

# Octal-Port ITU-C Line Card FRU Installation and Replacement Notes

**Product Number: ITUC-8-2B1Q-DIR-1=** 

This document provides an overview of and installation and replacement procedures for the octal-port ISDN digital subscriber line (IDSL) Transmission Unit—central office (ITU-C) line card (8xISDL). The 8xIDSL is a field-replaceable unit (FRU) for the Cisco 6160 chassis.



Only trained and qualified personnel should be allowed to install, replace, or service this equipment.

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### Introduction

The 8xIDSL is designed for use in one of the following system configurations:

- With a POTS splitter chassis—Provisions one modem directly and is physically connected to one specific subscriber line through the POTS splitter chassis.
- Without a POTS splitter chassis—Provisions one modem directly and is physically connected to one specific subscriber line through the main distribution frame (MDF) connections.

#### The 8xIDSL

- Supports 2B1Q line encoding.
- Supports eight IDSL modem connections, or four connections when the chassis limits the number of tip and ring connectors.
- Supports configured data rates (56 kbps, 64 kbps, 128 kbps, and 144 kbps).
- Supports multiple Frame Relay and PPP encapsulations.
- · Provides a DCE interface.

The Cisco 6160 chassis can include up to 32 8xIDSLs for a total of 256 IDSL modem connections.

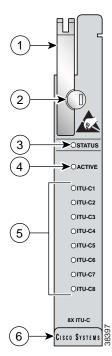


For line card intermixing information, refer to the Cisco 6160 Hardware Installation Guide.

### **Faceplate Features**

Figure 1 shows a close-up of the 8xIDSL faceplate.

Figure 1 8xIDSL Faceplate



| 1 | Ejector lever | 4 | ACTIVE LED             |
|---|---------------|---|------------------------|
| 2 | Locking tab   | 5 | Modem port status LEDs |
| 3 | STATUS LED    | 6 | Extraction tab         |

Table 1 describes LEDs on the 8xIDSL.

Table 1 8xIDSL LEDs

| LED     | State               | Function                                  |
|---------|---------------------|---|
| STATUS  | Green slow blinking | No errors, but no connection established. |
|         | Green fast blinking | The image download is in progress.        |
|         | Green solid         | NI-2 communication established.           |
|         | Red                 | The self-test or line card has failed.    |
|         | Off                 | The ITU-C line card has a power failure.  |
| ACTIVE  | Green solid         | The line card is activated.               |
|         | Off                 | The line card is not in service.          |
| ITU-C 1 | Green solid         | Modem 1 is trained.                       |
|         | Green blinking      | Training is in progress for modem 1.      |
|         | Off                 | Modem 1 is idle.                          |
| ITU-C 2 | Green solid         | Modem 2 is trained.                       |
|         | Green blinking      | Training is in progress for modem 2.      |
|         | Off                 | Modem 2 is idle.                          |
| ITU-C 3 | Green solid         | Modem 3 is trained.                       |
|         | Green blinking      | Training is in progress for modem 3.      |
|         | Off                 | Modem 3 is idle.                          |
| ITU-C 4 | Green solid         | Modem 4 is trained.                       |
|         | Green blinking      | Training is in progress for modem 4.      |
|         | Off                 | Modem 4 is idle.                          |
| ITU-C 5 | Green solid         | Modem 5 is trained.                       |
|         | Green blinking      | Training is in progress for modem 5.      |
|         | Off                 | Modem 5 is idle.                          |
| ITU-C 6 | Green solid         | Modem 6 is trained.                       |
|         | Green blinking      | Training is in progress for modem 6.      |
|         | Off                 | Modem 6 is idle.                          |
| ITU-C 7 | Green solid         | Modem 7 is trained.                       |
|         | Green blinking      | Training is in progress for modem 7.      |
|         | Off                 | Modem 7 is idle.                          |

Table 1 8xIDSL LEDs (continued)

| LED     | State          | Function                             |
|---------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| ITU-C 8 | Green solid    | Modem 8 is trained.                  |
|         | Green blinking | Training is in progress for modem 8. |
|         | Off            | Modem 8 is idle.                     |

# **Specifications**

Table 2 lists the specifications for the 8xIDSL.

