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for the ProCurve Series 8100fl Switches – Software Version CY.02.05.xxxx or Greater

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ProCurve Series 8100fl Operation and Installation Notes

- **System Clock.** To ensure correct operation of your switch, you must update the system clock and reload prior to configuration. This is required only for the initial installation and configuration of your system. See [“Setting the System Clock” on page 1](#) for details.
 - **Installation Caution.** To avoid personal injury or product damage, read the safety warnings and installation precautions listed in the *Installation and Getting Started Guide* included with your switch. Never attempt to mount a ProCurve Switch 8100fl unaided.
 - **Version B or later mini-GBICs only.** The Series 8100fl Switches do not support “A” version ProCurve mini-GBICs. Use only ProCurve JxxxxB version mini-GBICs or later with your switch. See [“Mini-GBIC Operation Notes” on page 3](#) for details.
 - **Console Serial Port is only 9600 baud.** There is no auto-baud detect on the switch. To connect a console to the switch, configure your VT-100 terminal to operate with the following settings:
9600 baud rate/8 data bits/1 stop bit/no parity/no flow control.
 - **Out of band Management Port.** The 10/100Base-T Ethernet port on the management module is for management only. It cannot be used for switching network traffic. The port is not auto-MDIX.
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Setting the System Clock

To set the system date and time, use the **clock set** command from the command line interface (CLI). For more information refer to the chapter on “Getting Started with Switch Configuration” in the *Installation and Getting Started Guide* included with your switch. You can verify the clock settings using the **show clock** command.

For example:

```
Switch 8100f1#clock set 18:45:29 30 September 2005
Switch 8100f1#show clock
*18:45:29 UTC Fri September 30 2005
```

About Your ProCurve Series 8100fl Switches Manual Set

The switch manual set includes the following:

Document	Available on the ProCurve web site	Shipped With the Switch
<i>Read Me First</i> (this document) ¹	Yes	Hardcopy
<i>Installation and Getting Started Guide</i> ¹	Yes	Hardcopy and CD ²
<i>Management and Configuration Guide</i> ¹	Yes	CD ²
<i>Release Notes</i> (for software updates) ¹	Yes	No

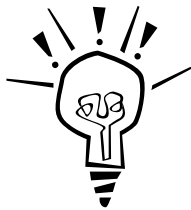
¹The latest edition is always available in PDF format and downloadable at www.procurve.com.

²The *Product Documentation CD-ROM* shipped with your switch.

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Software Updates Are Free!



ProCurve Networking provides free software updates* on the ProCurve Web site for your Series 8100fl Switch. To access the software updates, go to the ProCurve Web site at www.procurve.com, then click on **Software updates** to go to the “ProCurve Networking software updates” page. Under **Latest software** click on **Switches** to go to the page that has the free download for your switch.

* Feature upgrades may require a separate purchase.

Register for Automatic Notification of Updates. From the “ProCurve Networking software updates” page, you can also register yourself to automatically receive email notice of new updates for your managed ProCurve networking products.

To determine whether you have the latest software, you can compare the software version that is available on the web site with the version that is currently installed on your switch. Follow the instructions below to determine the current software version on your switch.

To Determine the Current Software Version in Your Switch. For the Series 8100fl Switches, from the CLI enter the **show version** command. The resulting display lists the current software version.

For more information on using the CLI to configure and manage your switch, refer to the *Management and Configuration Guide* on the *Documentation CD-ROM* included with your switch.

For the latest version of this documentation, visit www.procurve.com. (Click on **Technical support**, then **Product manuals**, then **ProCurve 8100fl Series**.) Under Current Manuals, click on one of the following links:

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- or -

ProCurve Series 8100fl Switches Management and Configuration Guide

Mini-GBIC Operation Notes

Revision “B” or later mini-GBICs only. This product requires ProCurve revision “B” mini-GBICs (product number ends with the letter “B”, for example J4858B, J4859B) or later revision mini-GBICs. These switches do not support revision “A” mini-GBICs.

Use only genuine ProCurve mini-GBICs. Non-ProCurve mini-GBICs are not supported. Use of genuine products ensures that your network maintains optimal performance and reliability. Should you require additional ProCurve mini-GBICs, please contact a ProCurve sales representative or an authorized reseller.

Hot Swapping mini-GBICs. The Gigabit-SX, Gigabit-LX, Gigabit-LH, and 1000Base-T mini-GBICs that you can install in your ProCurve switch or mini-GBIC Module can be “hot swapped”—removed and installed after the module is installed in the switch and receiving power. You should disconnect the network cables from the mini-GBICs before hot swapping them.

Connecting the mini-GBICs to Devices with Fixed Configurations. For some older network devices, including some older ProCurve devices, the default for the Gigabit-SX, Gigabit-LX, and Gigabit-LH ports is a fixed configuration, for example 1000 Mbps/Full Duplex, or is otherwise different from these default configurations for the mini-GBICs, which is **Auto**. As a result, those devices may not connect properly to your mini-GBIC port; you will not get a link. Because of these default configuration and full-duplex considerations, for best operation, you should make sure that the devices connected to the mini-GBIC ports are also configured to **Auto**. *At a minimum, make sure the configurations match.*

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