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Industrial Ethernet Switch

Layer 3 with 26 ports:

- 20 10/100/1000BASE-T ports
- 4 combination 10/100/1000 SFP ports
- 2 10GB expansion ports
- 2 high-speed stacking ports

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About This Guide

Purpose

This guide gives specific information on how to properly install and maintain the switch.

Audience

The guide is intended for use by network administrators who are responsible for installing and setting up network equipment; consequently, it assumes a basic working knowledge of electrical safety and any local, regulatory or corporate rules for the installation of industrial electrical equipment.

Conventions

The following conventions are used throughout this guide to show information:

Note or Notice: Emphasizes important information or calls your attention to related features or instructions.

Caution, risk of danger: Alerts you to a potential hazard that could cause loss of data, or damage the system or equipment. Documentation must be consulted in all cases where this symbol is marked.

Typical caution symbol.

Warning, risk of electrical shock: Alerts you to a potential hazard that could cause personal injury.

Typical warning symbol.

Related Publications

The following publication details the software features of the switch, including the Web interface, CLI and much more:
EL326 Management Guide

EL Series Management Guide

Also, as part of the switch's software, there is an online web-based help that describes all management related features.

Revision History

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Compliance and Safety Information
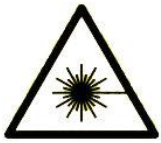
Installation Warnings

Please read the following safety information carefully before installing or performing any maintenance on the switch.

Warning: These products should not be used to replace proper safety interlocking. No software-based device (or any other solid-state device) should ever be designed to be responsible for the maintenance of consequential equipment or personnel safety. In particular, Sixnet disclaims any responsibility for damages, either direct or consequential, that result from the use of this equipment in any application. All power, input and output (I/O) wiring must be in accordance with Class I, Division 2 wiring methods and/or in accordance with the authority having jurisdiction. Refer to section 1 for other important installation warnings. This equipment is suitable for use in Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, D or non-hazardous locations only.

- **Warning:** Installation, maintenance and removal of the switch must be carried out by qualified personnel only.

- **Warning:** Install the managed switches in accordance with local and national electrical codes.

- **Warning:** The unit must be properly grounded to comply with international standards.

- **Warning:** If equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

- **Warning:** Do not connect to an AC power supply without an earth ground.

- **Warning:** This product does not contain any user serviceable parts.

- **Warning:** Do not work on equipment during periods of lightning activity.

- **Warning:** Do not connect a telephone line into one of the Ethernet RJ45 connectors.

- **Warning (explosion hazard):** Substitution of components may impair suitability for Class I, Division 2 (Zone 2) areas.

- **Warning (explosion hazard):** When in hazardous locations, disconnect power before servicing units.

- **Warning (explosion hazard):** Do not disconnect equipment unless power has been switched off or area is known to be nonhazardous.

- **Warning (explosion hazard):** In hazardous or potentially hazardous locations, do not separate any part of unit when energized. Use the unit for internal connections only.

- **Warning (explosion hazard):** No hot swapping of modules in hazardous locations.

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Fiber Optic Safety

Warning: When using fiber optic ports, never look at the transmit laser, fiber TX port or fiber cable ends while the switch is powered on. It is highly recommended to keep the rubber fiber plugs inserted when the fiber port is not being used.

Hi-Pot (Dielectric) Testing

Caution: This device is designed to withstand a high-potential "hi-pot" (dielectric) test up to 2000 VAC or 2800 VDC (1 minute), or 2400 VAC or 3300 VDC (1 second) according to IEEE 1613. However, the surge circuitry must be bypassed before performing this test. See section 8 for details.

Power Markings:

Direct Current (DC)   Alternating Current   Protective Conductor Terminal

FCC Statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference.
- This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Warning: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Notice: Shielded interface cable must be used in order to comply with emission limits.

Notice: Changes or modification not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Industry Canada Statement

This device complies with the limits of Industry Canada per ICES-003. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.
- ce dispositif peut ne pas causer l'interférence nocive, et
- ce dispositif doit accepter n'importe quelle interférence reçue, y compris l'interférence qui peut causer l'opération peu désirée.

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Note: The EL326 switches have no user serviceable parts. Any unauthorized service will void all warranties. In the unfortunate event that service is required please contact Sixnet for further instructions.

Getting Support

For local support please contact your regional Sixnet office.
Otherwise, to get product information or contact Sixnet directly:

- **Latest product info**: www.sixnet.com

- **E-mail:** support@sixnet.com

- **Phone:** +1 (518) 877-5173

- **Fax:** +1 (518) 877-8346

- **Mailing address:** Sixnet Technology Park, 331 Ushers Road, Ballston Lake, NY 12019, USA

Products Covered

This manual applies to the following products:

- **EL326**   26-port managed industrial Ethernet rack-mount switch

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Section 1	**General Information**

Overview

The Sixnet EL326 is a 26 port industrial Ethernet managed switch designed to meet the extreme requirements of power substations, traffic control, railway and other harsh environments. It combines the high performance and security of an enterprise-class switch with rugged packaging and protected circuitry to meet the needs of the most demanding applications.

This manual will help you install and maintain these industrial Ethernet switches. Installation of these switches is very easy and they will begin to operate as soon as they are powered up. Though these are fully managed switches, they will act as unmanaged until they are configured otherwise. Refer to the separate software manual or management guide for configuration of the advanced networking functionality and security.

> **Note: This manual only covers the installation and wiring of these switches. Refer to the separate Management Guide for details on configuring and using any of the management functions such as SNMP, RSTP, IGMP, VLANs, security, port mirroring and much more.**

Basic Operation

Unlike an Ethernet hub that broadcasts all messages out all ports, these industrial Ethernet switches will intelligently route Ethernet messages only out the appropriate port. The major benefits of this are increased bandwidth and speed, reduction or elimination of message collisions, and deterministic performance when tied with real-time systems.

These industrial Ethernet switches support 10BaseT (10 Mbps), 100BaseT (100 Mbps) and 1000BaseT (1000Mbps) on the first 24 ports via standard RJ45 connectors. These ports will independently auto-sense the speed/duplex and mdi/mdix-crossover allowing you to use straight or crossed-wired cables. Ports 21-24 are combination ports and also provide SFP cages that accept industry-standard pluggable SFP transceivers of various types including multimode, singlemode, long-haul, BiDi and more. These pluggable SFP ports support 100/1000BaseF (100/1000 Mbps) noise-immune fiber connections up to 120km.

