

Release Notes for Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx for Cisco IOS Release 12.1(12c)EV

This document describes caveats for Cisco IOS Release 12.1(12c)EV for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx.

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Introduction

The Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx is an optical transport platform that employs DWDM (dense wavelength division multiplexing) technology. With the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx, users can take advantage of the availability of dark fiber to build a common infrastructure that supports data, SANs (storage area networks), and TDM (time-division multiplexing) traffic. The system uses an enhanced chassis with front fiber-optic cable access for optical interconnections between transponders and optical mux/demux modules. For more information about DWDM technology and applications, refer to the *Introduction to DWDM Technology* publication and the *Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx Planning Guide*.



System Requirements

This section describes the system requirements for Cisco IOS Release 12.1(12c)EV and 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 ESPx.

Hardware Supported

Table 1 lists the hardware components supported on the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx and the minimum software version required. See the "Determining the Software Version" section on page 9 for information on determining your software version.

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

Component	Part Number	Description	Minimum Software Version Required
Chassis	15540-CHSB=	Chassis external connection system —19" RM, 14 U, 12 slots	12.1(10)EV1
Power supplies	15540-PWR-AC	120 to 240 VAC power supply	12.1(10)EV1
and spare power supply	15540-CAB-AC	Custom AC-input power entry cable	12.1(10)EV1
cables	15500-CAB-AC	North America	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-ACA	Australia	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-ACE	Europe	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-CU	UK	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-ACI	Italy	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-ACR	Argentina	12.1(10)EV1
Blank	15540-COV-07	Mux/demux motherboard blank panel	12.1(10)EV1
motherboards and blank	15540-COV-08	4 / 8 Ch. mux/demux blank panel	12.1(10)EV1
modules	15540-COV-09	Line card motherboard blank panel	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-COV-10	Transponder module blank panel	12.1(10)EV1
Fans	15540-FTMP=	Fan tray module populated with eight fans	12.1(10)EV1
Processor cards	15540-CPU	Processor card	12.1(10)EV1

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

Component	Part Number	Description	Minimum Software Version Required
Flash PC Cards	15500-PCMCIA16=	PCMCIA Memory Card 16Mb	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-PCMCIA20=	PCMCIA Memory Card 20Mb	12.1(10)EV1
Mux/demux	15540-MMMB-1100	Supports mux/demux modules with OSC	12.1(10)EV1
motherboards	15540-MMMB-1200	Supports mux/demux modules without OSC	12.1(10)EV1
Mux/demux	15540-MDXC-04A0	4-channel Band A	12.1(10)EV1
modules without OSC	15540-MDXC-04B0	4-channel Band B	12.1(10)EV1
without OSC	15540-MDXC-04C0	4-channel Band C	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXC-04D0	4-channel Band D	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXC-04E0	4-channel Band E	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXC-04F0	4-channel Band F	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXC-04G0	4-channel Band G	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXC-04H0	4-channel Band H	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXC-08A0	8-channel Band AB	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXC-08B0	8-channel Band CD	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXC-08C0	8-channel Band EF	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXC-08D0	8-channel Band GH	12.1(10)EV1
Mux/demux	15540-MDXD-04A0	4-channel Band A	12.1(10)EV1
modules with OSC	15540-MDXD-04B0	4-channel Band B	12.1(10)EV1
OSC	15540-MDXD-04C0	4-channel Band C	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXD-04D0	4-channel Band D	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXD-04E0	4-channel Band E	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXD-04F0	4-channel Band F	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXD-04G0	4-channel Band G	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXD-04H0	4-channel Band H	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXD-08A0	8-channel Band AB	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXD-08B0	8-channel Band CD	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXD-08C0	8-channel Band EF	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXD-08D0	8-channel Band GH	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-MDXD-32A0	32-channel AH	12.1(10)EV1
Line card motherboards	15540-LCMB-1100	Supports four transponders with protection or four extended range transponders with protection	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-LCMB-1200	Supports four transponders without protection or four extended range transponders without protection	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-LCMB-1400	Supports two 10-GE transponders with protection	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-LCMB-1401	Supports two 10-GE transponders without protection	12.1(10)EV2

