



# Release Notes for Cisco ONS 15540 ESP for Cisco IOS Release 12.1(19)E1

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This document describes caveats for Cisco IOS Release 12.1(19)E1 for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP (Extended Services Platform).

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# Introduction

The Cisco ONS 15540 ESP is an optical transport platform that employs DWDM (dense wavelength division multiplexing) technology. With the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP, users can take advantage of the availability of dark fiber to build a common infrastructure that supports data, SAN (storage area networking), and TDM (time-division multiplexing) traffic. For more information about DWDM technology and applications, refer to the [Introduction to DWDM Technology](#) publication and the [Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Planning and Design Guide](#).

## System Requirements

This section describes the system requirements for Cisco IOS Release 12.1(19)E, and it includes the following sections:

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## Memory Requirements

The DRAM memory configuration is 128 MB, which is the default for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP.

## Hardware Supported

Table 1 lists the hardware components supported on the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP and the minimum software version required. See the “[Determining the Software Version](#)” section on page 8 for information on determining your software version.

**Table 1** *Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Supported Hardware Modules and Minimum Software Requirements*

Component	Part Number	Description	Minimum Software Version Required
Chassis	15540-CHSA		12.1(7a)EY2
Power supplies	15540-PWR-AC	120 to 240 VAC power supply	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-CAB-AC	Custom AC-input power entry cable	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-CAB-AC	North America	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-CAB-ACA	Australia	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-CAB-ACE	Europe	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-CAB-CU	UK	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-CAB-ACI	Italy	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-CAB-ACR	Argentina	12.1(7a)EY2
Filler motherboards and filler modules	15540-COV-01	Mux/demux motherboard blank panel	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-COV-02	Mux/demux module	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-COV-03	Line card motherboard blank panel	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-COV-04	Transponder module blank panel	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-COV-06	Processor card cover panel	12.1(7a)EY2
Fans	15540-FTMP	Fan tray module populated with eight fans	12.1(7a)EY2
Processor cards	15540-CPU	Processor card without switch fabric	12.1(7a)EY2
Mux/demux motherboards	15540-MMMB-0100	Supports mux/demux modules with OSC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MMMB-0200	Supports mux/demux modules without OSC	12.1(7a)EY2

**Table 1** *Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Supported Hardware Modules and Minimum Software Requirements (continued)*

Component	Part Number	Description	Minimum Software Version Required
Mux/demux modules without OSC	15540-MDXA-04A0	4-channel Band A	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXA-04B0	4-channel Band B	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXA-04C0	4-channel Band C	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXA-04D0	4-channel Band D	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXA-04E0	4-channel Band E	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXA-04F0	4-channel Band F	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXA-04G0	4-channel Band G	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXA-04H0	4-channel Band H	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXA-08A0	8-channel Band AB	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXA-08B0	8-channel Band CD	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXA-08C0	8-channel Band EF	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXA-08D0	8-channel Band GH	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXA-16EH	16-channel Band EH	12.1(7a)EY2
Mux/demux modules with OSC	15540-MDXA-04A0	4-channel Band A	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXB-04B0	4-channel Band B	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXB-04C0	4-channel Band C	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXB-04D0	4-channel Band D	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXB-04E0	4-channel Band E	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXB-04F0	4-channel Band F	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXB-04G0	4-channel Band G	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXB-04H0	4-channel Band H	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXB-08A0	8-channel Band AB	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXB-08B0	8-channel Band CD	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXB-08C0	8-channel Band EF	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXB-08D0	8-channel Band GH	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-MDXB-16AD	16-channel Band AD	12.1(7a)EY2
Line card motherboards	15540-LCMB-0100	Supports four transponders with protection	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-LCMB-0200	Supports four transponders -East	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-LCMB-0201	Supports four transponders -West	12.1(7a)EY2

**Table 1** *Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Supported Hardware Modules and Minimum Software Requirements (continued)*

Component	Part Number	Description	Minimum Software Version Required
MM transponder modules	15540-TSP1-01A3	Ch 1-2—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-03A3	Ch 3-4—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-05A3	Ch 5-6—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-07A3	Ch 7-8—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-09A3	Ch 9-10—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-11A3	Ch 11-12—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-13A3	Ch 13-14—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-15A3	Ch 15-16—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-17A3	Ch 17-18—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-19A3	Ch 19-20—1310nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-21A3	Ch 21-22—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-23A3	Ch 23- 24—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-25A3	Ch 25-26—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-27A3	Ch 27-28—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
15540-TSP1-29A3	Ch 29-30—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2	
15540-TSP1-31A3	Ch 31-32—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2	

**Table 1** *Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Supported Hardware Modules and Minimum Software Requirements (continued)*