General Specifications

These general specifications apply to these industrial Ethernet switches. Refer to Section 7 for complete technical specifications.

Number of ports	26 Ethernet ports
Ethernet Switch Type	Managed
Ethernet Switch Mode	Store and forward, wire-speed, non-blocking
Ethernet Protocols	All standard IEEE 802.3 protocols supported
Ports 1 through 20	Gigabit RJ45 ports for 10/100/1000 Mbps connections
Ports 21 and 24	Gigabit SFP slots with both RJ45 (10/100/1000) or 100 or 1000 Mbps fiber transceivers
RJ45 Ports Operation	Auto-negotiation, auto-mdi/mdix-crossover and auto-polarity
Fiber Optic Type	Multimode, singlemode, long-haul or special application
Package style	1U 19" rack mount

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Compliances	These industrial Ethernet Switches meet the following standards plus others: (some qualifications may be pending – contact Sixnet for the latest information)

Sixnet Inc. is an ISO9001:2008 certified company (FM 65232) since 1996. These devices are designed, developed and manufactured per an ISO9001 quality management system.

Electrical safety
These devices have been designed to meet the basic safety requirements of the following standards:

- CE per Low Voltage Directive and EN 61010-1

- UL508 (Industrial control equipment) ISA12.12.01 (Hazardous Locations) (Pending on DC models)

- CSA C22.2 No. 142 and No. 213 (per cUL) (Pending on DC models)

EMC (emissions and immunity)
- CE per the EMC directive
- IEC 61000-6-2: Immunity in industrial environments
- IEC 61000-6-4: Emissions in industrial environments
- FCC part 15 and ICES 003. See FCC statement on page 6
- EN 55022 (CISPR22)

WEEE compliance
These devices comply with the WEEE directive. Do not throw away these devices in the standard trash. Contact Sixnet regarding proper disposal.

RoHS compliance
These devices comply with the RoHS directive and are considered lead and other hazardous substance free.

Section 2	Installation Mounting

Overview

These industrial Ethernet switches are designed to be mounted in an industry standard rack or directly to any flat surface. Each switch is supplied with a standard set of 19" (EIA) rack mounting brackets. Optionally, other mounting brackets are available. See the next page for details on utilizing the mounting brackets.

> **Important Note:**
> **Make sure to read Section 3 regarding thermal considerations before installing your switch.**

The above image shows an EL326 in front style arrangement (ports in front and power in the back) mounted in a typical 19" rack, prior to wiring.

> **Important Note:**
> **When you are choosing your mounting option make sure to allow enough room to route your Ethernet copper or fiber optic cables. Also, please consult the specifications for your fiber optic cable to make sure you allow for the proper bend radius.**

Mounting Brackets

There are many options for mounting these industrial Ethernet switches. Each switch is supplied with a standard set of 19" rack mounting brackets. Optionally, mounting brackets for 23", 24" and ETSI width racks are available. These mounting brackets universally support the mounting hole spacing per the EIA (1.25"), ETSI (25mm) and WECO (1.00") standards. Refer to the mechanical diagram on the next page for details.

There are eight threaded inserts (see red arrows above) on each side of the switch that allow the brackets to be mounted in numerous positions for the best fit in your rack. The brackets also have extra holes (see blue arrows above) allowing them to be shifted right or left 1/2 inch. Use the supplied screws to mount the bracket in the desired position. Plastic screws are also provided to plug the unused holes. See below for possible mounting positions.

In the image above, the brackets are mounted flush with the front of the switch.

In the image above, the brackets are mounted so the front of the switch is setback 1/2 inch.

For the most durable mounting you can use two brackets on each side (as shown in the image above). This is ideal for applications requiring the highest shock and vibration resistance.

Standard 19" bracket
Part #: EK1-BRCKT-19
(set of 2)

Optional ETSI bracket
Part #: EK1-BRCKT-ETSI
(set of 2)

Optional 23" bracket
Part #: EK1-BRCKT-23
(set of 2)

Optional 23/24" bracket
Part #: EK1-BRCKT-2324
(set of 2)

