



Force10 Networks is the pioneer in resilient Gigabit and 10 Gigabit Ethernet switching and routing. The Force10 E-Series switch/routers provide best-in-class resiliency, unmatched scalability, line-rate performance, and full L2 switching and L3 routing. Based on revolutionary system architecture that combines fully distributed hardware and modular software, the E-Series switch/routers ensure predictable application performance, increase network availability, and reduce operating costs.

**Best-in-Class Resiliency**  
**Massive Scalability**  
**1,260 Gigabit Ethernet or  
 224 Ten Gigabit Ethernet  
 ports per chassis**  
**Battle Tested, Full  
 Function L2 Switching  
 and L3 Routing**

- Patented multi-processor design delivers best-in-class resiliency and security
- Up to 1,260 Gigabit Ethernet ports or 224 Ten Gigabit Ethernet ports per chassis, enabling unprecedented network scalability
- Innovative Force10 ASICs and E-Series architecture deliver non-blocking, line-rate forwarding with Access Control Lists (ACLs) across all line cards
- Fault-tolerance simplifies maintenance and maximizes system availability
- Robust Force10 FTOS™ software delivers full functionality Layer 2 (L2) switching and Layer 3 (L3) routing for applications spanning the LAN, MAN, and WAN

# Scalable Performance

To simplify network operation and maintenance, the E1200/E600/E300 allow hot-swap of all key components and share the same Switch Fabric Modules (SFMs) and FTOS software. In addition, the E1200 and E600 share common line cards and Route Processor Modules (RPMs).

The Force10 E-Series sets a new standard for high-performance switch/routers with unmatched scalability to 1,260 Gigabit Ethernet or 224 Ten Gigabit Ethernet ports per chassis, consistent performance with ACLs on all ports, and full L2 switching and L3 routing. These groundbreaking products simplify network applications from Server/Cluster Consolidation, Grid Computing, Campus backbones, next-generation Internet Exchanges, and Metro Ethernet services.

The Force10 E-Series E1200/E600 provides 56.25 Gigabits per second per slot and the E300 delivers 25 Gigabits per second per slot. All deliver predictable line-rate performance with any combination of features enabled, deterministic low latency and jitter, robust L2/L3 functionality, and the resiliency to thwart Denial of Service (DoS) attacks. Built upon the powerful and cost-effective Force10 architecture, the E-Series sets the industry standard both for resiliency and performance.



**E1200**

- 1.68 Tbps non-blocking switch fabric
- 1/2 rack chassis (19" rack width)
- 1 billion packets per second
- 14 line card slots
- 1+1 redundant RPMs
- 8:1 redundant SFMs
- 1+1 redundant DC Power Entry Modules



**E600**

- 900 Gbps non-blocking switch fabric
- 1/3 rack chassis (19" rack width)
- 500 million packets per second
- 7 line card slots
- 1+1 redundant RPMs
- 4:1 redundant SFMs
- 3+1 and 2+2 redundant AC power supplies
- 1+1 redundant DC Power Entry Modules



**E300**

- 400 Gbps non-blocking switch fabric
- 1/6 rack chassis (19" rack width)
- 196 million packets per second
- 6 line card slots
- 1+1 redundant RPMs
- 1:1 redundant SFMs
- 3+1 and 2+2 redundant AC power supplies
- 1+1 redundant DC Power Entry Modules

## Highest Ethernet Density

The Force10 E-Series delivers unparalleled Gigabit Ethernet and 10 Gigabit Ethernet port densities. The E1200/E600 support 90 Gigabit Ethernet ports or 16 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports per line card slot and up to 14 and 7 line card slots per chassis respectively. The E300 supports 48 Gigabit Ethernet ports or eight 10 Gigabit Ethernet port per line card slot and up to six line card slots per chassis.