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

Component	Part Number	Description	Minimum Software Version Required
MM	15540-TSP1-01A3	Ch 1-2 —1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
transponder modules	15540-TSP1-03A3	Ch 3-4 —1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
modules	15540-TSP1-05A3	Ch 5-6 —1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-07A3	Ch 7-8 — 310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-09A3	Ch 9-10 — 1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-11A3	Ch 11-12 — 1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-13A3	Ch 13-14 — 1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-15A3	Ch 15-16 —1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-17A3	Ch 17-18 —1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-19A3	Ch 19-20 —1310nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-21A3	Ch 21-22 —1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-23A3	Ch 23- 24—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-25A3	Ch 25-26—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-27A3	Ch 27-28—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-29A3	Ch 29-30—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-31A3	Ch 31-32—1310-nm MM 16 to 622 Mbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
SM	15540-TSP1-01B3	Ch 1-2—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
transponder modules	15540-TSP1-03B3	Ch 3-4—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
modules	15540-TSP1-05B3	Ch 5-6—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-07B3	Ch 7-8—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-09B3	Ch 9-10—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-11B3	Ch 11-12—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-13B3	Ch 13-14— 1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-15B3	Ch 15-16—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-17B3	Ch 17-18—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-19B3	Ch 19-20—1310nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-21B3	Ch 21-22—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-23B3	Ch 23- 24—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-23B3	Ch 23- 24—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-25B3	Ch 25-26—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-27B3	Ch 27-28—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-29B3	Ch 29-30 —1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP1-31B3	Ch 31-32—1310-nm SM 16 Mbps to 2.5 Gbps with SC	12.1(10)EV1

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

Component	Part Number	Description	Minimum Software Version Required
Extended range	15540-TSP2-0100	Ch 1-2	12.1(10)EV1
transponder modules	15540-TSP2-0300	Ch 3-4	12.1(10)EV1
supporting SFP	15540-TSP2-0500	Ch 5-6	12.1(10)EV1
optics	15540-TSP2-0700	Ch 7-8	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP2-0900	Ch 9-10	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP2-1100	Ch 11-12	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP2-1300	Ch 13-14	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP2-1500	Ch 15-16	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP2-1700	Ch 17-18	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP2-1900	Ch 19-20	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP2-2100	Ch 21-22	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP2-2300	Ch 23-24	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP2-2500	Ch 25-26	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP2-2700	Ch 27-28	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP2-2900	Ch 29-30	12.1(10)EV1
	15540-TSP2-3100	Ch 31-32	12.1(10)EV1

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

Component	Part Number	Description	Minimum Software Version Required
Single port	15540-10GE-03B301	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 1	12.1(10)EV2
10-Gigabit Ethernet	15540-10GE-03B302	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 2	12.1(10)EV2
transponder	15540-10GE-03B303	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 3	12.1(10)EV2
modules	15540-10GE-03B304	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 4	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B305	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 5	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B306	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 6	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B307	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 7	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B308	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch8	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B309	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 9	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3010	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 10	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3011	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 11	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3012	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 12	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3013	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 13	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3014	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 14	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3015	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 15	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3016	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 16	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3017	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 17	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3018	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 18	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3019	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 19	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3020	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 20	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3021	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 21	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3022	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 22	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3023	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 23	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3024	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 24	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3025	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 25	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3026	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 26	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3027	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 27	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3028	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 28	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3029	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 29	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3030	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 30	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3031	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 31	12.1(10)EV2
	15540-10GE-03B3032	10-GE 1310nm SM Client with SC and ITU Laser Ch 32	12.1(10)EV2

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

Component	Part Number	Description	Minimum Software Version Required
Pluggable SFP	15500-XVRA-01A2	ESCON and OC-3 1310-nm MM MT-RJ	12.1(10)EV1
optics for extended range transponder	15500-XVRA-03B1	Gigabit Ethernet and Fibre Channel (1 Gbps) 1310-nm SM MTLC	12.1(10)EV1
modules	15500-XVRA-03B2	Fibre Channel (1 Gbps and 2 Gbps) 1310-nm SM MTLC	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-XVRA-02C1	Gigabit Ethernet and Fibre Channel (1 Gbps) 850-nm MM MTLC	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-XVRA-02C2	Fibre Channel (2 Gbps) 850-nm MM MTLC	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-XVRA-07B1	SONET OC-12 1310-nm SM MTLC	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-XVRA-07B1	SONET OC-48 1310-nm SM MTLC	12.1(10)EV1
Protection switch module	15540-PSM-01	ONS 15540 protection switch module	12.1(12c)EV
Optical cross	15500-CCDK01	ONS 15500 cross connect drawer kit	12.1(10)EV1
connect	15500-CSDK01	ONS 15500 cable storage drawer kit	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-VCGK01	ONS 15500 vertical cable guide kit	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-MU-ADTR=	ONS 15540 MU-MU insertion adapter	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-TL01=	Cable installation and removal tool. SFP removal tool.	12.1(10)EV1
Optical cable kits	15500-CAB-KIT1	Cable kit 1 - (order 1x for LCMB without splitter, order 2x for LCMB with splitter): 2x MTP-8MU, 2x MU adapter, 8x MU-MU	12.1(10)EV1
MTP cables	15500-CAB-MTP-01=	86" MTP to MTP cable - 2.5-Gbps line card motherboard	12.1(10)EV1
Optical trunk	15500-CAB-MSC01=	1.0m Tuned Low Loss MU to SC SM Patch Cable	12.1(10)EV1
cables (symplex)	15500-CAB-MSC02=	3.0m Tuned Low Loss MU to SC SM Patch Cable	12.1(10)EV1
(symplex)	15500-CAB-MST03=	1.0m Tuned Low Loss MU to ST SM Patch Cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-MST04=	3.0m Tuned Low Loss MU to ST SM Patch Cable	12.1(10)EV1

