



## FortiSwitch 424E Series

FS-424E, FS-424E-Fiber, FS-424E-POE, FS-424E-FPOE

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This guide covers: FS-424E, FS-424E-POE, FS-424E-FPOE, FS-424E-Fiber

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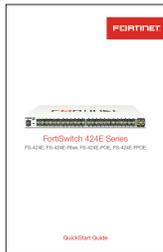
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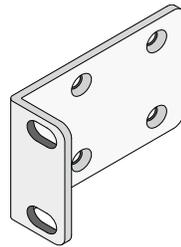
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QuickStart Guide



2x Rack-Mount Brackets



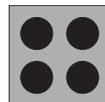
2x Power Cables



8x Bracket Screws

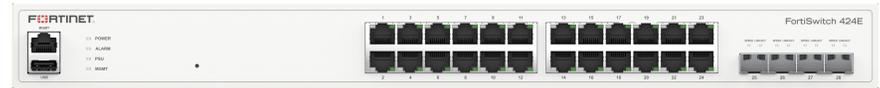


1x Console Cable  
(USB to RJ45)



4x Rubber Feet

## FortiSwitch 424E



### MGMT (RJ-45)

Client port for management  
Default IP address is 192.168.1.99

### Ethernet Ports 1 to 24 (RJ-45)

Gigabit Ethernet Ports

### USB (USB A)

USB 2.0 Port

### Ports 25 to 28 (SFP+)

10Gbps SFP+ Ports

## FortiSwitch 424E-Fiber



### MGMT (RJ-45)

Client port for management  
Default IP address is 192.168.1.99

### Ports 1 to 24 (SFP)

1Gbps SFP Ports

### USB (USB A)

USB 2.0 Port

### Ports 25 to 28 (SFP+)

10Gbps SFP+ Ports

## FortiSwitch 424E-POE / 424E-FPOE



### MGMT (RJ-45)

Client port for management  
Default IP address is 192.168.1.99

### Ethernet Ports 1 to 24 (RJ-45)

Gigabit Ethernet ports with smart Power over Ethernet (PoE) providing up to a maximum of 250W (POE) or 421W (FPOE)

### USB (USB A)

USB 2.0 Port

### Ports 25 to 28 (SFP+)

10Gbps SFP+ Ports

# LED Guide

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**Console (RJ-45)**

Optional connection to the management computer. Provides access to the CLI.

**Redundant Power Supplies**

100-240V AC, 0.7A, 50/60Hz

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**Console (RJ-45)**

Optional connection to the management computer. Provides access to the CLI.

**Redundant Power Supplies**

100-240V AC, 1.5A, 50/60Hz

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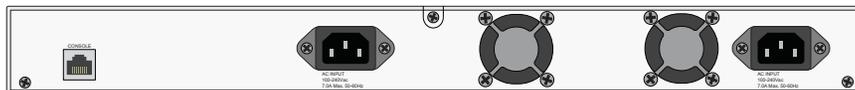
**Console (RJ-45)**

Optional connection to the management computer. Provides access to the CLI.

**Redundant Power Supplies**

100-240V AC, 4.0A, 50/60Hz

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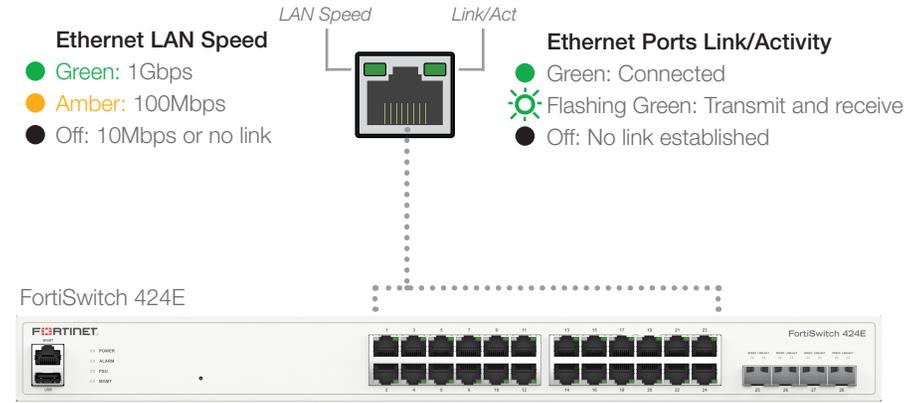


**Console (RJ-45)**

Optional connection to the management computer. Provides access to the CLI.

