

# Read Me First

*for the ProCurve 1700-24 Switch – Software Version VB.01.xx or greater*

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## About Your ProCurve Series 1700 Switch Manual Set

The switch manual set includes the following:

Document	Available on the ProCurve Web site	Shipped With the Switch
<i>Read Me First</i> (this document) <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes
<i>Installation and Getting Started Guide</i> <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes
<i>Management and Configuration Guide</i> <sup>1,2</sup>	Yes	No
Release Notes (for software updates) <sup>1,3</sup>	Yes	No

<sup>1</sup>The latest edition is always available in PDF format and downloadable at [www.procurve.com](http://www.procurve.com).

<sup>2</sup>These manuals cover the software features supported in the ProCurve Series 1700 Switch.

<sup>3</sup>Usually available only in downloadable electronic (PDF) form on the ProCurve Web site. See "Register for Automatic Notification of Updates: on page 2.

For the most current information about the features, refer to the release notes for your product on the ProCurve Networking Web site [www.procurve.com](http://www.procurve.com). (Click on **Technical support**, then **Product manuals**, then **ProCurve Series 1700 series**.)

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## View or Download the Software Manual Set

The printed *Quick Install Guide* shipped with your ProCurve product describes installing, minimally configuring, and troubleshooting. For further software feature and configuration information, please visit the ProCurve Web site, where you can freely view or download the latest software manuals for your product. To do so:

1. Go to <http://www.procurve.com>.
2. To display the list of downloadable manuals, click on the following links:

**Technical support**

**Product manuals (all)**

**ProCurve Switch 1700 series.**

(You may want to bookmark this Web page for easy access in the future.)

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## Your *Free* Ticket to Proactive Networking!

ProCurve Manager is a breakthrough in network management software that gives you more network with less work. ProCurve Manager is available for free on the ProCurve Networking Web site [www.procurve.com](http://www.procurve.com).

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### Software Updates Are *Free*!



ProCurve Networking provides free software updates on the ProCurve Web site for your Series 1700 Switch. To access the software updates, go to the ProCurve Web site at [www.procurve.com](http://www.procurve.com), then click on **Software updates** to go to the “ProCurve Networking software updates” page. Under **Latest software** click on **Switches** to go to the page that has the free download for your switch.

**Register for Automatic Notification of Updates.** From the “ProCurve Networking software updates” page, you can also register yourself to automatically receive email notice of new updates for your managed ProCurve networking products.

To determine whether you have the latest software, you can compare the software version that is available on the Web site with the version that is currently installed on your switch. Follow the instructions below to determine the current software version on your switch.

**To Determine the Current Software Version in Your Switch.** For the Series 1700 Switches, use the following method to view the software version:

- In the Web browser interface, click on **System** in the menu. On the **Information** tab (the default tab), the current software version is listed on the **Software Version** line, under **System Identity**.

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### Mini-GBIC Operation Notes

**Hot Swapping mini-GBICs.** The Gigabit-SX, Gigabit-LX, and Gigabit-LH mini-GBICs that you can install in your ProCurve Switch can be “hot swapped”—removed and installed after the module is installed in the switch and receiving power. You should disconnect the network cables from the mini-GBICs before hot swapping them.

**Connecting the mini-GBICs to Devices with Fixed Configurations.** For some older network devices, including some older ProCurve devices, the default for the Gigabit-SX, Gigabit-LX, and Gigabit-LH ports is a fixed configuration, for example 1000 Mbps/Full Duplex, or is otherwise different from the default configuration for mini-GBICs, which is **Auto**. As a result, those devices may not connect properly to your mini-GBIC port; you will not get a link. Because of these default configuration and full-duplex considerations, for best operation, you should make sure that the devices connected to the mini-GBIC ports are also configured to **Auto**. *At a minimum, make sure the configurations match.*

