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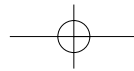
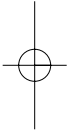
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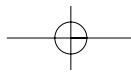
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Copper Gigabit Switch

Installation Guide

MODEL
GS 508T





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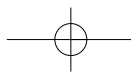
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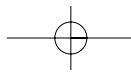
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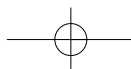
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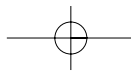
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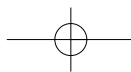
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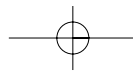
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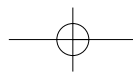
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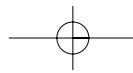
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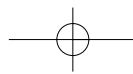


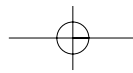
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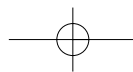
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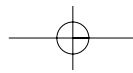




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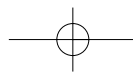
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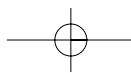




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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

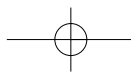
The NETGEAR® Model GS508T 8-Port Copper Gigabit Switch provides you with a low-cost, high-performance network solution and is designed to anchor and interconnect 10/100/1000 megabits per second (Mbps) workgroups using copper Gigabit links.

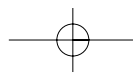
Features

The Model GS508T switch has the following key features:

- Eight full-duplex copper Gigabit ports with standard RJ-45 connectors
- Automatic address learning function to build the packet-forwarding information table

The table contains up to 8,000 media access control (MAC) addresses (that is, the switch can support networks with as many as 8,000 devices).
- Full-duplex mode to double throughput of point-to-point connections by letting individual ports transmit and receive concurrently when the other end also supports full-duplex mode
- Wire-speed filtering and forwarding of the traffic with no delay
- Store-and-forward intelligent processing to minimize erroneous packets on the network
- Easy Plug and Play installation with no software to configure, which saves time and minimizes the potential for configuration errors
- Operation at speeds of 10, 100, or 1000Mbps on each port
- Flow control traffic management to ensure no packets are dropped if there are back-ups or bottlenecks in the network





Package Contents

Figure 1-1 illustrates the Model GS508T switch package contents.

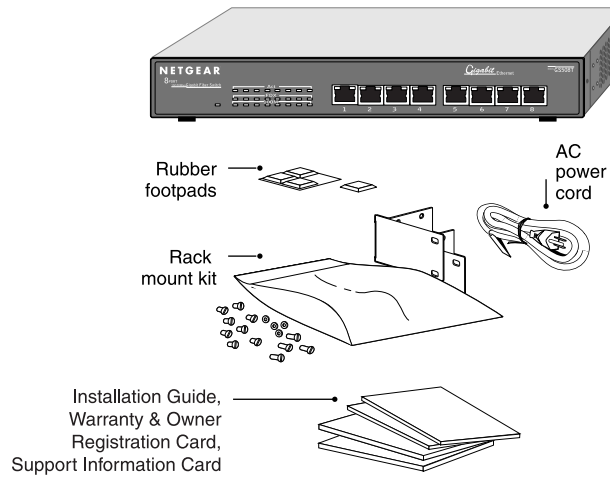
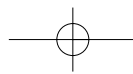
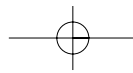


Figure 1-1. Model GS508T Switch Package Contents

Verify that your package contains the following:

- Model GS508T switch
- Rubber footpads for tabletop installation
- The Installation Guide
- Rack mount kit for 19-inch rack installation
- Warranty & Owner Registration Card
- Support Information Card
- Power cord





CHAPTER 2: PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

This chapter describes the hardware features of the NETGEAR Model GS508T Copper Gigabit Switch.

Front Panel

The front panel of the Model GS508T switch contains the following LEDs that correspond to each network port: Activity (Rx/Tx), FDX/COL (full-duplex/collision), and 10Mbps speed. Each network port has its own link LED (located above each 100/1000 Mbps port).