**Redundant Power Supplies**

100-240V AC, 7.0A, 50/60Hz



- Ethernet LAN Speed**
- Green: 1Gbps
  - Amber: 100Mbps
  - Off: 10Mbps or no link

- Ethernet Ports Link/Activity**
- Green: Connected
  - Flashing Green: Transmit and receive
  - Off: No link established

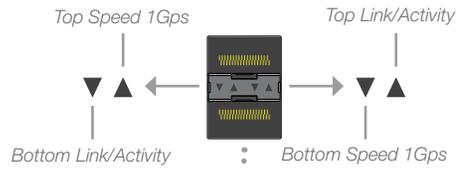
- POWER
- ALARM
- PSU
- MGMT

- Power**
- Green: The unit is on
  - Off: The unit is off
- Alarm**
- Amber: The unit has a fault
  - Off: No faults detected
- PSU**
- Amber: One of the PSUs has no power
  - Off: Both internal PSUs have power
- MGMT**
- Green: Connected
  - Flashing Green: Transmitting and receiving data
  - Off: No link established

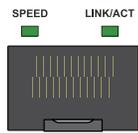
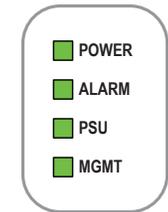
- SFP+ Ports Link/Activity**
- Green: Connected
  - Flashing Green: Transmit and receive
  - Off: No link established
- SFP+ Ports Speed**
- Green: 10Gbps
  - Amber: 1Gbps

**Fiber Port Speed and Link/Activity**

- ▼▲ Green: Connected 1Gps
- ⊙ Flashing Green: Transmit and receive
- Off: No link established



FortiSwitch 424E-Fiber



**Power**

- Green: The unit is on
- Off: The unit is off

**Alarm**

- Amber: The unit has a fault
- Off: No faults detected

**PSU**

- Amber: One of the PSUs has no power
- Off: Both internal PSUs have power

**MGMT**

- Green: Connected
- ⊙ Flashing Green: Transmitting and receiving data
- Off: No link established

**SFP+ Ports Link/Activity**

- Green: Connected
- ⊙ Flashing Green: Transmit and receive
- Off: No link established

**SFP+ Ports Speed**

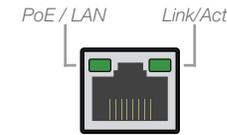
- Green: 10Gbps
- Amber: 1Gbps

**PoE Ports Power**

- Amber: Providing power
- Off: Not providing power

**LAN Mode Ethernet**

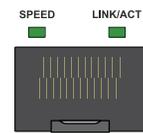
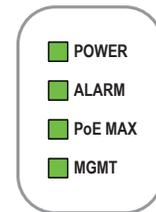
- Green: 1Gbps
- Amber: 100Mbps
- Off: 10Mbps or no link



**Ethernet Ports Link/Activity**

- Green: Connected
- ⊙ Flashing Green: Transmit and receive
- Off: No link established

FortiSwitch 424E-POE and -FPOE



**Power**

- Green: The unit is on
- Off: The unit is off

**Alarm**

- Amber: The unit has a fault
- Off: No faults detected

**PoE MAX**

- Amber: Max output power budget reached
- Off: PoE power available

**MGMT**

- Green: Connected
- ⊙ Flashing Green: Transmitting and receiving data
- Off: No link established

**SFP+ Ports Link/Activity**

- Green: Connected
- ⊙ Flashing Green: Transmit and receive
- Off: No link established

**SFP+ Ports Speed**

- Green: 10Gbps
- Amber: 1Gbps

# Device Installation

The FortiSwitch unit can be placed on any [flat surface](#), or mounted in any standard [19 inch rack](#) unit with the provided rack-mount brackets and screws.

