFC
- WS-F6K-DFC3A
- WS-F6700-DFC3A
- WS-F6700-DFC3B
- WS-F6700-DFC3BXL



Note

For the WS-F6700-DFC3A, WS-F6700-DFC3B, and WS-F6700-DFC3BXL, the memory module is located on the base WS-X67xx module, under the DFC3 daughtercard. You must remove the daughtercard from the module to upgrade the memory.

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Safety Overview

Safety warnings appear throughout this publication in procedures that, if performed incorrectly, may harm you. A warning symbol precedes each warning statement.



Warning

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

This warning symbol means danger. You are in a situation that could cause bodily injury. Before you work on any equipment, be aware of the hazards involved with electrical circuitry and be familiar with standard practices for preventing accidents. Use the statement number provided at the end of each warning to locate its translation in the translated safety warnings that accompanied this device. Statement 1071

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS



Warning

Only trained and qualified personnel should be allowed to install, replace, or service this equipment. Statement 1030



Warning

Hazardous voltage or energy is present on the backplane when the system is operating. Use caution when servicing. Statement 1034

Required Tools

These tools are required to upgrade the memory on the Catalyst 6500 series DFC:

- 3/16-inch flat-blade screwdriver for the captive installation screws on the module on which the DFC is installed
- WS-F6700-DFC3A, WS-F6700-DFC3B, WS-F6700-DFC3BXL only—Number 1 Phillips-head screwdriver for the screws and cap nuts that fasten the DFC3 to the WS-X67xx module
- Antistatic mat or antistatic foam
- Your own ESD-prevention equipment or the disposable grounding wrist strap included with all upgrade kits, field-replaceable units (FRUs), and spares



Caution

Always use an ESD wrist strap when handling modules or coming into contact with internal components.

Installation Guidelines

Observe the following cautions when upgrading the memory on a DFC:



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Always use an ESD wrist strap when handling modules or coming into contact with internal components.



Caution

During this procedure, wear grounding wrist straps to avoid ESD damage to the module. Do not directly touch the backplane with your hand or any metal tool, or you could shock yourself.



Caution

SODIMMs are sensitive components that are susceptible to ESD damage. To prevent ESD damage, handle SODIMMs by the edges only; avoid touching the memory modules, pins, or traces (the metal *fingers* along the connector edge of the SODIMM).



Caution

When inserting SODIMMs, use firm but not excessive pressure. If you damage a socket, you will have to return the DFC to the factory for repair.



Caution

Use care not to damage the connectors on the module. If you damage a connector, it will be necessary to return the module to Cisco for repair.



Caution

You *must* install screws in all available standoffs. The screws provide grounding between the DFC3 and the module. Failure to install all screws will invalidate the safety approvals and pose a risk of fire and electrical hazard.

Verifying the DFC Memory

Table 1 lists the default memory configurations and available upgrades.

Table 1 Memory Configurations

| DFC version | Default Memory | Upgradeable Memory | Part Number |
|------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| WS-F6K-DFC3 | 128 MB | 256 MB 512 MB | MEM-DFC-256M= MEM-DFC-512M= |
| WS-F6K-DFC3A | 512 MB | No upgrade available | – |
| WS-F6700-DFC3A | 256 MB | 512 MB 1 GB | MEM-XCEF720-512M= MEM-XCEF720-1GB= |
| WS-F6700-DFC3B | 256 MB | 512 MB 1 GB | MEM-XCEF720-512M= MEM-XCEF720-1GB= |
| WS-F6700-DFC3BXL | 1 GB | No upgrade available | – |

To verify the memory configuration on the DFC, enter the **remote command module mod show memory summary** command, where *mod* is the module with an installed DFC. Add the processor and I/O totals to get the total memory for the DFC.