Component	Part Number	Description	Minimum Software Version Required
SM transponder modules	15540-TSP1-01B3	Ch 1-2—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-03B3	Ch 3-4—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-05B3	Ch 5-6—310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-07B3	Ch 7-8—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-09B3	Ch 9-10—310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-11B3	Ch 11-12—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-13B3	Ch 13-14—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-15B3	Ch 15-16—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-17B3	Ch 17-18—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-19B3	Ch 19-20—1310nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-21B3	Ch 21-22—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-23B3	Ch 23-24—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-23B3	Ch 23-24—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-25B3	Ch 25-26—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
	15540-TSP1-27B3	Ch 27-28—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2
15540-TSP1-29B3	Ch 29-30—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2	
15540-TSP1-31B3	Ch 31-32—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(7a)EY2	

**Table 1** *Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Supported Hardware Modules and Minimum Software Requirements (continued)*

Component	Part Number	Description	Minimum Software Version Required
Extended range transponder modules	15540-TSP2-0100	Ch 1-2	12.1(11b)E
	15540-TSP2-0300	Ch 3-4	12.1(11b)E
	15540-TSP2-0500	Ch 5-6	12.1(11b)E
	15540-TSP2-0700	Ch 7-8	12.1(11b)E
	15540-TSP2-0900	Ch 9-10	12.1(11b)E
	15540-TSP2-1100	Ch 11-12	12.1(11b)E
	15540-TSP2-1300	Ch 13-14	12.1(11b)E
	15540-TSP2-1500	Ch 15-16	12.1(11b)E
	15540-TSP2-1700	Ch 17-18	12.1(11b)E
	15540-TSP2-1900	Ch 19-20	12.1(11b)E
	15540-TSP2-2100	Ch 21-22	12.1(11b)E
	15540-TSP2-2300	Ch 23-24	12.1(11b)E
	15540-TSP2-2500	Ch 25-26	12.1(11b)E
	15540-TSP2-2700	Ch 27-28	12.1(11b)E
	15540-TSP2-2900	Ch 29-30	12.1(11b)E
15540-TSP2-3100	Ch 31-32	12.1(11b)E	
Pluggable transceivers for extended range transponder modules	15500-XVRA-01A2	ESCON and OC-3 1310-nm MM MT-RJ	12.1(11b)E
	15500-XVRA-03B1	Gigabit Ethernet and Fibre Channel (1 Gbps) 1310-nm SM MTLC	12.1(11b)E
	15500-XVRA-02C1	Gigabit Ethernet and Fibre Channel (1 Gbps) 850-nm MM MTLC	12.1(11b)E
	15500-XVRA-02C2	Fibre Channel (2 Gbps) 850-nm MM MTLC	12.1(11b)E
	15500-XVRA-07B1	SONET OC-12 1310-nm SM MTLC	12.1(11b)E
	1550-XVRA-06B1	SONET OC-12 1310-nm MTLC	12.1(11b)E
	15500-XVRA-07B1	SONET OC-48 1310-nm SM MTLC	12.1(11b)E

## Determining the Software Version



### Note

We strongly recommend that you use the latest available software release for all Cisco ONS 15540 ESP hardware.

To determine the version of Cisco IOS software currently running on a Cisco ONS 15540 ESP system, log in to the system and enter the **show version EXEC** command. The following sample output is from the **show version** command. The software version number is shown on the second line of the sample output.

```
Switch# show version
Cisco Internetwork Operating System Software
IOS (tm) ONS-15540 Software (ONS15540-I-M), Version 12.1(19)E1
<Information deleted>
```

## Upgrading the System Image

To ensure proper system functioning, follow the system image upgrading procedure described in the *Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Configuration Guide and Command Reference*.



### Note

Always set the configuration register to 0x2102 when upgrading the system image using the **config-reg 0x2102** command in configuration mode.



### Caution

Improper system image upgrades can affect system functioning and redundancy. Always follow the recommended upgrade procedures.

## Feature Set Table

The Cisco IOS Release software is packaged in feature sets (also called software images) depending on the platform. Each feature set contains a specific set of Cisco IOS features. [Table 2](#) and [Table 3](#) list the Cisco IOS software feature sets available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP.

**Table 2** *Feature Sets Supported by the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Release 12.1 (19)E1, 12.1(19)E and 12.1(13)E1*

Feature Set	12.1(19)E1	12.1(19)E	12.1(13)E1
Gigabit Ethernet	X	X	X
Fast Ethernet	X	X	X
Ethernet	X	X	X
ATM OC-3/STM-1, OC-12/STM-4, and OC-48/STM-16	X	X	X
SONET <sup>1</sup> /SDH <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X
POS <sup>3</sup>	X	X	X
Coupling link	X	X	X
Fibre Channel (1 Gbps)	X	X	X



**Table 2** *Feature Sets Supported by the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Release 12.1(19)E1, 12.1(19)E and 12.1(13)E1 (continued)*

Feature Set	12.1(19)E1	12.1(19)E	12.1(13)E1
Fibre Channel (2 Gbps)	X	X	X
FDDI <sup>4</sup>	X	X	X
ESCON <sup>5</sup> SM (200 Mbps)	X	X	X
FICON <sup>6</sup> (800 Mbps)	X	X	X
Token Ring	X	X	X
SNMP	X	X	X
CiscoView	X	X	X
Cisco Transport Manager	X	X	X
IP packets	X	X	X
OSCP <sup>7</sup>	X	X	X
APS <sup>8</sup> protocol packets	X	X	X
Point-to-point	X	X	X
Hubbed ring	X	X	X
Meshed ring	X	X	X
Sysplex	X	X	X
GDPS <sup>9</sup>	X	X	X