Please read "Cautions and Warnings" prior to installing your device.

## Caution:

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage your Fortinet equipment.

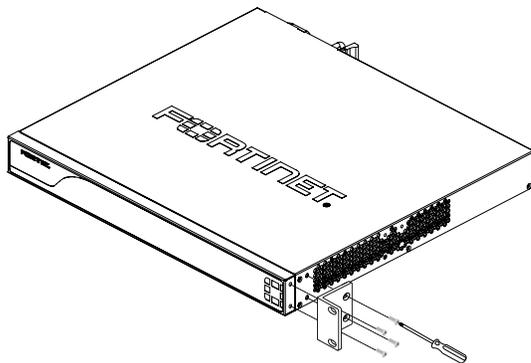
Do not place heavy objects on the unit.

To avoid personal injury or damage to the unit, it is recommended that two or more people install the unit into the rack.

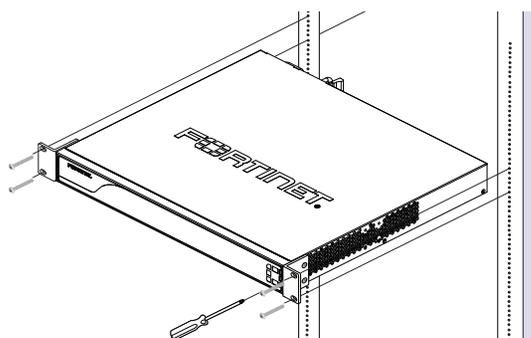
**Note:** If the unit has a redundant power supply, each power cable should be connected to a different power source. In this way, if one power source fails, the other may still be operational and the unit will not lose power.

## To install the FortiSwitch unit into a rack

1. Ensure that the FortiSwitch unit is placed on a stable surface prior to [rack-mount](#) installation.
2. Attach the provided [rack-mount brackets](#) to the sides of the unit using the provided [bracket screws](#).



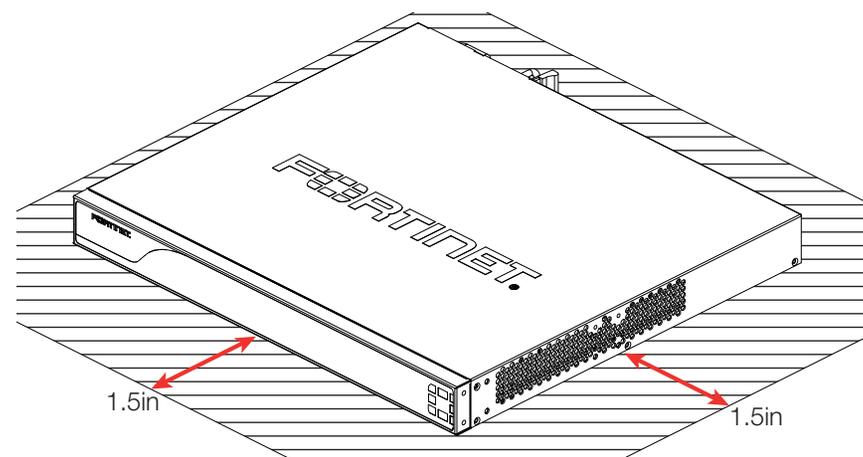
3. Position the FortiSwitch unit in the [rack](#). Ensure there is enough room around the unit to allow for sufficient air flow.



4. Line up the [rack-mount bracket holes](#) to the [holes on the rack](#) and ensure that the FortiSwitch unit is [level](#).
5. Finger tighten [four rack-mount screws](#) to attach the unit to the [rack](#).
6. Verify that the spacing around the FortiSwitch unit conforms to requirements and that the unit is [level](#), then tighten the [rack-mount screws](#) with an appropriate [screwdriver](#).
7. Plug the provided [power cable](#) into the rear of the unit, and then into a [grounded electrical outlet](#) or a separate power source such as an [uninterruptible power supply \(UPS\)](#) or a [power distribution unit \(PDU\)](#).