Table 2 8xIDSL Specifications

| Specification                | Description                               |  |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| Standards supported          | Frame Relay FRF.8                         |  |
|                              | Frame Relay FRF.9 (compatible)            |  |
|                              | • RFC 1661/1662 (PPP over HDLC)           |  |
|                              | RFC 1973 (PPP over Frame Relay)           |  |
|                              | • ANSI T1.601-1992                        |  |
|                              | • ETSI ETR 080 (1966)                     |  |
|                              | • ITU G.961                               |  |
| External interfaces          | 8 (no connectors on card)                 |  |
| Data rates (per port)        | Downstream: Up to 144 kbps                |  |
|                              | Upstream: Up to 144 kbps                  |  |
| Line encoding                | 2B1Q                                      |  |
| Internal hardware            | 50 MHz Motorola MPC860 microprocessor     |  |
|                              | • Siemens PEF 24911/24902 (DFE/AFE)       |  |
|                              | • 32MB SDRAM                              |  |
|                              | • 2 MB Flash                              |  |
| Dimensions                   | Height: 6.07 in. (15.42 cm)               |  |
|                              | Depth: 8.50 in. (21.59 cm)                |  |
|                              | Width: 0.88 in. (2.24 cm)                 |  |
| Weight                       | 0.8 lb (0.36 kg)                          |  |
| Power consumption            | 5.5W                                      |  |
| Minimum software and network | Cisco IOS—Release 12.1(2)DA               |  |
| management requirement       | CDM <sup>1</sup> — Release 3.2 (optional) |  |

<sup>1.</sup> CDM = Cisco DSL Manager'

# Part and Tool Requirements

Table 3 lists the tools and equipment that you need to install and remove a 8xIDSL.

Table 3 Tool and Equipment Requirements Checklist

| Check | Tools and Equipment   |  |
|-------|---|--|
|       | 8xIDSL—Commercial or outside-plant version.   |  |
|       | Equipment necessary for ESD protection—You need this equipment whenever you hand Cisco chassis, modules, and cards. |  |
|       | Flat-head screwdriver.  |  |
|       | Cisco IOS or CDM  |  |
|       | Note See Table 2 for minimum software and network management release requirements.                                  |  |



The system has no internal user-serviceable parts. However, you can add or remove an 8xIDSL without removing power from the system (hot swapping). See the "Hot Swapping Line Cards" section on page 10 for more information.

# **General Safety Precaution and Maintenance Guidelines**

This section describes the following concepts:

- General Safety Precautions, page 5
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- Preventing Electrostatic Discharge Damage, page 10

### **General Safety Precautions**

Before working on the equipment, be aware of standard safety practices and the hazards involved in working with electrical circuitry to prevent accidents. Adhere to the following cautions and warnings for safe and hazard-free installation.



To see translations of the warnings that appear in this publication, refer to the *Regulatory Compliance* and Safety Information for the Cisco 6160 System document that accompanied this product.



Before you start the installation procedures, read the entire document for important information and safety warnings.



Proper ESD protection is required whenever you handle Cisco equipment. Installation and maintenance personnel should be properly grounded by means of grounding straps to eliminate the risk of ESD damage to the equipment. Equipment is subject to ESD damage whenever it is removed from the chassis.



If the power connections are improperly connected and power is applied while the cards are installed, the cards and chassis could be damaged.



Service is interrupted only for the subscribers assigned to the line card that is being removed.



It is important that the chassis cooling fans run continuously while the system is powered.



Any card that is only partially connected to the backplane can disrupt system operation.



Installing the line cards in the chassis with the power leads reversed can damage the line cards.



This warning symbol means danger. You are in a situation that could cause bodily injury. Before you work on any equipment, be aware of the hazards involved with electrical circuitry and be familiar with standard practices for preventing accidents. To see translations of the warnings that appear in this publication, refer to the Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information document that accompanied this device.