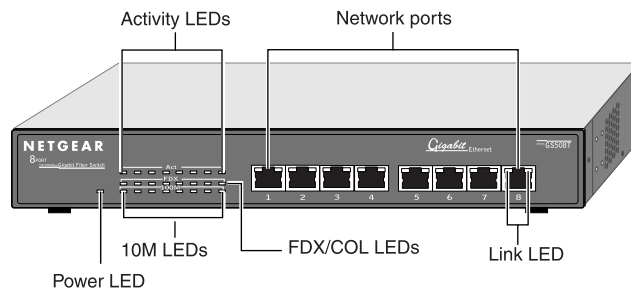
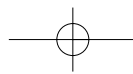
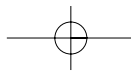


Figure 2-1. Front Panel of the Model GS508T Switch





LEDs

Table 2-1 describes the activity of the LEDs.

Table 2-1. LED Descriptions

| Label | Color | Activity | Description |
|----------|--------|----------|---|
| Power | Green | On | Power is supplied to the switch. |
| | | Off | Power is disconnected. |
| FDX/COL | Green | On | The port is operating in full-duplex mode. |
| | Yellow | Blinking | Data collisions are occurring on the port. In a full-duplex environment, there is no collision. In a half-duplex environment, some collisions are normal. |
| Activity | Green | Blinking | Packet transmission or reception is occurring on the port. |
| 1000M | Green | On | A valid 1000 Mbps link is established on the port. |
| | | Off | A link is not established on the port. |
| 100M | Green | On | A valid 100 Mbps link is established on the port. |
| | | Off | A link is not established on the port. |
| 10M | Green | On | A valid 10 Mbps link is established on the port. |
| | | Off | A link is not established on the port. |

Rear Panel

As illustrated in Figure 2-2, the rear panel of the Model GS508T switch has fans for cooling and a standard AC power receptacle for the supplied power cord.

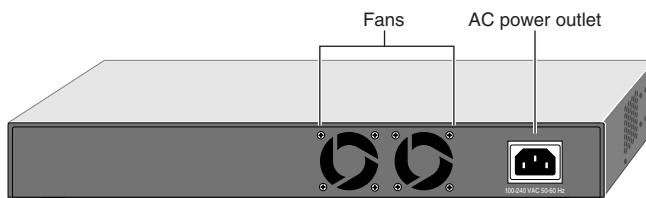
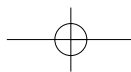
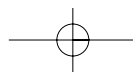


Figure 2-2. Rear Panel of the Model GS508T Switch





CHAPTER 3: APPLICATIONS

This chapter presents an overview of the levels of service provided by incorporating the technology of the NETGEAR Model GS508T Copper Gigabit Switch into your network.

Desktop Switching

Figure 3-1 illustrates the Model GS508T switch, used as a desktop switch to build a powerful network that enables users to have 1000 Mbps access to a file server. If a full-duplex adapter card is installed in the server or PC, a 2000 Mbps connection will be provided to each server and PC.

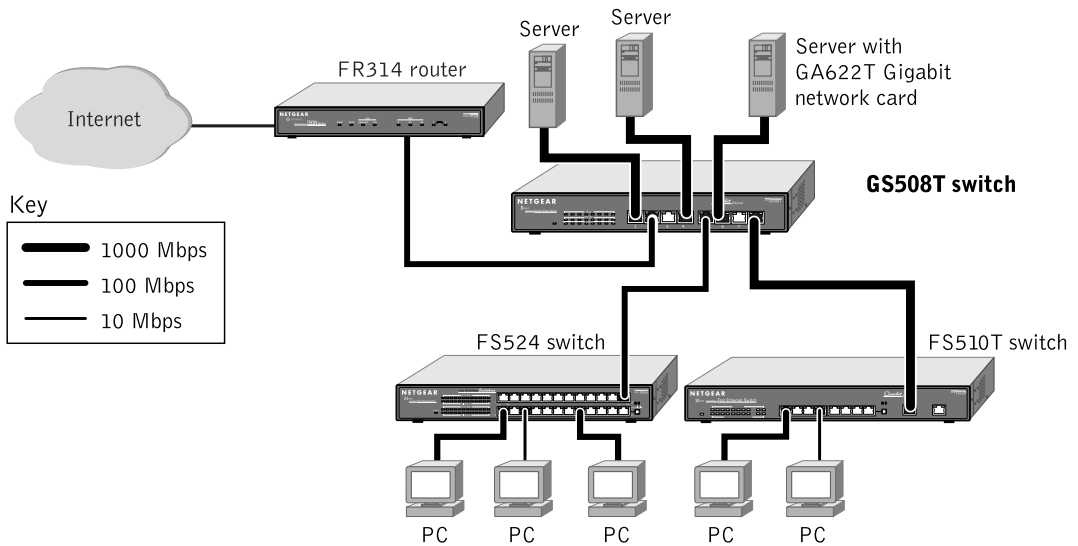
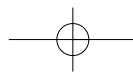
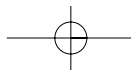