## High Density Interfaces

Ports Per Chassis	E300	E600	E1200
High Density Gigabit Ethernet	288	630	1,260
Line-Rate Gigabit Ethernet	132	336	672
High Density 10 Gigabit Ethernet	48	112	224
Line-Rate 10 Gigabit Ethernet	12	28	56

## Line-Rate Performance

With three custom Force10 ASICs and advanced Ternary Content Addressable Memory (TCAM) on every line card, the Force10 E-Series provides line-rate, non-blocking forwarding performance across all ports, even with all features enabled simultaneously. These features include:

- Extended ACLs for packet filtering and policy routing
- Multi-field packet lookup and classification for QoS
- Packet metering and marking for rate limiting and policing
- Congestion control using WRED and WFQ

## Full L2 Switching and L3 Routing

Force10 ASICs, E-Series architecture and FTOS software work in unison to give robust L2 switching and L3 routing functionality to the E-Series with the scalability and security required for applications spanning the LAN, MAN, and Internet-connected WAN. The Force10 E-Series L2 and L3 features include:

- BGP, IS-IS, OSPF, and RIP routing protocols
- Prefix-based distributed forwarding table on every line card
- Forwarding table support for up to 512K IPv4 and 32K IPv6 routes
- 55 ms to 200 ms packet buffering per port
- VLAN Redundancy, Rapid Spanning Tree, VLAN Stacking

# Resiliency: The Force10 E-Series Architecture

With the power of the E-Series architecture, the Force10 E-Series delivers breakthrough resiliency at performance levels never before realized. The Force10 E-Series architecture is the result of patented technological innovation in switch fabric, backplane, ASIC, and system control plane design.

## Separate System Control Plane

The E-Series architecture includes distinct data and control planes. The system control plane is augmented with three processors on each Route Processor Module (RPM). The first processor handles Layer 2 control protocols, the second, Layer 3, and the third, management functions. This patented architecture allows faults to be contained while protecting other parts of the system. For example, it protects against spanning tree loops and DoS attacks providing unparalleled resiliency.

Designed to meet the needs of Internet-scale networks, the E-Series system control plane supports millions of routing table entries, up to 512K IPv4 forwarding table entries, and thousands of ACLs on every line card. The RPM's innovative control traffic rate limiting and filtering functionality empowers network administrators to suppress harmful DoS attacks and prevent flooding of unwanted traffic onto the network. And dedicated 100 Mbps switched paths from the RPMs to every line card eliminate sluggish forwarding table updates that could otherwise jeopardize network stability.

## Distributed ASIC-Based Forwarding

The Force10 ASICs, along with advanced TCAMs on every line card, give absolutely predictable line-rate forwarding for every packet regardless of the number, type, or complexity of features enabled across the chassis. Unlike low-performance, processor-based forwarding architectures, there is no "slow-path" or software-based forwarding in the E-Series. The Force10 ASICs look up and act upon all information related to forwarding and applying policy to a packet before the entire packet is received, independent of table lengths, IP address prefix lengths, or packet size. This hardware forwarding enables the E-Series to provide the deterministic low latency and jitter required by VoIP and streaming media applications.

## Non-Blocking 1.68 Tbps Switch Fabric

The E-Series switch fabric provides non-blocking connectivity along with advanced queuing, multicast, and jumbo frame support. The E1200/E600's cost-effective N:1 redundant switch fabric design reduces SFM sparing costs while providing 56.25 Gigabits per second of non-blocking bandwidth to each line card slot.

## Passive Copper Backplane

The E-Series architecture's reliable and cost-efficient backplane is the industry's first high speed, non-optical backplane to scale to 5 Tbps data rates in a single 1/2 rack E1200 switch/router chassis. Unlike optical backplane interconnect systems or active copper backplanes, the E-Series backplane has no single point of failure and eliminates costly electrical-optical-electrical conversions. The resulting system simplicity afforded by the backplane means bulletproof reliability and minimum cost — available on all three platforms. The massive backplane capacity of E-Series chassis bought today also translates to enough bandwidth per slot (E1200 and E600) to support 100 GbE when that standard becomes available.