This example shows how to check the total memory on the DFC on a fabric-enabled module in slot 9:

```
Router# remote command module 9 show memory summary

Router-dfc9#
          Head  Total (b)   Used (b)   Free (b)   Lowest (b)  Largest (b)
Processor 31C5BFC0 205144128 127792712 77351416   65520524   64818696
      I/O  E000000 33554440 5987288 27567152   27567152   27567100

...<output truncated>

Router#
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The above example shows the total memory on the DFC is 256 MB.

Removing the DFC3 (WS-F6700-DFC3A, WS-F6700-DFC3B, WS-F6700-DFC3BXL Only)

For the WS-F6700-DFC3A, WS-F6700-DFC3B, and WS-F6700-DFC3BXL, the memory module is located on the base WS-X67xx module, under the DFC3. To upgrade the DFC3 memory, you must first remove the DFC3 from the module.

To remove a DFC3, follow these steps:

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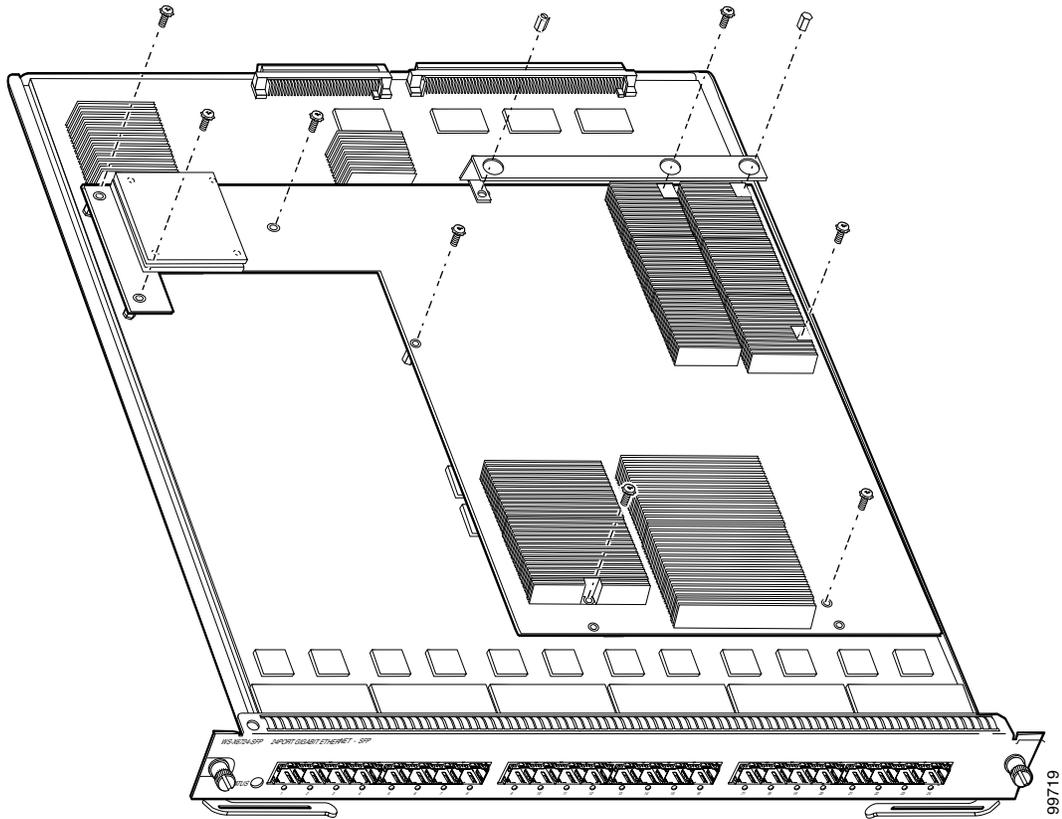
Hazardous voltage or energy is present on the backplane when the system is operating. Use caution when servicing. Statement 1034

**Caution**

During this procedure, wear grounding wrist straps to avoid ESD damage to the module. Do not directly touch the backplane with your hand or any metal tool, or you could shock yourself.