#### Waarschuwing

Dit waarschuwingssymbool betekent gevaar. U verkeert in een situatie die lichamelijk letsel kan veroorzaken. Voordat u aan enige apparatuur gaat werken, dient u zich bewust te zijn van de bij elektrische schakelingen betrokken risico's en dient u op de hoogte te zijn van standaard maatregelen om ongelukken te voorkomen. Voor vertalingen van de waarschuwingen die in deze publicatie verschijnen, kunt u het document *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information* (Informatie over naleving van veiligheids- en andere voorschriften) raadplegen dat bij dit toestel is ingesloten.

#### **Varoitus**

Tämä varoitusmerkki merkitsee vaaraa. Olet tilanteessa, joka voi johtaa ruumiinvammaan. Ennen kuin työskentelet minkään laitteiston parissa, ota selvää sähkökytkentöihin liittyvistä vaaroista ja tavanomaisista onnettomuuksien ehkäisykeinoista. Tässä julkaisussa esiintyvien varoitusten käännökset löydät laitteen mukana olevasta *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information* -kirjasesta (määräysten noudattaminen ja tietoa turvallisuudesta).

#### Attention

Ce symbole d'avertissement indique un danger. Vous vous trouvez dans une situation pouvant causer des blessures ou des dommages corporels. Avant de travailler sur un équipement, soyez conscient des dangers posés par les circuits électriques et familiarisez-vous avec les procédures couramment utilisées pour éviter les accidents. Pour prendre connaissance des traductions d'avertissements figurant dans cette publication, consultez le document *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information* (Conformité aux règlements et consignes de sécurité) qui accompagne cet appareil.

#### Warnung

Dieses Warnsymbol bedeutet Gefahr. Sie befinden sich in einer Situation, die zu einer Körperverletzung führen könnte. Bevor Sie mit der Arbeit an irgendeinem Gerät beginnen, seien Sie sich der mit elektrischen Stromkreisen verbundenen Gefahren und der Standardpraktiken zur Vermeidung von Unfällen bewußt. Übersetzungen der in dieser Veröffentlichung enthaltenen Warnhinweise finden Sie im Dokument *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information* (Informationen zu behördlichen Vorschriften und Sicherheit), das zusammen mit diesem Gerät geliefert wurde.

#### **Avvertenza**

Questo simbolo di avvertenza indica un pericolo. La situazione potrebbe causare infortuni alle persone. Prima di lavorare su qualsiasi apparecchiatura, occorre conoscere i pericoli relativi ai circuiti elettrici ed essere al corrente delle pratiche standard per la prevenzione di incidenti. La traduzione delle avvertenze riportate in questa pubblicazione si trova nel documento Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information (Conformità alle norme e informazioni sulla sicurezza) che accompagna questo dispositivo.

#### Advarsel

Dette varselsymbolet betyr fare. Du befinner deg i en situasjon som kan føre til personskade. Før du utfører arbeid på utstyr, må du vare oppmerksom på de faremomentene som elektriske kretser innebærer, samt gjøre deg kjent med vanlig praksis når det gjelder å unngå ulykker. Hvis du vil se oversettelser av de advarslene som finnes i denne publikasjonen, kan du se i dokumentet Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information (Overholdelse av forskrifter og sikkerhetsinformasjon) som ble levert med denne enheten.

#### Aviso

Este símbolo de aviso indica perigo. Encontra-se numa situação que lhe poderá causar danos físicos. Antes de começar a trabalhar com qualquer equipamento, familiarize-se com os perigos relacionados com circuitos eléctricos, e com quaisquer práticas comuns que possam prevenir possíveis acidentes. Para ver as traduções dos avisos que constam desta publicação, consulte o documento *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information* (Informação de Segurança e Disposições Reguladoras) que acompanha este dispositivo.

#### ¡Advertencia!

Este símbolo de aviso significa peligro. Existe riesgo para su integridad física. Antes de manipular cualquier equipo, considerar los riesgos que entraña la corriente eléctrica y familiarizarse con los procedimientos estándar de prevención de accidentes. Para ver una traducción de las advertencias que aparecen en esta publicación, consultar el documento titulado *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information* (Información sobre seguridad y conformidad con las disposiciones reglamentarias) que se acompaña con este dispositivo.

