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<td>Product Model and Serial number:</td>
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<td>Maintenance Contract number:</td>
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Preface

Audience

This guide is for the technician installing the GigaStack Gigabit Interface Converter (GBIC), hereafter referred to as the GigaStack GBIC. Before using this guide, make sure that you are familiar with the concepts and terminology of Ethernet and local-area networking.

Purpose

This guide describes how to install the GigaStack GBIC and troubleshoot problems associated with its installation.

Note

The GigaStack GBICs and their ports are managed through one of the management interfaces of a Gigabit-capable switch. For more information about managing GigaStack GBICs, refer to the software configuration guides for the Catalyst 2900 series XL, the Catalyst 2950, the Catalyst 3500 series XL, and the Catalyst 3550 multilayer switches.
Organization

This guide is organized into the following chapters:

Chapter 1, “Overview,” describes the key features, provides a physical description, and shows how the GigaStack GBICs can be deployed in real networks.

Chapter 2, “Installation,” explains how to install the GigaStack GBIC.

Chapter 3, “Troubleshooting,” describes how to identify and resolve common installation and cabling problems.

Appendix A, “Technical Specifications,” lists the physical and environmental specifications and the regulatory agency approvals.

Appendix B, “Connectors and Cables,” describes the cables and connectors that can connect to the GigaStack GBIC ports.


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These publications provide more information about the switches that support the GigaStack GBIC:

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- *Catalyst 2900 Series XL and Catalyst 3500 Series XL Command Reference* (order number DOC-7812155=) (previously titled *Cisco IOS Desktop Switching Command Reference*)
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• Catalyst 2950 Desktop Switch Command Reference (order number DOC-78111381=)
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• Catalyst 3550 Multilayer Switch Software Configuration Guide (order number DOC-7811194=)
• Catalyst 3550 Multilayer Switch Command Reference (order number DOC-7811195=)
• Catalyst 3550 Multilayer Switch System Message Guide (order number DOC-7811196=)
• Release Notes for the Catalyst 2900 Series XL and Catalyst 3500 Series XL Switches Cisco IOS Release 12.0(5.1)WC(1) or later
• Release Notes for the Catalyst 2950 Cisco IOS Release 12.1(6)EA2 or later
• Release Notes for the Catalyst 3550 Multilayer Switches Cisco IOS Release 12.1(4)EA1 or later

Refer to the online Catalyst GigaStack Gigabit Interface Converter Switch Compatibility Matrix listed with the GigaStack GBIC documentation on www.cisco.com for the list of switching products supporting the GBIC.

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P1 and P2 level problems are defined as follows:

- **P1**—Your production network is down, causing a critical impact to business operations if service is not restored quickly. No workaround is available.
- **P2**—Your production network is severely degraded, affecting significant aspects of your business operations. No workaround is available.
Overview

The GigaStack GBIC (model WS-X3500-XL) adds port density and high-performance connectivity to supporting switches. When installed in a supporting switch, the GigaStack GBIC supports Gigabit connections in a cascaded stack or point-to-point configuration. The GigaStack GBIC autonegotiates the duplex setting of each port to maximize the bandwidth for your configuration.

Features

This section describes the GigaStack GBIC features:

- Half-duplex stacking using only one GBIC slot for each switch
  Stack up to nine switches to form an independent backbone that can be managed with a single IP address. This stack gives the appearance of a single large switch for network management purposes. For this kind of connectivity, see the “Example 1: Cascaded Stack Connection” section on page 1-9.

- Full-duplex connectivity between two switches
  You can also form a point-to-point link between two switches. The GigaStack GBIC supports one full-duplex link (in a point-to-point configuration) or up to eight half-duplex links (in a stack configuration) to other Gigabit Ethernet devices. For this kind of connectivity, see the “Example 2: Point-to-Point Connection” section on page 1-10.
• Support for redundant loop configurations in a GigaStack GBIC stack
  For more information, see the “Minimum IOS Release for Redundant Loop Configurations” section on page 1-7 and the “Cascaded Stack Connections with a Redundant Link” section on page 2-12
• Support for IOS Release 12.0(5)XU or later for Catalyst 2900 XL and 3500 XL switches, support for Release 12.1(6)EA2 or later for Catalyst 2950 switches, and support for Release 12.1(4)EA1 or later for Catalyst 3550 multilayer switches
• Management through the Cisco IOS command-line interface (CLI) or the web-based Cluster Management Suite (CMS)
• Field-replaceable