Optional wall bracket
Part #: EK1-BRCKT-WALL
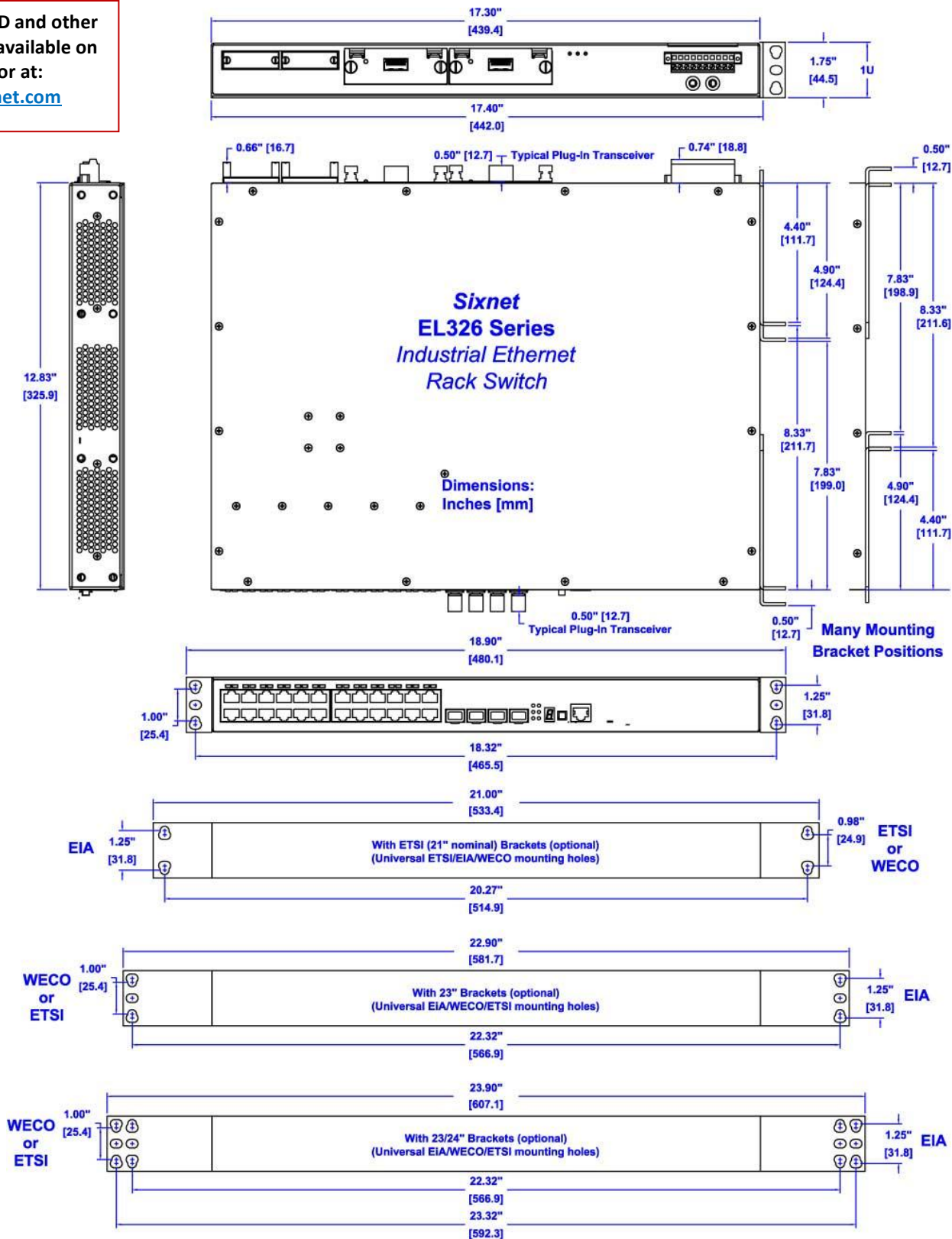(set of 2)

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Mechanical Dimensions for the EL326 and Brackets

> **Note:** AutoCAD and other drawings are available on the CD or at:
> www.sixnet.com

Section 3	**Thermal Considerations**

Overview

The EL326 switches are designed to operate from -35˚ to +80˚C when they are installed properly. The switch is cooled via conduction and radiation. There are no fans. Instead there are various heat-sinks inside the switch to conduct the heat from the components to the heavy-gauge aluminum case. The heat is then dissipated from the case via radiation to the surrounding air.

Rack Mounting

When the switch is rack mounted, for best heat dissipation it is recommended that there be around 1/2U or more of free air space above and below the switch (as shown below). This allows the heat to radiate to the air. Any moving air in your rack will improve on the cooling of the switch.

Note: An air gap is not absolutely necessary but highly recommended when you know that the switch will experience high heat (> 60˚C) for extended periods of time.

other device

0.75" [19.1mm] above switch

0.75" [19.1mm] below switch

other device

EL326 Rack Mounting Recommendation

Suggestion: If your space is limited and you must choose between an air gap on the bottom versus an air gap on the top it is better to have the air gap on the top.

BTU / Hour

The power consumption of the switch can be as much as 120 Watts with all ports linked and active. Based on this, the heat dissipation can be as much as 408 BTU per hour.
Please plan your system accordingly.

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Section 4	Power Wiring

Warning: Please read this section fully before connecting your power input or alarm output! The unit must be powered down and the power plug removed before any wiring is done to the power plug. Otherwise, there is a risk of electrical shock if the rules and warnings in this manual are not properly adhered too.

Power Overview

The EL326 switches are offered with several power options including dual power supplies that can keep the switch running when there is a power input failure or internal power supply failure.

Standard Power Supply Options:
Option A0 = single 100-240 (50/60 Hz) VAC power or 110/250 VDC power – P1 accepts 85-264 VAC or 90 to 300 VDC (min/max)
Option AA = dual 100-240 (50/60 Hz) VAC power or 110-250 VDC power – P1 & P2 accept 85-264 VAC or 90 to 300 VDC (min/max)
Option D0 = single +/-24/48 VDC power inputs – P1 accepts +/-18 to 59 VDC (min/max)
Option DD = dual +/-24/48 VDC power inputs – both P1 & P2 accept +/-18 to 59 VDC (min/max)

Note:
With the dual options the two power supplies are completely isolated so each input/supply can be connected to a different voltage as long as it is in the range for that supply.

Special Order Options:
Other power input options may be available. Contact Sixnet for details.

Redundancy Operation

The AA and DD power supply options offer dual redundant power supplies built into the switch. This protects your system from both power input failures and internal power supply failures. Please note that the AA and DD have different default modes of operation as follows:

AA Operation: The AA option provides dual high voltage power inputs. These inputs are load shared so each input shares around 50% of the load under normal operating conditions. If a power input or supply fails then the other one will handle 100% of the load.

DD Operation: The DD option provides dual low voltage power inputs. These inputs operate in a primary/backup scheme. The P1 input should be connected to the primary power source and the P2 input to the backup power source (such as a battery). Under normal operating conditions all the power is drawn from the P1 input and supply. Only if P1 fails is power drawn from the P2 backup input and supply.

Note: These default modes of operations can be changed at the factory. Contact Sixnet for details.

Caution: Make sure that you know what type of power your switch accepts and make sure that your input power is within the ranges as defined above. Otherwise, you may damage your switch by applying the wrong power.

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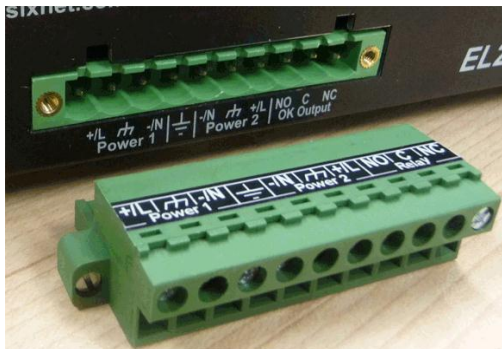|	
Safety Grounding	For the highest electrical safety the EL326 switches are provided with several grounding points. First, there are two green ground screws (see images) that attach directly to the switch case. These screws can be used to provide a NEBS compliant safety ground. Please follow all the NEBS grounding rules and your own local requirements (which are not documented in this manual) to ensure the safe operation of the switch. Alternatively, the power plug has a chassis ground terminal (#4) that can be used to safety ground the switch. This terminal is internally tied to the switch case. In addition, there is a ground terminal for each power input. Use these to terminate the ground wire for each of your power inputs.