#### Varning!

Denna varningssymbol signalerar fara. Du befinner dig i en situation som kan leda till personskada. Innan du utför arbete på någon utrustning måste du vara medveten om farorna med elkretsar och känna till vanligt förfarande för att förebygga skador. Se förklaringar av de varningar som förkommer i denna publikation i dokumentet *Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information* (Efterrättelse av föreskrifter och säkerhetsinformation), vilket medföljer denna anordning.

| A       |  |
|---------|--|
| Warning | Read the installation instructions before you connect the system to its power source.  |
|         |  |
| Warning | Use copper conductors only.  |
| Warning | Never install telephone wiring during an electrical storm.   |
|         |  |
| Warning | Do not reach into a vacant slot or chassis while you install or remove a module or a fan. Exposed circuitry could constitute an energy hazard.   |
|         |  |
| Warning | Blank faceplates and cover panels serve three important functions: they prevent exposure to hazardous voltages and currents inside the chassis; they contain electromagnetic interference (EMI) that might disrupt other equipment; and they direct the flow of cooling air through the chassis. Do not operate the system unless all cards, faceplates, front covers, and rear covers are in place. |
|         |  |
| Warning | Do not work on the system or connect or disconnect cables during periods of lightning activity.  |
| Warning | Use caution when installing or modifying telephone lines.  |
| Warning | Ultimate disposal of this product should be handled according to all national laws and regulations.  |
| A       |  |
| Warning | This unit is intended for installation in restricted access areas. A restricted access area is where access can only be gained by service personnel through the use of a special tool, lock and key, or other means of security, and is controlled by the authority responsible for the location.  |
|         |  |
| Warning | Connect the unit only to DC power source that complies with the Safety Extra-Low Voltage (SELV) requirements in IEC 60950 based safety standards.  |
|         |  |
| Warning | This product requires short-circuit (overcurrent) protection, to be provided as part of the building installation. Install only in accordance with national and local wiring regulations.  |
| Α       |  |

Never install telephone jacks in wet locations unless the jack is specifically designed for

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wet locations.

Warning



Warning

Avoid using a telephone (other than a cordless type) during an electrical storm. There may be a remote risk of electric shock from lightning.



Warning

Do not use a telephone to report a gas leak in the vicinity of the leak.



Warning

Never touch uninsulated telephone wires or terminals unless the telephone line has been disconnected at the network interface.



Warning

Do not use this product near water; for example, near a bathtub, washbowl, kitchen sink or laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool.



Warning

During this procedure, wear grounding wrist straps to avoid ESD damage to the card. Do not directly touch the backplane with your hand or any metal tool, or you could shock yourself.



Warning

Before opening the chassis, disconnect the telephone-network cables to avoid contact with telephone-network voltages



Warning

This equipment is to be installed and maintained by service personnel only as defined by AS/NZS 3260 Clause 1.2.14.3 Service Personnel.



Warning

To reduce the risk of fire, use only No. 26 AWG or larger telecommunication line cord.

### **General Maintenance Guidelines**

This section covers the following topics:

- Installation and Replacement Suggestions, page 9
- Hot Swapping Line Cards, page 10

### **Installation and Replacement Suggestions**

The following examples list recommended installation and replacement practices for the 8xIDSLs.



Any line card that is only partially connected to the backplane can disrupt system operation.

- Do not force the line card into its slot. This action can damage the pins on the backplane if they are not aligned properly with the line card.
- Ensure that the line card is straight and not at an angle when you install the line card in the slot. Installing the line card at an angle can damage the card. Use the guide rails to install the line card correctly.
- Fully depress the ejector levers to ensure that the card connector mates with the backplane correctly. Firmly seat the line card in the slot.

### **Hot Swapping Line Cards**

The 8xIDSL can be hot swapped. Hot swapping allows you to remove, replace, and rearrange the line cards without disconnecting the system power. When the system detects that you have added or removed an 8xIDSL, it automatically runs diagnostic and discovery routines and acknowledges the presence or absence of the line card.

If you remove and replace an 8xIDSL with another 8xIDSL, the newly installed line card receives the same provisioning as the original line card. The system resumes operation without any operator intervention.

If an unprovisioned line card is installed for the first time, the system identifies it as present but unprovisioned. Instructions for provisioning the line card are found in the appropriate software guide for your chassis.