Figure 3-1. Model GS508T Switch Used as a Desktop Switch





Segment Switching and Bridging from 100 Mbps to 1000 Mbps

The Model GS508T switch, as illustrated in Figure 3-2, connects multiple power workgroups and servers using high-speed gigabit links. Each power workgroup is anchored by a NETGEAR Model FS510T switch. Because each copper link can be up to 100 m long, these workgroups can be located on separate floors or in different buildings.

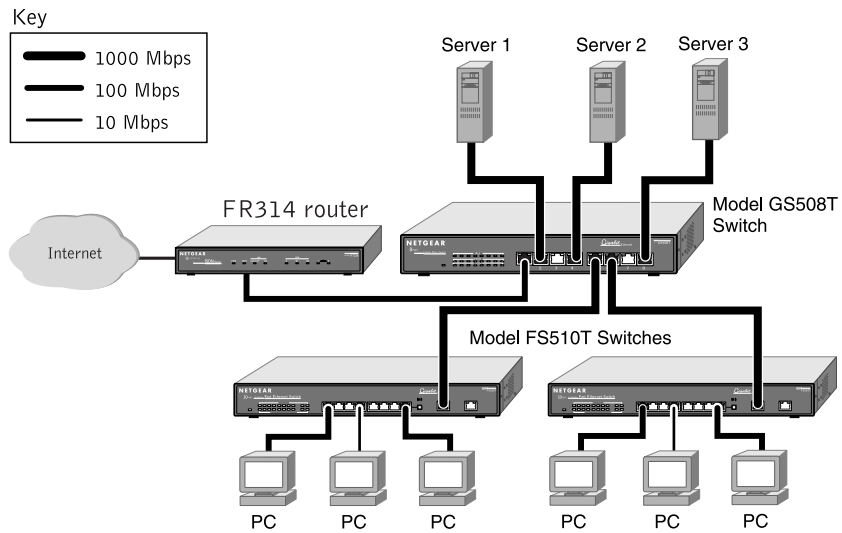
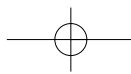
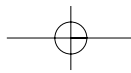


Figure 3-2. Model GS508T Switch Used as a Segment Switch





CHAPTER 4: INSTALLATION

This chapter describes the installation procedures for the NETGEAR Model GS508T Copper Gigabit Switch.

Preparing the Site

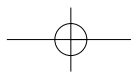
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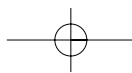
Table 4-1. Operating Environment Requirements

| Characteristic | Requirements |
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| Temperature | Ambient temperature between 0 and 40°C (32 and 104°F). No nearby heat sources such as direct sunlight, warm air exhausts, or heaters. |
| Operating humidity | Maximum relative humidity of 90%, noncondensing. |
| Ventilation | Minimum 2 inches (5.08 cm) on all sides for cooling. Adequate airflow in room or wiring closet. |
| Operating conditions | At least 6 ft (1.83 m) to nearest source of electromagnetic noise (such as photocopy machine or arc welder). |
| Power | Adequate power source within 6 ft (1.83 m). |

Installing the Switch on a Flat Surface

To install the switch on a flat surface, be sure to attach the rubber footpads to the bottom of the switch.





Installing the Switch in a Rack

Refer to Figure 4-1 when installing the switch in a rack.

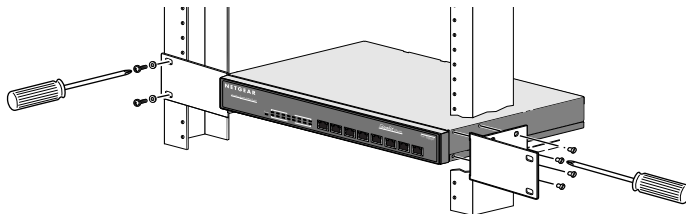


Figure 4-1. Attaching Mounting Brackets

Connecting Devices to the Switch

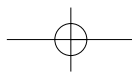
To connect the switch:

1. Connect the devices to the network ports on the switch, using Category 5 (Cat5) or Category 5e (Cat5e) UTP cable.

Note: Ethernet specifications limit the cable length between your PC or server and the switch to 100 m.

