

# IBM xSeries x346

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LAB Guide  
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# Overview

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## n Microprocessor

- n Intel Xeon 2.8 and higher (Nocona)
- n 800 MHz front-side bus
- n Support for up to 2 CPU's with Hyper-Threading Technology (One physical processor looks like 2 logical processors to the OS and applications)
- n 1MB L2 on-die cache

## n Memory

- n 8 DIMM sockets
- n Min: 512 MB
- n Max: 16GB
- n Type: 2-way interleaved PC2-3200, ECC DDR II SDRAM, registered DIMMs only
- n Sizes: 256 MB, 512 MB, 1 GB, or 2 GB (2 GB not available at GA)

## n PCI Slots

- n 2 PCI-X non-hot-plug 100 MHz/64-bit (low profile)
- n 2 PCI-X non-hot-plug 133 MHz/64-bit ( or 2 PCI Express option: x4 non-hot-plug, accepts x8 type card, replaces PCI-X riser card)

## n HostRAID

- n Adaptec AIC-7902 dual channel Ultra320 SCSI controller with integrated RAID 0 and 1 (1 internal and 1 external Ultra 320 SCSI ports )
- n Optional ServeRAID 7K provides additional RAID operation on a reserved connector (6i is not supported)

## n Expansion bays

- n 6 hot-swap, 3.5" drive bays
- n 5.25" bay (DVD-ROM installed)
- n 3.5" removable-media bay (1.44 MB diskette drive installed)
- n Future 2.5" Serial Attached SCSI

## n Hot-swap fans

- n Std: 6
- n Max: 12 – provides redundant cooling

## n Hot-swap power supplies

- n Min: 1
- n Max: 2 – provides redundant power
- n 625 watts
- n 2<sup>nd</sup> power supply option includes 6 fans



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## n Service Processor

- n Baseboard management controller (BMC)
- n Monitors temperature, voltage, fan failure, power supply failure
- n System error log and local BMC code flash
- n Intelligent Platform Management Interface Specification (IPMI) V 1.5
- n Add RSA-II slim card to a reserved connector to support full system management features
- n Light Path to report fans, power supplies, CPU, VRM, and system errors

## n RSA II slim card Ethernet connector

- n Active only when RSA II slim card is installed

## n ASM connectors

- n Use either of these connectors to connect server to an Integrated xSeries Adapter (IXA) which is in the same box

## n VRM

- n Integrated one CPU VRM

## n Optional DDS5 Internal Tape

## n IA-32e mode

- n A 64-bit extension Technology is an enhancement to Intel IA-32 architecture
- n Compatible with existing IA-32 software
- n Enables a 64-bit OS to run most existing legacy 32-bit software unmodified
- n 64-bit mode enables a 64-bit OS to run applications written to access 64-bit address space

## n Serial port

- n Shared between system and BMC

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## n Memory mirroring

- n Keeps a real-time copy of data in memory
- n Enable via Configuration/Setup utility
- n Stores data in two pairs of DIMMs simultaneously
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- n Must install 2 pairs of DIMMs at a time and 4 DIMMs in each group must be identical
- n Hot spare and mirroring are mutually exclusive of one another

| Group | DIMM Pairs |
|-------|------------|
| 1     | 1,2,3,4    |
| 2     | 5,6,7,8    |

## n Online spare

- n Provides spare memory for a failing or failed DIMM
- n Enable via Configuration/Setup Utility
- n BIOS assigns online-spare memory DIMM pair according to your DIMM configuration
- n Online-spare DIMM pair must be the same speed, type, and same size or larger than the active DIMM pair

| Active DIMM connectors        | Online-spare DIMM connectors |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 and 2<br>3 and 4            | 3 and 4                      |
| 1 and 2<br>3 and 4<br>5 and 6 | 5 and 6                      |
| 1 and 2<br>3 and 4<br>5 and 6 | 7 and 8                      |

