

Installing the NETBuilder II 4-Port WAN Module

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Introduction

This guide describes how to install, cable, and troubleshoot the high speed serial (HSS) 4-port WAN module for the NETBuilder II® system. The information in this guide applies to all NETBuilder II chassis.

For more information about NETBuilder II base system installation, See *Installing the NETBuilder II Base System*.

This guide is intended for the system administrator, network equipment installer, or network manager who is responsible for installing and managing the network hardware. It assumes a working knowledge of network operations, but it does not assume prior knowledge of 3Com® internetworking equipment.



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Conventions

The following table shows the icon conventions used throughout this guide.

Table 1 Icons

lcon	Notice Type	Description
	Information note	Important features or instructions
A	Caution	Information to alert you to potential damage to a program, system, or device
Ā	Warning	Information to alert you to potential personal injury

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INSTALLATION

This chapter describes how to install the HSS 4-Port WAN module in a NETBuilder II® system and includes information on the following:

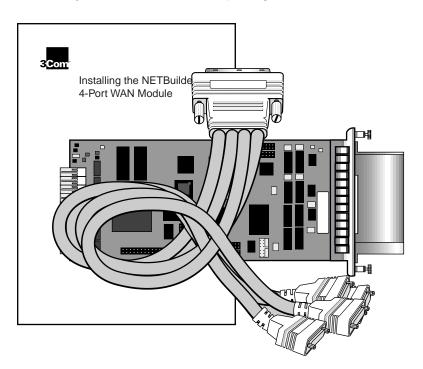
- Preinstallation procedure
- Installation in a NETBuilder II 4- or 8-Slot chassis
- Installation in a NETBuilder II 8-Slot Extended chassis
- Cabling the module

For information about the HSS 4-Port module features, see Chapter 2.

Before Installing the Module

Before you install the module in a NETBuilder II system, follow these steps:

1 Make sure you have received all the package contents.



The package should contain the following items:

- HSS 4-Port WAN module
- 4-port hydra cable
- This guide

If an item is missing, contact your network supplier to obtain a replacement.

2 Observe appropriate electrostatic discharge (ESD) precautions.

ESD can damage circuit board components. Failures resulting from ESD may not be covered under your warranty. To prevent this, follow these handling procedures:

- Keep the module in the antistatic shielded bag until you are ready to install.
- Do not touch pins, leads, or solder connections on the module.
- Handle the module by the edges only.
- Store or ship the module in static-protective packaging.

Observe proper grounding techniques when handling the module: use a foot strap and grounded mat, or wear a grounded static discharge wrist strap.

3 Inspect the module for shipping damage.

If you find any damage, contact the shipping company to file a report. If the module must be returned to your network supplier, ship it in its original shipping carton. If the original carton was damaged in shipment, repack the module in a carton that provides equivalent protection.

4 Write down the serial number and the MAC address on the following line. You will need this information if you have to contact your network supplier.

Serial number example: S/N:4HPE000105

MAC address example: 080002 1BFEC4

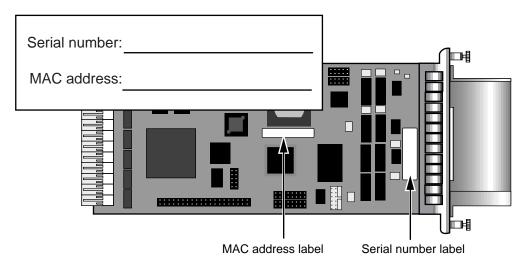


Figure 1-1 Serial number and MAC address location

The MAC address is also encoded in the EEPROM. Use the procedure in *Installing the NETBuilder II Base System* to display the MAC address encoded in the EEPROM.

Software/Hardware Compatibility

The HSS 4-Port WAN module requires version 10.3 or later of the NETBuilder Family Bridge/Router software.