2. Connect one end of the AC power adapter cable to the power outlet on the rear panel of the switch and the other end of the power adapter cable to the wall outlet.

Refer to Figure 4-2 when connecting the switch.



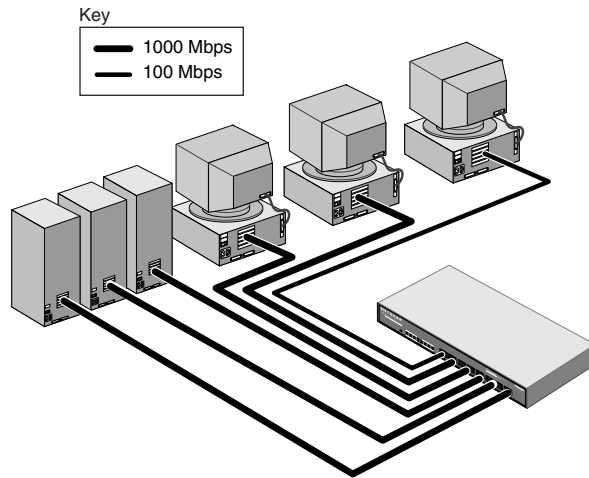
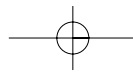


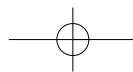
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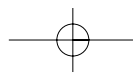
Verifying Installation

When power has been applied to the switch, verify that:

- The green power LED on the front panel is on.
- The green link LED on each connected port is on.

When the switch is connected and operating, refer to Table 2-1 “LED Descriptions” for information about the LEDs and their activity.



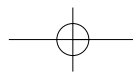


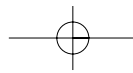
CHAPTER 5: TROUBLESHOOTING

This chapter provides information about troubleshooting the NETGEAR Model GS508T Copper Gigabit Switch. Table 5-1 lists symptoms, causes, and solutions of possible problems.

Table 5-1. Troubleshooting Information

| Symptom | Cause | Solution |
|--|---|---|
| Power LED is off. | No power is received at the switch. | Check the power cord connections for the switch and the connected device. Make sure all cables used are correct and comply with Ethernet specifications. |
| 1000M, 100M or 10M LED is off or intermittent. | Port connection is not functioning. | Check the crimp on the connectors and make sure that the plug is properly inserted and locked into the port at both the switch and the connecting device. Make sure all cables used are correct and comply with Ethernet specifications. See Appendix C. Check for a defective adapter card, cable, or port by testing them in an alternate environment where all products are functioning. |
| File transfer is slow or performance degradation is a problem. | Half- or full-duplex setting on the switch and the connected device are not the same. | Make sure the remote link partner is set to auto negotiate. |
| A segment or device is not recognized as part of the network. | One or more devices are not properly connected, or cabling does not meet Ethernet guidelines. | Verify that the cabling is correct. Be sure all cable connectors are securely positioned in the required ports. Equipment may have been accidentally disconnected. |
| FDX/COL LED is blinking yellow excessively. | Collisions are occurring on the connected segment. Duplex modes are mismatched. | Some collisions are normal when the connection is operating in half-duplex mode. Recheck the link partner settings. |





APPENDIX A: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

This appendix provides technical specifications for the NETGEAR Model GS508T Copper Gigabit Switch.

Network Protocol and Standards Compatibility

IEEE 802.3ab 1000BASE-T

IEEE 802.3u 100BASE-TX

IEEE 802.3i 10BASE-T

IEEE 802.3x flow control

Data Rate

1000 Mbps with PAM5 encoding

Performance Specifications

Frame filter rate: 1,480,000 frames/second maximum

Frame forward rate: 1,480,000 frames/second maximum

Network latency (using 64-byte packets): 30 microseconds maximum

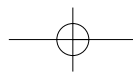
Address database size: 8,000 MAC addresses

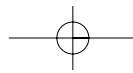
Addressing: 48-bit MAC address

Queue buffer: 0.5 MB memory per port

Interface

1000BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet RJ-45 connector





Power Consumption

60 W

Input Voltage (Power Adapter)

