Dropping Disks from Disk Groups 
To drop disks trom a disk group, use the DROP DIS?. clause ot the DIS?.GRCUP statement You can also drop all ot the disks in specified tailure 
groups using the DROP DIS?.s clause. 
When a disk is dropped, the disk group is rebalanced by moving all ot the tile extents trom the dropped disk to other disks in the disk group. A drop disk 
operation might tail it not enough space is available on the other disks. The best approach is to perform both the add and drop operation with the same 
DIS?.GRCUP statement This nas the benefit ot rebalancing data extents only one time and ensuring that there is enough space tor the rebalance 
operaüon to succeed. 
Caution: 
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. DROP Disr. SQL statement returns to SQL prompt öetore the drop and rebalance operations are complete. Do not 
reuse, remove, or disconnect the dropped disk until the HEADER column tor this disk in the vSÄSM view changes to 
You can query the view to determine the amount ot time remaining tor the drop/reöalance operation to complete. For 
more information, reter to the Oracle Database SQL Language Reference and the Oracle Database Reference. 
ltyou specify the FORCE clause tor the drop operation, the disk is dropped even it Oracle ASM cannot read or write to the disk. You cannot use the FORCE 
flag when dropping a disk trom an external redundancy disk group. 

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