## To install the unit on a flat surface

1. Ensure that the surface onto which the FortiSwitch unit to be installed is clean, level, and stable and that there is at least [1.5in \(3.8cm\)](#) of clearance on all sides to allow for adequate airflow.
2. Attach the provided [rubber feet](#) to the bottom of the FortiSwitch unit.



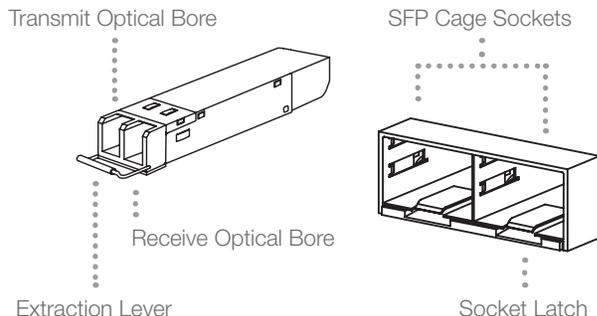
3. Place the unit in the designated location.
4. Verify that the spacing around the FortiSwitch unit conforms to requirements and that the unit is [level](#).
5. Plug the provided [power cable](#) into the rear of the unit, and then into a [grounded electrical outlet](#) or a separate power source such as an [uninterruptible power supply \(UPS\)](#) or a [power distribution unit \(PDU\)](#).

# SFP Transceivers

**Caution:** SFP transceivers are static sensitive devices. Use an ESD wrist strap or similar grounding device when handling transceivers.

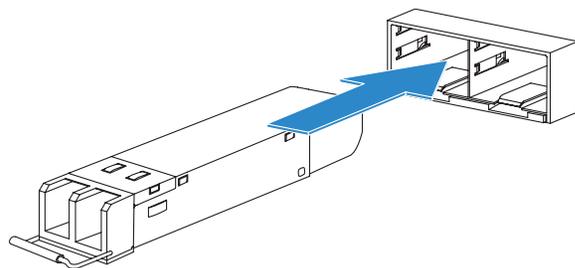
Do not install or remove SFP transceivers while fiber-optic cables are still attached. This can cause damage to the cables, cable connectors, and the optical interfaces. It may also prevent the transceiver from latching correctly into the socket connector.

**Note:** Installing and removing SFP transceivers can shorten their useful life. Do not install or remove transceivers more than is necessary.



## To install the SFP transceivers

1. Ensure that you are properly grounded.
2. Remove the caps from the SFP cage sockets on the front panel of the unit.
3. Position the SFP transceiver in front of the cage socket opening and ensure that the transceiver is correctly oriented. When the transceiver is correctly oriented, the extraction lever will be level with the socket latch.  
**Note:** SFP cage socket orientation may vary. Ensure that the SFP transceiver module is correctly oriented each time that you are inserting a transceiver.
4. Hold the sides of the SFP transceiver and slide it into the cage socket until it clicks into place.

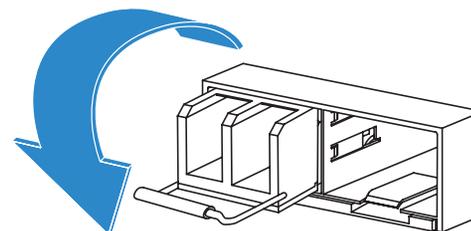


5. Press the transceiver firmly into the cage socket with your thumb.

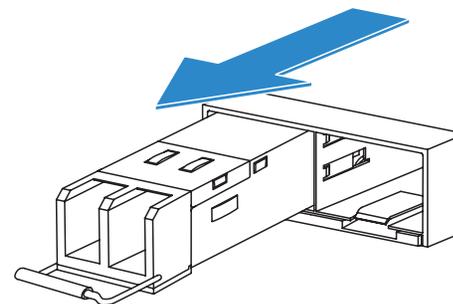
6. Verify that the transceiver is latched correctly by grasping the sides of the transceiver and trying to pull it out without lowering the extraction lever.  
If the transceiver cannot be removed, it is installed and latched correctly.  
If the transceiver can be removed, reinsert it and press harder with your thumb.  
If necessary, repeat this process until the transceiver is securely latched into the cage socket.