1. SONET = Synchronous Optical Networking
2. SDH = Synchronous Digital Hierarchy
3. POS = Packet over SONET
4. FDDI = Fiber Distributed Data Interface
5. ESCON = Enterprise Systems Connection
6. FICON = Fiber Connection
7. OSCP = Optical Supervisory Channel Protocol
8. APS = Automatic Protection Switching
9. GDPS = Geographically Dispersed Parallel Sysplex

**Table 3** *Feature Sets Supported by the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Release 12.1(12c)E3 and Prior*

Feature Set	12.1(12c)E3	12.1(12c)E1	12.1(12c)E	12.1(11b)E1	12.1(11b)E	12.1(7a)EY3	12.1(7a)EY2
Gigabit Ethernet	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fast Ethernet	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ethernet	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ATM OC-3/STM-1, OC-12/STM-4, and OC-48/STM-16	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SONET <sup>1</sup> /SDH <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
POS <sup>3</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Coupling link	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Table 3** Feature Sets Supported by the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Release 12.1(12c)E3 and Prior (continued)

Feature Set	12.1(12c)E3	12.1(12c)E1	12.1(12c)E	12.1(11b)E1	12.1(11b)E	12.1(7a)EY3	12.1(7a)EY2
Fibre Channel (1 Gbps)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fibre Channel (2 Gbps)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FDDI <sup>4</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ESCON <sup>5</sup> SM (200 Mbps)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FICON <sup>6</sup> (800 Mbps)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Token Ring	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SNMP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CiscoView	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cisco Transport Manager	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
IP packets	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OSCP <sup>7</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
APS <sup>8</sup> protocol packets	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Point-to-point	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hubbed ring	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Meshed ring	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sysplex	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
GDPS <sup>9</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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## New and Changed Information

This section lists new features that appear in this and previous releases of Cisco IOS Release 12.1. The new features are sorted by release number.

### New Features in Release 12.1(19)E1

No new features are available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP in Cisco IOS Release 12.1(19)E1.

### New Features in Release 12.1(19)E

No new features are available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP in Cisco IOS Release 12.1(19)E.

## New Features in Release 12.1(13)E1

No new features are available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP in Cisco IOS Release 12.1(13)E1.

## New Features in Release 12.1(12c)E3

No new features are available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP in Cisco IOS Release 12.1(12c)E3.

## New Features in Release 12.1(12c)E1

No new features are available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP in Cisco IOS Release 12.1(12c)E1.

## New Features in Release 12.1(12c)E

No new features are available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP in Cisco IOS Release 12.1(12c)E.

## New Features in Release 12.1(11b)E1

No new features are available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP in Cisco IOS Release 12.1(11b)E1.

## New Features in Release 12.1(11b)E

The following new features are available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP in Cisco IOS Release 12.1(11b)E:

- Extended range transponder modules supporting the following transceivers:
  - ESCON and SONET OC-3 MM (1310 nm)
  - Gigabit Ethernet and Fibre Channel (1 Gbps) MM (850 nm)
  - Gigabit Ethernet and Fibre Channel (1 Gbps) SM (1310 nm)
  - Fibre Channel (2 Gbps) MM (850 nm)
  - Fibre Channel (2 Gbps) SM (1310 nm)
  - SONET OC-12 SM (1310 nm)
  - SONET OC-48 SM (1310 nm)

## New Features in Release 12.1(7a)EY3

The following new software features are available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP in Cisco IOS Release 12.1(7a)EY3:

- Cisco IOS software on the processor.
- Autoconfiguration at startup.
- Autodiscovery of network neighbors.

- Online diagnostics.
- Processor redundancy provided by arbitrations of processor status and switchover in case of failure without loss of connections.
- Autosynchronization of startup and running configurations.
- Support for in-service software upgrades.
- Support for per-channel APS (Automatic Protection Switching) in point-to-point and ring topologies using redundant subsystems that monitor link integrity and signal quality.
- Unidirectional and bidirectional 1+1 path switching.
- System configuration and management through the CLI (command-line interface), accessible through an Ethernet connection or console terminal.
- Optical power monitoring on the transport side, digital monitoring on both client and transport side, and per-channel transponder in-service and out-of-service loopback (client and transport sides).
- Optional out-of-band management of other Cisco ONS 15540 ESP systems on the network through the OSC (optical supervisory channel).
- Support for network management systems that use SNMP. Its capabilities include configuration management, fault isolation, topology discovery, and path trace.

