



AMD Instinct™ MI200 Accelerator Firmware Update Tool - AMD FW Flash

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Chapter 1 Introduction

This document provides step-by-step instructions for updating the Integrated Firmware Image (IFWI) and Remote Management Firmware (RMFW) using the AMD FW Flash tool (`amdfwflash`) on the AMD Instinct™ MI200 server platforms.

This user guide is for users who have the following AMD Instinct™ MI200 GPUs and wants to upgrade IFWI and/or RMFW.

- AMD Instinct™ MI210
- AMD Instinct™ MI250/MI250X

The AMD FW Flash tool v2.0 is delivered with four versions of IFWI and RMFW:

- Maintenance Update#1 (mu1)
- Maintenance Update#2 (mu2)
- Maintenance Update#3 (mu3)
- General Availability (GA)

By default, the tool updates to the most recent version of Maintenance Update#3.

The tool also offers the ability to update or rollback your IFWI and/or RMFW to a desired level. For instance, this tool has the capability to update your MI200 platform to Maintenance Update#1 or Maintenance Update#2 version from the GA version. The steps to be followed are outlined in this document.

 **Note:** The AMD FW Flash tool is not intended to be used in a Virtual Machine/Guest Operating System (OS) environment.

 **CAUTION:** Using the AMD FW Flash tool in a Virtual Machine/Guest OS may result in an undefined behavior and unsupported configuration.

Chapter 2 Getting Started

Prior to updating the FW, follow the instructions below:

- Requires installation of the dmidecode package on the system. This is applicable for all systems (Ubuntu/CentOS/RHEL/SLES).
- Identify the server with the AMD Instinct™ MI200 accelerator(s) requiring a FW update or GPU replacement.
- Ensure that you have the appropriate login credentials for the server.

 **Note:** To execute the firmware update tool, you **must** have sudo or root permissions on the server.

- To access the system console, make sure you have access to the BMC/IPMI interface.
- Ensure network access to the AMD FW Flash tool repository, "repo.radeon.com".
- Ensure that all applications are closed prior to launching the tool and that no Operating System (OS) updates are pending in the background. Notify server users about the server maintenance for firmware update.
- RMFW updates require the driver to be loaded.

 **Note:** It is strongly recommended to run the firmware tool update from the system console, and not on the network. This prevents any network interruption and loss of connection.

Chapter 3 Commands

The AMD FW Flash utility supports multiple flags and options to update the FWs.

3.1 Help

Flag/Option

--help/-h [switch]

Description

Displays the help text for all switches along with the description of the tool.

[switch] is optional.

- When [switch] is specified, the help for the specified switch is displayed.
- When [switch] is not specified, the complete help is displayed.

Figure 3.1: SUDO/AMD FW Flash --help Generic Options

```
Generic options:
--version          Show the version of the binary.
                   Usage:
                     --version

-h [ --help ] [=arg(=ALL)] Displays this help text if no argument is
                           specified. If an argument is specified
                           then the help for the specified command
                           is shown.
                           Usage:
                             --help/h/?
                             --help/h/? <command>: --help
                             debug-log-filepolicy

--? [=arg(=ALL)] Displays this help text if no argument is
                 specified. If an argument is specified
                 then the help for the specified command
                 is shown.
                 Usage:
                   --help/h/?
                   --help/h/? <command>: --help
                   debug-log-filepolicy

--show-progress Shows progress for any long activity the
                tool does. Can be used along with any
                command.
                Usage:
                  --show-progress

--accept-EULA Accept the EULA agreement. You can see
              the EULA by --show-EULA.
              Usage:
                --accept-EULA

-e [ --show-EULA ] Shows the EULA for the tool
                  Usage:
                    --show-EULA
```

Figure 3.2: SUDO/AMD FW Flash --help Common Tool Options

```

Common tool Options:
-l [ --list-devices ] [=arg(=-1 )] Lists all devices

Command line switches for the flash capability:
-u [ --update-ifwi ] [=arg(=mu3)] This option is used to instruct the tool
to update IFWI of all applicable ASICs to
the IFWI provided along-with the tool. By
default the IFWIs are updated to the
latest version. Other applicable values
are mu2, mu1 and ga.
Usage:
    -u/--update-ifwi [latest/mu2/mu1/ga

-r [ --rollback-ifwi ] [=arg(=ga)] This option instructs the tool to roll
back the IFWI of all applicable ASICs to
the last known good IFWI provided
along-with the tool. If value is not
specified then the IFWI will be rolled
back to the ga version. Applicable values
are mu1, ga.
Usage:
    -r/--rollback-ifwi [ga/mu1]

Command line switches related to RMFW features:
--update-rmfw [=arg(=mu3)] This option is used to instruct the tool
to update the Remote Management Firmware
of all applicable ASICs to the IFWI
provided along-with the tool. By default
the IFWIs are updated to the latest
version. Applicable values are mu1 and
ga.
Usage:
    --update-rmfw [latest/mu1/ga]

--rollback-rmfw [=arg(=ga)] This option instructs the tool to roll
back the Remote Management firmware of
all applicable ASICs to the last known
good Remote Management firmware provided
along-with the tool. If value is not
specified then the IFWI will be rolled
back to the ga version. Applicable values
are ga.
Usage:
    -r/--rollback-ifwi [ga]