## To remove the SFP transceivers

1. Ensure that you are properly grounded.
2. If applicable, disconnect the fiber-optic cable from the transceiver connector and install a clean dust plug in the transceiver's optical bores.
3. Pull the extraction lever out and down to eject the transceiver. If you are unable to use your finger to open the lever, use a small flat-head screwdriver or other similar tool to open the lever.
4. Hold the sides of the transceiver and carefully pull it away from the cage socket.



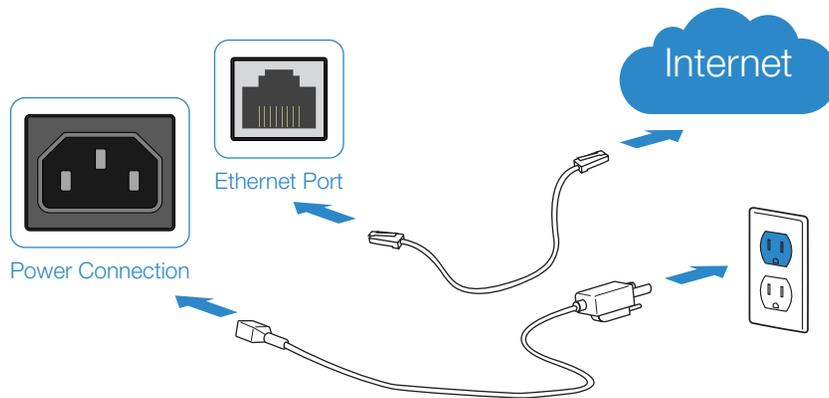
5. Replace the cap on the SFP cage socket and place the removed SFP transceiver into an antistatic bag.



**Caution:** Do not force the SFP transceivers into the cage slots. If the transceiver does not easily slide in and click into place, it may not be aligned correctly or may be upside down. If this happens, remove the SFP transceiver, realign it or rotate it and slide it in again.

**Note:** Follow proper fiber-optic handling procedures when installing and removing SFP transceivers to ensure the devices remain clean and are not damaged.

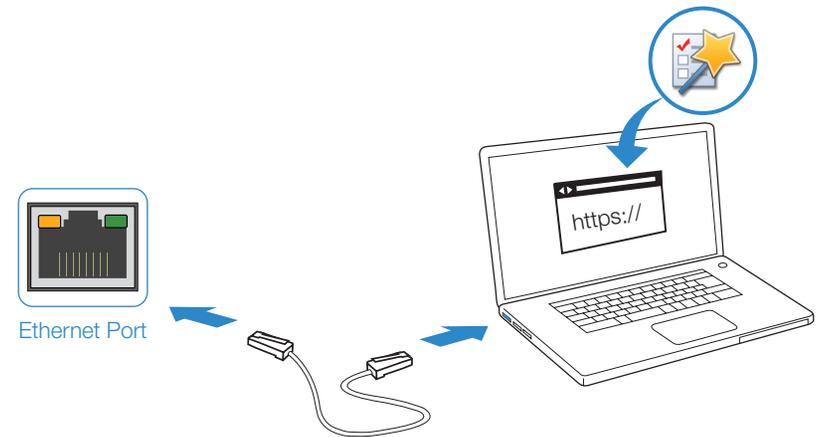
## Internet Connection



Connect your device to a [power outlet](#) and an [Internet connection](#). This is usually a modem, but could also be another device on your network.