Two #10-32 Screws for NEBS Compliant Safety Grounding

0.63" [15.88mm]

Ground lug not included
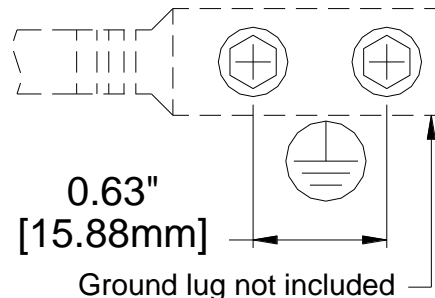
Warning: It is recommended that you make your safety ground connections first before connecting any power to the switch. Make sure that all power is off before making any power or ground connections to the switch.

Power Labeling

The power headers and plugs will be labeled to guide you in properly connecting your power. Make sure to reference this labeling when wiring your switch to make sure you are connecting the appropriate power to the correct terminals. If your switch does not have dual power inputs then do not connect anything to the terminals labeled Power 2.
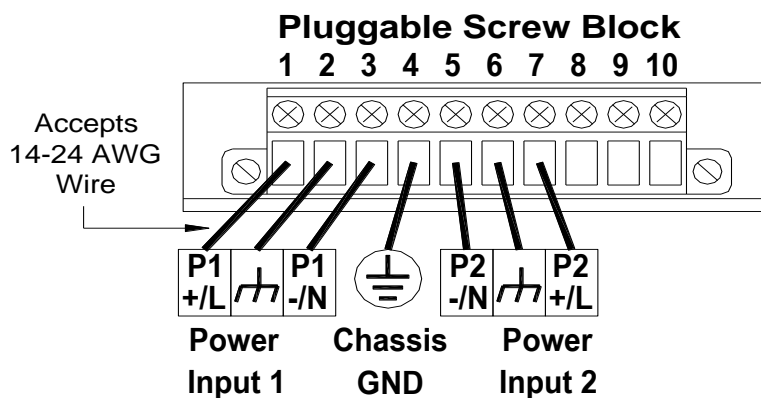
Power Header and Plug Labeling

Power Plug Installed

Power Wiring for EL326 Switches

Pluggable Screw Block

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Accepts 14-24 AWG Wire

P1 +/L | P1 -/N | P2 -/N | P2 +/L

Power Input 1 | Chassis GND | Power Input 2

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AC Power Systems	For AC powered systems the terminals will be labeled as "+/L" for Line (aka Hot), "-/N" for Neutral and the chassis ground symbol for ground. Connect your AC power input as correspondingly. Typically the Line (Hot) lead is colored black or brown, the Neutral lead is colored white or blue and the ground is green or green/yellow.
Positive (+) DC Power Systems	For positive power systems (such as +24 VDC) put the positive lead on the terminal marked "+/L" and the return (or ground) lead on the terminal marked "-/N". If there is a chassis, earth or safety ground lead then put it on the associated terminal marked with the chassis ground symbol.
Negative (-) DC Power Systems	Both the power option "A" and "D" support negative power systems. If your power is negative (such as -48 VDC) then you must put the most positive lead on the "+/L" terminal. Always use a voltmeter to verify which lead is more positive. Then put the more negative lead on the "-/N" terminal. If there is a chassis, earth or safety ground lead then put it on the associated terminal marked with the chassis ground symbol.
Reverse Polarity Protection	The "D" option power inputs are reverse polarity protected. This means that if you swap the + and – leads then the switch will not be damaged. However, the switch will not operate when wired this way.
"OK" Alarm Output	The switches have an "OK" alarm output that can be tied to a PLC input, an alarm indicator (visible or audible) or other device to indicate when there is an alarm condition (such as the loss of a power input). The alarm output is a Form C relay with a normally open (NO), normally closed (NC) and common (C) screw terminal. Apply an appropriate power source to the common (C) terminal.

**Alarm Output Ratings:**
Maximum voltage = 250 VAC or 30 VDC
Maximum current = 2 A @ 30 VDC or 250 VAC
Minimum load = 10 mVDC, 10 µA

The relay will operate as follows:

Condition	NO Contact	NC Contact
No power to switch	Closed (shorted to common)	Open
Switch powered with no alarms	Open	Closed (shorted to common)
Switch powered with an alarm	Closed (shorted to common)	Open

Alarm Wiring for EL326 Switches	

Pluggable Screw Block
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Accepts 14-24 AWG Wire

Alarm Relay   NO C NC
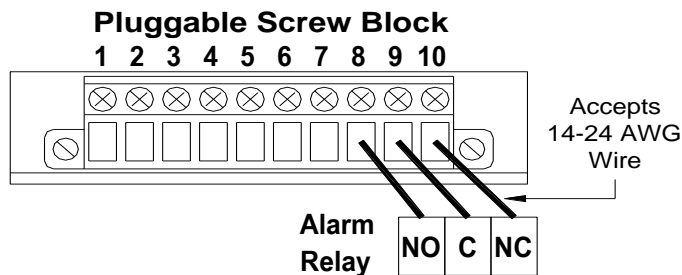
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Wire Gauge & Screw Torque	The screw terminals are removable and secured by two screws. They will accept wire in the range of 24 to 14 AWG. When tightening the screws be careful to tighten to a maximum torque of 4.5 in/lb (0.51 Nm).

Section 5	Communication Ports Wiring

Overview

The EL326 switches provide connections to standard Ethernet devices such as PLCs, Ethernet I/O, industrial computers and much more. Three types of communication ports may be found on these switches: RJ45 (copper) Ethernet ports, SFP (pluggable) Ethernet ports and console (serial RS232) ports.