GigaStack GBIC LEDs

Figure 1-1 shows the LED locations on the GigaStack GBIC, and Table 1-1 describes the LED colors and their meanings.
### GBIC Module Slot LEDs

Figure 1-2 shows the GBIC module slot LED on the front of a supporting switch, and Figure 1-3 shows the GBIC LED location when the GigaStack GBIC is installed in the 1000BASE-X module.

#### Figure 1-2 GBIC Module Slot LED Location on a Switch

![GBIC Module Slot LED Location on a Switch](image)

#### Table 1-1 GigaStack GBIC LEDs

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Color</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Off</td>
<td>No link.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Link present. This link occurs if there is connectivity with another network device and the GigaStack GBIC port.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amber</td>
<td>Power-on self-test (POST) failure or use of an incorrect cable.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flashing amber</td>
<td>Loop detection activated.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### GBIC Module Slot LEDs

Figure 1-2 shows the GBIC module slot LED on the front of a supporting switch, and Figure 1-3 shows the GBIC LED location when the GigaStack GBIC is installed in the 1000BASE-X module.
Table 1-2 describes the switch and 1000BASE-X module GBIC slot LED colors and port status.

### Table 1-2  Switch and 1000BASE-X Module GBIC Slot LEDs

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Color</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Off</td>
<td>No link, or port was administratively shut down.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Link present.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flashing green</td>
<td>Activity. Port is transmitting or receiving data.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alternating green-amber</td>
<td>Link fault. Error frames can affect connectivity, and errors such as excessive collisions, cyclic redundancy check (CRC) errors, and alignment and jabber errors are monitored for a link-fault indication.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Solid amber</td>
<td>Port is blocked by Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) and is not forwarding data.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td>After a port is reconfigured, the port LED can remain amber for up to 30 seconds as STP checks the switch for possible loops.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flashing amber</td>
<td>Port is blocked by STP and is sending or receiving packets.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Cabling Guidelines**

The GigaStack GBIC uses the following Cisco proprietary cables. See Figure 1-4 and Table 1-3 for more information.
The maximum distance for a GBIC-to-GBIC connection is 1 meter. The GigaStack GBIC requires Cisco proprietary signaling and cabling. For more information about cabling, see Appendix B, “Connectors and Cables.”

**Figure 1-4 GigaStack GBIC Cables**

50-cm GigaStack cable

1-m GigaStack cable

**Table 1-3 GigaStack GBIC Cable Part Numbers**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Part Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>CAB-GS-50CM</td>
<td>50 cm</td>
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<tr>
<td>CAB-GS-1M</td>
<td>1 m</td>
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</table>

The 50-cm cable comes with the GigaStack GBIC. You can order additional cables.

**Caution**

Do not use standard IEEE 1394 cables with the GigaStack GBIC. You must use one of the Cisco proprietary cables (CAB-GS-50CM or CAB-GS-1M). If you use any other cable, you will not have connectivity.

**Caution**

Do not use the GigaStack GBIC with standard IEEE 1394 equipment. You might damage the equipment or lose data.
Switches Supporting the GBIC

Refer to the online GigaStack Gigabit Interface Converter Switch Compatibility Matrix listed with the GBIC documentation on www.cisco.com for the most current list of products supporting the GBIC.

Caution

Installing the GBIC in or connecting it to an unauthorized device might cause damage to the GBIC, the other device, or both.

Table 1-4 lists the switches and the module supporting the GigaStack GBIC.