```


3.2 List Devices

Flag/Option

--list-devices/-l

Description

This command performs the following functions:

- Informs the tool to show the available ASICs along with the SPIROM model and respective part numbers.
- Indicates whether the firmware update is available or not.
- When the tool is executed without a command line, the switches display the devices by default.

The following figure lists the dGPU device information whether an appropriate firmware update is available or not.

Figure 3.3: SUDO/AMD FW Flash --list-devices

Detecting AMD GPU/APU. Please wait...

SNo	BDF	DID	ASIC	SPIROM	Size	Test	BIOS	P/N	IFWI Update Available	RMFW Update Available
0	0000:29:00.0	740c	MI200 (M)	SST26VF016B	0x200000	Pass	113-D65209-073		No	No
1	0000:2c:00.0	740c	MI200 (S)	SST26VF016B	0x200000	Pass	113-D65209-073		No	No
2	0000:2f:00.0	740c	MI200 (M)	SST26VF016B	0x200000	Pass	113-D65209-073		No	No
3	0000:32:00.0	740c	MI200 (S)	SST26VF016B	0x200000	Pass	113-D65209-073		No	No
4	0000:ad:00.0	740c	MI200 (M)	SST26VF016B	0x200000	Pass	113-D65209-073		No	No
5	0000:b0:00.0	740c	MI200 (S)	SST26VF016B	0x200000	Pass	113-D65209-073		No	No
6	0000:b3:00.0	740c	MI200 (M)	SST26VF016B	0x200000	Pass	113-D65209-073		No	No
7	0000:b6:00.0	740c	MI200 (S)	SST26VF016B	0x200000	Pass	113-D65209-073		No	No

Chapter 4 Instructions

To update the FW on AMD Instinct™ MI200 Accelerator(s) or when replacing the AMD Instinct™ MI200 Accelerator(s) on a server, configure the system for the FW maintenance. Once the system is configured for firmware maintenance, execute the `amdfwflash` command to update or rollback the FW to a desired version.

4.1 Configuring the System for FW Maintenance or AMD Instinct™ MI200 Replacement

4.1.1 Installing the AMD FW Flash Tool

1. The AMD FW Flash tool repository for Linux is located at: (repo.radeon.com/fwupdater/amdfwflash/latest).
2. Log in to the server with the MI200 GPUs requiring a FW update.

```
$ ssh user@mi200_server
```

3. Setup the AMD FW Flash tool package repository.

Setup Ubuntu OS apt repo

```
wget -q -O - https://repo.radeon.com/fwupdater/amdfw.gpg.key | sudo apt-key add -  
  
echo 'deb [arch=amd64]  
https://repo.radeon.com/fwupdater/amdfwflash/latest/deb/ ubuntu main' | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/  
amdfwflash.list
```

Setup RHEL 8 or RHEL 9 yum repo

```
echo -e '[amdfwflash]\nname=amdfwflash\nenabled=1\nautorefresh=0\nngpgkey=https://repo.radeon.com/fwupdater/  
amdfw.gpg.key\nbaseurl=https://repo.radeon.com/fwupdater/amdfwflash/latest/rpm\nngpgcheck=1' | sudo tee /etc/  
yum.repos.d/amdfwflash.repo
```

Setup SLES 15 SP3 or SP4 zypper repo

```
echo -e '[amdfwflash]\nenabled=1\nautorefresh=0\nngpgkey=https://repo.radeon.com/fwupdater/amdfw.gpg.key  
\nbaseurl=https://repo.radeon.com/fwupdater/amdfwflash/latest/rpm\ntype=rpm-md\nngpgcheck=1' | sudo tee /etc/zypp/  
repos.d/amdfwflash.repo
```

4. Update the AMD FW Flash tool package repository.

Ubuntu OS

```
sudo apt update
```

To verify, search for the `amdfwflash` package:

```
sudo apt search amdflash
```