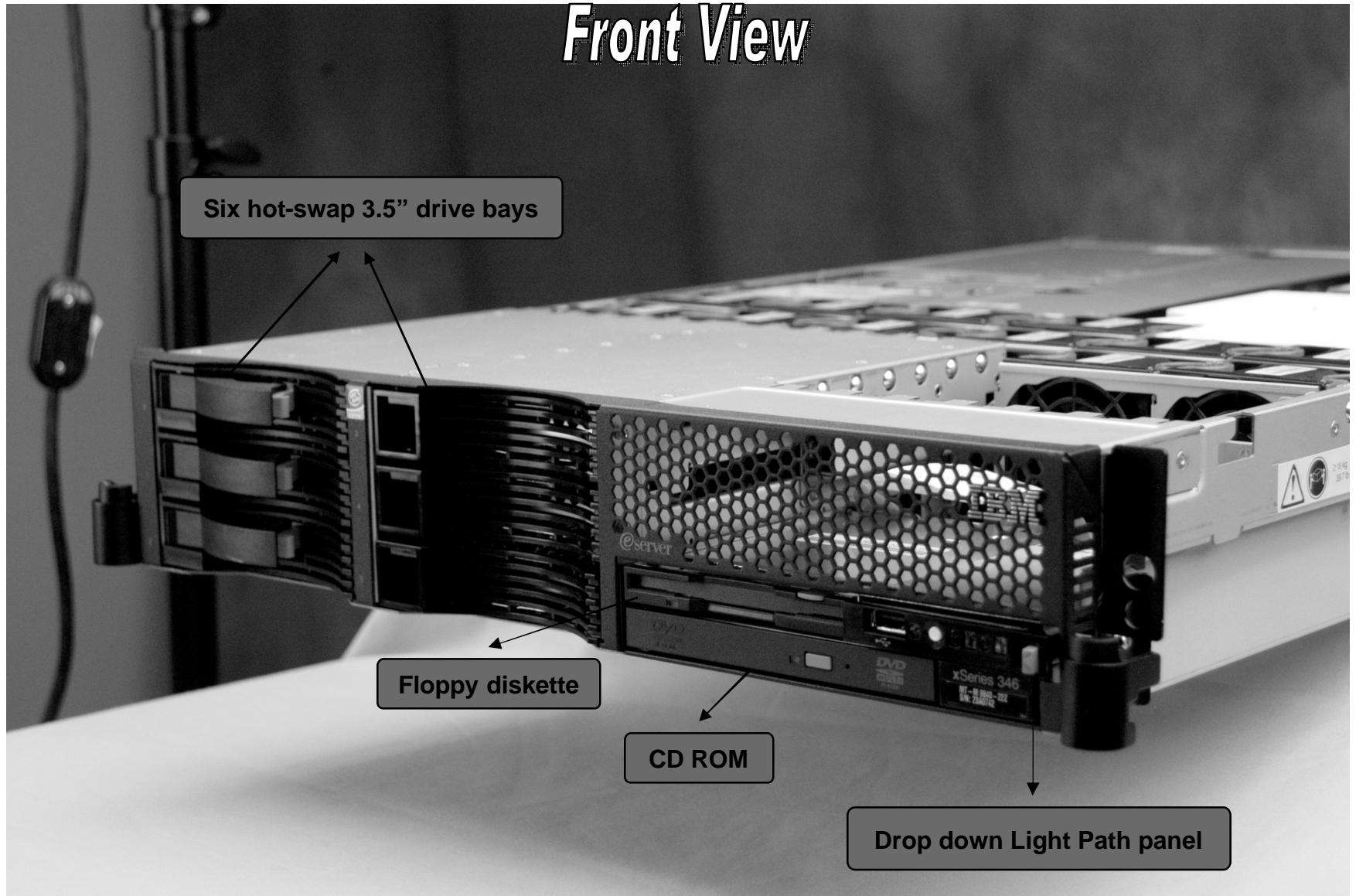
# Front View

Six hot-swap 3.5" drive bays

Floppy diskette

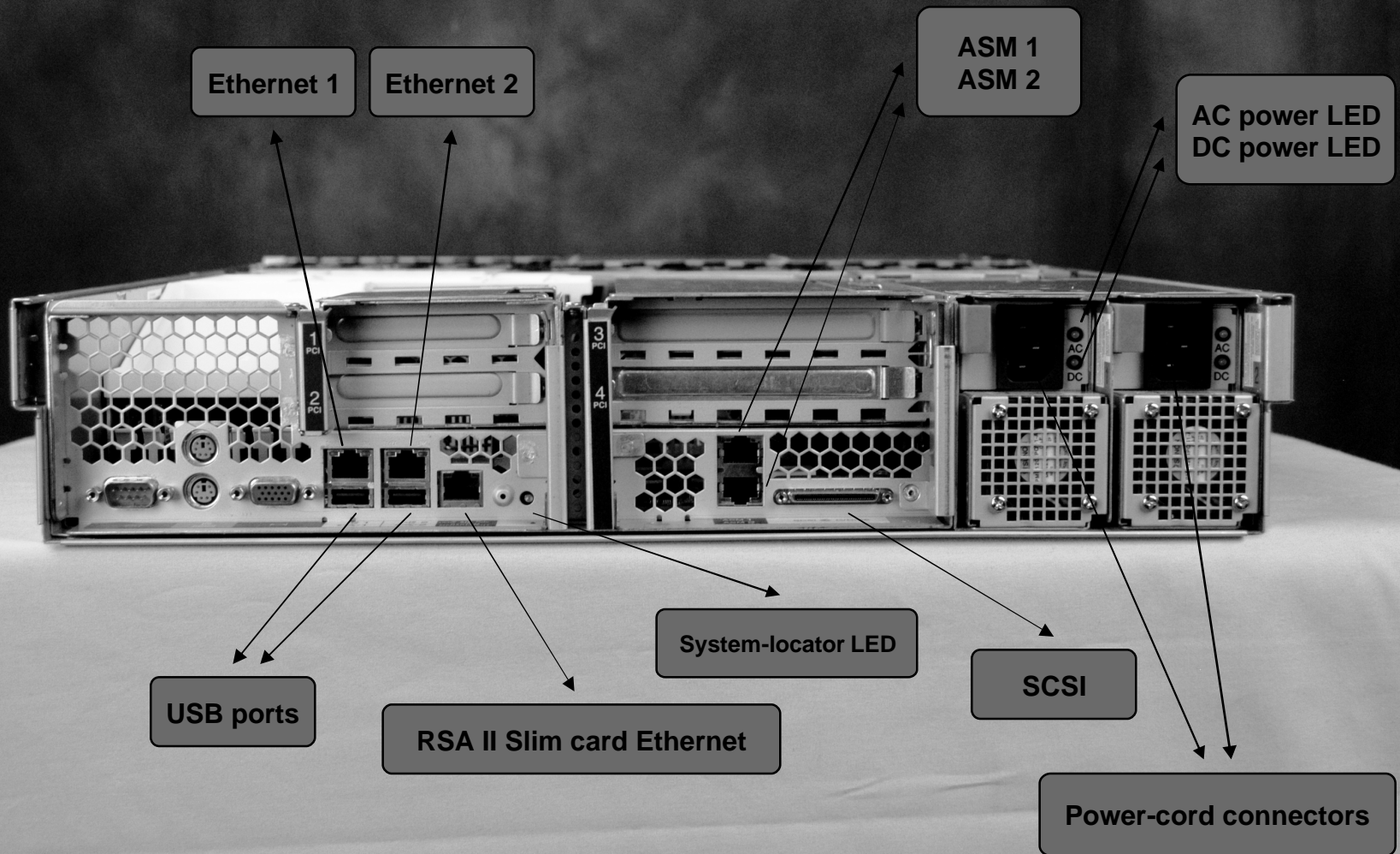
CD ROM

Drop down Light Path panel





# Rear View



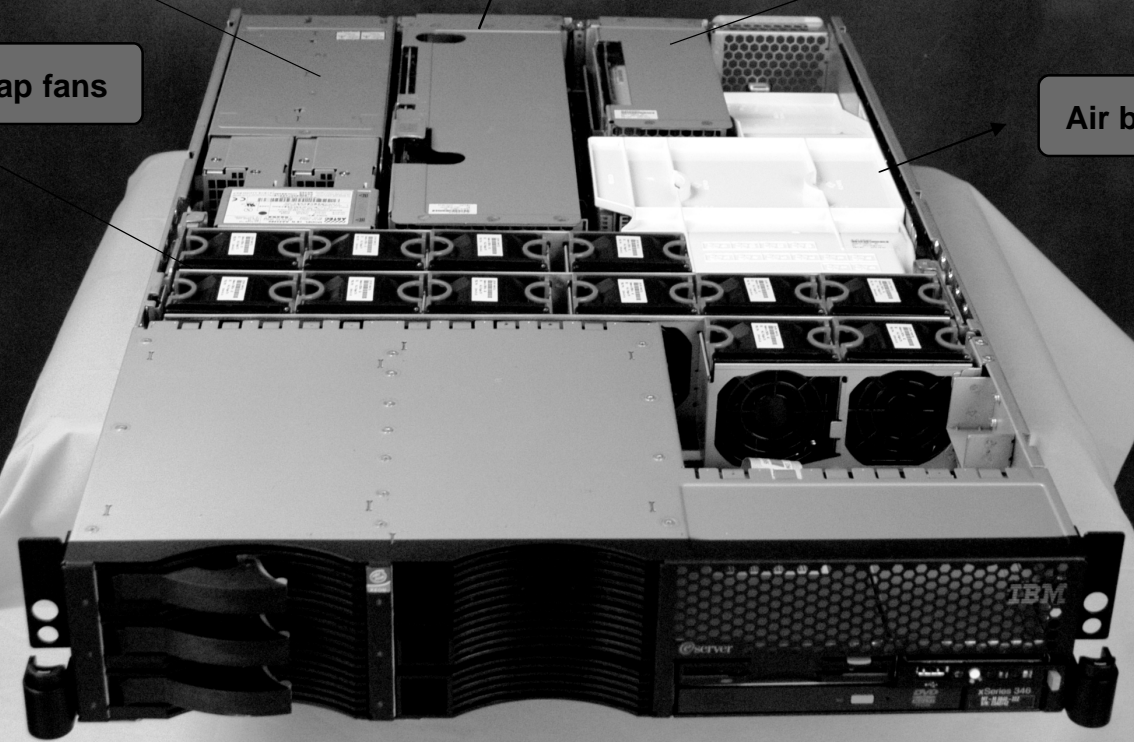
