



# 10/100BASE-TX Fast Ethernet Module Installation Guide

## For the CoreBuilder™ 3500 System

### Module Description

This module contains six 10/100BASE-TX ports that use RJ-45 connectors, providing a 10 Mbps Ethernet or 100 Mbps Fast Ethernet connection over UTP Category 5 copper wire. The module performs autosensing for 10/100 Mbps, full duplex, and half duplex. This module complies with all IEEE 802.3u specifications. You can remove and replace the module with the system on.

For a description of how to configure this module into your network, see the *CoreBuilder 3500 Getting Started Guide*.



### Status LEDs

This table describes the module and port LEDs:

Status	LED	Name	Color	Description
Module Status	PWR	Power	Green	The module is receiving power.
	INS	Board Inserted	Yellow	The module is partially inserted.
	ERR	Board Error	Yellow	The module did not successfully complete the power-up diagnostics.
Port Status	L	Link	Green	The associated port is active.
	E	Error	Yellow	An error condition has occurred with the associated port, or the port has been disabled from the Administration Console.
	T	Traffic	Blinking Green	The port is receiving or transmitting data.

**Audience Description** This guide is intended for **trained technical personnel** only. Do not attempt to remove or replace a CoreBuilder 3500 10/100BASE-TX Fast Ethernet module if you do not have the proper training from 3Com. For training information, call 1-800-NET-3COM.



**WARNING:** *Hazardous energy exists within the system. Use extreme caution when you remove or replace the 10/100BASE-TX Fast Ethernet module. Always be careful to avoid electric shock or equipment damage. See “Safety Precautions” and “ESD Safety Information” next.*

**Safety Precautions** Be sure to follow all safety precautions when you replace components in the system. To avoid electric shocks, burns, or equipment damage, read and follow these warnings:



**WARNING:** *When the system is on, never insert a metal object, such as a screwdriver or a finger with jewelry, into open module slots.*



**WARNING:** *When the system is on, do not touch any connections inside the chassis with your hands or fingers.*

### **ESD Safety Information**

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage components on the module. ESD, which occurs when the module is improperly handled, can cause complete or intermittent failures. To prevent ESD-related damage:

- Always wear an ESD wrist strap connected to proper ground. Ensure that the wrist strap makes good skin contact.
- Keep the module in its antistatic shielded bag until you are ready to install it.
- Always handle the module by its edges.
- Do not touch the components, pins, leads, or solder connections.

**Before You Install**

Before you install your new module, follow the appropriate preinstallation instructions in this section, depending on whether you are installing the initial 10/100BASE-TX module or replacing one.

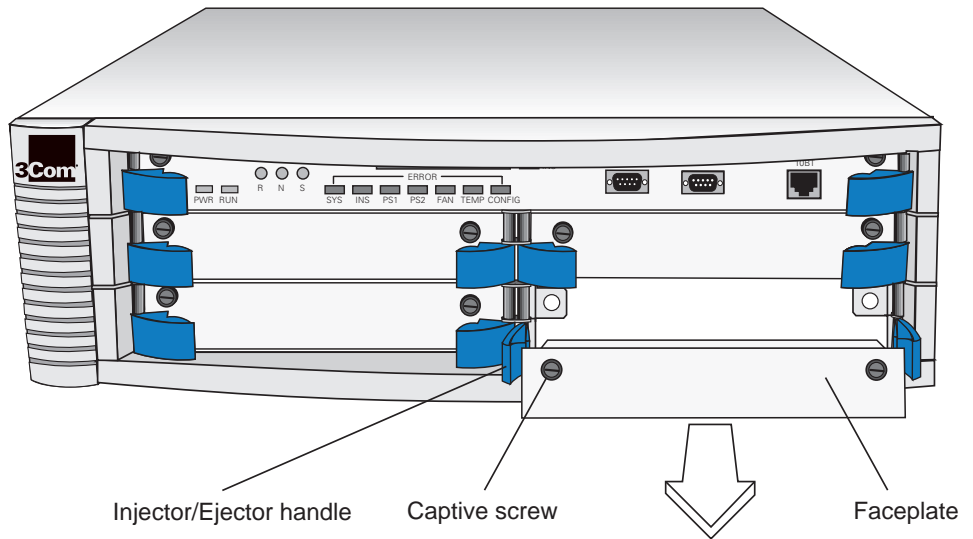
*Read before installing in an empty slot*

Your system is shipped with no modules installed and with protective faceplates covering the installation slots. Before you install the module, remove the protective faceplate that covers the selected installation slot.

To remove the faceplate:

- 1 Loosen the two captive screws that secure the faceplate to the chassis.
- 2 Move the injector/ejector handles to the outward position.
- 3 Pull the faceplate away from the system. See Figure 1. Save the faceplate for future use.