RHEL 8 or RHEL 9

```
sudo yum update
```

To verify, search for the amdflash package:

```
sudo yum search amdflash
```

SLES 15 SP3 or SP4

```
sudo zypper update
```

To verify, search for the amdflash package:

```
sudo zypper search amdflash
```

5. Install the AMD FW Flash tool package.**Ubuntu OS**

```
sudo apt install amdflash
```

RHEL 8 or RHEL 9

```
sudo yum install amdflash
```

SLES 15 SP3 or SP4

Prior to installing set `iomem=relaxed` in the grub and remake the kernel config.

```
sudo sed -i 's/^GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX_DEFAULT="/GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX_DEFAULT="iomem=relaxed /' /etc/default/grub
sudo grub2-mkconfig -o /boot/grub2/grub.cfg
sudo /usr/bin/dracut --force --regenerate-all
reboot
```

```
sudo zypper install amdflash
```

6. Verify the AMD FW Flash tool package installation.**Ubuntu OS**

```
dpkg -l | grep amdflash
```

RHEL 8, RHEL 9

```
rpm -qa | grep amdflash
```

SLES 15 SP3, or SLES 15 SP4

```
rpm -qa | grep amdflash
```

7. Reboot the server for FW maintenance update or power off to replace the MI200 GPUs.

```
sudo reboot
```

or

```
sudo poweroff
```

 **Note:** If there is a replacement of the AMD Instinct™ MI200 Accelerator in the system, power off the system.

Refer to the section [Updating and Rolling Back the AMD Instinct™ MI200 FW Version](#) to update or rollback the AMD Instinct™ MI200 FW to a desired version.

4.2 Updating and Rolling Back the AMD Instinct™ MI200 FW Version

Follow the below steps to update or rollback the AMD Instinct™ MI200 FW to a desired version.

4.2.1 Updating the MI200 FW Maintenance Version

1. Log in to the server's BMC/IPMI interface identified for FW update.
2. Launch the remote/virtual console on the server.
3. Log in to the server.
4. Run the `amdfwflash` utility to list the GPU devices.

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --list-devices
```

 **Note:** The output should list all the GPU devices in the system. If the output does not list all the GPU devices, contact customer care ([Customer Care](#)).

5. Execute the `amdfwflash` command to update the IFWI and/or RMFW of all GPUs in the system to the latest MI200 Maintenance Update#3 version.

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --update-ifwi
```

or

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --update-ifwi mu3
```

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --update-rmfw
```

or

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --update-rmfw mu3
```

6. Follow this step to update the IFWI and/or RMFW of all GPUs in the system to the MI200 Maintenance Update#2 version.

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --update-ifwi mu2
```

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --update-rmfw mu2
```

7. Follow this step to update the IFWI and/or RMFW of all GPUs in the system to the MI200 Maintenance Update#1 version.

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --update-ifwi mu1
```

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --update-rmfw mu1
```

8. Save the system log and console output to a file.
9. The amdfwflash tool saves a copy of the old IFWI and/or RMFW images under /tmp before updating. Archive the generated FW images from /tmp folder for later reference.

```
tar cvf ifwi-backup.tar /tmp/amdfwflash/ifwi/backup
```

```
tar cvf rmfw-backup.tar /tmp/amdfwflash/rmfw/backup
```

10. Reboot the server (an AC power cycle is recommended) to make the FW update effective.

```
sudo reboot
```

or

```
sudo ipmitool power cycle
```

11. Refer to the section [Verifying the AMD Instinct™ MI200 FW Version](#) to complete the FW update. After a successful verification of the FW update, the server may resume normal operation.

4.2.2 Rolling Back to the MI200 GA FW Version

1. Log in to the server's BMC/IPMI interface identified for FW update.
2. Launch the remote/virtual console on the server.
3. Log in to the server.
4. Run the amdfwflash utility to list the GPU devices.

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --list-devices
```



Note: The output should list all the GPU devices in the system. If the output does not list all the GPU devices, contact customer care ([Customer Care](#)).

5. Execute the amdfwflash command to rollback the IFWI and/or RMFW of all GPUs to the GA version.

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --rollback-ifwi
```

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --rollback-rmfw
```

6. Run the amdfwflash to rollback the IFWI and/or RMFW of all GPUs to the Maintenance Update#2 version from Maintenance Update#3 version.

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --rollback-ifwi mu2
```

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --rollback-rmfw mu2
```

7. Run the amdfwflash to rollback the IFWI and/or RMFW of all GPUs to the Maintenance Update#1

version from Maintenance Update#2 version.