PCI riser-card cage

PCI low-profile card cage

Two hot-plug power supplies

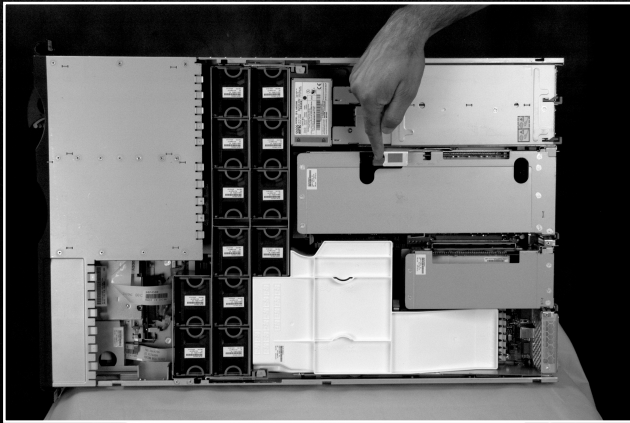
Twelve hot-swap fans

Air baffle

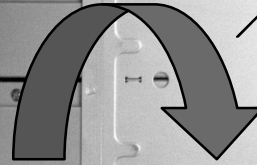


*Top View*



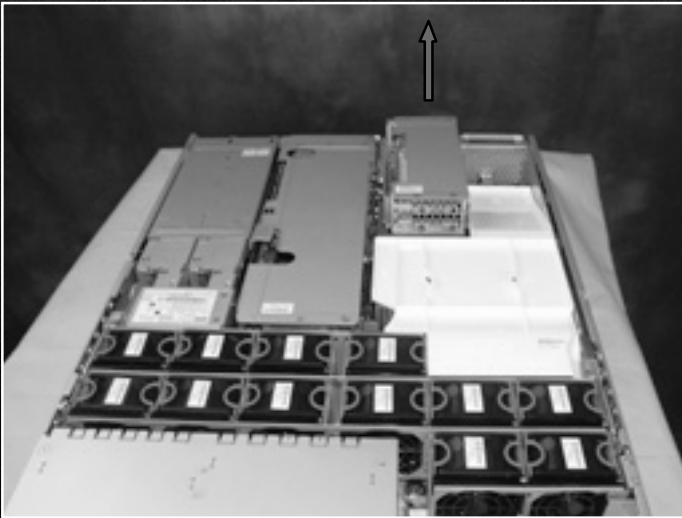


Lift the retention latch  
all the way up

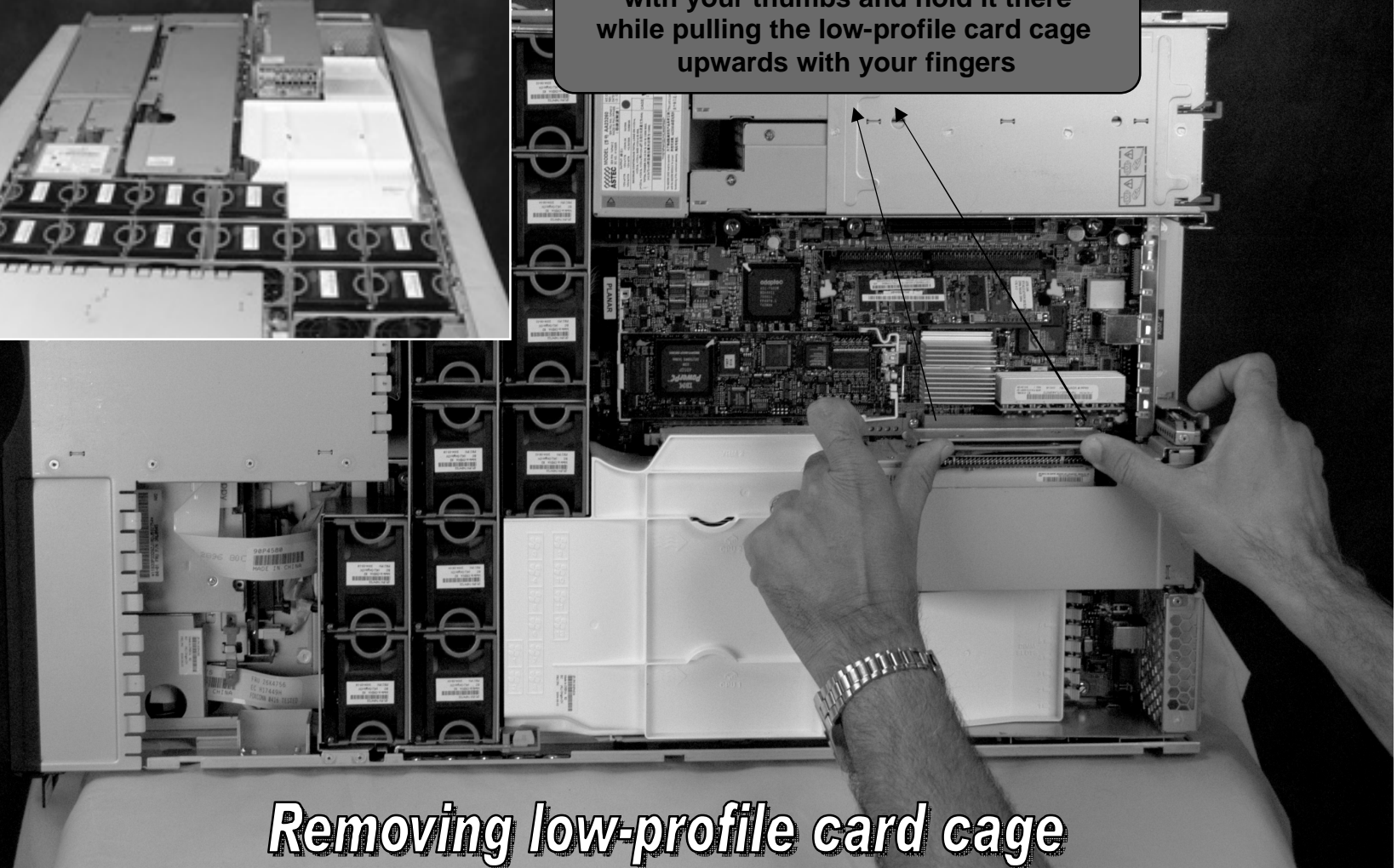


and then lift the PCI  
riser-card cage up wards