100–240 V AC

Physical Specifications

Dimensions: 13.0 x 1.7 x 8.0 in.; 33.0 x 4.3 x 20.7 cm

Weight: 5.3 lb; 2.3 kg

Environmental Specifications

Operating temperature: 0 to 40° C (32 to 104° F)

Operating humidity: 90% maximum relative humidity, noncondensing

Electromagnetic Compliance

CE mark, commercial

FCC Part 15 Class A

VCCI Class A

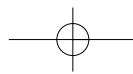
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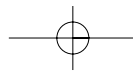
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Safety Agency Approvals

UL Listed (UL 1950), cUL

TUV Licensed (EN 60 950), IEC 95





APPENDIX B: CONNECTOR PIN ASSIGNMENTS

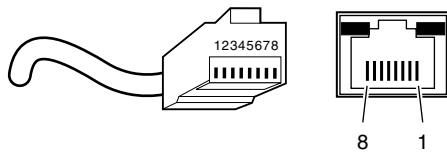
This appendix provides information about the RJ-45 plug and the RJ-45 connector used for the NETGEAR Model GS508T Copper Gigabit Switch.

RJ-45 Plug and RJ-45 Connector

It is important that all 1000 BASE-T certified Category 5 or Category 5e cabling use RJ-45 plugs. The RJ-45 plug accepts 4-pair UTP or shielded twisted pair (STP) 100 ohm cable and connects into the RJ-45 connector.

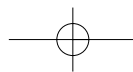
The RJ-45 connector is used to connect stations, hubs, and switches through UTP cable; it supports 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps, or 1000 Mbps data transmission.

The RJ-45 plug and RJ-45 connector are both illustrated in Figure B-1.



Key:
1 to 8 = pin numbers

Figure B-1. RJ-45 Plug and RJ-45 Connector with Built-in LEDs



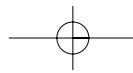
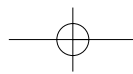
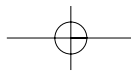


Table B-1 lists the pin assignments for the 10/100/1000Mbps RJ-45 plug and the RJ-45 connector.

Table B-1. 10/100/1000 Mbps RJ-45 Plug and RJ-45 Connector Pin Assignments

| Pin | Channel | Description |
|--------|---------|------------------------------|
| 1 2 | A | Rx/Tx Data + Rx/Tx Data - |
| 3 6 | B | Rx/Tx Data + Rx/Tx Data - |
| 4 5 | C | Rx/Tx Data + Rx/Tx Data - |
| 7 8 | D | Rx/Tx Data + Rx/Tx Data - |





APPENDIX C: CABLING GUIDELINES

This appendix provides specifications for cables used with the NETGEAR Model GS508T Copper Gigabit Switch.

Using 1000BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet over Category 5 Cable

Overview

When using the new 1000BASE-T standard, the limitations of cable installations and the steps necessary to ensure optimum performance must be considered. The most important components in your cabling system are patch panel connections, twists of the pairs at connector transition points, the jacket around the twisted pair cable, bundling of multiple pairs on horizontal runs and punch down blocks. All of these will affect the performance of 1000BASE-T technology if not correctly implemented. The following sections are designed to act as a guide to correct cabling for 1000BASE-T.

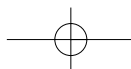
Cabling

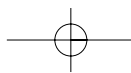
The 1000BASE-T product is designed to operate over Category 5 cabling, but to further enhance the operation, the cabling standards have been amended. The latest standard is Category 5e, which defines a higher level of link performance than is available with Category 5 cable.

If installing new cable, we recommend using **Category 5e cable**, since it costs the same as **Category 5 cable** and will increase performance. If using the existing cable, be sure to have the cable plant tested by a professional who can verify that it meets or exceeds either ANSI/EIA/TIA-568-A:1995 or ISO/IEC 11801:1995 Category 5 specifications.

Length

The maximum distance limitation between two pieces of equipment is 100 m, as per the original Ethernet specification. The end to end link is called the "channel." TSB-67 defines the "Basic Link" which is the portion of the link that is part of the building infrastructure. This excludes patch and equipment cords. The maximum basic link length is 295 feet (90 m).