## New Features in Release 12.1(7a)EY2

The following new features are available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP in Cisco IOS Release 12.1(7a)EY2:

- Cisco IOS software on the processor.
- Autoconfiguration at startup.
- Autodiscovery of network neighbors.
- Online diagnostics.
- Processor redundancy provided by arbitrations of processor status and switchover in case of failure without loss of connections.
- Autosynchronization of startup and running configurations.
- Support for in-service software upgrades.
- Support for per-channel APS (Automatic Protection Switching) in point-to-point and ring topologies using redundant subsystems that monitor link integrity and signal quality.
- Unidirectional and bidirectional 1+1 path switching.
- System configuration and management through the CLI (command-line interface), accessible through an Ethernet connection or console terminal.
- Optical power monitoring on the transport side, digital monitoring on both client and transport side, and per-channel transponder in-service and out-of-service loopback (client and transport sides).
- Optional out-of-band management of other Cisco ONS 15540 ESP systems on the network through the OSC (optical supervisory channel).
- Support for network management systems that use SNMP. Its capabilities include configuration management, fault isolation, topology discovery, and path trace.

# Caveats

This section lists the caveats and corrected caveats for each release. Use [Table 4](#) and [Table 5](#) to determine the status of a particular caveat. In the tables, “C” indicates a corrected caveat, and “O” indicates an open caveat.

**Table 4** *Caveat Matrix for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Release 12.1(19)E1, 12.1(19)E, and 12.1(13)E1*

DDTS Number	12.1(19)E1	12.1(19)E	12.1(13)E1
<a href="#">CSCdu53656</a>	C		
<a href="#">CSCdv33165</a>	C	C	O
<a href="#">CSCdv37024</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdv90351</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdw26675</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdw32072</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdw49750</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdw65903</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdw66715</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdw71880</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdw80987</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdw82701</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdw87421</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdx07666</a>	C	C	O
<a href="#">CSCdx09167</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdx22433</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdx27201</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdx31068</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdx32408</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdx32438</a>	C	C	O
<a href="#">CSCdx37144</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdx42595</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdx77331</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdx80175</a>	C	C	
<a href="#">CSCdx80804</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdx81765</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdx82558</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdx85761</a>	C	C	
<a href="#">CSCdy03245</a>	C	C	
<a href="#">CSCdy08228</a>	C	C	C
<a href="#">CSCdy10401</a>	C	C	C

**Table 4** *Caveat Matrix for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Release 12.1(19)E1, 12.1(19)E, and 12.1(13)E1 (continued)*

DDTS Number	12.1(19)E1	12.1(19)E	12.1(13)E1
CSCdy13935	C	C	C
CSCdy20002	C	C	O
CSCdy20010	C	C	O
CSCdy23001	O	O	O
CSCdy23025	C	C	C
CSCdy23325	O	O	O
CSCdy27291	C	C	C
CSCdy40352	C	C	C
CSCdy40429	C	C	C
CSCdy40882	C	C	
CSCdy47909	C	C	C
CSCdy49146	C	C	C
CSCdy49249	C	C	
CSCdy61641	C	C	
CSCdy62752	C	C	
CSCdy79659	C	C	
CSCdy83757	C	C	C
CSCdy87237	C	C	O
CSCdy88154	C	C	
CSCdz00116	C	C	C
CSCdz03989	C	C	
CSCdz06004	C	C	
CSCdz08774	C	C	
CSCdz13025	C	C	C
CSCdz13538	C	C	
CSCdz13673	C	C	
CSCdz14420	C	C	
CSCdz20508	C	C	C
CSCdz22455	C	C	
CSCdz28582	C	C	
CSCdz28903	C	C	
CSCdz36420	C	C	
CSCdz36424	C	C	
CSCdz36823	C	C	
CSCdz39112	C	C	

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DDTS Number	12.1(19)E1	12.1(19)E	12.1(13)E1
<a href="#">CSCdz60081</a>	C	C	
<a href="#">CSCea28131</a>	C		

**Table 5** *Caveat Matrix for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Release 12.1(12c)E3 and Prior*

DDTS Number	12.1(12c)E3	12.1(12c)E1	12.1(12c)E	12.1(11b)E1	12.1(11b)E	12.1(7a)EY3	12.1(7a)EY2
<a href="#">CSCdv33165</a>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
<a href="#">CSCdv37024</a>	C	C	C	C	C	O	O
<a href="#">CSCdv90351</a>	C	O	O	O	O	O	O
<a href="#">CSCdw26675</a>	C	C	C	C	C	O	O
<a href="#">CSCdw32072</a>	C	C	C	C	O		
<a href="#">CSCdw49750</a>	C	C	C	C	O		
<a href="#">CSCdw65903</a>	C	C	C	C	C	C	
<a href="#">CSCdw66715</a>	C	C	C	C	O		
<a href="#">CSCdw71880</a>	C	C	C	C			
<a href="#">CSCdw80987</a>	C	C	C	C	O		
<a href="#">CSCdw82701</a>	C	C	C	O	O		
<a href="#">CSCdw87421</a>	C	C	C	O	O		
<a href="#">CSCdx07666</a>	O	O	O				
<a href="#">CSCdx09167</a>	C	C	C				
<a href="#">CSCdx27201</a>	C	C	C	C	O		
<a href="#">CSCdx31068</a>	C	C	C				
<a href="#">CSCdx32408</a>	C	C	C				
<a href="#">CSCdx32438</a>	O	O	O				
<a href="#">CSCdx37144</a>	C	O	O				
<a href="#">CSCdx42595</a>	C	C	C				
<a href="#">CSCdx77331</a>	C	C	O				
<a href="#">CSCdx80804</a>	C	C	O				
<a href="#">CSCdx81765</a>	C	C	O				
<a href="#">CSCdx82558</a>	C	C	O				
<a href="#">CSCdy10401</a>	C	O					
<a href="#">CSCdy20002</a>	O	O					
<a href="#">CSCdy20010</a>	O	O					
<a href="#">CSCdy23001</a>	O	O					
<a href="#">CSCdy23025</a>	C	O					
<a href="#">CSCdy23325</a>	O	O					