### **Preventing Electrostatic Discharge Damage**

Proper ESD protection is required whenever you handle Cisco equipment. ESD damage, which can occur when electronic cards or components are improperly handled, results in complete or intermittent failures. Use an antistatic strap when you handle any card or component.

Follow these guidelines to prevent ESD damage:

- Always use an ESD ankle or wrist strap and ensure that the wrist strap makes good skin contact.
- Connect the equipment end of the strap to the ESD jack on the front of the chassis.
- When you install a component, use available ejector levers or captive installation screws to properly
  seat the bus connectors in the backplane or midplane. These devices prevent accidental removal,
  provide proper grounding for the system, and help ensure that bus connectors are properly seated.
- When you remove a component, use available ejector levers or captive installation screws to release
  the bus connectors from the backplane or midplane.
- Avoid touching the printed circuit boards or connectors on the NI-2 cards or line cards.

- Place a removed component board-side-up on an antistatic surface or in a static-shielding container. If you plan to return the component to the factory, immediately place it in a static-shielding container.
- Avoid contact between the printed circuit boards and clothing. The wrist strap protects components from ESD voltages on the body only; ESD voltages on clothing can still cause damage.



Periodically check the resistance value of the antistatic strap. Ensure that the measurement is between 1 and 10 megohms.

# Removing and Installing the 8xIDSL

The following sections describe how to remove or install an 8xIDSL.



Proper ESD protection is required whenever you handle Cisco equipment. Installation and maintenance personnel should be properly grounded by means of grounding straps to eliminate the risk of ESD damage to the equipment. Equipment is subject to ESD damage whenever it is removed from the chassis.



All cards must be fully seated in the chassis. Push on the faceplate of each card to be sure that the card is fully seated.

### Removing an 8xIDSL

Complete the following steps to remove an 8xIDSL from the chassis:

- **Step 1** Connect a grounding strap to the ESD grounding jack on the chassis.
- Step 2 Use a flat-head screwdriver to move the locking tab from the locked to the unlocked position. Be sure to turn the locking tab so that it does not overlap the line card ejector lever as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2 Positioning the Locking Tab for the 8xIDSL







Unlocked position

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- Step 3 Lift the ejector lever to disconnect the line card from the backplane.
- **Step 4** Carefully slide the line card out of the slot.

Either replace the line card that you remove, or insert a blank faceplate in the empty slot. See the "Installing an 8xIDSL" section on page 11 for 8xIDSL installation instructions. See the "Installing a Blank Faceplate" section on page 12 for blank faceplate installation instructions.



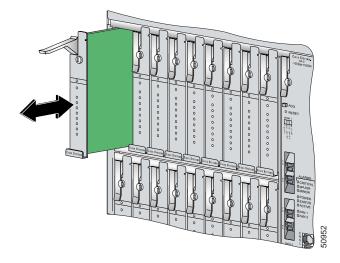
Blank faceplates and cover panels serve three important functions: they prevent exposure to hazardous voltages and currents inside the chassis; they contain electromagnetic interference (EMI) that might disrupt other equipment; and they direct the flow of cooling air through the chassis. Do not operate the system unless all cards, faceplates, front covers, and rear covers are in place.

### Installing an 8xIDSL

Complete the following steps to install an 8xIDSL in the chassis:

- **Step 1** Connect a grounding strap to the ESD grounding jack on the chassis.
- Step 2 Hold the line card vertically, with the faceplate toward you and the connectors facing the chassis slot.
- Step 3 Align the line card edges with the guides at the top and bottom of the slot in the chassis.
- Step 4 Lift the ejector lever and gently apply pressure to the faceplate while pushing the line card into the slot. Figure 3 shows an example of the 8xIDSL installation. The installation procedures will be similar for the other chassis.

Figure 3 Installation of the 8xIDSL



- Step 5 Push on the faceplate of the line card to fully seat the card.
- **Step 6** Press down on the ejector lever to secure the line card and connect it to the backplane.

- Step 7 Use a flat-head screwdriver to turn the locking tab so that it overlaps the line card ejector lever to prevent inadvertent dislodging. Figure 2 shows how to position the locking tabs.
- Step 8 Verify that the STATUS LED is solid green after the brief self-test. If the STATUS LED is not green after the self-test, see the appropriate hardware guide for your chassis for troubleshooting procedures.