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

Component	Part Number	Description	Minimum Software Version Required
Optical OADM and intra	15500-CAB-MMU-01=	0.25m (10") tuned low loss MU to MU SM OADM patch cable	12.1(10)EV1
chassis cables (symplex)	15500-CAB-MMU-02=	0.35m (14") tuned low loss MU to MU SM OADM patch cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-MMU-03=	0.45m (17") tuned low loss MU to MU SM OADM patch cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-MMU-04=	0.5m (20") tuned low loss MU to MU SM OADM patch cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-MMU-05=	1.0m (40") tuned low loss MU to MU SM OADM patch cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-MMU-09=	1.16m (46") tuned low loss MU to MU SM OADM patch cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-MMU-06=	1.5m (60") tuned low loss MU to MU SM OADM patch cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-MMU-07=	2.0m (79") tuned low loss MU to MU SM OADM patch cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-MMU-08=	2.5m (98") tuned low loss MU to MU SM OADM patch cable	12.1(10)EV1
Optical client	15500-CAB-SC11=	1.0m SC to SC 62.5/125um MM cable	12.1(10)EV1
cables (symplex)	15500-CAB-SC19=	1.0m SC to SC 50/125um MM cable	12.1(10)EV1
(symplex)	15500-CAB-SC12=	1.0m SC to SC SM cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-SC13=	3.0m SC to SC 62.5/125um MM cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-SC20=	3.0m SC to SC 50/125um MM cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-SC14=	3.0m SC to SC SM cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-ST15=	1.0m SC to ST 62.5/125um MM cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-ST21=	1.0m SC to ST 50/125um MM cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-ST16=	1.0m SC to ST SM cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-ST17=	3.0m SC to ST 62.5/125um MM cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-ST22=	3.0m SC to ST 50/125um MM cable	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-ST18=	3.0m SC to ST SM cable	12.1(10)EV1
Optical y-cables	15500-CAB-YMM-SC=	50/125um multimode y cable with SC for channel protection	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-YMM2-SC=	62.5/125um multimode y cable with SC for channel protection	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-YSM-SC=	single mode y cable with SC for channel protection	12.1(10)EV1
	15500-CAB-YMM-SC=	50/125um multimode y cable with SC for channel protection	12.1(10)EV1

Determining the Software Version



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

To determine the version of Cisco IOS software currently running on a Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx system, log in to the system and enter the **show version** EXEC command.

Upgrading the System Image

To ensure proper system functioning, follow the system image upgrading procedure described in the *Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx Software Upgrade Guide*.



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



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 software features. Table 2 lists the Cisco IOS software feature sets available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx.

Table 2 Feature Sets Supported by the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx

Feature Set	12.1(12c)EV	12.1(10)EV3	12.1(10)EV2	12.1(10)EV1
Gigabit Ethernet	X	X	X	X
Fast Ethernet	X	X	X	X
Ethernet	X	X	X	X
ATM OC-3/STM-1, OC-12/STM-4, and OC-48/STM-16	X	X	X	X
SONET ¹ /SDH ²	X	X	X	X
POS ³	X	X	X	X
Fibre Channel (1 Gbps)	X	X	X	X
Fibre Channel (2 Gbps)	X	X	X	X
FDDI ⁴	X	X	X	X
ESCON ⁵ SM (200 Mbps)	X	X	X	X
FICON ⁶ (800 Mbps)	X	X	X	X

Table 2 Feature Sets Supported by the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx (continued)

Feature Set	12.1(12c)EV	12.1(10)EV3	12.1(10)EV2	12.1(10)EV1
Token Ring	X	X	X	X
SNMP	X	X	X	X
CiscoView	X	X	X	X
Cisco Transport Manager	X	X	X	X
CDP ⁷	X	X	X	X
IP packets	X	X	X	X
OSCP ⁸	X	X	X	X
APS ⁹ protocol packets	X	X	X	X
Point-to-point	X	X	X	X
Hubbed ring	X	X	X	X
Meshed ring	X	X	X	X
IBM GDPS ¹⁰ ETR/CL	X	X	X	X
IBM GDPS ¹⁰ coupling link	X	X	X	X
Unidirectional path switching	X	X	X	X
Bidirectional path switching	X	X	X	X
CDL over 10-GE	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.} CDP = Cisco Discovery Protocol

^{8.} OSCP = Optical Supervisory Channel Protocol

^{9.} APS = Automatic Protection Switching

^{10.} GDPS = Geographically Dispersed Parallel Sysplex

New and Changed Information

This section lists new features that appear in Cisco IOS Release 12.1.