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<a href="#">CSCdy27291</a>	C						
<a href="#">CSCdy40352</a>	C						
<a href="#">CSCdy40429</a>	C						
<a href="#">CSCdy47909</a>	C						
<a href="#">CSCdy49146</a>	C						

This section describes the caveats in the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP.

- [CSCdu53656](#)

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- [CSCdv33165](#)

**Symptom:** If you attempt to change or edit a threshold in the threshold list that is already associated with an interface, the threshold is applied to that interface even when no changes are made to it. Usually the change in error counts are more important than the error counters themselves.

**Workaround:** Issue the **clear counters** command.

- [CSCdv37024](#)

**Symptom:** If CiscoView files are extracted on a Flash disk (disk0: or disk1:), the package does not work.

**Workaround:** Install CiscoView on a Flash PC Card (slot0: or slot1:).

- [CSCdv90351](#)

**Symptom:** When there is a constant stream of loss of sync alarms, a port fail notification is not generated.

Although both signal failure and signal degrade thresholds are applied, only signal degrade is observed. The signal failure threshold is monitored by hardware registers. When the signal failure threshold is exceeded, the hardware normally generates a port fail notification. Because the loss of sync alarms are constant, the threshold exceeded cannot generate a port fail notification. The signal degrade is reported because it is monitored by software and does not need any notifications from hardware.

**Workaround:** Disable and reenabling monitoring once with the **no monitor/monitor enable** command sequence to generate the port fail notification.

- [CSCdw26675](#)

**Symptom:** Upon switchover, the active processor card can become nonresponsive. The processor card's Active LED remains on, even though it is no longer actively controlling the system.

**Workaround:** None

Remove and reinsert the processor card to correct the fault.



- [CSCdw32072](#)

**Symptom:** The ROMMON might continuously loop in an attempt to autoboot a missing system image.

Continuous looping happens when autoboot is configured in the configuration register (0x2102), but the system image corresponding to the **system boot filename** command in the startup configuration is missing and no alternate **system boot filename** command is configured for an existing system image.

During normal system functioning, the system first checks for system image file names in the startup configuration **system boot filename** commands. If there are none, or the images are not valid, the system checks the Flash device in slot0: and then bootflash for loadable images before stopping its attempts to autoboot.

**Workaround:** Configure at least one **system boot filename** command for an existing system image on both processor cards before reloading either processor card.

If autoboot looping occurs, issue a console **send break** command during the first few seconds of a reload attempt to stop autobooting. Then manually boot the system using a valid system image in Flash memory or on the network.

Upgrade the processor card ROMMON image to release 12.1(11r)E3 or later.

- [CSCdw49750](#)

**Symptom:** If during a netboot attempt the processor card fails to netboot or the peer processor card changes its active/standby state, any further changes to the peer processor card active/standby state are ignored until a **reset** command is issued at the processor card ROMMON prompt.

**Workaround:** Issue a **reset** command at the ROMMON prompt after failing to netboot.

Upgrade the processor card ROMMON image to release 12.1(11r)E3 or later.

- [CSCdw65903](#)

**Symptom:** An error can occur with management protocol processing. See the following URL for more information:

<http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/bugtool/onebug.pl?bugid=CSCdw65903>

**Workaround:** None

- [CSCdw66715](#)

**Symptom:** Following an IOS crash, a second ROMMON exception might cause the original stack trace to be lost. This happens if a pending PCI (peripheral component interconnect) bus interrupt was in progress but was not handled before the IOS crash.

**Workaround:** Upgrade the processor card ROMMON image to release 12.1(11r)E3 or later.

- [CSCdw71880](#)

**Symptom:** The following errors might occur:

- The 100 Mbps LED for the NME (Network Management Ethernet) port might be on even if the port is connected to a 10 Mbps source. This LED should be on only when connected to a 100 Mbps source.
- The full duplex LED might not stay on even when the port is connected to a full duplex source.
- Auto negotiation of speed and duplex mode might not work when switched from a 10 Mbps source to a 100 Mbps source.
- Auto negotiation of speed and duplex mode might not work when switched from a 100 Mbps source to a 10 Mbps source.

**Workaround:** None.

- [CSCdw80987](#)

**Symptom:** The system power cycles and the standby processor card startup configuration is not synchronized with the active processor card startup configuration. If this occurs, then the previous standby processor card might become the active processor card and a different set of connections might be set up.