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<th>Switch Series or Module</th>
<th>Model Number</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>WS-X2931-XL module for Catalyst 2900 series XL switches</td>
<td>WS-X2931-XL</td>
<td>1 1000BASE-X port1</td>
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<td>Catalyst 2900 XL switches</td>
<td>Catalyst 2912MF XL</td>
<td>12 100BASE-FX ports and 2 module slots</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Catalyst 2924M XL</td>
<td>24 autosensing 10/100 Ethernet ports and 2 module slots</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Catalyst 2950 switches</td>
<td>Catalyst 2950G-12-EI</td>
<td>12 autosensing 10/100 Ethernet ports and 2 GBIC module slots</td>
</tr>
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<td>Catalyst 2950G-24-EI</td>
<td>24 autosensing 10/100 Ethernet ports and 2 GBIC module slots</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Catalyst 2950G-24-EI-DC</td>
<td>24 autosensing 10/100 Ethernet ports and 2 GBIC module slots with DC-input power</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>Catalyst 2950G-48-EI</td>
<td>48 autosensing 10/100 Ethernet ports and 2 GBIC module slots</td>
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Minimum IOS Release for Redundant Loop Configurations

To ensure support for redundant loop configurations when using the GigaStack GBIC in a cascaded stack configuration, make sure that every switch in the stack is running at least the minimum IOS Release listed in Table 1-5.

Table 1-5: Minimum IOS Release for Redundant Loop Configurations

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<tr>
<th>Switch Series or Module</th>
<th>Model Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>Catalyst 3500 XL switches</td>
<td>Catalyst 3508G XL</td>
<td>8 GBIC module slots</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Catalyst 3512 XL</td>
<td>12 autosensing 10/100 Ethernet ports and 2 GBIC module slots</td>
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<td>Catalyst 3524 XL</td>
<td>24 autosensing 10/100 Ethernet ports and 2 GBIC module slots</td>
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<td>Catalyst 3524 PWR XL</td>
<td>24 autosensing 10/100 inline-power Ethernet ports and 2 GBIC module slots</td>
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<td>Catalyst 3550 switches</td>
<td>Catalyst 3550-12G</td>
<td>2 autosensing 10/100/1000 Ethernet ports and 10 GBIC module slots</td>
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<td>Catalyst 3550-12T</td>
<td>10 autosensing 10/100/1000 Ethernet ports and 2 GBIC module slots</td>
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<td>Catalyst 3550-24-SMI</td>
<td>24 autosensing 10/100 Ethernet ports and 2 GBIC module slots</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Catalyst 3550-48-EMI</td>
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1. The 1000BASE-X module provides one switched 1000-Mbps port in half-duplex, full-duplex, or autonegotiation mode for a GigaStack GBIC. The port supports the IEEE 802.3Z 1000BASE-X standard.
Table 1-5 Minimum IOS Release for Redundant Loop Configurations

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<tr>
<th>Supported Switch</th>
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<tr>
<td>Modular 2900 XL switches</td>
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<td>2950 switches</td>
<td>12.1(6)EA2 (December 2000)</td>
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Note: All switches in a series must run the same software version. For example, if the stack includes only Catalyst 2900 series XL and 3500 series XL switches, they must run Release 12.0(5)XU or later. If the stack includes a mixture of Catalyst 2900 series XL, 3500 series XL, 2950, and 3550 switches, all the 2900 XL and 3500 XL switches must run Release 12.0(5)XW or later, all the Catalyst 2950 switches must run Release 12.1(6)EA2 or later, and all the Catalyst 3550 switches must run Release 12.1(4)EA1 or later.

For more information, see the “Cascaded Stack Connections with a Redundant Link” section on page 2-12. For switch software upgrade information, refer to the release notes for your switch.
Deployment Examples

This section contains examples that use the GigaStack GBIC as a Gigabit uplink to aggregate traffic in a switched and shared network.

Example 1: Cascaded Stack Connection

Figure 1-5 shows the GigaStack GBIC cascaded in a half-duplex stack configuration.

![Cascaded Stack Connection Diagram]

- Catalyst 3550 switch
- Gigabit EtherChannel or 1000BASE-X link
- Catalyst 2900 XL, Catalyst 3500 XL, or Catalyst 3550 switches
- Half-duplex GigaStack GBIC links
- 10/100 switched links
- 10/100 attached workstations
Example 2: Point-to-Point Connection

Figure 1-6 shows the 3500 XL switch aggregating traffic by using a GigaStack GBIC as a full-duplex, point-to-point uplink connection.

