To use RESET REPLICA | SLAVE, the replication SQL thread and replication I/O thread must be stopped, so on a running replica use STOP REPLICA | SLAVE before issuing RESET REPLICA | SLAVE. To use RESET REPLICA | SLAVE on a Group Replication group member, the member status must be OFFLINE, meaning that the plugin is loaded but the member does not currently belong to any group. A group member can be taken offline by using a STOP GROUP REPLICATION statement.

The optional FOR CHANNEL channel clause enables you to name which replication channel the statement applies to. Providing a FOR CHANNEL channel clause applies the RESET REPLICA | SLAVE statement to a specific replication channel. Combining a FOR CHANNEL channel clause with the ALL option deletes the specified channel. If no channel is named and no extra channels exist, the statement applies to the default channel. Issuing a RESET REPLICA | SLAVE ALL statement without a FOR CHANNEL channel clause when multiple replication channels exist deletes all replication channels and recreates only the default channel. See Section 17.2.2, "Replication Channels" for more information.

RESET REPLICA | SLAVE does not change any replication connection parameters, which include the source's host name and port, the replication user account and its password, the PRIVILEGE_CHECKS_USER account, the REQUIRE_ROW_FORMAT option, the REQUIRE_TABLE_PRIMARY_KEY_CHECK option, and the ASSIGN_GTIDS_TO_ANONYMOUS_TRANSACTIONS option. If you want to change any of the replication connection parameters, you can do this using a CHANGE REPLICATION SOURCE TO statement (from MySQL 8.0.23) or CHANGE MASTER TO statement (before MySQL 8.0.23) after the server start. If you want to remove all of the replication connection parameters, use RESET REPLICA | SLAVE ALL RESET REPLICA | SLAVE ALL also clears the IGNORE_SERVER_IDS list set by CHANGE REPLICATION SOURCE TO | CHANGE MASTER TO. When you have used RESET REPLICA | SLAVE ALL, if you want to use the instance as a replica again, you need to issue a CHANGE REPLICATION SOURCE TO | CHANGE MASTER TO statement after the server start to specify new connection parameters.

In the event of an unexpected server exit or deliberate restart after issuing RESET REPLICA | SLAVE but before issuing START REPLICA | SLAVE, retention of the replication connection parameters depends on the repository used for the replication metadata:

- When master_info_repository=TABLE and relay_log_info_repository=TABLE are set on the server (which are the default settings from MySQL 8.0), replication connection parameters are preserved in the crash-safe InnoDB tables mysql.slave_master_info and mysql.slave_relay_log_info as part of the RESET REPLICA | SLAVE operation. They are also retained in memory. In the event of an unexpected server exit or deliberate restart after issuing RESET REPLICA | SLAVE but before issuing START REPLICA | SLAVE, the replication connection parameters are retrieved from the tables and reapplied to the channel. This situation applies from MySQL 8.0.13 for the connection metadata repository, and from MySQL 8.0.19 for the applier metadata repository.
- If master_info_repository=FILE and relay_log_info_repository=FILE are set on the server, which is deprecated from MySQL 8.0, or the MySQL Server release is earlier than those specified above, replication connection parameters are only retained in memory. If the replica mysqld is restarted immediately after issuing RESET REPLICA | SLAVE due to an unexpected server exit or deliberate restart, the connection parameters are lost. In that case, you must issue a CHANGE REPLICATION SOURCE TO statement (from MySQL 8.0.23) or CHANGE MASTER TO statement (before MySQL 8.0.23) after the server start to respecify the connection parameters before issuing START REPLICA | SLAVE.

RESET REPLICA | SLAVE does not change any replication filter settings (such as --replicate-ignore-table) for channels affected by the statement. However, RESET REPLICA | SLAVE ALL removes the replication filters that were set on the channels deleted by the statement. When the deleted channel or channels are recreated, any global replication filters specified for the replica are copied to them, and no channel specific replication filters are applied. For more information see Section 17.2.5.4, "Replication Channel Based Filters".