6000 Appliances Installing and Removing Memory

This document applies to these appliances:

- 6500 Appliances
- 6800 Appliances

⚠️ Important - We recommend that only experienced personnel install or remove hardware components. Installing or removing components incorrectly can permanently damage the appliance.

Preparing the Appliance

Before you start to install or remove DIMMs, make sure that:

- The appliance is shut down and you unplug the power cables.
- The appliance is in a clean environment and on a level surface.
- You can physically access and open the cover of the appliance.
- You have the Check Point memory kit.

⚠️ Important

To protect the appliance and the memory modules from electrostatic discharge damage, make sure that you are properly grounded before you touch these components. For more information, see the Health and Safety Information in:

6000 Appliances Getting Started Guide
http://supportcontent.checkpoint.com/documentation_download?ID=75243
Memory Kit Contents

- Installation guide - 6000 Appliances Installing and Removing Memory
- Memory DIMMs
- ESD grounding strap (anti-static)

To prepare the appliance:

1. Shut down the appliance from the WebUI, CLI, or by pressing and releasing the power switch quickly. 
   Note that pressing and holding the power switch is not recommended as it results in a forced and immediate shut down.
2. Remove the power cords from the appliance.
3. Put on the ESD strap and attach the other end:
   - On 6500 appliances - To any unpainted point on the appliance chassis.
   - On 6800 appliances - To the ESD grounding plug on the rear panel of the appliance.
4. Loosen the appliance cover screws.
5. Remove the top cover from the appliance.
To remove the top cover:

1. Unscrew the cover screws (number 2 below).
2. Pull the top cover back in the direction of the arrows.
3. Pull the cover up to remove it completely.

The 6800 appliance is shown above. Removal of the top cover is the same for all 6000 appliances.

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<td>Appliance cover</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Appliance cover screws</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>ESD grounding plug (only available in 6800 appliances)</td>
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6000 Appliance Configuration

The memory sockets in 6500 and 6800 appliances are colored black and blue. In the appliance DIMM configuration diagrams that follow note that:

- The view shown is always from the top
- The front panel of the appliance is always at the bottom of the diagram

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6500 Appliances DIMM Configuration

The 6500 appliances have a default memory configuration of 8 GB with one DIMM in memory slot number 2. You can upgrade to 16 GB or 32 GB. Use the applicable upgrade procedure below.

Default Configuration

Top View
(front panel of the appliance is at the bottom of the diagram)
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<td>16 GB</td>
<td>2 x 8 GB</td>
<td>Install one additional 8 GB DIMM</td>
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**Upgraded Configuration**

Top View

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<td>4 x 8 GB</td>
<td>Install four 8 GB DIMMs</td>
<td>In all slots</td>
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**Upgraded Configuration**

Top View
(front panel of the appliance is at the bottom of the diagram)
6800 Appliances DIMM Configuration

The 6800 appliances have a default memory configuration of 16 GB with two 8 GB DIMMs in memory slots numbers 1 and 3. You can upgrade to 32 GB or 64 GB. Use the applicable upgrade procedure below.

Default Configuration

Top View
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### Default Configuration

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### Upgraded Configuration

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<td>64 GB</td>
<td>8 x 8 GB</td>
<td>Install eight 8 GB DIMMs</td>
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**Upgraded Configuration**

![Diagram showing CPU and DIMM slots](image)

Top View
(front panel of the appliance is at the bottom of the diagram)
Removing DIMMs

Important - The appliance contains sharp metal parts such as the heat sink fin and bracket that can cause injury or damage the DIMMs.

Make sure that you prepare the appliance before you remove DIMMs. For more information, see Preparing the Appliance (on page 1).

To remove DIMMs from the appliance:

1. Remove the power cords from the appliance.
2. Put on the ESD strap and attach the other end to a grounding point.
3. Press the two retaining clips outward.

4. Carefully pull the DIMM up.

Important - Only touch the rear corners of the DIMM. Pressing on the heat sink or other DIMM components can damage the hardware.

If necessary, pull one end of the DIMM, then the other, to gradually release it from the contact pins.
5. Make sure the DIMMs are installed correctly.
   a) Replace the appliance cover without tightening the appliance cover screws.
   b) Connect the power cords to the appliance.
      The appliance turns on. This may take a few minutes.

6. Tighten the appliance cover screws to secure the cover on the appliance.

Installing DIMMs
You can add more DIMMs to the memory sockets.

Important - The appliance contains sharp metal parts such as the heat sink fin and bracket that can cause injury or damage the DIMMs.
To install DIMMs in the appliance:

1. Find the DIMM slots on the system board.
2. Press on the two white retaining clips outward.

3. Align the new DIMM above the socket.

The top of the DIMM is smooth. The bottom edge has two different-length sets of contacts, which connect to the slots on the socket.

**Important:**
- Only touch the top corners of the DIMM. Pressing on the heat sink or other DIMM components can damage the hardware.
• DIMMs are not symmetrical. Use the hole in the DIMM to guide the DIMM into the raised tooth in the slot.

4. Press the new DIMM into the socket until it clicks into position.

The retaining clips move into the lock position as you press the DIMM into position.

5. Do steps 1 - 4 again for the other DIMMs.

6. Make sure that there are no leftover parts in the appliance.

7. Make sure the DIMM(s) are installed correctly.

8. Replace the appliance cover without using the appliance cover screws.

9. Connect the power cords to the appliance.
   The appliance turns on. This may take a few minutes.

10. Use the appliance cover screws to secure the cover on the appliance.
Verifying the Memory Configuration

1. In the CLI, enter Expert mode.
2. Run: `# free -g -o`

Example for a 6500 appliance with 16 GB of memory:

```
[Expert@gw-419463:0]# free -g -o
Mem:         15          0         15          0          0          0
Swap:        16          0         16
```

**Note** - The amount of installed memory is shown in the row named Mem under the column named total.

For reasons related to available memory address space, the total installed memory shown in the `free` utility is similar but not identical to the actual installed memory.

In the above example, 16 GB of RAM are installed on the system. This corresponds to the 15 GB of total memory shown in the `free` utility.