The standby processor card startup configuration can become outdated when it is in maintenance mode.

**Workaround:** Remove the standby processor card from the shelf when it is not in use.

Upgrade the processor card ROMMON image to release 12.1(11r)E3 or later.

- [CSCdw82701](#)

**Symptom:** Loopback cannot be configured on the wave interface of an extended range transponder module if no transceiver is present. The **loopback** command is accepted but the loopback is not configured.

**Workaround:** Insert a transceiver before configuring the loopback on the wave interface.

- [CSCdw87421](#)

**Symptom:** When laser safety control is enabled on the OSC wave 0 interface or wave 1 interface, the OSC trunk laser does not shut down when a fiber cut occurs.

**Workaround:** None

- [CSCdx07666](#)

**Symptom:** Loss of signal may be encountered before SD (signal degrade) and SF (signal failure) thresholds are exceeded and traffic may still continue to pass transparently.

The loss of signal detection is taken from the OE conversion subsystem which is different from the source of the SD and SF counters. The OE conversion is not gated by its loss of light indication so the data and clock extraction continues and the signal is regenerated transparently. The loss of light sensitivity is a characteristic of the OE conversion unit and it may vary from unit to unit but is always < -30 dBm.

**Workaround:** None.

- [CSCdx09167](#)

**Symptom:** The alarm LED is not raised or cleared by SD/SF indications.

**Workaround:** None.

- [CSCdx22433](#)

**Symptom:** Diagnostic statistics are not shown for the standby processor card when logged into the active processor card.

**Workaround:** None.

- [CSCdx27201](#)

**Symptom:** If the configuration register autoboot field is set to either 0x1 or 0x2 and the first file in bootflash memory is not a loadable system image, then the system continues to try to reboot.

**Workaround:** Use the **send break** command on the console CLI to stop the autoboot cycling, and then manually boot a loadable system image. Make sure the first image in bootflash memory is a valid system image.

Upgrade the processor card ROMMON image to release 12.1(11r)E3 or later.

- [CSCdx31068](#)  
**Symptom:** With APS y-cable, the SD condition on the working channel does not clear the lower priority manual-switch condition on the protection channel. This causes the manual-switch condition to persist after the SD condition is removed and APS to switch back to the working channel.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdx32408](#)  
**Symptom:** Customer installed mismatching wavelength transponders and did not receive a wavelength mismatch alarm. The Cisco ONS 15540 does not report this condition.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdx32438](#)  
**Symptom:** When the Rx port fiber is removed, ingress alarms are reported and cleared repeatedly. The alarm should not clear and the alarm should be reported only once.  
**Workaround:** None
- [CSCdx37144](#)  
**Symptom:** Processor card gets into a nonresponsive state when the hardware version is below 6.5.  
**Workaround:** Ensure that the processor card hardware version is 6.5 or above.
- [CSCdx42595](#)  
**Symptom:** No alarm is raised when the transponder channel does not match the channels supported by the mux/demux module.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdx77331](#)  
**Symptom:** CTM is flooded with traps every second when hardware port flap alarms occur.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdx80175](#)  
**Symptom:** The **show interfaces** command output for a wave interface displays an UP state, but the signal quality shows loss of sync.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdx80804](#)  
**Symptom:** The **encapsulation fastethernet** command fails on multimode transponders. The **clock rate 100000** command succeeds but then pings over the signal fail intermittently.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdx81765](#)  
**Symptom:** The OSC intermittently drops IP packets because of an erroneous calculation of the FCS-16 (frame check sequence 16).  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdx82558](#)  
**Symptom:** The system image on the standby processor card cannot be upgraded to a new system image because the format of the redundancy messages from the active processor card are not recognized on the standby processor card. The standby processor card fails to boot and returns to ROMMON mode.  
**Workaround:** None.

- [CSCdx85761](#)  
**Symptom:** Multiple %METOPT-2-PORTFAIL messages are seen when using the y-cable APS configuration with single auto-failover. However, this does not affect the functionality.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdy03245](#)  
**Symptom:** Topology neighbor configuration is lost on mux/demux motherboard online removal and reinsertion.  
**Workaround:** The topology neighbor is viewable after reconfiguring the wdm interface.
- [CSCdy08228](#)  
**Symptom:** Interface reports up/up even when there is no light source connected.  
**Workaround:** Perform a **shutdown/no shutdown** command sequence on the interface.
- [CSCdy10401](#)  
**Symptom:** The transparent interface of an extended range transponder module continues to report good signal quality even after the transceiver is removed and reinserted without being connected to the traffic source.  
**Workaround:** Perform a **shutdown/no shutdown** command sequence on the transparent interface.
- [CSCdy13935](#)  
**Symptom:** ifMIB cannot see fa-sby0 on an OIR insertion of standby processor card and ifMIB does not delete fa-sby0 on an OIR removal of the standby processor card.  
**Workaround:** Reboot the system.
- [CSCdy20002](#)  
**Symptom:** A transparent interface carrying Gigabit Ethernet traffic and configured with gigabit Fibre Channel encapsulation shows good quality signal on the **show interfaces transparent** command output and does not assert any ingress alarms. The wave interface assert loss of lock and loss of sync alarms.  
**Workaround:** Remove and reinsert the transponder module to bring it to the correct state.
- [CSCdy20010](#)  
**Symptom:** LoF (loss of frame) alarms are not reasserted after a **shutdown/no shutdown** command sequence on both the transparent and wave interfaces on the transponder module.  
**Workaround:** Disable and reenable monitoring on the transparent interface to reassert the alarms.
- [CSCdy23001](#)  
**Symptom:** A line laser failure alarm is asserted but not cleared when an extended range transponder module is removed and reinserted. The **show facility-alarm status** command output shows a message similar to the following:  

```
Source: TranspdrSC 2/3 Severity: MAJOR Description: 2 Line laser failure detected
```