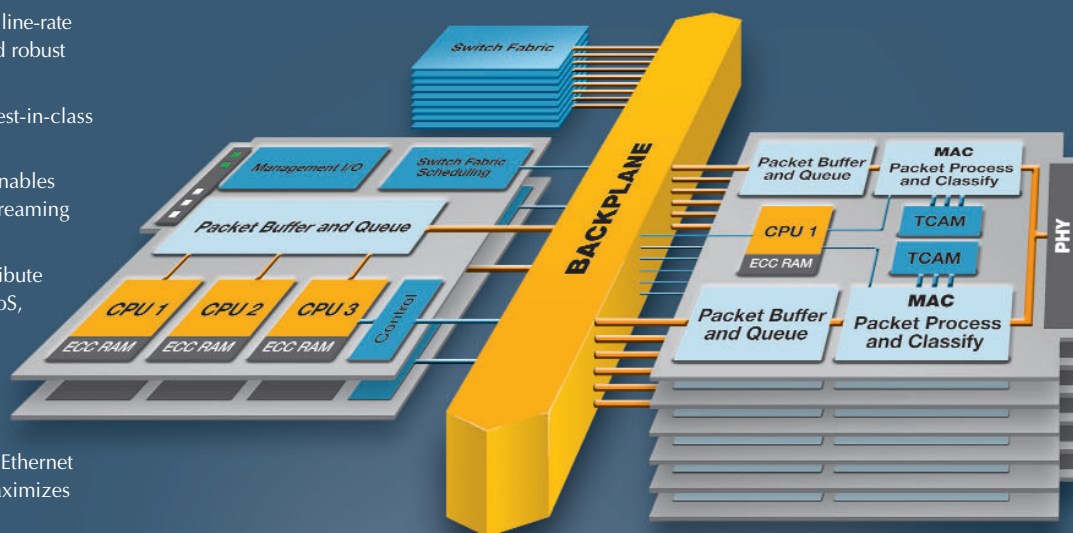
## Fault Tolerance and High Availability

The E-Series architecture supports redundancy, availability, and serviceability features to maximize network uptime. All key systems in the E-Series are redundant, including the RPMs, SFMs, and power. All memory systems are ECC/parity protected. System-wide environmental monitoring and persistent configuration synchronization enable FTOS to detect, report, and correct faults with a minimum of system interruption. In addition, serviceability features include hot-swap of all key components, cable management, and front-side access to all cabling and cards minimize mean time to repair.

## The Force10 E-Series Architecture

The Force10 E-Series Architecture delivers line-rate performance, cost-effective scalability, and robust L2 switching and L3 routing:

- Three CPU Route Processor delivers best-in-class resiliency and security
- Scalable, non-blocking switch fabric enables the low latency and jitter critical for streaming media applications
- High performance Force10 ASICs distribute packet forwarding, ACL processing, QoS, and buffering to every line card
- Robust L2/L3 multiprocessor control plane with innovative control traffic filtering and rate limiting capabilities
- Cost-effective, reliable — 100 Gigabit Ethernet ready — passive copper backplane maximizes system reliability and minimizes cost
- High availability features include hot-swap of all key components and system-wide environmental monitoring, maximizing system uptime and serviceability





# Force10 FTOS™ Software

Force10 FTOS software is purpose-built for scalable, high-performance Ethernet applications that span the LAN, MAN, and WAN. FTOS harnesses the massive performance of the Force10 E-Series and provides end users with the functionality they need to utilize the power of the E-Series architecture.

FTOS is a distributed, multi-processor operating system customized for high-availability and fault tolerance. FTOS delivers an extensive range of high-performance L2 switching and L3 routing features including robust IP routing control plane, hardware and software fault tolerance, highly granular traffic management and accounting, industry standard command line interface (CLI), and system diagnostics.