New Features in Release 12.1(12c)EV

The following new feature is available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx in Cisco IOS Release 12.1(12c)EV:

• The Cisco ONS 15540 Protection Switch Module (PSM) allows a customer to protect the entire fiber path by splitting an optical signal from one fiber trunk into two redundant fiber paths. This offers customers a cost-effective protection option and added protection against fiber cuts in the network.

New Features in Release 12.1(10)EV3

No new features are available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx in Cisco IOS Release 12.1(10)EV3.

New Features in Release 12.1(10)EV2

The following new features are available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx in Cisco IOS Release 12.1(10)EV2:

- · Hardware:
 - Non-protected dual subslot motherboard for Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx
 - Splitter protected dual subslot motherboard for Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx
 - 10-GE transponder module
- Software:
 - CDL over 10-GE

Caveats

This section lists the caveats and corrected caveats for each release. Use Table 3 to determine the status of a particular caveat. In the tables, "C" indicates a corrected caveat, and "O" indicates an open caveat.

Table 3 Caveat Matrix for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx

DDTS Number	12.1(12c)EV	12.1(10)EV3	12.1(10)EV2	12.1(10)EV1
CSCdx07666	О	О	О	О
CSCdx32438	O	O	О	О
CSCdx37144	С	С	С	С
CSCdx42463	С	С	С	С
CSCdx70683	С	С	С	С
CSCdx80175	С	С	С	С

Table 3 Caveat Matrix for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx (continued)

DDTS Number	12.1(12c)EV	12.1(10)EV3	12.1(10)EV2	12.1(10)EV1
CSCdx80804	С	С	С	С
CSCdx85761	С	С		
CSCdx87061	С	С	С	С
CSCdx89540	С	С	С	С
CSCdy03076	С	С	С	С
CSCdy03245	С	С		
CSCdy08228	С	С		
CSCdy20002	С	С		
CSCdy20010	С	С		
CSCdy20022	С	С		
CSCdy20792	С	С	С	
CSCdy30497	С	С		
CSCdy40352	С	С	0	О
CSCdy40429	С	С	С	С
CSCdy40465	С	С	С	С
CSCdy40864	С	С		
CSCdy40882	С	С		
CSCdy44129	С	С	0	
CSCdy49146	С	С	С	С
CSCdy49249	С	С		
CSCdy53288	С	С		
CSCdy58197	С	С	0	
CSCdy61641	С	С		
CSCdy62752	С	С		
CSCdy63359	С	С		
CSCdy65411	С	С		
CSCdy78546	С	С		
CSCdy79161	С	С	О	
CSCdy79659	С	С		
CSCdy79812	С	С	О	
CSCdy81888	С	С	O	
CSCdy83757	С	С		
CSCdy85563	С	С		
CSCdy87237	С	С		
CSCdy88154	С	С		
CSCdz00116	С	С		

Table 3 Caveat Matrix for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx (continued)

DDTS Number	12.1(12c)EV	12.1(10)EV3	12.1(10)EV2	12.1(10)EV1
CSCdz02296	С	С		
CSCdz02340	С	С		
CSCdz03989	С	С		
CSCdz06004	С	С		
CSCdz06602	С	С		
CSCdz08774	С	С		
CSCdz12919	С	С		
CSCdz13538	С	С		
CSCdz13673	С	С		
CSCdz14420	С	С		
CSCdz18757	С	С		
CSCdz18815	С	С		
CSCdz19099	С	С		
CSCdz20508	С	С		
CSCdz22455	С	С		
CSCdz25739	С	О		
CSCdz28582	С	С		
CSCdz28903	С	С		
CSCdz29723	О	О		
CSCdz31593	О	О		
CSCdz33752	С	С		
CSCdz36420	С	С		
CSCdz36424	С	О		
CSCdz36823	С	С		
CSCdz37698	С	С		
CSCdz37968	С	С		
CSCdz38075	С	С		
CSCdz38448	С	О		
CSCdz38968	С	С		
CSCdz39112	С	О		
CSCdz39793	С	О		
CSCdz40675	С			
CSCdz41160	С	О		
CSCdz42547	С	О		
CSCdz42565	С	О		
CSCdz43279	С	О		

Table 3 Caveat Matrix for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx (continued)

DDTS Number	12.1(12c)EV	12.1(10)EV3	12.1(10)EV2	12.1(10)EV1
CSCdz58866	С			
CSCdz62296	О			
CSCdz62553	С			
CSCdz66609	О			
CSCdz75109	С			
CSCdz79336	О			
CSCdz80042	О			
CSCdz83169	О			
CSCdz85458	О			

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

CSCdx07666

Symptom: Loss of signal might occur 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 (optical to electrical) conversion subsystem, which is different from the source of the SD and SF counters. The loss of light sensitivity is a characteristic of the OE conversion unit, and it may vary from unit to unit but is always < -30dBm.