Figure 1-6  Point-to-Point Connection

Catalyst GigaStack Gigabit Interface Converter Hardware Installation Guide
Installation

This chapter describes how to unpack, install, cable, and run the power-on self-test (POST) on the GigaStack GBIC. After power on, you can manage GBIC ports as you would manage fixed ports on the switch, through the web-based Cluster Management Suite (CMS), or through the console port or a Telnet connection to access the IOS command-line interface.

Inspecting the Packing List

Before you install a GigaStack GBIC, ensure that these items are included in the package:

- GigaStack GBIC
- 50-cm cable
- GBIC clip

If anything is missing, contact your Cisco Systems customer service representative.

Note

You can order a 1-m cable separately.
EMC Regulatory Statements

This section lists international regulatory information for the GigaStack GBIC.

U.S.A.

U.S. regulatory information for this product is in the front matter of this manual.

Taiwan

This is a Class A Information product. When used in a residential environment, it may cause radio frequency interference. Under such circumstances, the user may be requested to take appropriate countermeasures.

這是甲類資訊產品，在居住環境中使用時，可能會造成射頻干擾，
在這種情況下，使用者會被要求採取某些適當的對策。

Japan

This is a Class A product based on the standard of the Voluntary Control Council for Interference by Information Technology Equipment (VCCI). If this equipment is used in a domestic environment, radio disturbance may arise. When such trouble occurs, the user may be required to take corrective actions.
Korea

Warning
This is a Class A Device and is registered for EMC requirements for industrial use. The seller or buyer should be aware of this. If this type was sold or purchased by mistake, it should be replaced with a residential-use type.

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Hungary

This equipment is a Class A product and should be used and installed properly according to the Hungarian EMC Class A requirements (MSZEN55022). Class A equipment is designed for typical commercial establishments for which special conditions of installation and protection distance are used.

Figyelmeztetés a felhasználói kézikönyv számára:
Ez a berendezés “A” osztályú termék, felhasználására és üzembe helyezésére a magyar EMC “A” osztályú követelményeknek (MSZ EN 55022) megfelelően kerülhet sor, illetve ezen “A” osztályú berendezések csak megfelelő kereskedelmi forrásból származhatnak, amelyek biztosítják a megfelelő speciális üzembe helyezési körülményeket és biztonságos üzemelési távolságok alkalmazását.
Avoiding Electrostatic Discharge

Before you install the GigaStack GBIC, ground yourself by touching the metal part of the chassis to avoid electrostatic discharge (ESD). You should also keep the GigaStack GBIC in its antistatic shielded bag until you are ready for installation.

Installing a GigaStack GBIC

Gigabit Ethernet switches are shipped without the GigaStack GBIC. However, you can install the GBIC into GigaStack GBIC slots, as shown in Figure 2-1.

Install a GigaStack GBIC as follows:

Step 1  Remove the GigaStack GBIC from its protective packaging.

Step 2  If you want to use the GigaStack cable connector (hereafter referred to as the clip), see the “Attaching the GBIC Clip” section on page 2-6.

Step 3  Grip the sides of the GBIC with your thumb and forefinger, and insert it into the GBIC slot on a switch front panel, as shown in Figure 2-1, or the Catalyst 2900 XL 1000BASE-X module slot, as shown in Figure 2-2.

The GigaStack GBIC is keyed to prevent incorrect insertion.

Step 4  Slide the GigaStack GBIC through the flap covering the opening into the slot until you hear a click. The click means the GigaStack GBIC is locked into the slot.
Figure 2-1  Inserting the GigaStack GBIC into a Switch Module Slot

Figure 2-2  Inserting the GigaStack GBIC into a 1000BASE-X Module
Attaching the GBIC Clip

Each GigaStack GBIC ships with a removable clip that can be attached to provide extra security against accidental cable removal. If you use the clip, you must attach it before inserting the GBIC into the slot.

Attach the clip as follows:

**Step 1**  
Attach the clip to the GBIC by carefully inserting the clip tabs into the slots on either side of the GBIC, in the orientation shown in Figure 2-3. Slide the clip toward the port side of the GBIC.