**Figure 1** Removing the Faceplate



*Read before  
removing a module*

You can remove a module while the system is on.

To remove a module:

- 1 Read and follow the “Safety Precautions” and “ESD Safety Information” earlier in this guide.
- 2 Record the cabling scheme so that you can correctly recable the new module, and then disconnect the cables from the module’s ports.
- 3 Loosen the two captive screws that secure the module to the chassis.
- 4 Move the injector/ejector handles to the outward position.
- 5 Gently slide the module out of the chassis.

## Installing the Module

To install the new module into the system, follow the steps in this section.



**CAUTION:** *When you handle a module, 3Com recommends that you always use a wrist strap that is connected to a proper ground. This precaution helps prevent electrostatic discharge from damaging a module. Also, when you are not using the module, store it in an antistatic bag*

- 1 Read and follow the “Safety Precautions” and “ESD Safety Information” earlier in this guide.
- 2 Put on the ESD wrist strap and ensure that you are properly grounded.
- 3 Remove the module from its antistatic bag.



**WARNING:** *If the system is on when you are installing the module, do not insert any metal objects into the open slot (for example, a screwdriver or a finger with jewelry). Doing so can cause burns or other bodily harm, as well as system damage.*

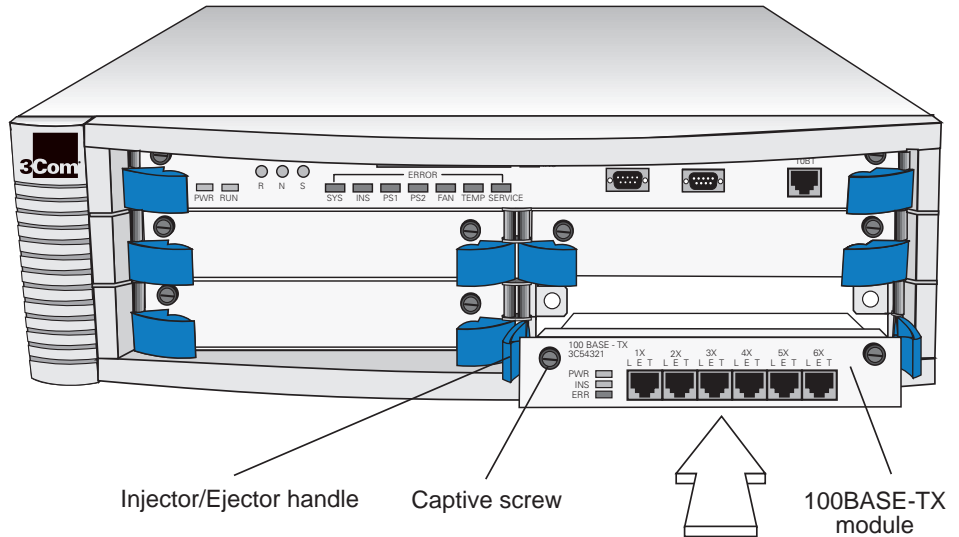
- 4 With the injector/ejector handles in the outward position, place the module between the guides of the selected slot and gently slide it into the chassis, as shown in Figure 2.
- 5 To engage the module and backplane connectors, move the injector handles to the inward position. You will feel a slight resistance as the connectors engage.



**CAUTION:** *If the resistance is too great, the module and backplane connectors may not be aligned. Forcing the module inward can damage the board or backplane connectors. If necessary, remove and reinsert the module, ensuring that the connectors are properly aligned. Do not tighten the captive screws to seat the module.*

- 6 Tighten the captive screws to secure the module in the chassis.

**Figure 2** Installing the 10/100BASE-TX Module



After you have installed the module, see Chapter 4: *Cabling the System* in your *Getting Started Guide* for information about cabling your module to the network.



*The system resets itself when you install a module with the power on or when you remove and reinstall the power cord.*



*If you physically change the configuration of the system after you have defined an IP interface, the port designated for that interface may no longer be valid. You may need to redefine the interface using the **ip interface define** command. For details about this command, see the Command Reference Guide. For additional information about defining IP interfaces, see your system's Implementation Guide. These documents are on the Software and Documentation CD.*

**Module Diagnostics**

The system runs diagnostics tests at power up or when you replace a module with the power on. Watch for these indicators:

- During diagnostics tests, the module's **Error** LED lights yellow.
- When the diagnostics tests are successfully completed, the **Error** LED turns off and the port status **L** (Link Status) LED lights green.
- If a port status **E** (Error) LED remains yellow, the port is not operational.
- If the module's **Error** LED lights yellow, the module has failed a diagnostic test.

To troubleshoot module failures, see Chapter 7 in the *Getting Started Guide*.

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