If you are installing the line card for the first time, refer to the provisioning procedures in the appropriate software guide for your chassis.

### Installing a Blank Faceplate

Complete the following steps to install a blank faceplate in the chassis:



Blank faceplates should occupy any empty line card slots in the chassis. The blank faceplate installation is similar to the line card installation.

- **Step 1** Connect a grounding strap to the ESD grounding jack.
- Step 2 Align the blank faceplate edges with the slot guides in the chassis.
- Step 3 Lift the ejector lever and gently apply pressure to the faceplate while pushing the blank faceplate into the slot.
- **Step 4** Push on the faceplate to fully seat the blank faceplate.
- Step 5 Press down on the ejector lever to secure the faceplate.

# **Traffic Handling**

The maximum downstream rate per port for the 8xIDSL is 144 kbps. The maximum upstream rate per port is 144 kbps.

*Downstream* refers to data that is coming from the NI-2 card to the subscriber lines. *Upstream* refers to data that is coming from the subscriber lines to the NI-2 card.

## **Standards and Certifications**

The 8xIDSL has the same standards and certifications as the Cisco 6160 chassis, as listed in Table 4.

Table 4 Standards and Certifications

| Discipline     | Compliance Standard                             |
|----------------|---|
| Product Safety | UL 1950, 3rd Edition                            |
|                | EN 60950 2nd Edition, Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 11 |
|                | IEC 2nd Edition, Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4          |
|                | AS/NZS 3260                                     |
| Emissions      | FCC Part 15                                     |
|                | CISPR 22  |
|                | ICCS-003  |
| NEBS           | GR-63-CORE                                      |
|                | GR-1089-CORE                                    |
|                | SR-3580 Level 3                                 |
| Telecom        | FCC Part 68                                     |
|                | ICCS-003  |

# **Related Documentation**

A complete list of all DSL product related documentation is available on the World Wide Web at http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/dsl\_prod/index.htm

# **Obtaining Documentation**

The following sections explain how to obtain documentation from Cisco Systems.

### World Wide Web

You can access the most current Cisco documentation on the World Wide Web at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com

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http://www.cisco.com/public/countries\_languages.shtml

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- Priority level 4 (P4)—You need information or assistance concerning Cisco product capabilities, product installation, or basic product configuration.
- Priority level 3 (P3)—Your network performance is degraded. Network functionality is noticeably impaired, but most business operations continue.
- Priority level 2 (P2)—Your production network is severely degraded, affecting significant aspects of business operations. No workaround is available.
- Priority level 1 (P1)—Your production network is down, and a critical impact to business operations will occur if service is not restored quickly. No workaround is available.

Which Cisco TAC resource you choose is based on the priority of the problem and the conditions of service contracts, when applicable.

#### Cisco TAC Web Site

The Cisco TAC Web Site allows you to resolve P3 and P4 issues yourself, saving both cost and time. The site provides around-the-clock access to online tools, knowledge bases, and software. To access the Cisco TAC Web Site, go to the following URL:

#### http://www.cisco.com/tac

All customers, partners, and resellers who have a valid Cisco services contract have complete access to the technical support resources on the Cisco TAC Web Site. The Cisco TAC Web Site requires a Cisco.com login ID and password. If you have a valid service contract but do not have a login ID or password, go to the following URL to register:

#### http://www.cisco.com/register/

If you cannot resolve your technical issues by using the Cisco TAC Web Site, and you are a Cisco.com registered user, you can open a case online by using the TAC Case Open tool at the following URL:

#### http://www.cisco.com/tac/caseopen

If you have Internet access, it is recommended that you open P3 and P4 cases through the Cisco TAC Web Site.

#### **Cisco TAC Escalation Center**

The Cisco TAC Escalation Center addresses issues that are classified as priority level 1 or priority level 2; these classifications are assigned when severe network degradation significantly impacts business operations. When you contact the TAC Escalation Center with a P1 or P2 problem, a Cisco TAC engineer will automatically open a case.

To obtain a directory of toll-free Cisco TAC telephone numbers for your country, go to the following URL:

#### http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/687/Directory/DirTAC.shtml

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