Return Loss

Return loss measures the amount of reflected signal energy resulting from impedance changes in the cabling link. The nature of 1000BASE-T renders this measurement very important; if too much energy is reflected back on to the receiver, the device will not perform optimally.

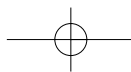
All four pairs of the twisted pair are used by 1000BASE-T, unlike 10BASE-T and 100BASE-TX, which use only two of the four pairs of wires within the Category 5. It is important to ensure that all wires are tested.

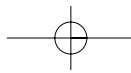
The factors that will affect the return loss are

- the number of transition points, as there is a connection via an RJ-45 to another connector, a patch panel, or a piece of equipment at each transition point.
- removal of the jacket that surrounds the four pairs of twisted cable. It is highly recommended that, where RJ-45 connections are made, this is minimized to 1-1/4 inch (32 mm).
- pair untwist of any of the twisted pairs. It is important that this be minimized to 3/8 inch (10 mm) where RJ-45 connections are made.
- cabling or bundling of multiple Category 5 cable. This is regulated by ANSI/EIA/TIA-568A-3, and can adversely affect all parameters of the cabling if not correctly implemented.

Near End Cross Talk (NEXT)

This is a measure of the signal coupling from one wire to another, within a cable assembly, or among cables within a bundle. NEXT measures the amount of cross-talk disturbance energy that is detected at the near end of the link—the end at which the transmitter is located. NEXT measures the amount of energy that is “returned” to the sender end. The factors that affect NEXT and cross talk are exactly the same as outlined in the Return Loss section. The cross-talk performance is directly related to the quality of the cable installation.





Patch Cables

When installing your equipment, replace old patch panel cables that do not meet Category 5e specifications. As pointed out in the NEXT section, this near end piece of cable is critical for successful operation.

Conclusions

For optimum performance of your 1000BASE-T product, it is important to fully qualify your cable installation and ensure it meets or exceeds ANSI/EIA/TIA-568-A:1995 or ISO/IEC 11801:1995 Category 5 specifications. **Install Category 5e cable where possible, including patch panel cables.** Minimize transition points, jacket removal, and untwist lengths. Bundling of cables must be properly installed in order to meet the requirements in ANSI/EIA/TIA-568A-3.

Fast Ethernet Cable Guidelines

Fast Ethernet uses UTP cable, as specified in the IEEE 802.3u standard for 100BASE-TX. The specification requires Category 5 UTP cable consisting of either two-pair or four-pair twisted insulated copper conductors bound in a single plastic sheath. Category 5 cable is certified up to 100 MHz bandwidth. 100BASE-TX operation uses one pair of wires for transmission and the other pair for receiving and for collision detection.

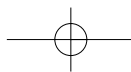
When installing Category 5 UTP cabling, use the following guidelines to ensure that your cables perform to the following specifications:

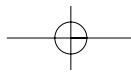
- Certification

Make sure that your Category 5 UTP cable has completed the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Electronic Testing Laboratories (ETL) certification process.

- Termination method

To minimize cross-talk noise, maintain the twist ratio of the cable up to the point of termination; untwist at any RJ-45 plug or patch panel should not exceed 0.5 inch (1.5 cm).





Category 5 Cable

Category 5 distributed cable that meets ANSI/EIA/TIA-568-A building wiring standards can be a maximum of 328 feet (ft) or 100 meters (m) in length, divided as follows:

- 20 ft (6 m) between the hub or switch and the patch panel (if used)
- 295 ft (90 m) from the wiring closet to the wall outlet
- 10 ft (3 m) from the wall outlet to the desktop device

The patch panel and other connecting hardware must meet the requirements for 100 Mbps operation (Category 5). Only 0.5 inch (1.5 cm) of untwist in the wire pair is allowed at any termination point.

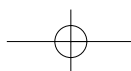
Category 5 Cable Specifications

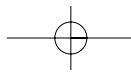
Ensure that the fiber cable is crossed over to guarantee link.

Table C-1 lists the electrical requirements of Category 5 UTP cable.