## FTOS Provides:

- Stable, scalable L2 switching and L3 routing in a protected environment
- Fault tolerance with modular processes allocated to multiple system processors
- Simplified management with SNMP and an industry-standard CLI
- Full suite of debug and Syslog capabilities

E-Series Switch Fabric Module



E-Series Route Processor Module



## FTOS Key Features

### L2 Switching

- 4,096 VLANs
- 16M VLANs with VLAN stacking
- Up to 896K MAC addresses per system
- Link aggregation
- 802.1p prioritization
- Resilient ring protocol (FRRP)
- MSTP (802.1s)/RSTP (802.1w)

### L3 Routing

- Robust protocols: BGP, IS-IS, OSPF and RIP
- Multicast with IGMP, PIM-DM, PIM-SM, PIM-BSR, MBGP, and MSDP
- Full Internet route table support
- VRRP
- Dual stack IPv4 and IPv6 forwarding
- Graceful restart of BGP and OSPF

### Services

- Congestion control with WRED and WFQ
- QoS for L2 and L3
- Egress rate shaping, ingress rate policing
- Committed access rate support — two-rate, three-color model
- Port mirroring

### Management

- Ping, Traceroute, Telnet
- RADIUS, TACACS+, SSH, SCP
- FTP, TFTP client
- DNS client, BootP/DHCP relay
- Accounting and statistics
- SNMP v1, v2c, v3, HP OpenView support
- RMON
- Out of band console/AUX and FE management ports
- GUI-based EMS

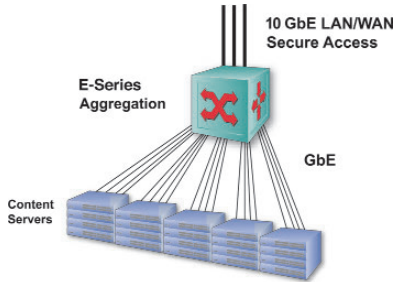
## The New Standard of Scalability and Performance

From Server/Cluster Consolidation and Grid Computing to Campus Backbones, next-generation Internet Exchanges and Metro Ethernet services, the breakthrough Force10 E-Series ensures predictable application performance, increases network availability, and reduces operating costs. The Force10 E-Series provides an unprecedented combination of resiliency, scalable performance, and full-featured routing and switching.



# Force10 E-Series Applications

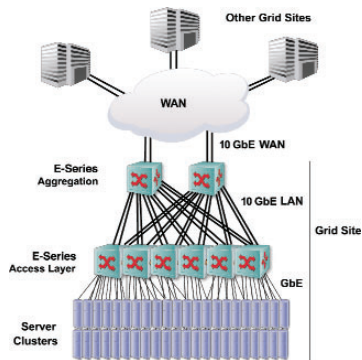
The Force10 E-Series simplifies high-speed enterprise and service provider applications spanning the LAN, MAN, and WAN. With its resiliency, its high density of Gigabit and 10 Gigabit Ethernet, line-rate performance, and robust L2/L3 feature set, the Force10 E-Series reduces total cost of ownership (TCO) and increases network scalability for Server/Cluster Consolidation, Grid Computing, Campus Backbones, Metro Ethernet services, and Internet Exchanges (IXs).



## Server Consolidation

Server consolidation within the enterprise can dramatically lower TCO. Lower powered servers with 10/100 connections are being replaced by high-performance servers that provide Gigabit Ethernet connectivity and are co-located in fewer data centers. Aggregating these Gigabit Ethernet servers requires a next-generation platform that delivers high capacity, high port density, and bulletproof reliability. Aggregating these densities of

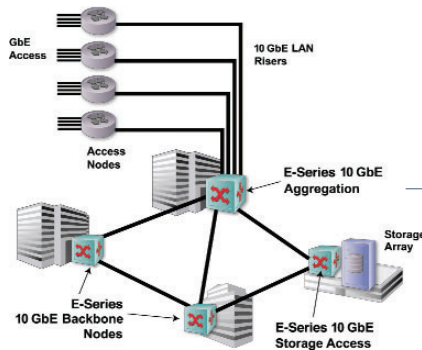
Gigabit Ethernet links implies 10 Gigabit Ethernet in the trunk connections. The Force10 E-Series provides the highest-density platform for Gigabit Ethernet and line-rate, 10 Gigabit Ethernet to most cost-effectively address data center and server consolidation network requirements.