![Figure 2-3  Attaching the GBIC Clip](image)

**Step 2**  
Insert the cable connector into the GBIC port according to your configuration.

**Step 3**  
Swing the GBIC clip up toward the GBIC so that the alignment bump in the clip seats in the indentation on the GBIC bottom.
Step 4  Secure the cable in a clip notch as shown in Figure 2-4.

**Figure 2-4  Securing the Cables in the GBIC Clip**

Step 5  Insert the GBIC into the slot. Follow the steps in the “Installing a GigaStack GBIC” section on page 2-4.

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**Recommended Configuration**

All ports are set to autonegotiate the duplex mode for your GigaStack GBIC. You must keep this default setting; autonegotiation must not be disabled.

For information about the supporting switches and software, see the “Switches Supporting the GBIC” section on page 1-6 and the “Minimum IOS Release for Redundant Loop Configurations” section on page 1-7.

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**Connecting to GigaStack GBIC Ports**

Insert the GigaStack cable connector into the GigaStack GBIC port, as shown in Figure 2-5.

**Note**  The GBIC module slot LED is amber while the Spanning Tree Protocol discovers the topology and searches for loops. This takes about 30 seconds. The port status LED then turns green.
Creating Connections

You can create these configurations:

- Point-to-point
- Cascaded stack
- Cascaded stack with a redundant link

In a point-to-point configuration or cascaded stack configuration, the GigaStack GBIC can use the ports listed in Table 2-1 to connect to other devices.
The GigaStack GBIC supports setting a trunk to IEEE 802.1Q or Inter-Switch Link (ISL) encapsulation. All GigaStack GBIC interfaces in the cascaded stack should be configured as trunk interfaces (\texttt{switchport mode trunk} interface configuration command) and to use the same encapsulation method (\texttt{switchport trunk encapsulation \{isl | dot1q\}} interface configuration command). For more information on these commands, refer to the command reference for your switch.

For more information, see the “Point-to-Point Connections” section on page 2-10, the “Cascaded Stack Connections” section on page 2-11, and the “Cascaded Stack Connections with a Redundant Link” section on page 2-12.

Table 2-1  Available GBIC Ports in a Point-to-Point Configuration

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Device</th>
<th>Available GigaStack GBIC Ports</th>
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<tr>
<td>1000BASE-X module (for modular 2900 XL switches)</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3500 XL switches</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>2950 switches</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>3550 multilayer switches</td>
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Point-to-Point Connections

A point-to-point connection operates in full-duplex mode. Figure 2-6 shows an example of supporting switches with point-to-point connections.

Figure 2-6  Point-to-Point Connections

Catalyst 3512 XL  Catalyst 3524 XL

Catalyst 2924M XL  Catalyst 3508G XL

Catalyst 3512 XL  Catalyst 3524 XL

Catalyst 2924M XL  Catalyst 3508G XL
Cascaded Stack Connections

You can connect from three to nine switches in a cascaded stack configuration. The cascaded stack operates in half-duplex mode. Figure 2-7 shows the connections on some supporting switches.

Figure 2-7  Cascaded Stack Connections
Cascaded Stack Connections with a Redundant Link

You can form a redundant link by connecting the open ports on the top and bottom GigaStack GBICs within the same stack, as shown in Figure 2-8.

The GigaStack GBIC software detects the loop configuration by the way the cables are connected and the number of switches used in the stack. The software uses one of the GigaStack GBIC links as the redundant link, which is disabled for data transmission while all the other links in the stack are up. When any other link in the stack is down, the redundant link is automatically enabled for data transmission. To ensure continued connectivity, the software periodically checks for changes in the stack and invokes the loop detection algorithm if a new link is added to the cascaded stack or if a link is removed from the cascaded stack.

GigaStack GBICs installed in a stack support a loop configuration only if every Catalyst 2900 XL and 3500 XL switch in the stack is running IOS software Release 12.0(5)XU or later, Release 12.1(6)EA2 or later for Catalyst 2950 switches, and Release 12.1(4)EA1 or later for Catalyst 3550 switches.