Workaround: None.

CSCdx32438

Symptom: When the Rx port fiber is removed from the transponder module, 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.

Workaround: None

CSCdx42463

Symptom: Processor card gets into a nonresponsive state for an extended interval, during which time the active standby LEDs may not indicate the correct active standby state.

Workaround: If the processor card has not been reset by the redundant processor card, the nonresponsive processor card can be removed and re-inserted in the chassis. This may cause a brief hit to data traffic, but the redundant processor card should take over and bring the system back up.

CSCdx70683

Symptom: The reprogram for the standby processor card fails.

Workaround: Run the reprogram on the active processor card, enable the processor switchover after switchover, and then run the reprogram on the new active processor card. Remove and reinsert the processor card for the new FPGA to become effective.

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.

CSCdx80175

Symptom: The **show interface** command output for a wave interface displays an "up" state, but the Signal Quality shows loss of sync.

Workaround: None.

CSCdx85761

Symptom: Multiple %METOPT-2-PORTFAIL messages are seen when using the y-cable aps configuration with single AFOV. However, this does not affect the functionality.

CSCdx87061

Symptom: CiscoView might display a different receive LED status on transponders from what is actually seen on the device.

Workaround: None.

CSCdx89540

Symptom: Client transmit enabled upon insertion disrupts y-cable clients.

Workaround: Remove client transmit fiber (y-cable leg) from the standby transponder before reinserting. Connect it back a few seconds after re-insertion of the standby transponder.

CSCdy03076

Symptom: The first time you OIR the OSC linecard, the card is brought into the admindown state.

Workaround: Enter the no shutdown command when the interface recovers.

CSCdy03245

Symptom: Topology Neighbour configuration is lost on mux-demux motherboard OIR.

Workaround: The topology neighbour is viewable after reconfiguring the wdm interface.

• CSCdy08228

Symptom:Interface reports up/up even when there is no light source connected.

Workaround: Perform a shut and then a no shut on the interface.

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: OIR the transponder will bring it to the correct state.

CSCdy20010

Symptom: The LoF alarms do not reassert in the show facility-alarm status after shut/no shut.

Workaround: Disabling and reenabling the monitoring for the transparent interface will bring back the alarms.

CSCdy20022

Symptom: The **show facility-alarm** status does not report existing LoF/LoSync/LoLock alarms after

OIR/hw-mod power off/on.

Workaround: Disable and enable monitoring back reassert existing alarms in the show facility-alarm status.

CSCdy20792

Symptom: After removing and reinserting (OIR) of a transponder, the laser frequency is not programmed to the transponder correctly which results in a wavelength filter mismatch and the wavelength not coming out of the filter.

Workaround: Configure the Wave interface for the alternate frequency and then program it back to the desired frequency using the **laser frequency** *<value in MHz>* command.

CSCdy30497

Symptom: Line card function version in IOS should return the hex value.

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 will force 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.

CSCdy40465

Symptom: Processor card becomes nonresponsive and does not respond to an NMI.

Workaround: Update processor card image to version 1.25 or higher.

CSCdy40864

Symptom: A compatibility problem was detected in the released images that caused them to reject communication with the new images with a different cpu_red client version. This will cause the Active cpu to reset the Peer cpu.

Workaround: Since this problem comes into existance only if the cpu_red client version is different between 2 images, this problem doesn't exist in the old released images. Since the new images with the incremented cpu_red client version contains the fix for compatibility as well, this bug should not cause any impact in the field.

CSCdy40882

Symptom: CPU info showing up in sh hard, even after removing.

Workaround: None.

CSCdy44129

Symptom: If a Downlink Client interface is configured for CDL but is connected to a non-CDL device, the CDL message channel is down.

Workaround: Ensure Downlink Client interface is configured correctly.

CSCdy49146

Symptom: Under some circumstances, single bit ECC errors occur and are corrected by the system controller, but are not recorded; the user is unaware of these occurances.

CSCdy49249

Symptom: If a line card which was earlier removed or never inserted before switchover and if it gets inserted while a switchover is happening, then the line card and its interfaces may not come up properly.

Workaround: Re-insert line cardafter switchover is complete.

CSCdy53288

Symptom: The Cisco ONS 15540 might crash when using the **is_optical_ifstatus_up** command; this is an intermittent problem.

Workaround: None.

CSCdy58197

Symptom: In a configuration where a Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx has 10-GE downlinks to two Cisco ONS 15530 systems, the tengigethernetphy interface is administratively shut down and the ESCON ports associated with the first Cisco ONS 15530 are also downed. However, the ESCON ports connected to the second Cisco ONS 15530 are still up.

