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for the ProCurve Switch fl Modules

The following fl Modules are supported in ProCurve Series 8100fl switches:

- ProCurve 8108fl Redundant Switch Fabric Module (J8729A)
- ProCurve 8116fl Redundant Switch Fabric Module (J8730A)
- ProCurve Switch fl Redundant Management Module (J8731A)
- ProCurve Switch fl 1-Port 10-GbE LR Interface Module (J8733A)*
- ProCurve Switch fl 10-Port 100/1000-T Interface Module (J8734A)
- ProCurve Switch fl 10-Port Mini-GBIC Interface Module (J8735A)
- ProCurve Switch fl 1-Port X2 10-GbE Interface Module (J8736A)**
- ProCurve Switch fl 2-Port X2 10-GbE Interface Module (J8737A)

* Discontinued in Summer 2006.

** Discontinued in Spring 2007. Replaced by the 2-Port X2 10Gbe Module (J8737A).

IMPORTANT:

The 2-Port X2 10Gbe Module (J8737A) requires software version CY.02.05.xxxx or greater. When upgrading to the latest software version you must also upgrade all Boot ROMs on the switch. Refer to the current *Release Notes* for details—visit www.procurve.com. (Click on **Technical support**, then **Product manuals**, then **ProCurve 8100fl Series**.)

Note

To avoid damaging modules and the backplane, be sure that you insert the right type of module into the appropriate slot. If you attempt to install a module in the wrong slot, physical keying prevents the module from fully entering into the slot. For more information refer to the *ProCurve Switch fl Modules Installation Guide* (5991-6192), that came with your module.

Software Updates Are Free!



ProCurve Networking provides free software updates* on the ProCurve Web site for your Series 8100fl Switch. To access the software updates, go to the ProCurve Web site at 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.

* Feature upgrades may require a separate purchase.

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 8100fl Switches, from the CLI enter the **show version** command. The resulting display lists the current software version.

To Download New Software. For instructions on how to download the new software, refer to the current *Release Notes* or *Management and Configuration Guide* for your switch. For the latest version of this documentation, visit www.procurve.com. (Click on **Technical support**, then **Product manuals**, then **ProCurve 8100fl Series**.)

Mini-GBIC Operation Notes

Revision “B” or later mini-GBICs only. This product requires ProCurve revision “B” mini-GBICs (product number ends with the letter “B”, for example J4858B, J4859B) or later revision mini-GBICs. 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, Gigabit-LH, and 1000Base-T mini-GBICs that you can install in your ProCurve switch or mini-GBIC Module 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 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.*

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