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## Web Browser



### To Connect to the GUI

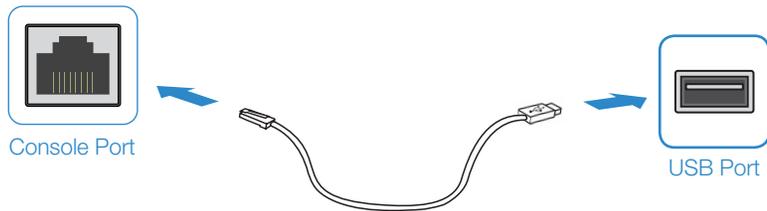
1. Connect the [Ethernet cable](#).
2. Configure the management computer to be on the same [subnet](#) as the internal interface as the FortiSwitch unit:

**IP address:** 192.168.1.2

**Netmask:** 255.255.255.0

3. Visit [192.168.1.99](#) in your web browser.
4. Login using username "[admin](#)" and [no password](#).
5. [Configure your device](#) and save your settings.
6. [Register your device](#) from the dashboard page.

## Terminal Emulation



### To Connect to the CLI

1. Connect the device's **console port** to the management computer using the provided **console cable**.
2. Start a **terminal emulation program** on the management computer, select the **COM port**, and use the following settings:

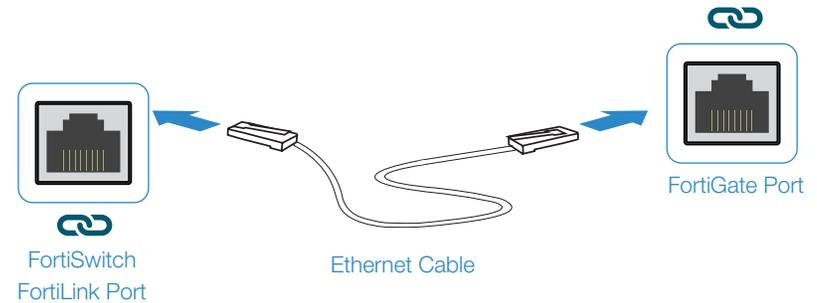
**Baud Rate:** 115200  
**Data bits:** 8  
**Parity:** None  
**Stop bits:** 1  
**Flow Control:** None

3. Press **Enter** on your keyboard to **connect to the CLI**.
4. Login using username "**admin**" and no password. You can now proceed with configuring your device.

Get started by typing **"?"** for a list of available **commands**.

Begin typing a command then type **"?"** for a list of available ways to complete. For example **"config ?"** will show the lowest level of configuration options.

## FortiLink



1. Connect a **FortiSwitch FortiLink Port** directly using an Ethernet Cable to a **FortiGate FortiLink Port** or any FortiGate Port that is not an HA port.
2. Login to the FortiGate and go to the **WiFi and Switch Controller --> FortiLink Interface**.
3. **Add a FortiGate Port** in the FortiLink interface and choose **Automatically authorize devices**.
4. When the **FortiSwitch is online** in the **WiFi and Switch Controller --> Managed FortiSwitch** section, you can now manage your FortiSwitch.

## Cloud Management

(Connect a port to the Internet)

1. Visit [support.fortinet.com](https://support.fortinet.com) to register your device and cloud management license.
2. Sign in at <https://fortiedge.forticloud.com> to manage your Inventory List.

## Cautions and Warnings

### Environmental Specifications

Ambient operating temperature: 0°C to 45°C

Rack Mount Instructions - The following or similar rack-mount instructions are included with the installation instructions:  
Instructions de montage en rack - Les instructions de montage en rack suivantes ou similaires sont incluses avec les instructions d'installation:

Elevated Operating Ambient - If installed in a closed or multi-unit rack assembly, the operating ambient temperature of the rack environment may be greater than room ambient. Therefore, consideration should be given to installing the equipment in an environment compatible with the maximum ambient temperature (T<sub>ma</sub>) specified by the manufacturer.  
Température ambiante élevée - S'il est installé dans un rack fermé ou à unités multiples, la température ambiante de fonctionnement de l'environnement du rack peut être supérieure à la température ambiante de la pièce. Par conséquent, il est important d'installer le matériel dans un environnement respectant la température ambiante maximale (T<sub>ma</sub>) stipulée par le fabricant.