Workaround: Down the tengigethernetphy interface associated with the second Cisco ONS 15530.

CSCdy61641

Symptom: Following a CPU crash and switchover, if a **show redundancy** command is issued on the new Active CPU, it currently shows "Reported Switchover Reason" as "Not known". If a **show version** is issued on the Standby CPU that crashed, it shows additional troubleshooting information.

Workaround: None.

CSCdy62752

Symptom: A few kinds of software exceptions on the Active CPU can disable the ability for the standby CPU to reset the Active CPU if the Active CPU becomes non-responsive.

Workaround: None.

CSCdy63359

Symptom: getmany on ifMIB hangs in a loop.

Workaround: None.

CSCdy65411

Symptom:It takes about 15 minutes for a mode-mismatch event/trap to be set/generated after the mis-configuration that causes it is configured on the system.

Workaround: None.

CSCdy78546

Symptom: From snmp, **ptopoConnEntry** can be created with **entPhysicalIndex**, which does not correspond to any valid interface on the box.

Workaround: None.

CSCdy79161

Symptom: Configuring both line and trunk side loopback on the 10-GE trunk card affects the Traffic flow.

Workaround: Reconfigure the 10-GE trunk card with loopback on only line or trunk side, not both. OIR the 10-GE card to restore traffic.

CSCdy79659

Symptom: Incorrect OPM behavior.

Workaround: None.

CSCdy79812

Symptom: CDL hec counters are displayed in the show interface tengigethernetphy when CDL is disabled.

Workaround: None.

CSCdy81888

Symptom: Traffic is disrupted on bootup and switchover when the client side of the 10-GE trunk card has CDL disabled and both the client side and the trunk side are configured for **cdl force hop**

Workaround: Use the **no cdl defect-indication force hop** command on the client side.

CSCdy83757

Symptom: Unable to manage box configured with eigrp after a CPU switchover.

Workaround: Connect to the console port and remove passive-interface config in eigrp configuration.

CSCdy85563

Symptom: The DI error message does not indicate DI bit status.

Workaround: None.

CSCdy87237

Symptom: Line Laser Failure not reported in sh fac stat at TSP2 XCVR OIR.

Workaround: None.

CSCdy88154

Symptom: Some interfaces will not be available to the NMS station since the agent does not create them on OIR.

Workaround: Reload the box after removal/insertion of the cards.

CSCdz00116

Symptom: APS message channel configured for UDP/IP does not work over more than 2 IP hops. The UDP/IP packet gets dropped at the end of the second hop.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz02296

Symptom: Oir of SFA doesnt reflect correct patch status for pom & mux.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz02340

Symptom: Traceback @optical_idb_wave_ethernet_phy_report.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz03989

Symptom: Both active and standby lasers in a bidirectional y-cable APS configuration on modules in sub-slot 0 turn on erroneously.

Workaround: This bug has been fixed by using the correct format for programming the switchover-command register.

Symptom: The **redundancy reload shelf** command on the Active cpu can cause a switchover if the peer cpu is in Rommon.

Workaround: Use the reload command to reload the Active cpu, if the peer cpu is in Rommon.

CSCdz06602

Symptom: All interval entries of OPM are not returned by getnext.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz08774

Symptom: ciscoFlashDeviceChangeTrap should be supported on ONS155xx platforms since it is a basic operation. Whenever a removable flash device is removed/inserted, this trap should be generated.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz12919

Symptom: When forward laser control feature is enabled in hardware (either due to user configuration or due to Y-cable configuration), and the waveEthernet interface laser is shut by this safety feature, the laser soft-start procedure has to be followed when the laser is enabled again.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz13538

Symptom: The egress Loss of Signal alarm is not reasserted in the show facility status after hw-module power is turned off/on.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz13673

Symptom: The wave i/f remains down when the signal quality is GOOD and after the hw-module power off/on.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz14420

Symptom: The Rx Power display in some cases is off by +/-4dBm in comparision with the real reading using power meter.

Workaround: Use a calibrated transponder.

CSCdz18757

Symptom: The default laser frequencies of the transponders in 'odd' subslot (i. e. x/1 or x/3) are not restored correctly after the second OIR. The laser frequencies are stored correctly for the first OIR only.

For example, when inserting a transponder (channel n and channel n+1) to subslot x/1 the first time, the default laser frequency is n+1 (correct). Remove this transponder and insert another (channel m and channel m+1), the default laser frequency becomes m (incorrect; it should be m+1).

Workaround:OIR the linecard.

CSCdz18815

Symptom: False alarm LCMDC-3-OPT-SWITCH-FAIL while force APS switchover.

Symptom: Not obvious. The optical receive power level displayed on the show interface is not very accurate. It may be off as much as +/-4dBm in some cases but most of the cases it is OK.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz20508

Symptom: The wavepatches are stuck in the down state after using the **sh/no sh of wave interface** command with splitter APS after the trunk fiber has been cut.