Table C-1. Electrical Requirements of Category 5 Cable

| Specification | Category 5 Cable Requirements |
|--|--|
| Number of pairs | Four |
| Impedance | 100 Ω \pm 15% |
| Mutual capacitance at 1 KHz | \leq 5.6 nF per 100 m |
| Maximum attenuation (dB per 100 m, at 20° C) | at 4 MHz: 8.2 at 31 MHz: 11.7 at 100 MHz: 22.0 |
| NEXT loss (dB minimum) | at 16 MHz: 44 at 31 MHz: 39 at 100 MHz: 32 |

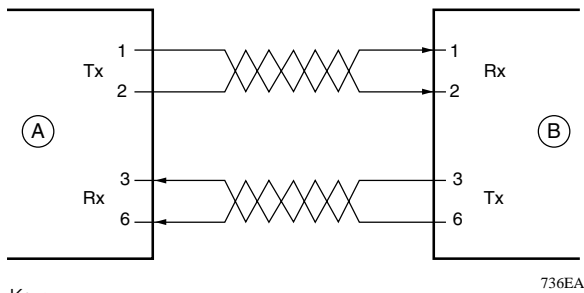




Twisted Pair Cables for 100 BASE-TX

For two devices to communicate, the transmitter of each device must be connected to the receiver of the other device. The crossover function is usually implemented internally as part of the circuitry in the device. Computers and workstation adapter cards are usually media-dependent interface ports, called MDI or uplink ports. Most repeaters and switch ports are configured as media-dependent interfaces with built-in crossover ports, called MDI-X or normal ports.

Figure C-1 illustrates straight-through twisted pair cable.



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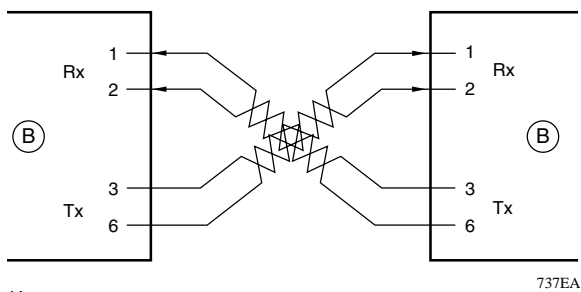
A = Uplink or MDI port (as on a PC)

B = Normal or MDI-X port (as on a hub or switch)

1, 2, 3, 6 = Pin numbers

Figure C-1. Straight-Through Twisted Pair Cable

Figure C-2 illustrates crossover twisted pair cable.

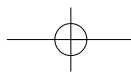


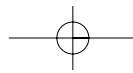
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B = Normal or MDI-X port (as on a hub or switch)

1, 2, 3, 6 = Pin numbers

Figure C-2. Crossover Twisted Pair Cable

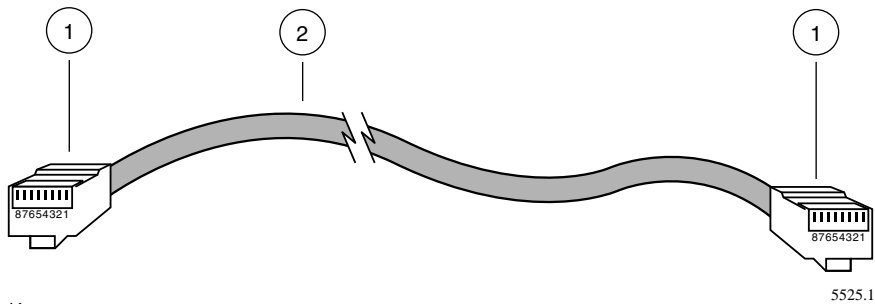




Patch Panels and Cables

If you are using patch panels, make sure that they meet the 100BASE-TX requirements. NETGEAR recommends Category 5e UTP cable for all patch cables and work area cables to ensure that your UTP patch cable rating meets or exceeds the distribution cable rating.

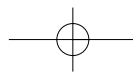
To wire patch panels, you need two Category 5e UTP cables with an RJ-45 plug at each end, as shown in Figure C-3.

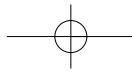
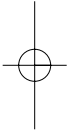
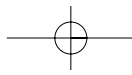


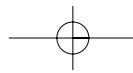
Key:
1 = RJ-45 plug
2 = Category 5e UTP patch cable

Figure C-3. Category 5e UTP Patch Cable with Male RJ-45 Plug at Each End

- ⓘ **Note:** Flat "silver satin" telephone cable may have the same RJ-45 plug. However, using telephone cable will result in excessive collisions and cause the attached port to be partitioned or disconnected from the network.







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