**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdy23025](#)  
**Symptom:** The SF (signal failure) alarms are not cleared from the **show facility-alarm status** command output after monitoring is disabled.  
**Workaround:** None.

- [CSCdy23325](#)  
**Symptom:** An ingress LOF alarm on a transparent interface is not asserted when an SEFs (severely errored frames) alarm is present due to the alarm priority handling error in the driver.  
**Workaround:** A **shutdown/no shutdown** command sequence on the transparent interface reasserts the ingress LOF alarm.
- [CSCdy27291](#)  
**Symptom:** Use of MGD\_TIMER\_DEBUG crashes the box.  
**Workaround:** None
- [CSCdy40352](#)  
**Symptom:** The processor card gets stuck in a nonresponsive state waiting for the console UART TxReady to get set. Normally a watchdog timeout forces recovery, but in some instances the standby processor card does not recover on its own.  
**Workaround:** Remove and replace the standby processor card.
- [CSCdy40429](#)  
**Symptom:** Under some situations the erratas of the system controller used on the processor card (GT64120A) can cause:
  - A software forced crash due to memory ECC errors
  - A bus error exception
  - Corruption of data**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdy40882](#)  
**Symptom:** Information appears in **show hardware** command output for processor cards that have been removed.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdy47909](#)  
**Symptoms:**  
 The value of the Rx optical power reading in the **show interfaces wave** command output is not accurate.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdy49146](#)  
**Symptom:** Under some circumstances single bit ECC errors occur and are corrected by the system controller, but are not recorded. Therefore, the user is unaware of these occurrences.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdy49249](#)  
**Symptom:** If a module is inserted during a processor card switchover, then the module and its interfaces might not come up properly.  
**Workaround:** Remove and reinsert module after switchover is complete.

- [CSCdy61641](#)  
**Symptom:** Following a processor card crash and switchover, if a **show redundancy** command is issued on the new active processor card, it currently shows “Reported Switchover Reason” as “Not known”. If a **show version** command is issued on the standby processor card that crashed, it shows additional troubleshooting information.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdy62752](#)  
**Symptom:** The active processor card becomes nonresponsive and cannot be enabled from the standby processor.  
**Workaround:** Remove and reinsert the active processor card.
- [CSCdy79659](#)  
**Symptom:** Incorrect OPM alarm status information for the standby wavepatch interface displays in the **show interfaces** command output.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdy83757](#)  
**Symptom:** When EIGRP is configured, FastEthernet0 automatically becomes a passive-interface and routing updates and management access are lost.  
**Workaround:** Connect to the console port and remove passive-interface config in EIGRP configuration.
- [CSCdy87237](#)  
**Symptom:** After removing an extended range transponder, the **show facility status** command does not report the line laser failure.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdy88154](#)  
**Symptom:** Some interfaces are not available to the NMS station because the agent does not create them when a module is removed and reinserted.  
**Workaround:** Reload the system after removal and reinsertion of a module.
- [CSCdz00116](#)  
**Symptom:** APS message channel configured for UDP/IP does not work over two IP hops. The UDP/IP packets are dropped at the end of the second hop.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdz03989](#)  
**Symptom:** Both active and standby lasers in a bidirectional y-cable APS configuration on modules in subslot 0 turn on erroneously.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdz06004](#)  
**Symptom:** The **redundancy reload shelf** command on the active processor card can cause a switchover if the peer processor card is in ROM monitor mode.  
**Workaround:** Use the **reload** command to reload the active processor card, if the peer processor card is in ROM monitor mode.