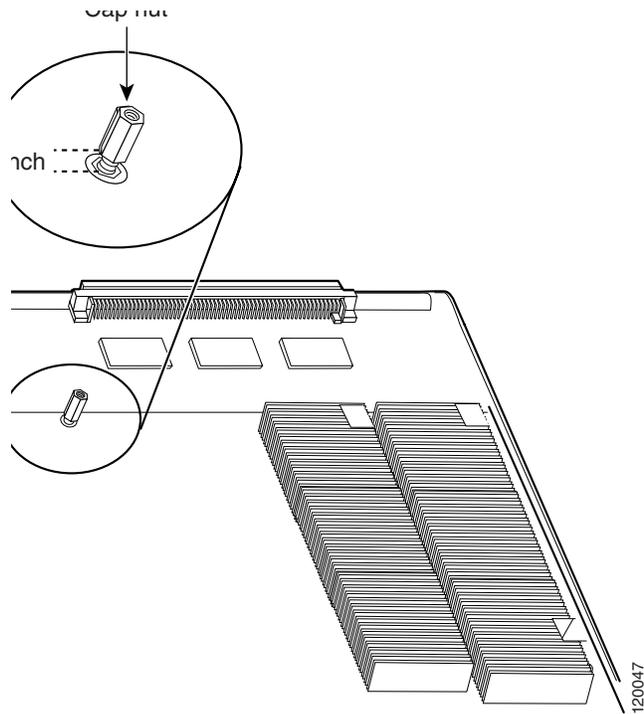
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- Step 1** Remove the module from the Catalyst 6500 series switch. (Refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Module Installation Guide* for removal instructions.)
- Step 2** Place the module on an antistatic mat or foam, with the front of the module facing toward you.
- Step 3** Use a Phillips-head screwdriver to remove the securing screws and the two cap nuts. (See [Figure 1.](#))

Figure 1 Removing the Securing Screws and Cap Nuts



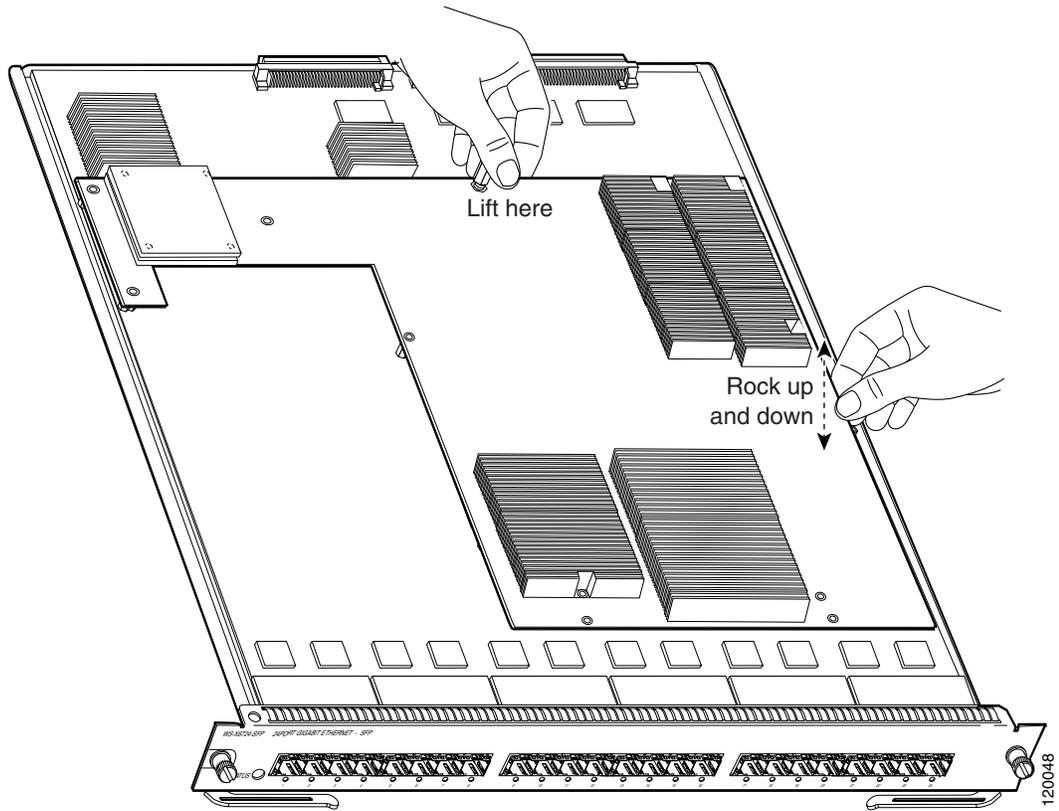
- Step 4** Partially install the cap nut, as shown in [Figure 2](#), about 3 turns so that there is a space of about 1/8 inch (3.175 mm) between the bottom of the cap nut and the top of the DFC3. The cap nut acts as a stop when you unseat the connector so that the DFC3 does not move horizontally and cause damage to the module.

Figure 2 Partially Installing the Cap Nut



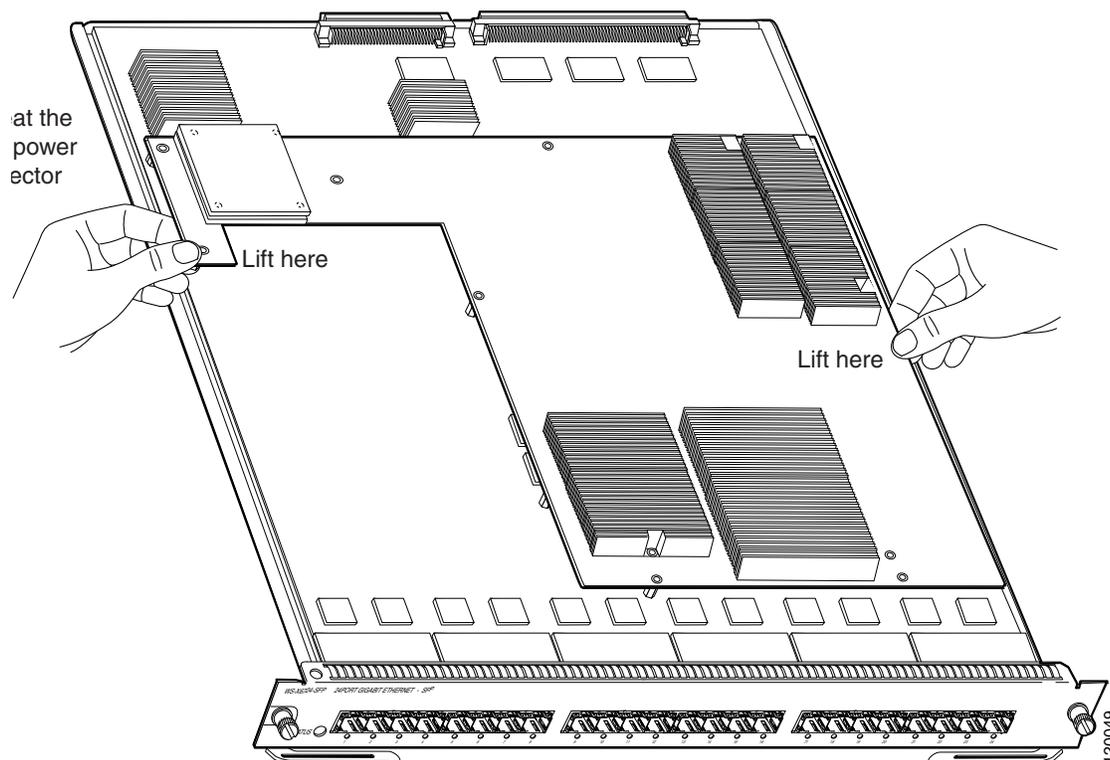
- Step 5** With your left hand, lift slightly at the location shown in [Figure 3](#). While lifting with your left hand, rock the DFC3 up and down with your right hand, no more than half an inch in either direction, to unseat the DFC3 from the module.

Figure 3 Unseat the DFC3 from the Module



Step 6 Remove the cap nut.