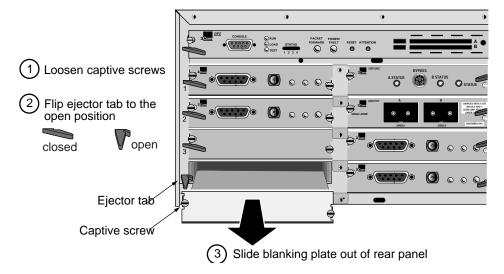
The NETBuilder II chassis supports up to seven HSS 4-port WAN modules.

Installing in the 4- or 8-Slot Chassis



Use this procedure to install the module in the NETBuilder II 4- or 8-Slot chassis.

- You will need a small flat-blade screwdriver.
- You can safely install a module without turning off or rebooting the NETBuilder II system.
- If there is a cable strain relief bracket installed on the rear panel of your NETBuilder chassis, you must remove it.
- 1 Remove the blanking plate from the I/O slot you have selected.



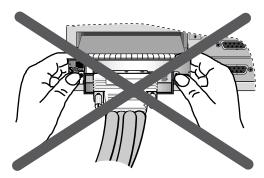


CAUTION: Only remove the blanking plate from an I/O slot that will house the module. All unused I/O slots require blanking plates to maintain proper cooling of the unit and meet regulatory compliance. Failure to cover open slots can result in overheating of the NETBuilder II system and may void the warranty.

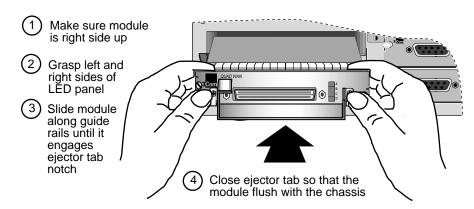
2 Insert the module into the slot.



CAUTION: Never install a module with the cable connected. The weight of the cable may prevent a complete connection, damage the module or the motherboard and void the warranty.



Never install or remove a module with the cable attached



3 Tighten the captive screws with a screwdriver. Do not overtighten.

A solid connection of the connector/LED panel to the chassis is required for proper operation. Do **not** use the screws to force the board into place.

See "Cabling the Module" on page 1-6 to finish installation.

Installing in the Extended Chassis

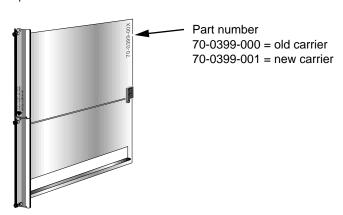


Use this procedure to install the module in a NETBuilder II 8-Slot Extended chassis.

- You will need a small flat-blade screwdriver.
- You can safely install a module without turning off or rebooting the NETBuilder II system.



For some older Extended chassis models, the card carrier may need to be replaced before you install your HSS 4-Port WAN module. You can determine whether you have an older card carrier by checking the part number on the card carriers in your chassis. If the part number is 70-0399-**000**, you will need to replace the card carrier. Contact your network supplier for ordering instructions. The order number for the replacement card carrier is 3C6048, UPC# 662705161525.



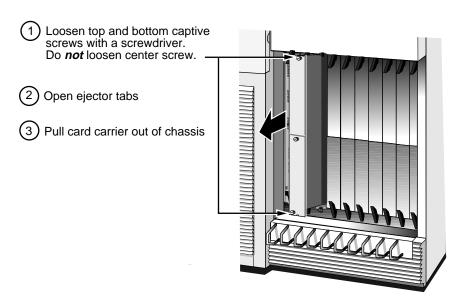
1 Remove the card carrier from the I/O slot you have selected.

The card carrier acts as a blanking plate when a module is not installed.

You do not need to remove the cable strain relief bracket.