***Removing PCI riser-card cage***

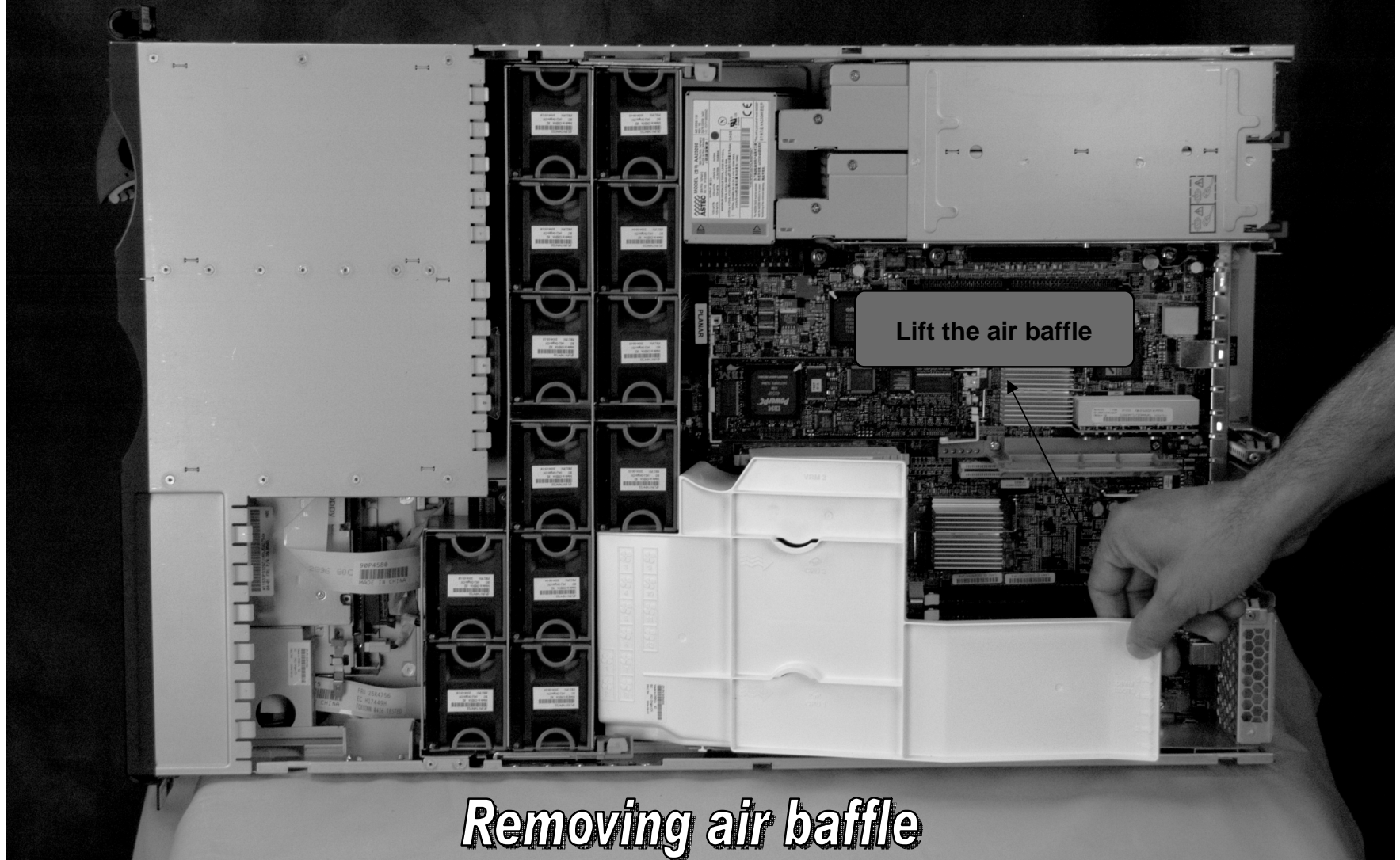


Push blue latch towards power supplies with your thumbs and hold it there while pulling the low-profile card cage upwards with your fingers



