



Preface

This preface describes the purpose, intended audience, organization, and conventions for the *Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx Planning Guide*.

The information contained in this document pertains to the entire range of hardware components and software features supported on the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx platform. As new hardware and Cisco IOS software releases are made available for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx platform, verification of compatibility becomes extremely important. To ensure that your hardware is supported by your release of Cisco IOS software, see the “New and Changed Information” section in the *Cisco ONS 15530 Configuration Guide* for your software release. Also refer to the “Hardware Supported” section and “Feature Set” section of the latest release notes for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx.

Purpose

This guide serves as a planning tool for implementing DWDM transport networks using the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx (Extended Services Platform External). This guide addresses important considerations and provides guidelines for planning an optical network. These include an understanding of the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx basic system design, supported topologies and protection schemes, engineering rules and restrictions, and optical power budget calculations. Typical example networks are described, along with their associated chassis configurations.

Audience

This guide is intended for system designers, engineers, and others responsible for designing networks based on DWDM transport using the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx.



Note

The design guidelines in this document are based on the best currently available knowledge about the functionality and operation of the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx. The information in this document is subject to change without notice.

Organization

The chapters of this guide are as follows:

Chapter	Title	Description
Chapter 1	System Overview	Describes the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx chassis, components, and system architecture.
Chapter 2	Protection Schemes and Network Topologies	Describes the supported network topologies and fault protection schemes.
Chapter 3	Shelf Configuration Rules	Provides the rules for physical configuration of the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx.
Chapter 4	Optical Loss Budgets	Provides metrics for calculating optical link loss budgets in Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx based networks.
Chapter 5	Example Shelf Configurations and Topologies	Provides examples of common topologies and protection options with configurations.
Appendix A	IBM Storage Protocol Support	Provides design information for applications that use IBM storage protocols.

Related Documentation

This guide is part of a documentation set that supports the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx. The other documents in the set are as follows:

- [Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information for the Cisco ONS 15500 Series](#)
- [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](#)
- [Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx Configuration Guide](#)
- [Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx Command Reference](#)
- [Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx System Alarms and Error Messages](#)
- [Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx Troubleshooting Guide](#)
- [Network Management for the Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx](#)
- [Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx TL1 Command Reference](#)
- [MIB Quick Reference for the Cisco ONS 15500](#)
- [Cisco ONS 15540 ESPx Software Upgrade Guide](#)

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- Report security vulnerabilities in Cisco products.
- Obtain assistance with security incidents that involve Cisco products.
- Register to receive security information from Cisco.

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Reporting Security Problems in Cisco Products

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- Nonemergencies—psirt@cisco.com



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Never use a revoked or an expired encryption key. The correct public key to use in your correspondence with PSIRT is the one that has the most recent creation date in this public key server list:

<http://pgp.mit.edu:11371/pks/lookup?search=psirt%40cisco.com&op=index&exact=on>

In an emergency, you can also reach PSIRT by telephone:

- 1 877 228-7302
- 1 408 525-6532

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Cisco Technical Support Website

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<http://www.cisco.com/techsupport>

Access to all tools on the Cisco Technical Support Website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password. If you have a valid service contract but do not have a user ID or password, you can register at this URL:

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



Note

Use the Cisco Product Identification (CPI) tool to locate your product serial number before submitting a web or phone request for service. You can access the CPI tool from the Cisco Technical Support Website by clicking the **Tools & Resources** link under Documentation & Tools. Choose **Cisco Product Identification Tool** from the Alphabetical Index drop-down list, or click the **Cisco Product Identification Tool** link under Alerts & RMAs. The CPI tool offers three search options: by product ID or model name; by tree view; or for certain products, by copying and pasting **show** command output. Search results show an illustration of your product with the serial number label location highlighted. Locate the serial number label on your product and record the information before placing a service call.

Submitting a Service Request

Using the online TAC Service Request Tool is the fastest way to open S3 and S4 service requests. (S3 and S4 service requests are those in which your network is minimally impaired or for which you require product information.) After you describe your situation, the TAC Service Request Tool provides recommended solutions. If your issue is not resolved using the recommended resources, your service request is assigned to a Cisco TAC engineer. The TAC Service Request Tool is located at this URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/techsupport/servicerequest>

For S1 or S2 service requests or if you do not have Internet access, contact the Cisco TAC by telephone. (S1 or S2 service requests are those in which your production network is down or severely degraded.) Cisco TAC engineers are assigned immediately to S1 and S2 service requests to help keep your business operations running smoothly.

To open a service request by telephone, use one of the following numbers:

Asia-Pacific: +61 2 8446 7411 (Australia: 1 800 805 227)

EMEA: +32 2 704 55 55

USA: 1 800 553-2447

For a complete list of Cisco TAC contacts, go to this URL:

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Severity 3 (S3)—Operational performance of your network is impaired, but most business operations remain functional. You and Cisco will commit resources during normal business hours to restore service to satisfactory levels.

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