Step 7 Hold the DFC3 with both hands, and gently lift the DFC3 straight up from the module. (See [Figure 4](#).)

Figure 4 Removing the DFC3 from the Module

- Step 8** Place the removed DFC3 on an antistatic mat or antistatic foam pad.
- Step 9** Proceed to the [“Removing the SODIMM”](#) section on page 9.

Removing the SODIMM



Caution

During this procedure, wear grounding wrist straps to avoid ESD damage to the card. Do not directly touch the backplane with your hand or any metal tool, or you could shock yourself.

To remove the existing SODIMM, follow these steps:

- Step 1** Make sure that you take the necessary precautions to prevent ESD damage.
- Step 2** Remove the module with the DFC or DFC3A from the system. (Refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Module Installation Guide* for removal instructions.)
- Step 3** Place the module on an antistatic mat or pad.
- Step 4** Locate the SODIMM. (See [Figure 5](#) for the WS-F6K-DFC, see [Figure 6](#) for the WS-F6K-DFC3A, and see [Figure 7](#) for the WS-X6700-DFC3A.)

Figure 5 Location of SODIMM on a WS-F6K-DFC

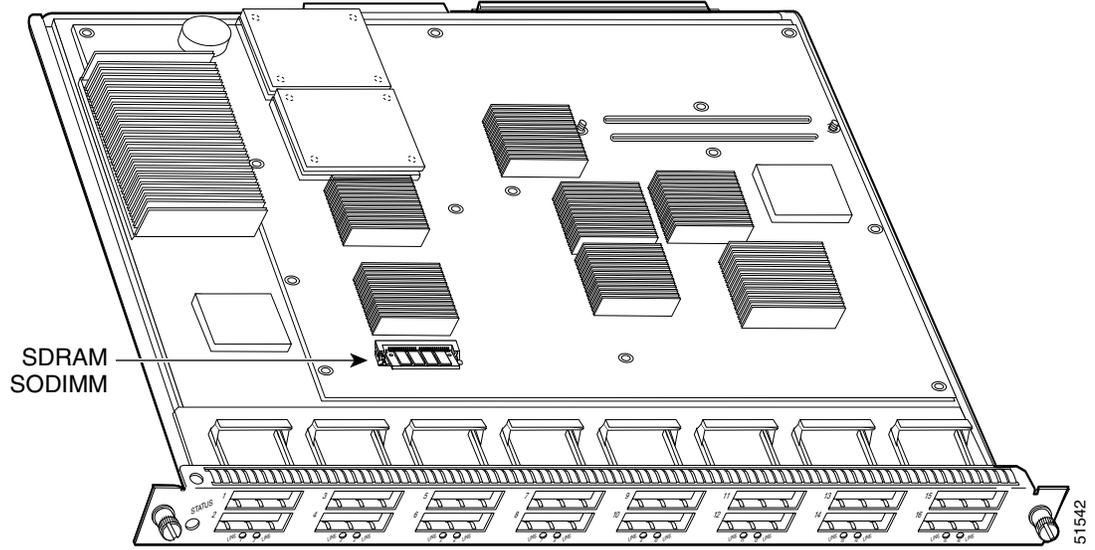


Figure 6 Location of SODIMM on a WS-F6K-DFC3A

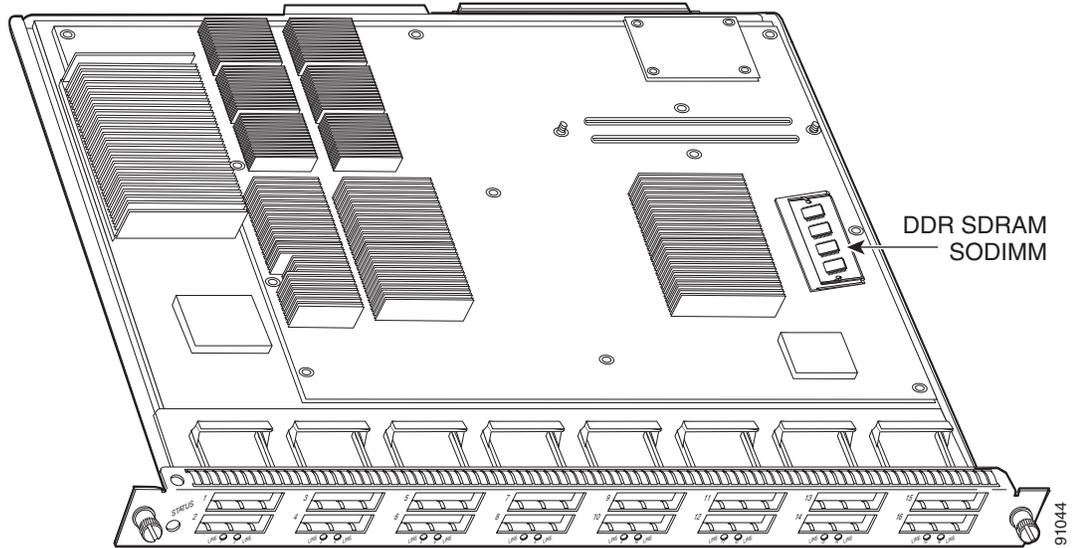
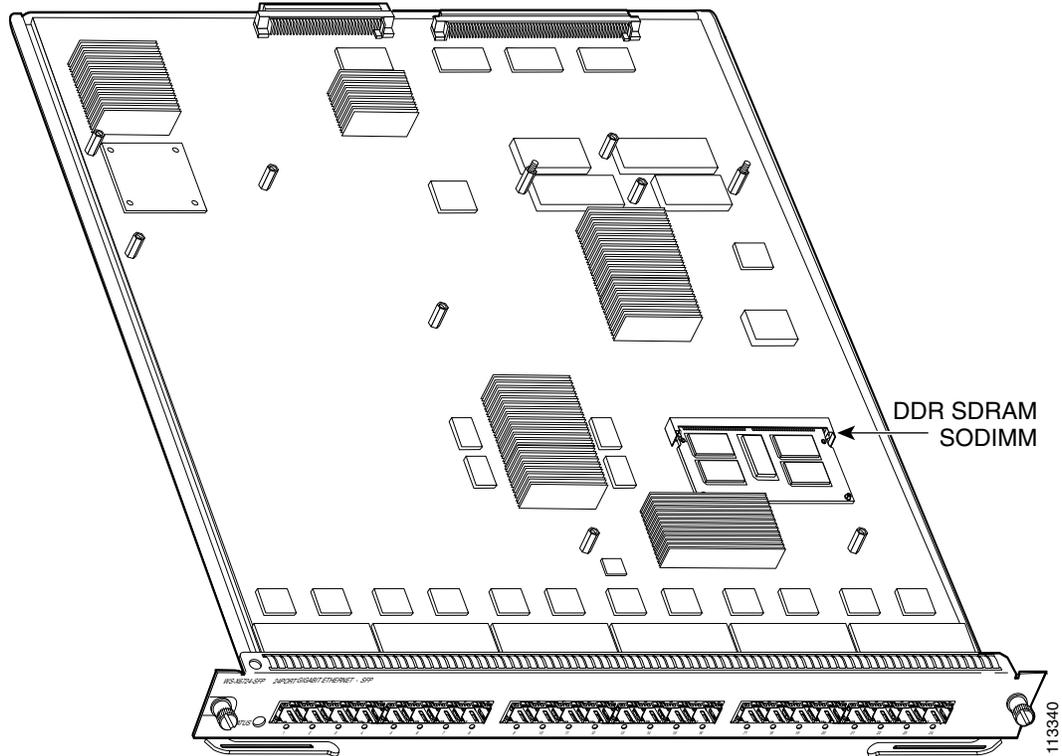