Reduced Air Flow - Installation of the equipment in a rack should be such that the amount of air flow required for safe operation of the equipment is not compromised.  
Ventilation réduite - Installation de l'équipement dans un rack doit être telle que la quantité de flux d'air nécessaire au bon fonctionnement de l'équipement n'est pas compromise.

Mechanical Loading - Mounting of the equipment in the rack should be such that a hazardous condition is not achieved due to uneven mechanical loading.  
Chargement Mécanique - Montage de l'équipement dans le rack doit être telle qu'une situation dangereuse n'est pas liée à un chargement mécanique inégal.

Circuit Overloading - Consideration should be given to the connection of the equipment to the supply circuit and the effect that overloading of the circuits might have on overcurrent protection and supply wiring. Appropriate consideration of equipment nameplate ratings should be used when addressing this concern.  
Surtension - Il convient de prendre l'ensemble des précautions nécessaires lors du branchement de l'équipement au circuit d'alimentation et être particulièrement attentif aux effets de la suralimentation sur le dispositif assurant une protection contre les courts-circuits et le câblage. Ainsi, il est recommandé de tenir compte du numéro d'identification de l'équipement.

Reliable Earthing - Reliable earthing of rack-mounted equipment should be maintained. Particular attention should be given to supply connections other than direct connections to the branch circuit (e.g. use of power strips).  
Fiabilité de la mise à la terre - Fiabilité de la mise à la terre de l'équipement monté en rack doit être maintenue. Une attention particulière devrait être accordée aux connexions d'alimentation autres que les connexions directes au circuit de dérivation (par exemple de l'utilisation de bandes de puissance).

Refer to specific Product Model Data Sheet for Environmental Specifications (Operating Temperature, Storage Temperature, Humidity, and Altitude)  
Référez à la Fiche Technique de ce produit pour les caractéristiques environnementales (Température de fonctionnement, température de stockage, humidité et l'altitude).

### Safety

**Caution:** This equipment is to be used in a Network Environment 0 per IEC/EN 62101. This product is connected only to PoE networks without routing to the outside plant.

**Attention:** Ce matériel doit être utilisé dans un Environnement Réseau 0 par IEC/EN 62101. Ce produit est uniquement connecté aux réseaux PoE sans installation externe de routage.

CAUTION: Shock Hazard. Disconnect all power sources.  
ATTENTION: Risque d'électrocution. Débranchez toutes les sources d'alimentation

## Regulatory Notices

### Federal Communication Commission (FCC) – USA

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:  
(1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and  
(2) this device must accept any interference received; including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy, and if it is not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, it may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

**WARNING:** Any changes or modifications to this product not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment

### Industry Canada Equipment Standard for Digital Equipment (ICES) – Canada

CAN ICES-3 (A) / NMB-3 (A)

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class A limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus set out in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

Cet appareil numérique n'émet pas de bruits radioélectriques dépassant les limites applicables aux appareils numériques de la classe A prescrites dans le Règlement sur le brouillage radioélectrique édicté par le ministère des Communications du Canada

### European Conformity (CE) - EU

This is a Class A product. In a domestic environment, this product may cause radio interference, in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.



### Voluntary Control Council for Interference (VCCI) – Japan

この装置は、クラスA機器です。この装置を住宅環境で使用すると電波妨害を引き起こすことがあります。この場合には使用者が適切な対策を講ずるよう要求されることがあります。

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### Product Safety Electrical Appliance & Material (PSE) – Japan

日本では電気用品安全法(PSE)の規定により、同梱している電源コードは本製品の専用電源コードとして利用し、他の製品に使用しないでください。

### Bureau of Standards Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) – Taiwan

限用物質含有情況表 (RoHS Table) 請到以下 網址下載:  
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