

# Read Me First

*for ProCurve Series 2810 Switches – Software Version N.10.xx or greater*

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## About Your ProCurve Series 2810 Switch Manual Set

The switch manual set includes the following:

Document	Available on the ProCurve web site	Printed and Shipped With the Switch
Quick Install Guide	Yes	Yes
<i>Read Me First</i> (this document) <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes
<i>Installation and Getting Started Guide</i> <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
<i>Management and Configuration Guide</i> <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
<i>Advanced Traffic Management Guide</i> <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
<i>Access Security Guide</i> <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
Release Notes (for software updates) <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No

<sup>1</sup>The latest edition is always available in PDF format and downloadable as described below.

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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 [www.procurve.com](http://www.procurve.com).
2. To display the list of downloadable manuals, click on the following links:

### Technical support

#### Product manuals (all)

#### ProCurve Switch 2810 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 2810 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.** You can receive email notices of new software updates by registering your ProCurve product on the ProCurve Web portal. To begin this easy process, go to [www.procurve.com](http://www.procurve.com) and click on **My ProCurve**.

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.

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## Mini-GBIC Operation Notes

**Revision “B” mini-GBICs only.** This product requires ProCurve revision “B” or later mini-GBICs (product number ends with the letter “B”, for example J4858B, J4859B). These switches do not support revision “A” mini-GBICs.

**Use only genuine ProCurve mini-GBICs.** Non-ProCurve mini-GBICs are not supported. Use of genuine products ensures that your network maintains optimal performance and reliability. Should you require additional ProCurve mini-GBICs, please contact a ProCurve sales representative or an authorized reseller.

**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 switch is receiving power. You should disconnect the network cables from the mini-GBICs before hot swapping them.

When you replace a mini-GBIC with another mini-GBIC of a different type and then execute the **write memory** command in the switch console, the switch configures the port on the new mini-GBIC with the default mode (speed and duplex) settings used for new mini-GBIC type. The default mode for the Gigabit-SX, Gigabit-LX, and Gigabit-LH mini-GBICs is **Auto**. The switch retains other port-specific configuration settings, such as trunking, Spanning Tree Protocol (STP), and VLAN values that were configured for the previous mini-GBIC.

**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 these default configurations for the 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.*