## Cluster/Grid Computing

As they did with the Internet, research institutions are driving the creation of the next IT revolution: the Grid. Ultimately the Grid will create enormous "virtual supercomputers" providing CPU cycles on demand. Today the Grid is being built using native 10 Gigabit Ethernet connections between geographically disbursed Gigabit Ethernet attached server clusters. Similarly, many enterprises are clustering their servers into pools of computing

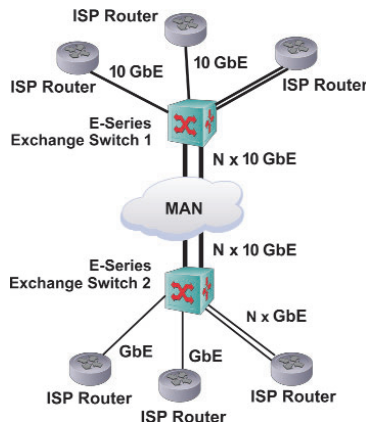
resources to give users supercomputing power on the desktop. For both Grid and Cluster computing, the Force10 E-Series has the high-density and non-blocking performance needed to interconnect thousands of servers, and the L3 robustness needed to provide scalable, controlled access to them.



## Campus Backbone

As with 10/100 Base-T before it, an explosion of 10/100/1000 Base-T at the desktop is underway, driving the need for 10 Gigabit Ethernet-attached servers and backbone trunks. Multiplying bandwidth requirements are IP-PBXs that put voice traffic onto the data network, new video and streaming media applications, and daily desktop backups to IP-connected storage arrays. The Force10 E-Series has the 10 Gigabit Ethernet density

needed to contain the explosion of Gigabit Ethernet at the desktop, and the deterministic low latency and jitter characteristics required to deliver these new multimedia applications and storage services. Moreover, the Force10 E-Series delivers the economics expected of Ethernet to ease the introduction of 10 Gigabit Ethernet into the Enterprise.



## Internet Exchange

Internet traffic continues to double every 18 months. Consequently, IXs find themselves at the nexus of a storm. IXs have turned to 10 Gigabit Ethernet for connections within and between exchange points to keep up with ever-increasing demands for L2 customer connections at Gigabit Ethernet speeds and beyond. With secure 10 Gigabit Ethernet interconnections across the MAN and WAN, the Force10 E-Series is helping IXs create

virtual exchanges that bring the exchange closer to the customer. Moreover, the Force10 E-Series rich L2 services enable secure internet working between exchange point customers operating at Gigabit Ethernet speeds and up.

# E-Series Specifications

## Chassis

### E1200 – 14 line card slots

Size: 36.75 h x 17.4 w x 24" d (93.3 x 44.2 x 61 cm)  
 Weight (factory-installed components): 99 lbs (44.9 kg)  
 Weight fully loaded: 321 lbs (145.6 kg)  
 Maximum thermal output: 6,700W (22,860 BTU/hour)  
 Maximum current draw per DC PEM: 150A  
 Maximum power consumption: 7,200W

### E600 – 7 line card slots

Size: 28 h x 17.4 w x 24" d (71.1 x 44.2 x 61 cm)  
 Weight (factory-installed components): 81 lbs (36.7 kg)  
 Weight fully loaded: 242 lbs (109.8 kg)

#### AC Power

Nominal input voltage: 120-240 VAC 50/60 HZ  
 Maximum thermal output:

4,550W (15,800 BTU/hour) 100/120 VAC  
 4,250W (14,500 BTU/hour) 200/240 VAC

Maximum input current per module:

16A 100 VAC 13A 120 VAC  
 13A 200 VAC 11A 240 VAC

Maximum system power input:

4.8 KVA 100/120 VAC, 4.5 KVA 200/240 VAC

#### DC Power

Max. thermal output: 3,750W (12,800 BTU/hour)

Maximum current draw per DC PEM: 100A

Maximum power consumption: 4,000W

### E300 – 6 line card slots

Size: 14 h x 17.4 w x 24" d (35.6 x 44.2 x 61 cm)  
 Weight (factory-installed components): 55 lbs (25 kg)  
 Weight fully loaded: 185 lbs (84.1 kg)

#### AC Power

Nominal input voltage: 100–240 VAC 50/60 HZ  
 Maximum thermal output:

2900W (9,900 BTU/Hour) 100/120 VAC  
 2700W (9,900 BTU/Hour) 200/220 VAC

Maximum input current per module:

10A 100 VAC 8.3A 120 VAC  
 7A 200 VAC 5.8A 240 VAC

Maximum system power input:

3 KVA 100/120 VAC, 2.8 KVA 200/240 VAC

#### DC Power

Max. thermal DC output: 2,300W (7,850 BTU/hour)

Maximum current draw per DC PEM: 60A

Maximum power consumption: 2,400W

## Common

19" front, 19" middle (optional) and 23" middle  
 (E1200/E600 only) rack mountable

#### Maximum Operating Specifications:

Temperature: 32° to 104°F (0° to 40°C)  
 Altitude: no degradation to 10,000 feet (3,048 m)  
 Relative humidity: 5 to 85 percent, noncondensing  
 Shock and vibration: Bellcore GR-63

#### Maximum Non-operating Specifications:

Temperature: -40° to 158°F (-40° to 70°C)  
 Maximum altitude: 15,000 feet (4,572 meters)  
 Relative humidity: 5 to 95 percent, noncondensing  
 Vibration: Bellcore GR-63

### E1200/E600 Redundancy/Availability

1+1 redundant Route Processor Modules (RPM)

N:1 redundant Switch Fabric Modules (SFM)

(E1200 8:1, E600 4:1)

1+1 redundant DC Power Entry Modules (PEM)

2+2 redundant AC power supplies

(E600 only, high line operation)

3+1 redundant AC power supplies

(E600 only, low line and high line operation)

Online insertion and removal of all components

Built-in cable management

Environmental self-monitoring

### E300 Redundancy/Availability

1+1 redundant Route Processor Modules (RPM)

1:1 redundant Switch Fabric Modules

1+1 redundant DC Power Entry Modules (PEM)

2+2 redundant AC power supplies

(E300 high line operation only)

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## IEEE Compliance

802.3ae 10 Gigabit Ethernet

802.3ab 1000Base-T

802.1p/Q VLAN Tagging

802.1s Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol

802.1w Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol

802.3ad Link Aggregation with LACP

802.1D Bridging

802.3x Flow Control

802.1ac Frame Extension for VLAN tagging

## RFC Compliance

### BGP4

1771 BGP v4

1772 Application of BGP4 in the Internet

1997 BGP Communities Attribute

1998 Application of BGP Community Attribute

2385 TCP MD5

2439 BGP Route Flap Damping

2519 Route Aggregation

2796 BGP Route Reflection

2842 Capabilities advertisement with BGP4

2858 Multi-protocol Extensions for BGP4 (MBGP)

2918 Route Refresh

3065 Autonomous System Confederations for BGP

ietf-draft Graceful BGP restart

### OSPF

1587 NSSA option 2370 Opaque LSA option

2154 OSPF MD5 3623 Graceful OSPF Restart

2328 OSPF v2

### RIP

1058 RIP v1 2453 RIP v2

### IS-IS

1142 Intra-domain Routing Protocol

1195 Routing for TCP/IP

2763 Dynamic Hostname Exchange

2966 Domain-wide Prefixes

3373 Three-Way Handshake

3567 Cryptographic Authentication

ietf-draft Point-to-point operation over LAN

ietf-draft Maintaining more than 255 circuits in IS-IS

ietf-draft Extended Ethernet Frame Size support

ietf-draft Extensions for Traffic Engineering (wide metrics)