Gig RJ45 Ports 1-24

The EL326 has 24 Gigabit RJ45 copper ports that accept 10/100/1000 Mbps twisted pair cabling. Use data-quality (not voice-quality) twisted pair cable rated category 5E (or better) with standard RJ45 connectors. Straight through or crossover RJ45 cable can be used regardless of the device the switch is to be connected to as all the ports are capable of auto-mdi/mdix-crossover detection.
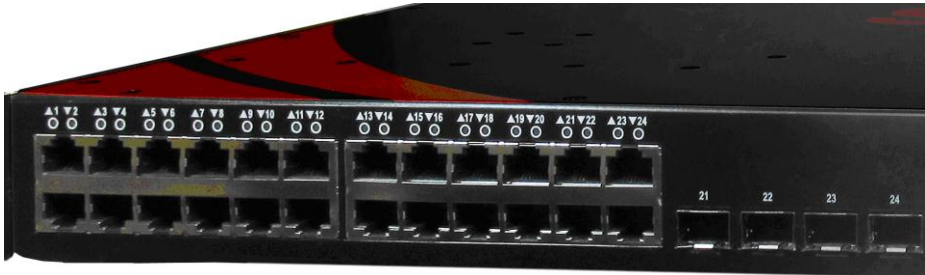
The RJ45 Ethernet port connector bodies on these products are metallic and are connected to the Chassis GND terminal. Therefore, shielded cables should be used to provide further protection from electrical noise and interference. Ideally, to prevent ground loops, the cable shield should be tied to the metal connector body at one end of the cable only. Electrical isolation is also provided on the Ethernet ports for increased reliability.
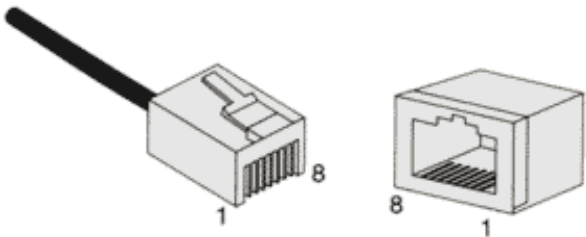
Note: The use of shielded cables is required to fully meet the requirements of EMC standards.

For Reference Only. Either cable wiring will work!

Straight-thru Cable Wiring	
Pin 1	Pin 1
Pin 2	Pin 2
Pin 3	Pin 3
Pin 6	Pin 6

Cross-over Cable Wiring	
Pin 1	Pin 3
Pin 2	Pin 6
Pin 3	Pin 1
Pin 6	Pin 2

ETHERNET PLUG & CONNECTOR Pin Positions

RJ45 Cable Distance

The maximum cable length for 10/100/1000BaseT is typically 100 meters (328 ft.).

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Gig SFP Ports 21-24	Ports 21-24 are combination gigabit ports that provide both RJ45 and SFP (Small Form-factor Pluggable) connectors. This allows you to use the RJ45 connectors for twisted pair copper connections or use the SFP connectors for fiber optic connections. The SFP connectors support 100 Mbps and 1000 Mbps fiber optic transceivers for links up to 120 Km.

Note: For each of these ports you can only use one of the connectors (RJ45 or SFP) at a time. If you connect to both at the same time then neither connector may work.

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Fast SFP Ports 1-14	Ports 21 through 24 offer flexible SFP (Small Form-factor Pluggable) connectors that support 100 or 1000 Mbps fiber optic SFP transceivers. On these 4 ports you can mix and match different types of SFP fiber transceivers as desired.

Typical SFP Transceiver
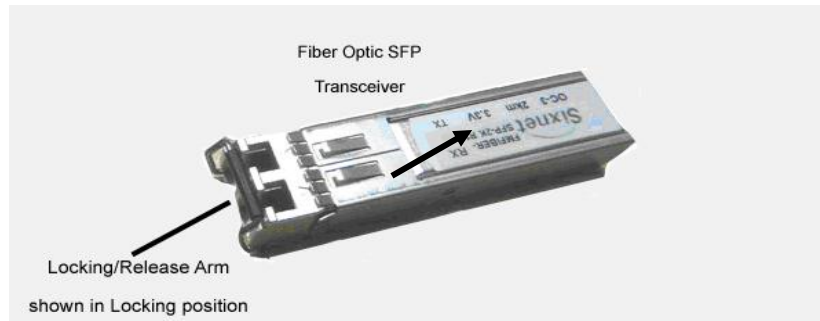
The SFP transceivers just plug into the SFP cages. To lock them in place lift the locking arm as shown in the image above. To remove a transceiver, first pull down on the locking/release arm and then pull the transceiver out. The transceivers are "hot-swappable" meaning they can be plugged in or removed when the switch is powered.

Fiber Wiring Guidelines

The SFP ports accept fiber optic SFP transceivers. These transceivers are sold separately and are available as multimode, singlemode, long-haul (up to 120 Km or more), BiDi (bidirectional), WDM and other special types. They typically are offered with an LC style fiber connector. Refer to the datasheets for these transceivers for more details.

Typical Fiber SFP Transceiver and Dual-LC Cable
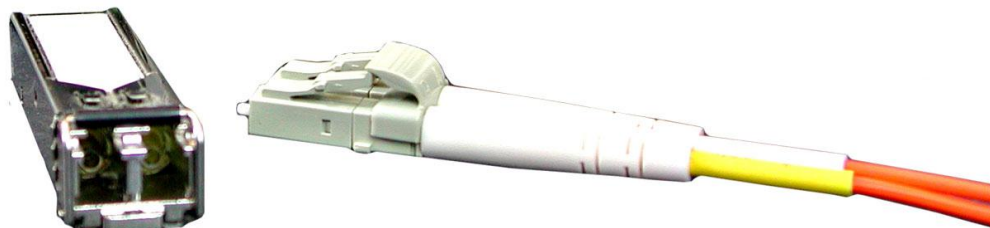
Use standard fiber optic wiring techniques (not covered by this manual) to make your connections. The corresponding LED will be ON solid or flashing when you have made a proper connection.

