

# Read Me First

for HP ProCurve 2615-8-PoE and 2915-8G-PoE Switches –  
Software Version A.14.xx or greater



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## Safety

Before installing and operating these products, please read:

- “Installation Precautions” in the *Quick Setup Guide* or the *Installation and Getting Started Guide* for your switch.
- *Safety and Regulatory Information for HP ProCurve 2615-8-PoE and 2915-8G-PoE Switches*.
- *HP ProCurve Switches General Safety and Regulatory Information* booklet.

## About Your HP ProCurve 2615-8-PoE and 2915-8G-PoE Switch Manual Set

The switch manual set includes the following:

Document	Available on the HP ProCurve Web site <sup>1</sup>	Shipped With the Switch
<i>Read Me First</i> (this document)	Yes	Yes
<i>Quick Setup Guide</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Safety and Regulatory Information for HP ProCurve 2615-8-PoE and 2915-8G-PoE Switches</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>8-Port Switch Power Supply Clip Installation and Removal</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>HP ProCurve Switches General Safety and Regulatory Information</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Software End User License Agreement and Hardware Limited Warranty information</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Installation and Getting Started Guide</i> for your switch	Yes	No
<i>Management and Configuration Guide</i> for your switch	Yes	No
<i>Advanced Traffic Management Guide</i> for your switch	Yes	No
<i>Access Security Guide</i> for your switch	Yes	No
<i>Multicast and Routing Guide</i> for your switch	Yes	No
<i>IPv6 Configuration Guide</i> for your switch	Yes	No
<i>Power over Ethernet (PoE) Planning and Implementation Guide</i> for your switch	Yes	No
Release Notes (software updates) for your switch	Yes	No

<sup>1</sup>The latest version is available for viewing or downloading. See the instructions on page 2.

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## View or Download the Switch Manual Set

In pursuit of environmental goals, HP provides minimal printed information with this product. The printed information consists of required Regulatory and Safety documentation, and sufficient information for basic setup. For detailed installation, configuration and management information, please visit the ProCurve Web site, where you can view or download the latest documentation for your product, at [www.hp.com/go/procurve/manuals](http://www.hp.com/go/procurve/manuals).

You may want to bookmark this Web page for easy access in the future.

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## Supplying Power to the Switch

The switch does not contain a power switch. The switch is turned on when power is connected through the AC/DC external power adapter. Be sure to use only the AC/DC power adapter supplied with the switch. See the installation instructions for more information.

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## Mini-GBIC/SFP Installation Notes

**Use only genuine HP ProCurve Mini-GBICs/SFPs.** Non-ProCurve Mini-GBIC/SFP transceivers are not supported. Use only genuine HP ProCurve products to ensure that your network maintains optimal performance and reliability. Should you require additional ProCurve transceivers, please contact a ProCurve sales representative or an authorized reseller.

This product requires revision “B” or later mini-GBICs or SFPs. (Product number ends with the letter “B” or later, for example J9054B, J4858C).

**Hot Swapping Mini-GBIC/SFP transceivers.** Supported Mini-GBIC/SFP transceivers that you can install in your ProCurve Switch can be “hot swapped” — you can install or remove a transceiver with the switch powered on, and a reset will not occur.

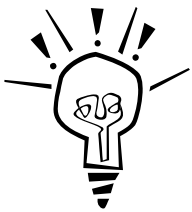
- You should disconnect network cables from the Mini-GBIC/SFP transceivers before hot-swapping them.
- Rapid hotswaps are not recommended. After inserting a transceiver, wait at least two seconds before removal and replacement.

When you replace a Mini-GBIC/SFP transceiver with another of a different type, the switch may retain selected port-specific configuration settings (such as VLAN values) that were configured for the replaced unit. Be sure to validate or reconfigure port settings as required.

**Mini-GBIC/SFP Connections to Devices with Fixed Speed/Duplex Configurations.** When connecting a device to your switch port that contains a Mini-GBIC/SFP transceiver, the speed and duplex settings of the switch port and the connected device must match; otherwise, the device may not link properly or fail to link. For some older network devices, including some older HP ProCurve devices, the default speed/duplex settings may be predefined (for example, to 1000 Mbps/Full Duplex), or otherwise set differently from the default configuration of your switch port. Because of these default speed/duplex considerations, you should make sure that devices connected to your Mini-GBIC/SFP ports are properly configured. *At a minimum, make sure the configurations match.*

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## Software Updates



If available, software updates for your switch are provided on the HP ProCurve Web site. For software updates, go to [www.hp.com/go/procurve/software](http://www.hp.com/go/procurve/software), then select **Switches** and browse to your HP ProCurve switch model.

**Register for Automatic Notification of Updates.** You can receive email notices of new software updates by registering your HP ProCurve product on the ProCurve Web portal. To begin this easy process, go to [www.hp.com/go/procurve](http://www.hp.com/go/procurve), then sign in or register under **My ProCurve**.

To determine whether you have the latest software, you can compare the software version that is available on the Web site with the version that is currently installed on your switch. Use any of the following methods to view the software version installed on your switch:

- Start a console session with the switch. In the console login screen (the first screen displayed), the **Software revision** line under the switch name shows the software version running.
- If you already have a console session open, enter the **show version** command to display the software version running. Optionally, enter **show flash** to display the software versions installed.
- In the Web browser interface, click on the **Identity** tab. The current software version running is listed in the **Version** line.

To upgrade your switch software, see the *Release Notes* supplied with the software update, or your switch management documentation.