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --rollback-ifwi mu1
```

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --rollback-rmfw mu1
```

8. Save the system log and console output to a file.
9. The amdfwflash tool saves a copy of the old IFWI and/or RMFW images under /tmp before updating. Archive the generated FW images from /tmp folder for later reference.

```
tar cvf ifwi-backup.tar /tmp/amdfwflash/ifwi/backup
```

```
tar cvf rmfw-backup.tar /tmp/amdfwflash/rmfw/backup
```

10. Reboot the server (an AC power cycle is recommended) to make the FW update effective.

```
sudo reboot
```

or

```
sudo ipmitool power cycle
```

11. Refer to the section [Verifying the AMD Instinct™ MI200 FW Version](#) to complete the FW update. After a successful verification of the FW update, the server may resume normal operation.

4.3 Verifying the AMD Instinct™ MI200 FW Version

1. Log in to the system.
2. If the AMD ROCm software is installed, run the showhw command to display the firmware version under VBIOS column. The output should list all the GPU devices in the system. If the output does not list all the GPU devices, contact customer care ([Customer Care](#)).

```
/opt/rocm/bin/rocm-smi --showhw
```

 **Note:** If your environment has blacklisted the amdgpu driver for normal operation, run the following command to load the driver before executing rocm-smi.

```
sudo modprobe amdgpu
```

3. Run the amdfwflash utility to list all the GPU devices.

```
sudo /opt/amdfwflash/sbin/amdfwflash --list-devices
```

 **Note:** Please refer to the command ([List Devices](#)) section.

4. Ensure that all MI200 GPUs have the same updated IFWI and RMFW versions.

 **Note:** In the event of a console output error, contact customer care ([Customer Care](#)).

After a successful verification of the FW update, the server may resume normal operation.

4.4 Uninstalling the AMD FW Flash Tool

1. Uninstall the AMD FW Flash amdflash tool package.

Ubuntu OS

```
sudo apt remove amdflash
```

RHEL 8 or RHEL 9

```
sudo yum remove amdflash
```

SLES15 SP3 or SP4

```
sudo zypper rm amdflash
```

4.5 Replacing the AMD Instinct™ MI200 GPU (RMA)

The IFWI and RMFW versions of all AMD Instinct™ MI200 Accelerators within a system must be identical for the system to work properly.

1. When replacing the AMD Instinct™ MI200 Accelerator(s) in a system, the system must be configured for the AMD Instinct™ MI200 Replacement.

Refer to the section [Configuring the System for FW Maintenance or AMD Instinct™ MI200 Replacement](#) for steps on how to configure the system.

2. Once the system is configured for the AMD Instinct™ MI200 replacement, power off the system and replace the AMD Instinct™ MI200 Accelerator(s) according to the assembly instruction manual.
3. After replacing the AMD Instinct™ MI200 Accelerator, power on the system and follow the steps in [Updating and Rolling Back the AMD Instinct™ MI200 FW Version](#) to update or rollback the IFWI and/or RMFW on all AMD Instinct™ MI200 Accelerator(s) to a desired version.

Chapter 5 References

For additional information, please refer to the following web sites:

- System Administration Guide: <https://documentation.suse.com/sles/15-SP4/html/SLES-all/cha-mod.html>
- Knowledge-base site: <https://access.redhat.com/solutions/41278>

Chapter 6 Customer Care

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your AMD Representative. You may also submit a question at Online Service Request (<https://www.amd.com/en/support/contact-email-form>) using the keyword `amdfwflash` in the subject line.

Chapter 7 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **Q:** Can I use the AMD FW Flash tool with the amdgpu driver loaded?

A: Yes. From version 2.00 of the tool onwards, the amdgpu driver can remain loaded.

2. **Q:** Can the GPU cards of the same hive (with XGMI/ Infinity Fabric) have different firmware versions?

A: No. This configuration is not supported and may cause undefined behavior. For more information, please refer to the [Instructions](#).

3. **Q:** Does the message `ERROR: VBIOS image already flashed` indicate an error when the `-rollback-ifwi` option is used to update the IFWIs in all GPUs to GA version?

```
ERROR: VBIOS image already flashed
```

A: No. The message does not indicate an error.

4. **Q:** What is GA version?

A: GA version refers to the IFWI and RMFW shipped from the factory.

5. **Q:** What is Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA)?

A: RMA means adding a new card into a system that already contains existing cards. This may include field replacements or adding additional GPUs to a server.

6. **Q:** Does the message from `rocm-smi` command after the IFWI update indicate an error?

```
WARNING: No AMD GPUs specified
```

A: No. Please ensure that the amdgpu driver is installed for the booted kernel.

Verify that the output of **dkms status** and **uname -a** have the same kernel versions. Otherwise, please boot the correct kernel with the amdgpu driver installed.

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