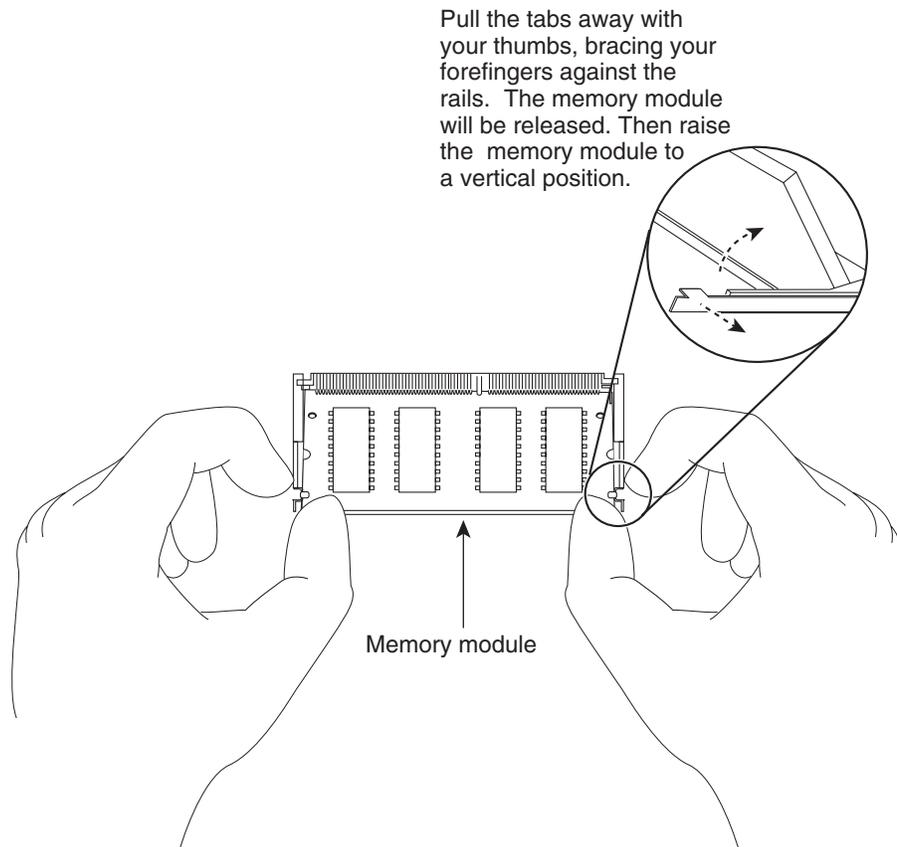


Figure 7 Location of SODIMM on a WS-X67xx Module for the DFC3A, DFC3B, and DFC3BXL



Step 5 Release the spring clips from the SODIMM, and release the SODIMM from the socket. (See [Figure 8](#).)

Figure 8 *Releasing the SODIMM Spring Clips*



Step 6 When both ends of the SODIMM are released from the socket, grasp the ends of the SODIMM with your thumb and forefinger, and pull the SODIMM completely out of the socket.



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Step 7 Place the SODIMM in an antistatic container to protect it from ESD damage.

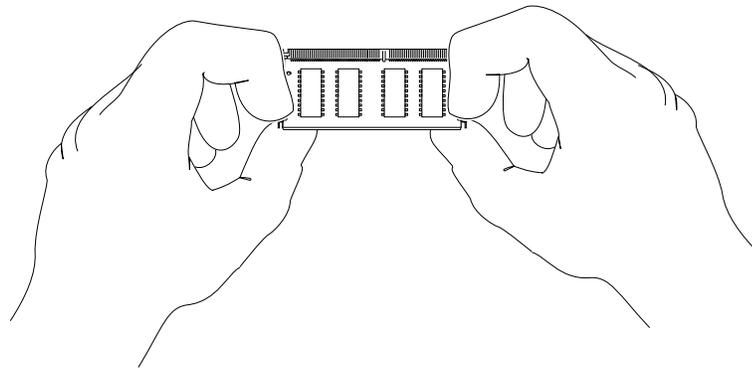
This completes the SODIMM removal procedure. Proceed to the [“Installing the SODIMM”](#) section on [page 13](#) to install the new SODIMM.

Installing the SODIMM


Caution

SODIMMs are sensitive components that are susceptible to ESD damage. To prevent ESD damage, handle SODIMMs by the edges only; avoid touching the memory modules, pins, or traces (the metal *fingers* along the connector edge of the SODIMM). (See [Figure 9](#).)

Figure 9 Handling a SODIMM



Follow these steps to install the new SODIMM:

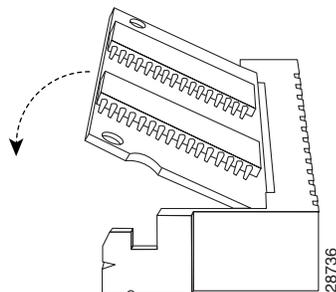
- Step 1** Remove a new SODIMM from the antistatic container.
