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**Book 1:**

**Installation and Getting Started Guide**

*for the* **HP ProCurve Routing Switches**  
**9304M, 9308M, 6308M-SX**

*and the* **HP ProCurve Switch 6208M-SX**

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Prior to the installation and use of this product, review all safety markings and instructions.



Instruction Manual Symbol.

If the product is marked with the above symbol, refer to the product manual to protect the product from damage.

**WARNING** Denotes a hazard that can cause injury.

**CAUTION** Denotes a hazard that can damage equipment or data.

Do not proceed beyond a **WARNING** or **CAUTION** notice until you have understood the hazard and have taken appropriate precautions.

Use of control, adjustments or performance procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.

#### Grounding

This product provides a protective earthing terminal. There must be an uninterrupted safety earth ground from the main power source to the product's input wiring terminals, power cord or supplied power cord set. Whenever it is likely that the protection has been impaired, disconnect the power cord until the ground has been restored.

If your LAN covers an area served by more than one power distribution system, be sure their safety grounds are securely interconnected.

LAN cables may occasionally be subject to hazardous transient voltages (such as lightning or disturbances in the electrical utilities power grid). Handle exposed metal components of the network with caution.

For more safety information, see "Safety and EMC Regulatory Statements" on page v.

#### Servicing

There are no user-serviceable parts inside the user-installable modules comprising the product. Any servicing, adjustment, maintenance or repair must be performed only by service-trained personnel.

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## Organization of Product Documentation

### ***Read Me First***

The "Read Me First" document includes software release information, a brief "Getting Started" section, an accessory parts list, troubleshooting tips, operating notes, and other information that is not included elsewhere in the product documentation.

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**NOTE:** HP periodically updates *Read Me First*. The latest version is available on HP's ProCurve website at <http://www.hp.com/go/procurve>. (Click on **Technical Support**, then **Manual**.)

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### ***Main Product Coverage: Book 1 and Book 2***

The main product documentation for your switch or routing switch includes a series of 18 chapters and 4 appendixes contained in two guides:

- Chapters 1 through 8 are in *Book 1: Installation and Getting Started Guide*, along with the product Safety and EMC Regulatory statements. A printed copy of this guide is included with your HP product. An electronic copy is also included as a PDF (Portable Document Format) file on the product CD.
- Chapters 9 through 18 are in *Book 2: Advanced Configuration and Management Guide*, with appendixes A through D. This manual is included in a PDF (Portable Document Format) file on the CD shipped with your HP product. You can also purchase separately a hardcopy version of this manual. For purchasing information, see the *Read Me First* document shipped with your HP product.

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**NOTE:** In Book 2, chapters 9 through 16, and chapter 18 apply to the HP 9304M, 9308M, and 6308M-SX routing switches (and not the HP 6208M-SX switch). However, chapter 17 (VLANs) and appendixes A through D apply to the HP 6208M-SX switch and the routing switches. Also, both Book 1 and Book 2 contain the same, comprehensive index spanning all 18 chapters and the appendixes. Thus, you can use the index in either book to search for information that may be found in either book.

Books 1 and 2 are also available in PDF file format on HP's ProCurve website.

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### ***Product CD: A Tool for Finding Specific Information and/or Printing Selected Pages***

This CD is shipped with your HP product and provides the following:

- A **README.txt** file (or **README.pdf** file) describing the CD contents and use, including easy instructions on how to search the book files for specific information
- A **Start\_Here.pdf** file to give you easy access to Book 1 and Book 2 on the CD.
- Separate PDF files of the individual chapters and appendixes in Book 1 and Book 2, enabling you to easily print individual chapters, appendixes, and selected pages
- One PDF file containing Book 1 and another PDF file containing Book 2, enabling you to use the Adobe® Acrobat® Reader to easily search either book for detailed information
- An Adobe Acrobat Reader (in case you don't already have a reader installed on your PC)

### ***Supplements and Release Notes***

These documents describe features that became available between revisions of the main product documentation. Depending on when new features are released, you may or may not receive any supplements or release notes with your HP product. New releases of such documents will be available on HP's ProCurve website. For information on how to receive email notice from HP when a new software release is available, refer to *Read Me First*, shipped with your HP product and also available on HP's ProCurve website.

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