Workaround: None.

• CSCdz22455

Symptom: System crashes due to PCI Master abort while doing Sandisk OIR.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz25739

Symptom: The low warning threshold alarm is not cleared in the **show facility** command output.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz28582

Symptom: After a fiber cut, the OSC interface remains up with signal quality good.

Workaround: Use the shut/no shut command.

CSCdz28903

Symptom: For the sysplex protocol, the end-to-end FLC setting in the **ctrl-mode** is not correctly programmed after the OIR/FPGA reprogram.

Workaround: Using the **no encap** and **encap sysplex etr** commands on the transparent interface will program it correctly.

CSCdz29723

Symptom: When APS communication goes down, and an APS failure is subsequently detected, APS may switchover even though the communication is down. Based on this type of failure, there may be a unidirectional switchover. For IBM sysplex CLO/ETR applications, unidirectional switchover may lead to data corruption.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz31593

Symptom: In a point-to-point bidirectional situation, when the trunk Rx on both NEs are pulled and one of them is later replaced, APS may go back-and-forth between Working and Protection. The root cause is a hardware limitation consisting of no monitoring on the standby. As a result, the driver declares both Working and Protection as down when the wave interface goes down. In bidirectional APS this essentially means that the local side may inform the remote side that Working/Protection is down when it is not really down. APS has the ability to settle down on the good side, however, due to the bidirectional message (DO-NOT-REVERT in this case) from the far side; the local side switches away from the good side, and the cycle repeats. Note that this problem does not always happen, and requires certain timing in order for it happen.

Workaround:

- 1. Use force switch or lockout to peg the receive to the good side.
- 2. Temporarily change the direction from bidirectional to unidirectional. This however requires disabling the group.

Symptom: In bidirectional APS, if both NEs have the same priority request, the master/slave determination fails, leading to both claiming the control and resulting in not sending a REVERSE-REQUEST.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz36420

Symptom: In a pre-configured APS group (for the case when the interfaces don't exist), if the group is configured for revertive mode, it cannot be enabled.

Workaround: None.

• CSCdz36424

Symptom: Attempting to read a flash card formatted on another system causes advisory messages to be continuously printed to the console.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz36823

Symptom: cpu crash after midnight with optical performance on when an interface capable of performance monitoring is un-shutdown.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz37698

Symptom: Both working and protection client tx active in y-cable aps.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz37968

Symptom: The hw-module **power on/off** command is not supported for 10G downlink cards on the Cisco ONS 15540.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz38075

Symptom: Data traffic hit during the CPU switchover when the splitter aps is configured.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz38448

Symptom:In 10G Y-cable bi-directional APS configuration, whenever there are lots of CVRD errors received on the standby trunk due to a bad signal, (but still signal quality is GOOD in "sh interface") all the four FDI-H/E, and BDI-H/E bits in the DECCSR register MIGHT get latched. Due to this, lots of interrupts would be generated and the console flooded with a similar message for that interface:

00:15:17: %APS-3-PORT_FAIL: External Port Fail On WaveEthernetPhy10/1

Workaround: Improve the quality of the signal by removing some attenuation and/or cleaning the optical connectors so that CVRD errors are not seen.

CSCdz38968

Symptom: Spurious memory access is seen on OIR of 10G downlink card.

Symptom: When an invalid channel number is detected by the OSCP client while it processes the client message received from peer, OSCP does not free the message buffer. This results in buffer starvation over a period of time and connectivity via Network Management interface and Back Plane ethernet (IPC and OSCP) interface are lost.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz39793

Symptom: The optical alarms are not asserted or cleared correctly when the wave is in the administrative down state.

Workaround: Use the **shut/no shut** command on the Active wavepatch; the **no shut** command on the wave will clear the false alarms.

CSCdz40675

Symptom: When Rx power is low, the alarm and warning are not asserted on the wavepatch interface after switchover, from active wavepatch to standby wavepatch.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz41160

Symptom: Continuous SRC poll failure after removing the calibrated transponder and inserting it back into the non-calibrated transponder/POM card.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz42547

Symptom: Using the **no shut** command on the **tenGigEthernetPhy** or **waveethernetPhy** interfaces (which is DOWN due to Loss of Lock) brings the interface state to UP, even though the Loss of Lock is still asserted.

Workaround: Use the sh/no sh command on the interface for it to show the DOWN state.

CSCdz42565

Symptom: Loss of Sync is not re-asserted on the **tengigEthernetPhy** interface after a **shut/no shut** command has been issued on the interface, or on an OIR of the 10G module.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz43279

Symptom: The **EtherDcc** interface for 10GE cards is not in the ADMIN DOWN state on he initial OIR of the module.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz58866

Symptom: Threshold group line is missing in the **show interfaces waveethernetphy** command output.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz62296

Symptom: PSMs are incorrectly recognized as a mux/demux card with IOS images that do not support the PSM.