For Catalyst 2900 XL and 3500 XL switches running IOS software earlier than Release 12.0(5)XU, an illegal loop is created under these conditions:

- A GigaStack GBIC is connected to two other GBIC ports in the same stack.
- A single GigaStack GBIC cable is inserted in port 1 and port 2 of the same GBIC.
Caution

A loop causes excessive collision errors on the port and can cause the link to become unstable. This instability decreases performance on the links, and communication between the switches in the stack is adversely affected.

If a Catalyst switch is connected through its GigaStack GBIC to another switch’s GigaStack GBIC that does not support loop detection, the GBIC LEDs turn these colors:

- The GigaStack GBIC LED on the switch without loop detection turns green almost immediately.
- The GigaStack GBIC LED on the switch with loop detection flashes green for 15 seconds and then turns green.

As a result, all GBIC links are enabled if no loop is created. If a loop is present, the software does not detect it, excessive collisions occur on these ports, no traffic passes through the stack, and the GigaStack GBIC LEDs remain green.

To avoid problems with loop configurations, make sure that all switches in your stack are running the appropriate IOS release as shown in Table 1-5 on page 1-8. For more information, see the “Minimum IOS Release for Redundant Loop Configurations” section on page 1-7. For switch software upgrade information, refer to the release notes for your switch.

Removing a GigaStack GBIC

Remove a GigaStack GBIC as follows:

**Step 1** Release the GigaStack GBIC from the slot by simultaneously squeezing the two plastic tabs (one on each side of the GigaStack GBIC).

**Step 2** To remove, slide the GigaStack GBIC out of the slot. A flap drops down to protect the internal connector.
Step 3  If you are using the GBIC clip to secure the GBIC cables, remove the clip from the GigaStack GBIC by pulling the tabs from the slots on the GBIC. Remove the cables from the notches in the clip.

Step 4  Disconnect the cable from the GigaStack GBIC port.

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**Warning**  Ultimate disposal of this product should be handled according to all national laws and regulations.

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**Power-On Self-Test**

All supporting switches perform a power-on self-test (POST) on the GigaStack GBIC. When you insert the GigaStack GBIC into the switch or module slot, the port LED on the switch or module turns amber while STP checks for possible loops and then turns green. When you insert a GigaStack GBIC cable into the GBIC port, the GigaStack GBIC port turns green if there is network connectivity; no additional configuration is needed. For more information about the LED meanings, see the “GigaStack GBIC LEDs” section on page 1-2 and the “GBIC Module Slot LEDs” section on page 1-3.
Troubleshooting

Table 3-1 describes how to identify problems with the switch and GigaStack GBIC and how to resolve them.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Symptom</th>
<th>Possible Causes</th>
<th>Corrective Action</th>
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<tr>
<td>GBIC module slot LED is amber.</td>
<td>Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) is checking for loops. Port is initializing, it was disabled by management or an address violation, or it was blocked by STP.</td>
<td>Wait for STP to complete its search. The LED turns green when STP completes its check. Use the Cluster Management Suite or the IOS command-line interface to check the status of the port and to enable it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GBIC module slot LED is flashing green and amber.</td>
<td>Port is experiencing error frames. This could be due to a duplex mismatch caused by autonegotiation, collisions, cyclic redundancy check (CRC) errors, or alignment errors.</td>
<td>Remove and reinsert the GigaStack GBIC.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GBIC module slot LED is off.</td>
<td>Device has no power. No link or port was shut down administratively. Bad cable.</td>
<td>Ensure that the switch and the target device have power. Verify that the GBIC cable is connected to another active network device and that the port is not shut down. Replace with a known good cable.</td>
</tr>
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### Table 3-1  Common Problems and Their Solutions (continued)