## General Routing Protocols

768 UDP 1305 NTP v3

783 TFTP 1519 CIDR

791 IP 1542 BootP (relay)

792 ICMP 1591 DNS client

793 TCP 1812 IP v4 routers

826 ARP 2131 BootP/DHCP helper

854 Telnet 2236 IGMP v1 and v2

959 FTP 2338 VRRP

1027 Proxy ARP 2787 VRRP MIB

### IPv6

2460 Specification 2464 Transmission of IPv6

2461 Neighbor Discovery 3513 Addressing

2463 ICMPv6 3587 Unicast Address Format

### IP Multicast

1112 IGMP

2236 IGMP v2

2362 PIM SM

2858 Multi-protocol Extensions for BGP4 (MBGP)

3618 Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP)

3973 PIM-DM

ietf-draft PIM – SM v2

ietf-draft PIM BSR

ietf-draft IGMP Snooping

## Security

1492 TACACS+

2865 RADIUS

3128 Protection Against a Variant of the Tiny

Fragment Attack, Secure Copy (SCP), SSH v1/v2

## SNMP/MIBs

1157 SNMP v1

1213 SNMP v2 (MIB-II)

1215 Traps for use with SNMP

1493 Bridges

1573 Interfaces group MIB

1657 BGP

1724 RIP v2 MIB extension

1757 RMON

1850 OSPF v2 MIB

1907 MIB for SNMPv2

2011 SNMPv2 IP MIB

2012 SNMPv2 TCP MIB

2013 SNMPv2 UDP MIB

2096 IP forwarding table MIB

2233 Interfaces MIB

2665 Ethernet-like interfaces

2787 VRRP MIB

ietf-draft BGP4 MIB

ietf-draft IS-IS MIB

Fault management (alarms & status reporting)

Force10 Link aggregation MIB

Force10 chassis MIB

Force10 SNMP copy MIB

Force10 monitoring MIB

## QoS

QoS mapping (Ethernet 802.1p and IP DiffServ)

Traffic conditioning for 8 traffic classes/port

Programmable WRED drop thresholds per queue

Egress rate-shaping

Weighted Fair Queuing

Committed Access Rate support—rate, 3-color model

## Management

Industry-standard CLI

XML configuration and command output

Telnet, FTP, TFTP

Secure Copy (SCP)

NTP v3 Client, Server

Secure Shell support (SSH)

SNMP v1, v2c, v3

HP OpenView support

RADIUS/TACACS+ -based authentication

RMON

Port mirroring

Out of band console/AUX and FE management ports

## Designed for NEBS

On board thermal and voltage monitoring

GR-63-Core: NEBS, physical protection

GR-1089-Core: EMC and Electrical Safety for

Network Telecommunications Equipment

SR-3580 NEBS criteria levels (Level 3 compliance)

## Safety

UL listed (UL 60950, 3rd Edition)

CUL CSA 22.2 #60950

CDRH 21

CFR 1040

EN 60950

EN 60825-1 Safety of Laser Products –

Part 1: Eqpt. Classification Reqmts / User's Guide

EN 60825-2 Safety of Laser Products –

Part 2: Safety of Optical Fiber Comm. Systems

## EMC

USA: FCC CFR47 Part 15, Subpart J, Class A

Canada: ICES-003, Issue-2, Class A

Europe: EN 55022 1998 (CISPR 22: 1997), Class A

Japan: VCCI V3/01.4 Class A

## Immunity

EN 300 386 V1.3.1 (2001-09) EMC for Network Eqpt.

EN 55024 1998

EN61000-4-2/IEC-1000-4-2

EN61000-4-3/IEC-1000-4-3

EN61000-4-4/IEC-1000-4-4

EN61000-4-5/IEC-1000-4-5

EN61000-4-6/IEC-1000-4-6

All E-Series components are RoHS compliant



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