Workaround: Upgrade software to 12.1(12c)EV.

Symptom: The tengigEthernetPhy interface is getting BDIH while the in-band message channel is disabled.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz66609

Symptom: Traffic loss of 30-45 sec may occur when a y-cable APS configuration with protection switchover is used with the Catalyst 6000 family.

Workaround: Disable auto-negotiation and enable debounce timer with a 100-ms delay on Catalyst 6000 family using the **set port debounce mod/port enable** command.

CSCdz75109

Symptom: When y-cable APS is configured, shutting off the power to the transponder using the **hw-module power off** command brings the power back on again immediately.

Workaround: Remove the APS configuration and perform power off.

CSCdz79336

Symptom: APS switchover time (50 ms) is not guaranteed for loss of lock, loss of sync, or loss of frame.

Workaround: None.

CSCdz80042

Symptom: The output of the **show waveethernetphy interface** command sometimes shows a high receive power value when there is no input signal connected to the card.

Workaround: OIR the card.

CSCdz83169

Symptom: Could not get a wave interface power reading graph with CiscoView 2.0/2.1 for an uncalibrated transponder.

Workaround: Use a calibrated transponder.

CSCdz85458

Symptom: When the 10-GE trunk (waveethernetphy) laser is down due to the FLC (forward laser control action), removing the FLC configuration does not turn back the laser on.

Limitations and Restrictions

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

Transponder Modules

This section contains limitiations 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.



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

Related Documentation

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

- Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Cisco ONS 15500 Series
- Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx Planning Guide
- Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx Hardware Installation Guide
- Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx Optical Transport Turn-Up and Test Guide
- Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx Cleaning Procedures for Fiber Optic Connections
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- Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx Command Reference
- Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx System Alarms and Error Messages
- Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx Troubleshooting Guide
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- Register for online skill assessment, training, and certification programs

To obtain customized information and service, you can self-register on Cisco.com at this URL:

http://www.cisco.com

Technical Assistance Center

The Cisco TAC is available to all customers who need technical assistance with a Cisco product, technology, or solution. Two levels of support are available: the Cisco TAC website and the Cisco TAC Escalation Center. The avenue of support that you choose depends on the priority of the problem and the conditions stated in service contracts, when applicable.

We categorize Cisco TAC inquiries according to urgency:

- 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.

Cisco TAC Website

You can use the Cisco TAC website 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 website, go to this URL:

http://www.cisco.com/tac

All customers, partners, and resellers who have a valid Cisco service contract have complete access to the technical support resources on the Cisco TAC website. Some services on the Cisco TAC website require 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 this URL to register:

http://tools.cisco.com/RPF/register/register.do

If you are a Cisco.com registered user, and you cannot resolve your technical issues by using the Cisco TAC website, you can open a case online at this URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/support/index.html

If you have Internet access, we recommend that you open P3 and P4 cases through the Cisco TAC website so that you can describe the situation in your own words and attach any necessary files.

Cisco TAC Escalation Center

The Cisco TAC Escalation Center addresses priority level 1 or priority level 2 issues. 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 automatically opens a case.

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

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

Before calling, please check with your network operations center to determine the level of Cisco support services to which your company is entitled: for example, SMARTnet, SMARTnet Onsite, or Network Supported Accounts (NSA). When you call the center, please have available your service agreement number and your product serial number.

Obtaining Additional Publications and Information

Information about Cisco products, technologies, and network solutions is available from various online and printed sources.

- The Cisco Product Catalog describes the networking products offered by Cisco Systems as well as ordering and customer support services. Access the Cisco Product Catalog at this URL:
 - http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/products_catalog_links_launch.html
- Cisco Press publishes a wide range of networking publications. Cisco suggests these titles for new
 and experienced users: Internetworking Terms and Acronyms Dictionary, Internetworking
 Technology Handbook, Internetworking Troubleshooting Guide, and the Internetworking Design
 Guide. For current Cisco Press titles and other information, go to Cisco Press online at this URL:
 - http://www.ciscopress.com
- *Packet* magazine is the Cisco monthly periodical that provides industry professionals with the latest information about the field of networking. You can access *Packet* magazine at this URL:
 - http://www.cisco.com/en/US/about/ac123/ac114/about_cisco_packet_magazine.html
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- *Internet Protocol Journal* is a quarterly journal published by Cisco Systems for engineering professionals involved in the design, development, and operation of public and private internets and intranets. You can access the *Internet Protocol Journal* at this URL:
 - http://www.cisco.com/en/US/about/ac123/ac147/about_cisco_the_internet_protocol_journal.html
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 - http://www.cisco.com/en/US/learning/le31/learning_recommended_training_list.html

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