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<th>Symptom</th>
<th>Possible Causes</th>
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<tr>
<td>GigaStack GBIC LED blinks any color for more than 1 minute.</td>
<td>Link flap (the link keeps going up and down).</td>
<td>Remove and reinsert the GigaStack GBIC. Upgrade all the switches in a series to the same software version; otherwise, the loop-breaking algorithm might never resolve itself. For example, if the stack includes only Catalyst 2900 series XL and 3500 series XL switches, they must run Release 12.0(5)XU or later. If the stack includes a mixture of Catalyst 2900 series XL, 3500 series XL, 2950, and 3550 switches, all the 2900 XL and 3500 XL switches must run Release 12.0(5)XW or later, all Catalyst 2950 switches must run Release 12.1(6)EA2 or later, and all Catalyst 3550 switches must run Release 12.1(4)EA1 or later. If no loop exists in the GigaStack GBIC stack, you can disable the loop-breaking algorithm by using the no gigastack loop-breaking [interface-id] global configuration command.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GigaStack GBIC LED color is incorrect (for example, the GBIC is not connected to another device, but the LED is green).</td>
<td>The GigaStack GBIC is in an indeterminate state.</td>
<td>Remove and reinsert the GigaStack GBIC.</td>
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Technical Specifications

Table A-1 lists the technical specifications and regulatory agency approvals for the GigaStack GBIC.

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<td>Operating temperature</td>
<td>32 to 113°F (0 to 45°C)</td>
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<td>Storage temperature</td>
<td>–4 to 149°F (–20 to 65°C)</td>
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<td>Operating humidity</td>
<td>10 to 85% (noncondensing)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage humidity</td>
<td>5 to 95% (noncondensing)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operating altitude</td>
<td>Up to 10,000 ft (3000 m)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage altitude</td>
<td>Up to 15,000 ft (4570 m)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Power Consumption</strong></td>
<td>2W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Physical Dimensions (H x W x D)</strong></td>
<td>0.75 x 1.54 x 3.5 in. (1.90 x 3.91 x 8.89 cm)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>0.11 lb (0.05 kg)</td>
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### Table A-1  Technical Specifications (continued)

**Agency Approvals**

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<td>UL 1950/CSA 22.2 No. 950</td>
<td>EN 55022A Class A (CISPR 22 Class A)</td>
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Connectors and Cables

This appendix describes the Cisco proprietary cables and connectors for the GigaStack GBIC.

GigaStack GBIC Cabling

The GigaStack GBIC uses proprietary connectors as shown in Figure B-1.

**Figure B-1  GigaStack GBIC Connector**

The GigaStack GBIC cables are proprietary, high-data-rate cables with enhanced signal integrity and EMI performance.

- **Caution**
  Do not use standard IEEE 1394 cables with the GigaStack GBIC. You must use one of the Cisco proprietary cables (CAB-GS-50CM or CAB-GS-1M). If you use any other cable, you will not have connectivity.

- **Caution**
  Do not use the GigaStack GBIC with standard IEEE 1394 equipment. You might damage the equipment or lose data.
GigaStack GBIC Cabling
# Translated Safety Warnings

This appendix repeats the warnings in this guide in multiple languages.

## Product Disposal

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<th>Warning</th>
<th>Ultimate disposal of this product should be handled according to all national laws and regulations.</th>
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<td>Waarschuwing</td>
<td>Het uiteindelijke wegruimen van dit product dient te geschieden in overeenstemming met alle nationale wetten en reglementen.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Varoitus</td>
<td>Tämä tuote on hävitettävä kansallisten lakien ja määräysten mukaisesti.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Attention</td>
<td>La mise au rebut ou le recyclage de ce produit sont généralement soumis à des lois et/ou directives de respect de l'environnement. Renseignez-vous auprès de l’organisme compétent.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Warnung</td>
<td>Die Entsorgung dieses Produkts sollte gemäß allen Bestimmungen und Gesetzen des Landes erfolgen.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Avvertenza</td>
<td>Lo smaltimento di questo prodotto deve essere eseguito secondo le leggi e regolazioni locali.</td>
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<td>Advarsel</td>
<td>Endelig kassering av dette produktet skal være i henhold til alle relevante nasjonale lover og bestemmelser.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Aviso</td>
<td>Deitar fora este produto em conformidade com todas as leis e regulamentos nacionais.</td>
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<tr>
<td>¡Advertencia!</td>
<td>Al deshacerse por completo de este producto debe seguir todas las leyes y reglamentos nacionales.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Warning!</td>
<td>Vid deponering hanteras produkten enligt gällande lagar och bestämmelser.</td>
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