- Step 2** Hold the SODIMM with the component side up and with the connector edge (the metal fingers) away from you.
- Step 3** Hold the sides of the SODIMM between your thumbs and forefingers. (See [Figure 9](#).)
- Step 4** Tilt the SODIMM to approximately the same angle as the socket, and insert the connector edge into the socket.


Caution

When inserting SODIMMs, use firm but not excessive pressure. If you damage a socket, you will have to return the DFC to the factory for repair.

- Step 5** Press the SODIMM down until it is secured by the spring clips. (See [Figure 10](#).)

Figure 10 Installing the SODIMM



- Step 6** When the SODIMM is installed, check the two alignment holes, and ensure that the spring retainer is visible. If it is not, the SODIMM is not seated properly. If any SODIMM appears misaligned, carefully remove it and reseat it in the socket. Push the SODIMM firmly back into the socket until the retainer springs snap into place.
- Step 7** If you upgraded the memory on the WS-F6700-DFC3A, WS-F6700-DFC3B, or WS-F6700-DFC3BXL, you need to reinstall the DFC3. Proceed to the [“Installing the DFC3 \(WS-F6700-DFC3A, WS-F6700-DFC3B, WS-F6700-DFC3BXL Only\)”](#) section on page 14 to install the DFC3.
- Otherwise, reinstall the module. (Refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Module Installation Guide* for removal instructions.)

