

# AlwaysOn Availability Groups



The previous method of supporting AlwaysOn (via the registry option *SkipChecks*) is no longer available.

You can use SQL Backup Pro to back up [AlwaysOn Availability Groups](#), including taking a backup from a ReadOnly secondary replica.

You can use any of the following options:

- use the option CHECK\_PREFERRED\_AG\_REPLICA to ignore backing up on non-preferred replicas. No backup will be taken on non-preferred replicas, however the backup job will succeed.
- use the option SECONDARY\_REPLICA\_COPY\_ONLY to apply the COPY\_ONLY flag for full backups on a secondary replica.
- use the options SECONDARY\_REPLICA\_COPY\_ONLY and CHECK\_PREFERRED\_AG\_REPLICA to schedule the same backup job to run on every availability replica. This means that, when using a shared location, it doesn't matter which replica is the primary replica. The database can then be restored without knowing which server was the primary replica.

For additional file name options see [File location tags](#)

For more information about the types of backup allowed on Availability Group primary and secondary replicas, see [AlwaysOn Availability Groups \(SQL Server\)](#) and [Configure Backup on Availability Replicas \(SQL Server\)](#) on MSDN.