- [CSCdz08774](#)  
**Symptom:** ciscoFlashDeviceChangeTrap is not generated when a removable Flash device is removed or inserted.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdz13025](#)  
**Symptom:** IOS may crash while ROMMON is being reprogrammed. The occurrence of this crash is rare. If it happens a customer processor card becomes non-bootable.  
**Workaround:** To prevent this crash from happening:
  - ROMMON reprogram must be done one processor card at a time, while the other processor card is in ROMMON or physically removed from the chassis.
 Note that this process impacts data flow and should be done during a maintenance window.
- [CSCdz13538](#)  
**Symptom:** The egress loss of signal alarm is not reasserted in the **show facility-alarm status** command output after using a **hw-module subslot power** command to turn the module power off or on.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdz13673](#)  
**Symptom:** The wave interface remains down when the signal quality is GOOD after using a **hw-module subslot power** command to turn the module power off or on.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdz14420](#)  
**Symptom:** The Rx power display in some cases is off by 4dBm in comparison with the real reading using a power meter.  
**Workaround:** Use a calibrated transponder module.
- [CSCdz20508](#)  
**Symptom:** When a trunk fiber is cut, the wavepatch gets stuck in a down state after **shutdown/no shutdown** command sequence of the wave interface with splitter APS.  
**Workaround:** None
- [CSCdz22455](#)  
**Symptom:** When a Flash PC Card or ATA card is inserted or removed in either Flash PC Card slots, IOS may crash and display the following message:  

```
%ERR-1-GT64120: Fatal error, PCI Master abort GT=0xB4000000, cause=0x0100E483,
mask=0x0EF01F00, real_cause=0x00000400 bus_err_high=0x00000000,
bus_err_low=0x00000000, addr_decode_err=0x00000470.
```

**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdz28582](#)  
**Symptom:** After a fiber cut, the OSC interface remains up with signal quality good.  
**Workaround:** Issue the **shutdown/no shutdown** command sequence.

- [CSCdz28903](#)  
**Symptom:** For the Sysplex protocol, forward laser control does not work after removing and reinserting the 2.5-Gbps transponder module and reprogramming the functional image.  
**Workaround:** Using the **no encapsulation** and **encapsulation sysplex etr** commands on the transparent interface programs it correctly.
- [CSCdz36420](#)  
**Symptom:** In a preconfigured APS group (when the interfaces do not exist), if the group is configured for revertive mode, it cannot be enabled.  
**Workaround:** Enable the group after the interfaces are defined in the APS group are created or remove the revertive configuration from the preconfigured APS group and then enable the group.
- [CSCdz36424](#)  
**Symptom:** Insertion of a Flash PC Card or PCMCIA ATA card causes the processor card to reset. This happens if this is the first insertion of card after an IOS boot.  
**Workaround:** Boot IOS after the Flash PC Card is already inserted in a slot, either before power up, or when the processor card card is in ROMMON.
- [CSCdz36823](#)  
**Symptom:** A processor card crash occurs after midnight when optical performance is on if an interface capable of performance monitoring is un-shutdown.  
**Workaround:**None.
- [CSCdz39112](#)  
**Symptom:** When an invalid channel number is detected by the OSCP client while it processes the client message received from the peer, OSCP does not free the message buffer. This results in buffer starvation over a period of time and connectivity through the Network Management interface and backplane Ethernet (IPC and OSCP) interface is lost.  
**Workaround:** None.
- [CSCdz60081](#)  
**Symptom:** Loss of loss on a GOOD signal is reported after online removal and insertion of a transponder module configured with Sysplex ETR encapsulation.  
**Workaround:** Issue a **no encapsulation** command and configure the encapsulation back to Sysplex ETR.
- [CSCea28131](#)  

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## Limitations and Restrictions

This section provides limitations and restrictions for Cisco ONS 15540 ESP hardware and software.



## Transponder Modules

This section contains limitations and restrictions that apply to transponder modules.

- When you insert the standby transponder module in a y-cable protected configuration, remove the cable from the transponder module before inserting the transponder module into the shelf. Failure to remove the cable might result in errors that can affect the performance of the active signal received by the client equipment.
- CRC errors occur with 2-Gbps Fibre Channel on single-mode transponders when high input power levels are received from the client laser sources.

Data errors or link-down conditions for 2-Gbps Fibre Channel might occur on single-mode transponders when used with certain client laser sources. Transmitters in some client GBIC and SFP transceiver units might send large overshoots in optical power with signal bit transitions, causing momentary overload conditions on the transponder client side receiver. The average transmitted power level from the GBIC does not violate the overload specification of the transponder client side receiver, so a power meter does not detect the overload.

The workaround is to attenuate the signal from the client equipment to a recommended level of -12 dBm when transmitting 2-Gbps Fibre Channel services.

- If both processor cards are removed, traffic through the system is affected as follows:
  - For Type 2 extended range transponder modules, traffic is shut down.
  - For 10-GE transponder modules, traffic is shut down.
  - Type 1 SM transponder modules and MM transponder modules do not operate reliably. The traffic might be affected.
  - In the shutdown state, the Status LED on the line card motherboard turns orange.



### Note

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Traffic on pass through optical channels (which passively pass through the mux/demux modules) are not affected by the removal of the processor cards.

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## Related Documentation

Refer to the following documents for more information about the Cisco ONS 15540 ESP:

- [Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Planning and Design Guide](#)
- [Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Cisco ONS 15500 Series](#)
- [Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Hardware Installation Guide](#)
- [Optical Transport Turn-Up and Test Guide](#)
- [Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Configuration Guide and Command Reference](#)
- [Cisco ONS 15540 ESP Troubleshooting Guide](#)
- [Cisco ONS 15540 ESP MIB Quick Reference](#)
- [Glossary of Optical Networking Terms](#)

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