Duplex Operation	The RJ45 ports will auto-sense for Full or Half duplex operation, while the fiber ports default to full duplex operation or can be configured for Full or Half duplex. Refer to the software user manual for details on the software configuration options.
Verifying Connectivity	After all Ethernet and/or fiber connections are made, check the LED's corresponding to the ports that each of the devices are connected to. Ensure that for each port that is in use, the LED is on or blinking. If a port LED is off, go back and check for connectivity problems between that port and the network device connected to that particular port.
Console Port Management	The switch can be software configured via an RJ45 RS232 console port. See the images below. This manual only details on how to connect to this port. Refer to the software manual for details on how to configure the switch via this port.

RS232 RJ45 Port

The RJ-45 serial port on the switch's front panel is used to connect to the switch for out-of-band console configuration. The on-board configuration program can be accessed from a terminal or a PC running a terminal emulation program. The console cable is an RJ45 to DB9 adapter included with the unit, part number EL326CNSCBL. The pin assignments used to connect to the serial port are provided in the following table:

Switch Console Port	PC RS232 Port
6 RXD (receive data)	3 TXD (transmit data)
3 TXD (transmit data)	2 RXD (receive data)
5 SGND (signal ground)	5 SGND (signal ground)
No other pins are used. PC should be configured for a baud rate of 115,200, 8-N-1, 8 data bits and no flow control.	

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**Connecting Switches in a Stack**

In line-topology stacking there is a single stack cable connection between each switch that carries two-way communications across the stack. In ring-topology stacking, an extra cable is connected between the top and bottom switches forming a "ring" or "closed-loop." The closed-loop cable provides a redundant path for the stack link, so if one link fails, stack communications can still be maintained.

The stack cables are connected between switches in a stack. Each stacking connection is a 48 Gbps full-duplex high-speed serial link using proprietary stacking cables. The switch supports a line- and ring-topology stacking configuration, or can be used stand alone. To ensure minimal disruption in case a unit or stacking cable fails, we recommend always use a ring-topology.

To connect up to eight switches in a stack, perform the following steps

1. Plug one end of the stack cable (ordered separately) in the Down (right) port of the top unit.
2. Plug the other end of the stack cable into the Up (left) port of the next unit.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for each unit in the stack. Form a simple chain starting at the Down port on the top unit and ending at the Up port on the bottom unit (stacking up to 8 units).
4. (Optional) To form a wrap-around topology, plug one end of a stack cable into the Down port on the bottom unit and the other end into the Up port on the top unit.
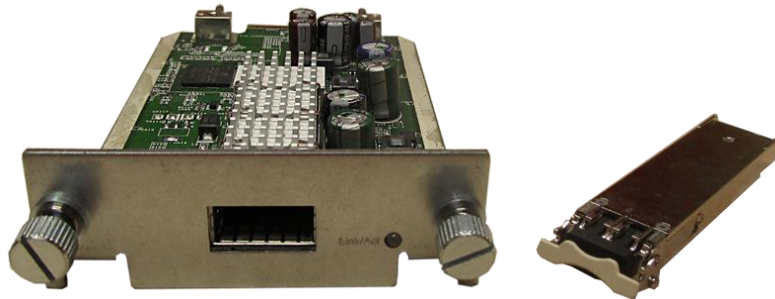
Installing an Optional Module into the Switch

1. Remove the blank metal plate (or a previously installed module) from the appropriate slot by removing the two screws with a flat-head screwdriver.
2. Before opening the package that contains the module, touch the bag to the switch casing to discharge any potential static electricity. Also, it is recommended to use an ESD wrist strap during installation.
3. Remove the module from the anti-static shielded bag.
4. Holding the module level, guide it into the carrier rails on each side and gently push it all the way into the slot, ensuring that it firmly engages with the connector.
5. If you are sure the module is properly mated with the connector, tighten the retainer screws to secure the module in the slot.
6. The Module LED on the switch's front panel should turn green to confirm that the module is correctly installed and ready to use.
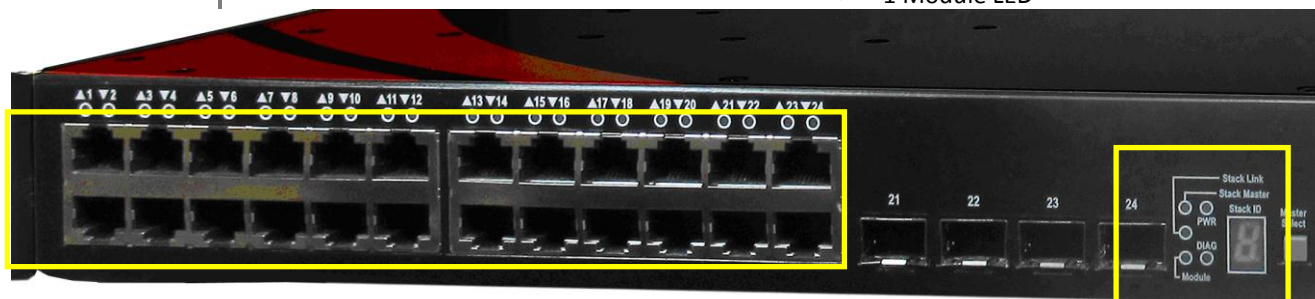
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Section 6	**LED Indicators**

Overview

The EL326 switches have:
- 1 Communication LED for each port
- 3 Power LEDs (P1, P2 and PWR)
- 1 "OK" output LED

- 1 Diagnostic LED
- 1 Stack Link LED
- 1 Stack Master LED
- 1 Module LED

LED Locations

All Ports

All 26 ports each have only 1 LED. Regardless of the type of port (RJ45 versus SFP) or type of transceiver the LED behaves as follows:

Green LED ON Solid	**Link Only** - Indicates that there <u>is</u> a proper Ethernet connection (Link) but no communications activity is detected.
Green LED ON Flashing	**Link & Activity** - Indicates that there <u>is</u> a proper Ethernet connection (Link) and communications activity is detected.
OFF	**No link** - Indicates that there <u>is not</u> a proper Ethernet connection (Link). Make sure the cable has been properly connected at both ends.

Power LEDs

There are three Power LEDs (labeled Pwr 1 for primary power and Pwr 2 for backup power) that indicate if there is power applied to the respective input. There is also an overall Pwr LED in the front.

"OK" Alarm LED

The "OK" LED indicates loss of primary power

Diagnostic LED

Flashing Green	System self-diagnostic test in progress.
Green	System self-diagnostic test successfully completed.
Amber	System self-diagnostic test has detected a fault.