Installing the DFC3 (WS-F6700-DFC3A, WS-F6700-DFC3B, WS-F6700-DFC3BXL Only)

To install the DFC3 on a WS-X67xx module, follow these steps:



Caution

During this procedure, wear grounding wrist straps to avoid ESD damage to the module. Do not directly touch the backplane with your hand or any metal tool, or you could shock yourself.

- Step 1** Align the mounting holes on the DFC3 (see [Figure 11](#)) with the male standoffs on the module. (See [Figure 12](#).) Make sure that the remaining mounting holes on the DFC3 are aligned with the remaining standoffs.

Figure 11 Mounting Holes on the DFC3

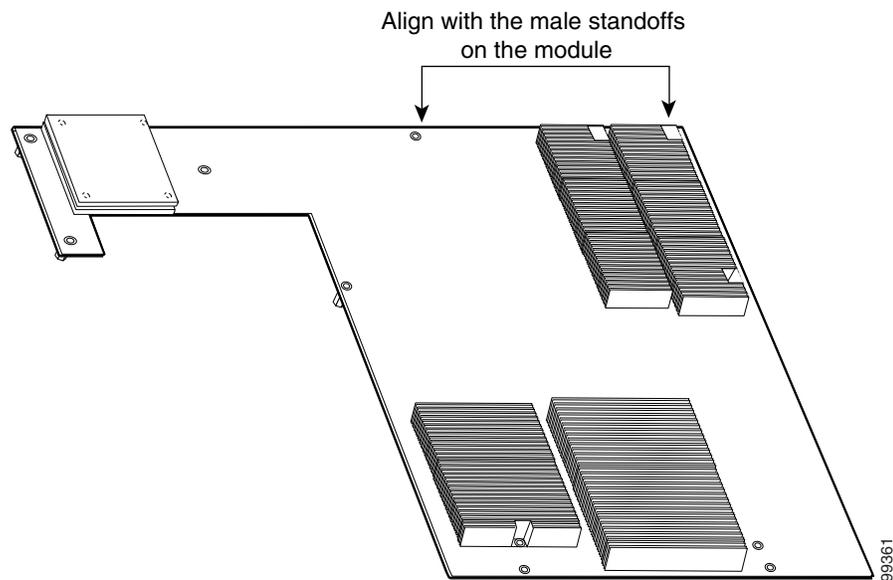
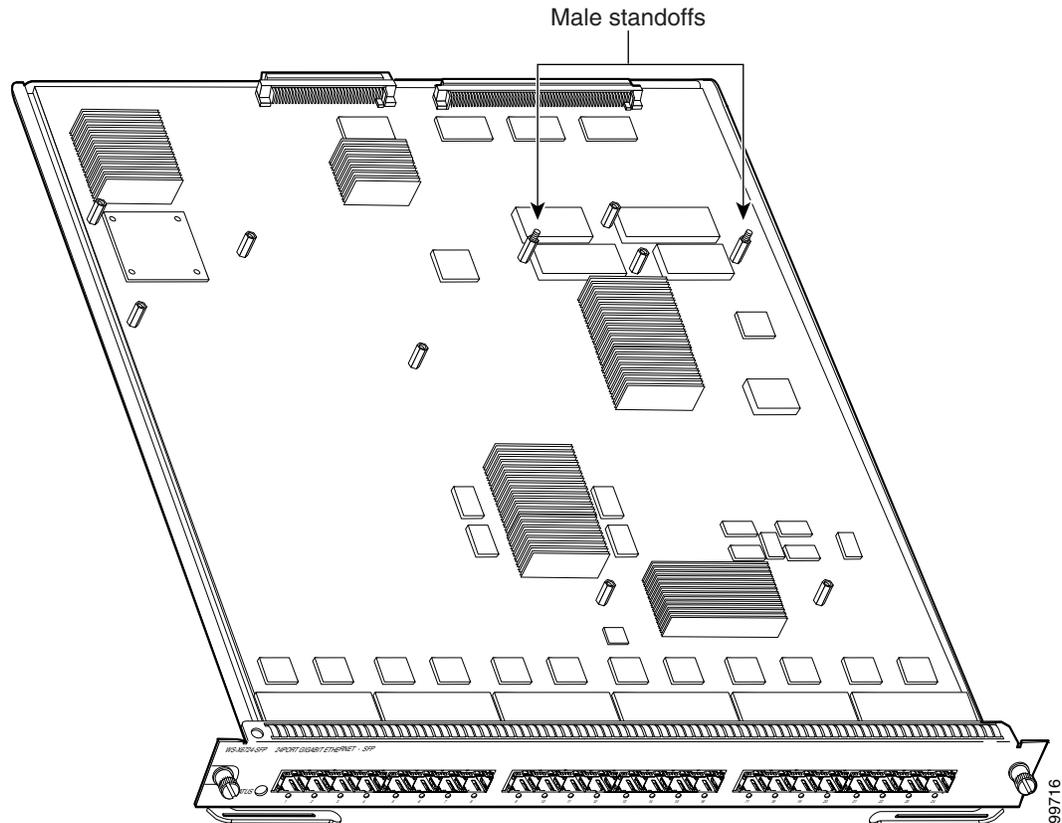


Figure 12 Male Standoff Locations on the WS-X67xx Module



Step 2 Ensure that the connectors on the DFC3 are aligned with the connectors on the module. [Figure 13](#) shows the connectors on the underside of the DFC3.

Figure 13 DFC3A Connectors

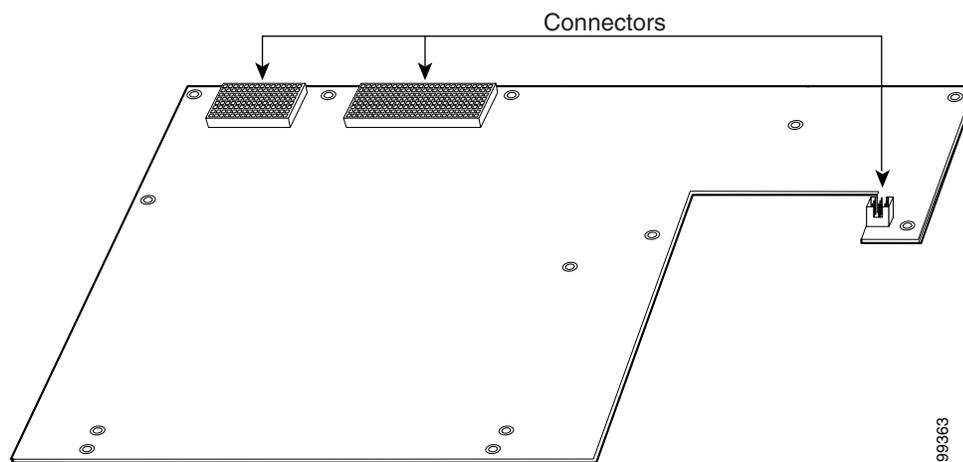
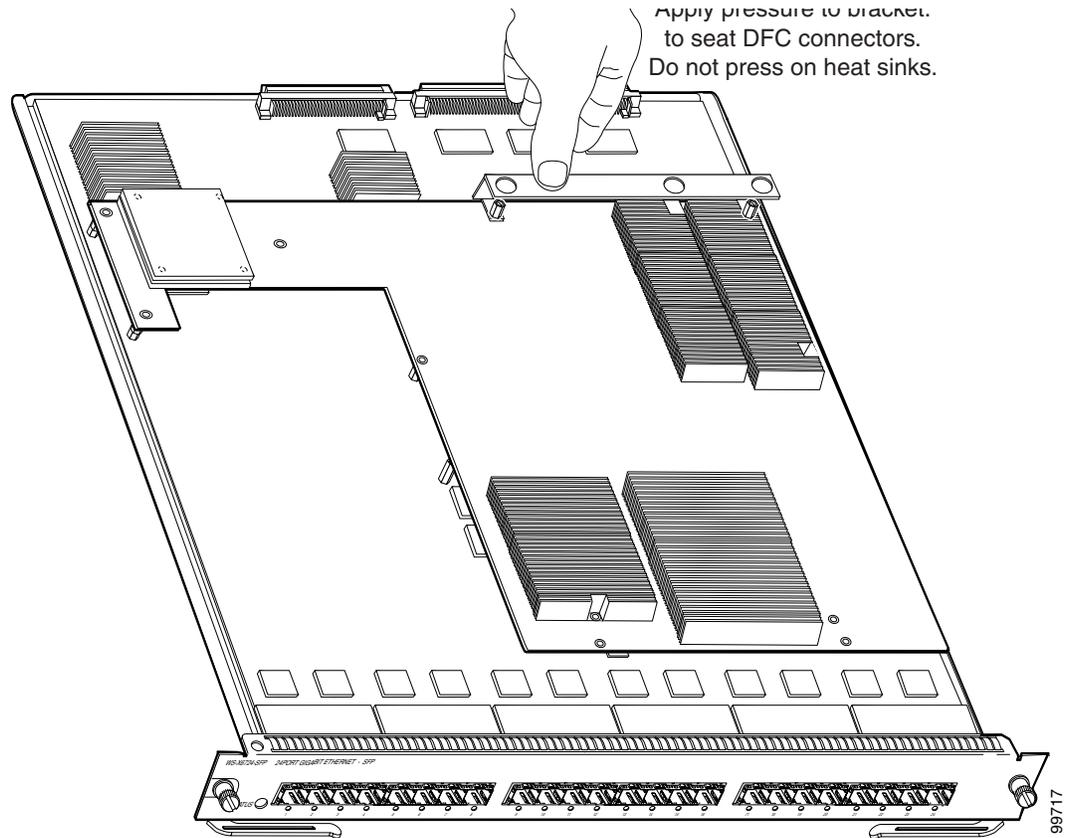


Figure 15 Seating the DFC3 on the Module

Step 5 Use a Phillips-head screwdriver to install the securing screws and the two cap nuts. (See [Figure 16](#).)



Caution

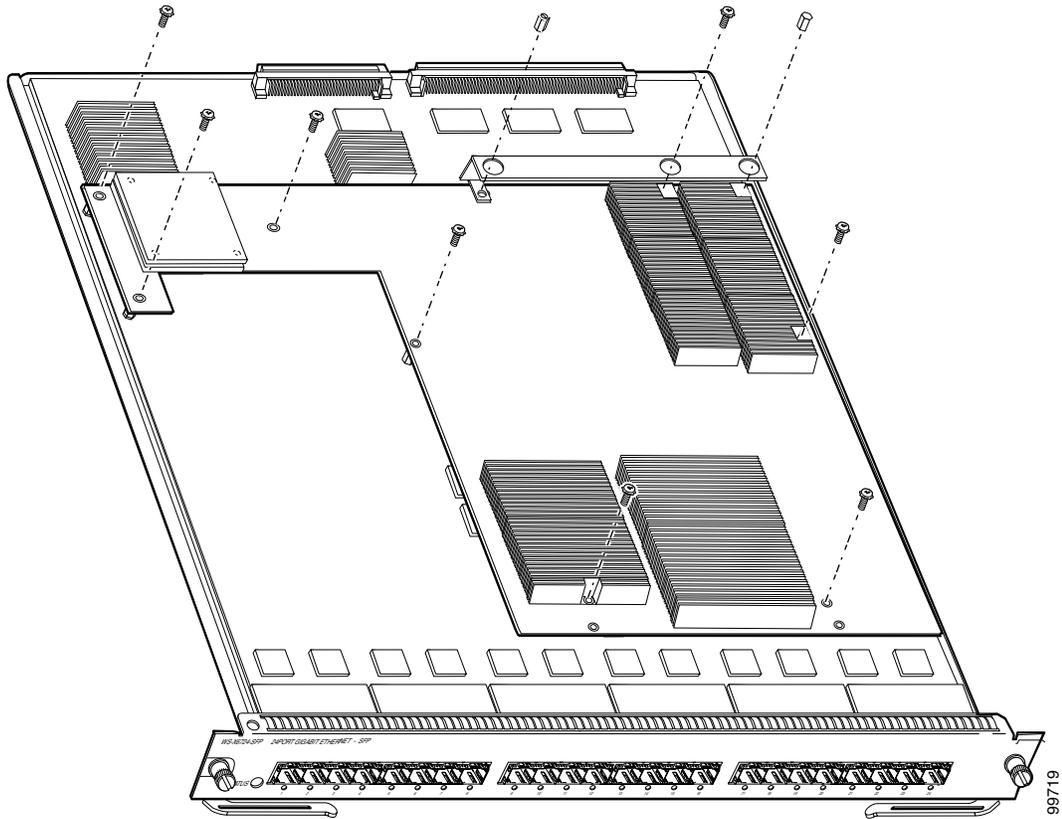
You *must* install screws in all available standoffs. The screws provide grounding between the DFC3 and the module. Failure to install all screws will invalidate the safety approvals and pose a risk of fire and electrical hazard.



Note

You should visually verify that there are standoffs beneath the mounting holes before installing the securing screws.

Figure 16 Installing the Securing Screws and Cap Nuts



Step 6 Install the module in the Catalyst 6500 series switch. (Refer to the *Catalyst 6500 Series Module Installation Guide* for installation instructions.)

Related Documentation

These documents are available for the Catalyst 6500 series switches:

- *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Catalyst 6500 Series Switches*
- *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Installation Guide*
- *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Module Installation Guide*
- *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Software Configuration Guide*
- *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Command Reference*
- *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Cisco IOS Software Configuration Guide*
- *Catalyst 6500 Series Switch Cisco IOS Command Reference*
- *Catalyst 6500 Series DFC/DFC3A Installation Note*
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