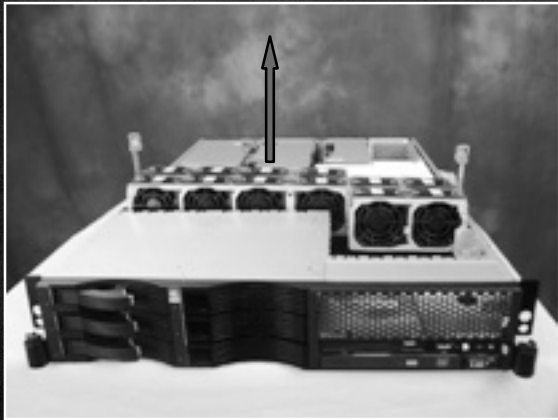
***Removing low-profile card cage***





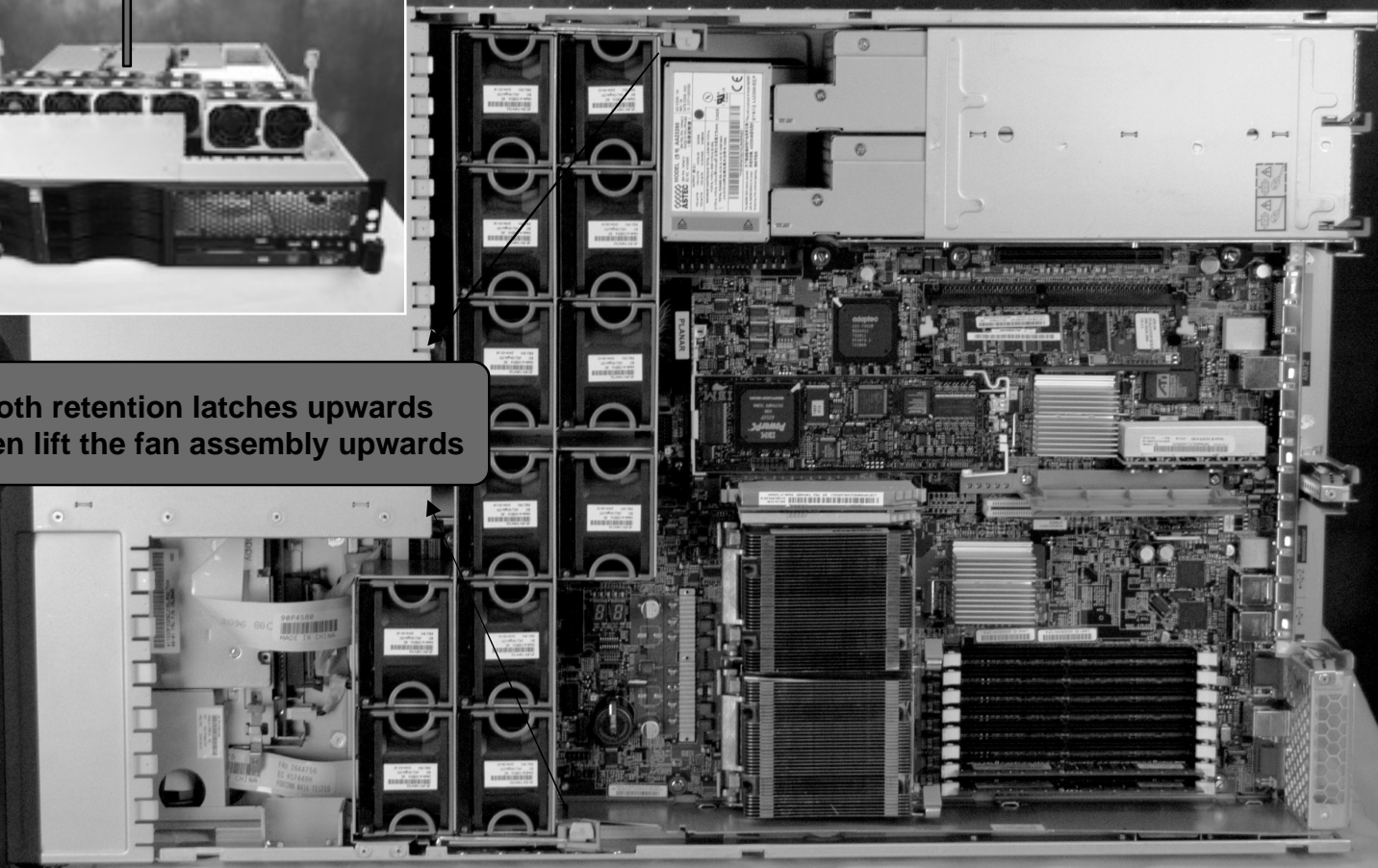
Lift the air baffle

***Removing air baffle***

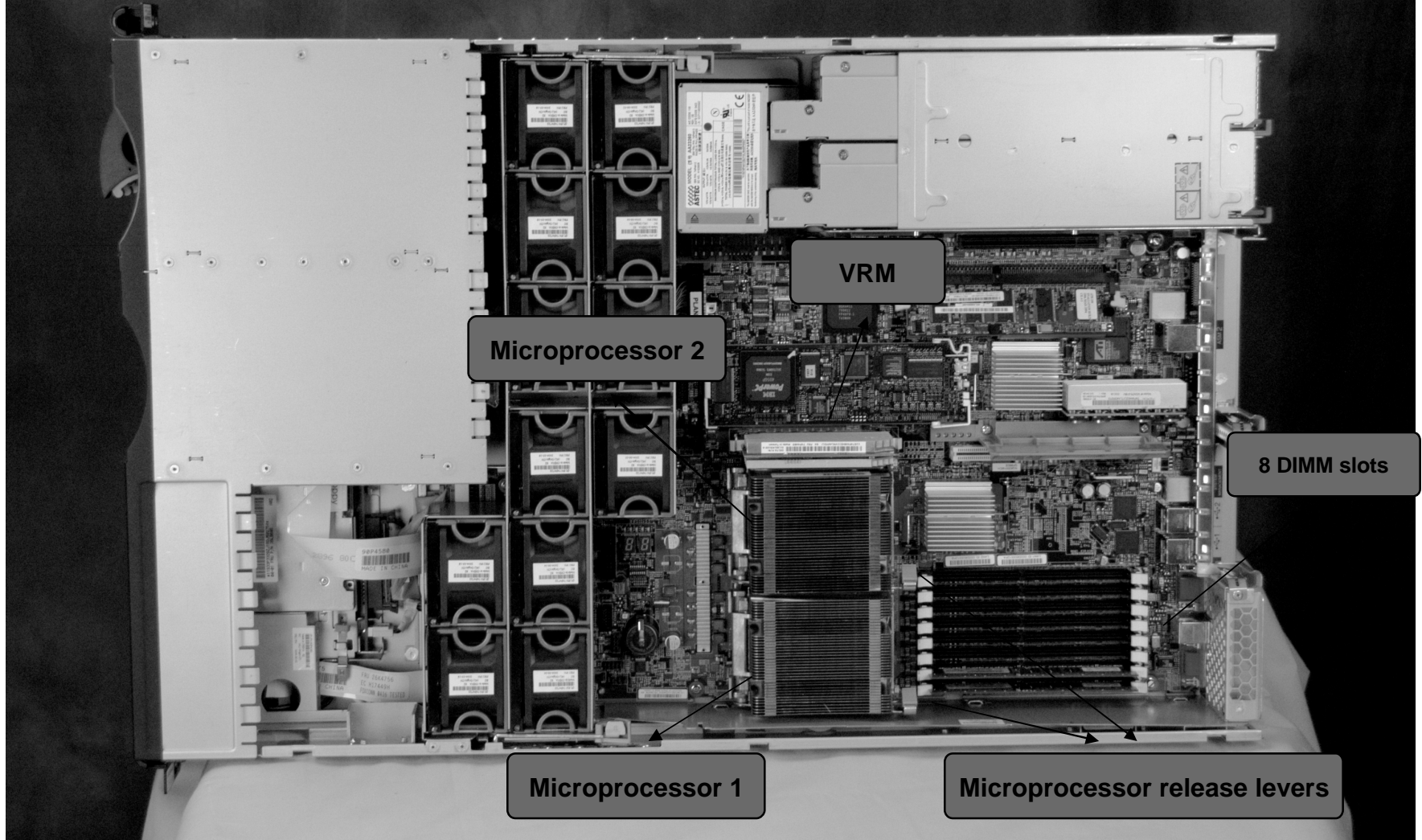


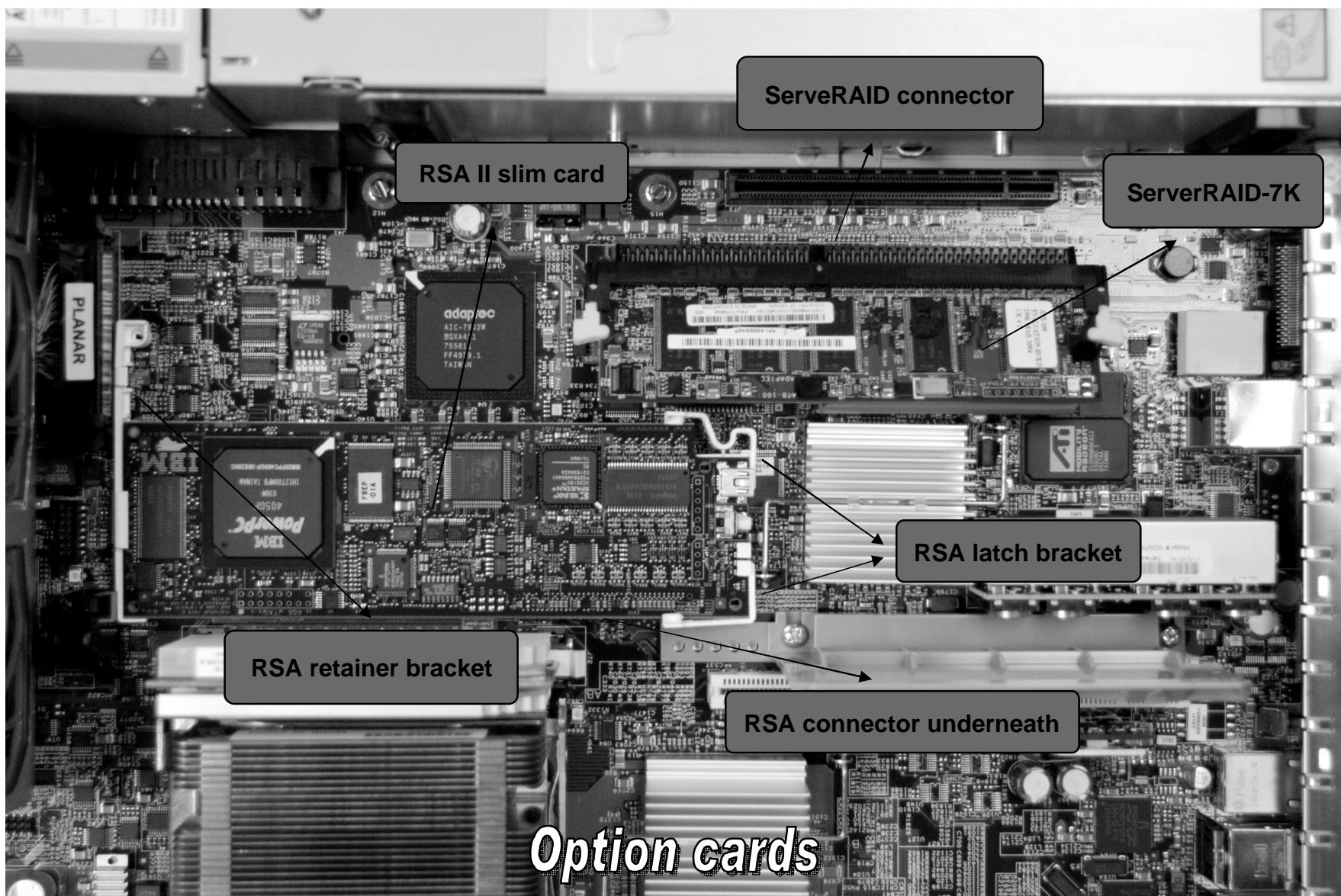
Lift both retention latches upwards and then lift the fan assembly upwards

## *Removing fan assembly*



# Major components





ServeRAID connector

RSA II slim card

ServerRAID-7K

PLANAR

adaptec  
AIC-7705W  
B01443  
75581  
FF4979.1  
TAIWAN

IBM  
POWERPC  
4056

AS  
SERVE RAID  
7K  
TAIWAN

RSA latch bracket

RSA retainer bracket

RSA connector underneath

*Option cards*



# Removing Power Supply



Press inwards  
and push the lever downwards  
while  
pulling the power supply out

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## n Miscellaneous

- n 2 Broadcom 10/100/1000 Ethernet ports (Broadcom 5721)
- n 3 USB ports v 1.1 Or 2.0 / 1 Serial port
- n ATI Radeon IGP 7000M video controller / 16 MB

## n Operating System support

- n Windows 2000 (Server and advanced server)
  - n Windows 2003 (Standard, enterprise and web editions)
  - n Linux Red Hat Enterprise 3 AS and ES
  - n Linux SUSE Enterprise server 8
  - n Novell NetWare 5.1 and 6.5
- n Footprint – 2U, Rack-optimized
- n Ship Support – Aug 27, 2004
- n GA scheduled – Sep 27, 2004