Stack Link LED

Green	Uplink and downlink operating normally.
Flashing Green	Uplink has failed.
Flashing Amber	Downlink has failed.
Flashing Amber	No stacking link present.

Stack Master LED

Green	Switch is the Master unit of the stack. State may include topology discovery, IP assignment, or normal operations.
Flashing Green	Switch is the Master unit of the stack, system is initializing.
Amber	Switch is operating as a Slave unit in the stack.
Flashing Amber	System in Master arbitration/election state.
Off	System in standalone mode.

Module LED

Green	An expansion module is installed and operating normally.
Amber	An expansion module is installed but has failed.
Off	There is no module installed.

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Section 7	**Technical Specifications**
Technical Specs	These specifications are subject to change. Contact Sixnet for the latest details. Refer to the software user manual or datasheet for complete software specifications.

ETHERNET PERFORMANCE

- 26 total Ethernet ports plus 2 expansion bays
- 2 Optional 10G fiber XFP ports
- 24 10/100/1000 Ethernet RJ45 ports 1-24
- 4 Gigabit RJ45/SFP combo ports 21-24
- RJ45 ports: auto-negotiation (speed/duplex) and auto-crossover
- Non-blocking, store and forward, wire-speed
- Switching capacity and forwarding rate:
    - 12.8 Gbps / 9.5 Mpps
- MAC address table size: 16K
- Jumbo frame: 9K
- Ethernet isolation: 1500 Vrms 1 minute

SWITCHING FEATURES

- Flow control: IEEE 802.3x (Full Duplex) & Back-Pressure (Half Duplex)
- Spanning Tree Protocol (STP per IEEE 802.1D) plus
    - IEEE 802.1w Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP)
    - IEEE 802.1s Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol (MSTP)
    - BPDU forwarding and filtering
- Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs)
    - 802.1Q tag-based with 256 VLANs and 4K VLAN ID
    - 802.1v protocol and port-based VLAN
    - Voice and Private VLAN
    - QVRP and Q-in-Q (double tagging)
- Link Aggregation Control Protcol (LACP per IEEE 802.3ad)
    - Static trunk (8 trunks and up to 8 ports per trunk)
    - Traffic load balancing
- Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP)
    - IGMP v1, v2 and v3 with up to 255 multicast groups
    - IGMP snooping and querying
    - Immediate leave and leave proxy
    - Throttling and filtering
- Multicast VLAN Registration (MVR)
- IEEE 802.1ab Link layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP)
- Quality of Service (QoS) with 4 priority queues
    - Scheduling schemes: WRR and Strict priority
    - CoS per IEEE 802.1p and IP DSCP-based
    - DiffServ (DS): ingress, egress and remarking
- Rate limiting (ingress and egress)
    - 64Kbps to 100/1000Mbps
    - Per port CoS

SECURITY

- Enable / disable ports
- Port security (MAC-based): static and dynamic
- DHCP Snooping and Option 82
- IP Source Guard
- IEEE 802.1x Network Access Control
    - Port-based with single or multiple host mode
    - Authentication: EAP-MD5, PEAP, TLS, TTLS
    - MAC and web authentication
    - Guest VLAN and Auto VLAN assignment
- RADIUS and TACACS AAA
    - Authentication, Accounting and Authorization
    - 5 servers for RADIUS, 1 server for TACACS
    - Encryption: MD5, TLS, TTLS, TACACS AAA/3.0
- Access Control List (ACL)
    - IP and MAC-based
    - VLAN and TCP/UDP port
- Storm Control for broadcast and multicast messages
- HTTPS/SSL for secure Web access
- SSH v1.5/2.0 for secure Telnet access
- SNMPv3 authentication and encryption
- Username and password authentication
- Management access filtering

MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING

- IP Address assignment: Static, DHCP and BOOTP
- CLI (Command Line Interface) via console or Telnet
- Web interface (HTTP/HTTPS/SSL)
- SNMP v1, v2, v3 (Simple Network Management Protocol)
- SNMP Traps for event notification
- RMON (Remote Monitoring): Groups 1, 2, 3 and 9
- sFlow network-wide traffic monitoring
- Dual firmware update system
- Configuration download and upload
- Software upgrade via TFTP
- Port mirroring
- Event / Error / System log
    - Local flash
    - Remote server via system log (Syslog RFC 3164)
    - SMTP (RFC 821) email alarming
- Network Time Protocol for time synchronization
    - SNTP (RFC 2030) and NTP (RFC 1305)
- DNS (Domain Name Server) client
- Universal Plug and Play (UPnP)
- IEEE 802.3ah OAM (Operational Administration Maintenance)
- Banner commands

POWER INPUT and ALARM OUTPUT

- Dual-redundant internal power supplies (optional)
- 10-pole screw block can be positioned in front or back
- Power input options:
  - +/-24-48 VDC (D option)
  - (**absolute min and max):** +/-18-59 VDC
  - +/-110-250 VDC or 100-240 VAC (50/60 Hz)(A option)
  - (**absolute min and max**): +/-90-300 VDC or 85-264 VAC (50/60 Hz)
- Power consumption:
  - 120 Watts typ. w/ all ports linked
- Protection: current overload and reverse polarity
- Alarm output: form-C relay (NO and NC contacts)
  - Max. voltage: 250 VAC, 30 VDC
  - Max. current: 2A @ 30 VDC or 250 VAC

MECHANICAL

- Rack or wall mounting:
  - 1U rack mount (19" brackets included)
  - Optional 23", 24", EIA, WECO, ETSI and wall brackets available
- Ingress protection: IP50 sealed from dust and contaminants
- Heavy-gauge corrosion-resistant metal enclosure
- Dimensions (HxWxD): 1.75(1U)x17.3x13" (45x439x330mm)
- Weight (typical): 5.5 lbs (2.5 kg)

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Operating temperature: -35˚ to +80˚C per IEC 60068-2-1/2
- Storage temperature: -40˚ to +85˚C
- Humidity: 5 to 95% RH (non-condensing)
- Vibration: 20mm/s from 1 to 150 Hz per IEEE 1613 Class V.S.3
- Vibration: Amp: 3mm from 2-9 Hz, 1g from 9-200Hz, 1.5g from 200-500 Hz per IEC 61850-3
- Shock: 30g @ 11ms per IEC 61850-3

EMC and STANDARDS COMPLIANCE

- EMC immunity: IEC 61850-3, IEC 61000-6-2/4, CE
- EMC emissions: FCC Part 15; EN 55022 (CISPR22), CE
- Safety: UL508 / ISA12.12.01 / CSA C22.2 No. 142 and No. 213, Class I, Div 2, Groups A, B, C, D UL temperature specs: EL326-AA/AO-1,T4 @ +80˚C (Pending on DC models)
- EN61010-1, CE
- RoHS, WEEE and REACH compliant
- ISO9001:2008 certified company
- Warranty: 5 years on design and manufacturing defects
- MTBF A0 models: 178,274 Hours GB @ +40˚C per MIL-HNDBK-217F2
- MTBF AA models: 174,264 Hours GB @ +40˚C per MIL-HNDBK-217F2

Section 8	Hi-Pot Testing

Hi-Pot Overview

This device is designed to withstand a high-potential "hi-pot" (dielectric) test up to 2000 Vrms according to IEEE 1613. However, the surge protection circuitry must be bypassed before performing this test. See section 8 for details.

Caution: The switch's surge protection circuitry may be damaged if you do not disconnect it while performing a "hi-pot" test.

Hi-Pot Slot

The switch features a unique method for temporarily disconnecting the surge protection circuitry. An opening in the switch case called the "Hi-Pot Slot" provides for this capability. To perform a Hi-pot test please follow the directions below.
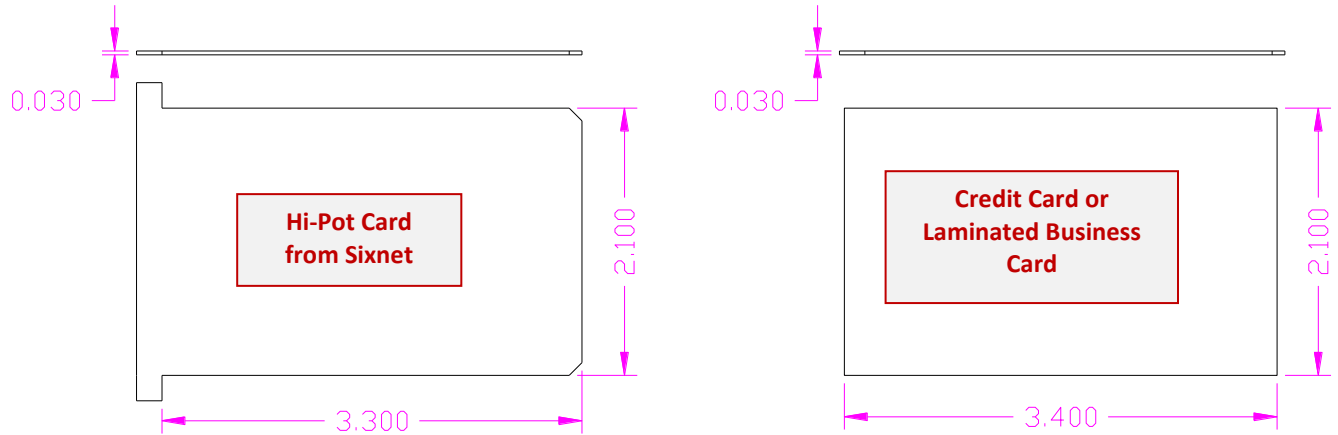

Hi-Pot Test Step 1

Locate and expose the hi-pot slot. It is found on the side opposite the Ethernet ports. You may need to remove the power plug or power cover.

Hi-Pot Test Step 2

Acquire or make a hi-pot slot card. You can do this in several ways as follows:
   A. Contact Sixnet and ask to be sent a complimentary "hi-pot slot card".
   B. Use a credit-card-sized plastic card (without raised lettering so not an actual credit card), laminated business card or other similar plastic card. The dimensions should be as shown in the diagram below.
   C. Cut out a card from 0.02" to 0.03" plastic (such as ABS or polycarbonate). The dimensions should be as shown in the diagram below.

0.030

Hi-Pot Card from Sixnet

2.100

3.300

0.030

Credit Card or Laminated Business Card

2.100

3.400

Recommended Hi-Pot Card Dimensions

Hi-Pot Test Step 3

Insert the card into the slot as shown in the images below. You may need to angle the card up a little to get it started. Once it is started then push the card into the slot perpendicular to the face of the switch. As you push the card in, about half way you should feel some resistance, this is normal. Push the card in until it either stops or there is only about ¼" left sticking out. See images below.

Card fully inserted

Hi-Pot Test Step 4

With the card in place you can now perform the hi-pot (dielectric) test.

Caution: Make sure to remove the card when you are done testing. If you leave the card in place during normal operations then your switch will not be fully protected from surges.

Section 9	Service Information

Service Information

We sincerely hope that you never experience a problem with any Sixnet product. If you do need service, call Sixnet at (518) 877-5173 and choose the option for technical support. A trained specialist will help you to quickly determine the source of the problem. Many problems are easily resolved with a single phone call. If it is necessary to return a unit to us, an RMA (Return Material Authorization) number will be given to you.

Sixnet tracks the flow of returned material with our RMA system to ensure speedy service.
You must include this RMA number on the outside of the box so that your return can be processed immediately.

One of our Technical Support associates will fill out an RMA request for you. If the unit has a serial number and date code we will not need detailed financial information. Otherwise, be sure to have your original purchase order number and date purchased available.

Please supply us with as many details about the problem as you can. The information you supply will be written on the RMA form and supplied to the repair department before your unit arrives. This helps us to provide you with the best service, in the fastest manner.

We apologize for any inconvenience that the need for repair may cause you. We hope that our rapid service meets your needs. If you have any suggestions to help us improve our service, please give us a call. We appreciate your ideas and will respond to them.

For Your Convenience:
Please fill in the following and keep this manual with your Sixnet system for future reference:

P.O. #:_____   Date Purchased: _____

Purchased From:_____

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