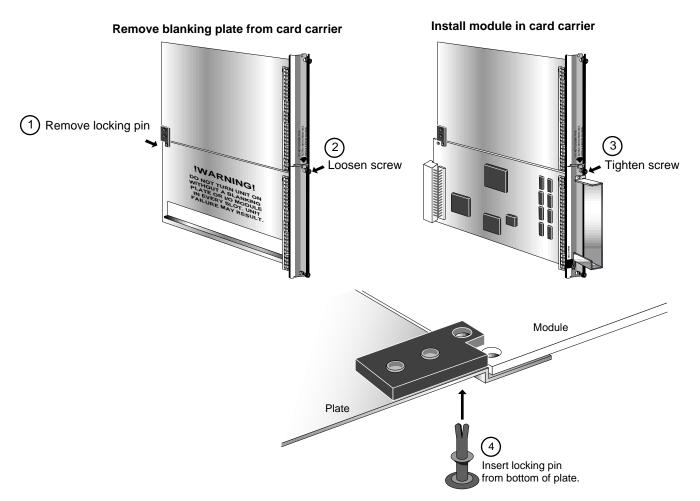
CAUTION: Only remove the card carrier from the slot that will house the module. All unused I/O slots must be covered by a card carrier to maintain proper cooling of the unit and regulatory compliance. Failure to cover open slots can result in overheating of the NETBuilder II base system and may void the warranty.



2 Install the module in the card carrier.



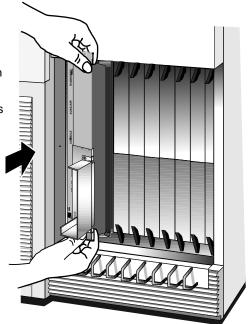
3 CAUTION: Never install a module with the cable connected. The weight of the cable may prevent a complete connection, damage the module or the motherboard and void the warranty.



4 Insert the card carrier into the slot.



- 2 Turn the board so the 3Com logo is at the bottom
- 3 Slide board along guide rails until it engages ejector tab notches
- 4 Close the ejector tabs until the module is flush with the chassis



5 Tighten the captive screws with a screwdriver. Do not overtighten.
A solid connection of the connector/LED panel to the chassis is required for proper operation. Do not use the screws to force the board into place.

Cabling the Module

This section contains cabling information for the HSS 4-Port WAN module.

Installing the 4-Port Hydra Cable

The HSS 4-Port WAN module ships with a 4-port hydra cable. This cable allows the module to support four E1/T1 connections through a single connector. The module is equipped with a cable support tray to help evenly distribute the weight of the cable and connectors.



CAUTION: Before connecting the hydra cable, make sure the captive screws on the module are tight and the module is securely seated. If the module is not securely seated the additional weight of the cable and connectors may damage the module or cause it to disconnect from the backplane. Use of a cable strain relief system will help prevent damage.

Ordering FlexWAN Cables

FlexWAN cables must be ordered separately. The following cable types may be ordered in 4 and 10 foot lengths.

- FlexWAN Cable RS232 DTE (10ft) 3C89001
- FlexWAN Cable RS-232 DTE (4 ft) 3C89002
- FlexWAN Cable RS232 DCE (10ft) 3C89003
- FlexWAN Cable RS-232 DCE (4 ft) 3C89004
- FlexWAN Cable V.35 DTE (10ft) 3C89005
- FlexWAN Cable V.35 DTE (4 ft) 3C89006
- FlexWAN Cable V.35 DCE (10ft) 3C89007
- FlexWAN Cable V.35 DCE (4 ft) 3C89008

- FlexWAN Cable X.21 DTE (10ft) 3C89009
- FlexWAN Cable X.21 DTE (4 ft) 3C89010
- FlexWAN Cable X.21 DCE (10ft) 3C89011
- FlexWAN Cable X.21 DCE (4ft) 3C89012
- FlexWAN Cable RS449 DTE (10ft) 3C89013
- FlexWAN Cable RS449 DTE (4ft) 3C89014
- FlexWAN Cable RS449 DCE (10ft) 3C89015
- FlexWAN Cable RS449 DCE (4ft) 3C89016
- FlexWAN Cable EIA530 V.35 DTE (10ft) 3C89017
- FlexWAN Cable EIA530 V.35 DTE (4ft) 3C89018
- FlexWAN Cable V.35 DTE Extended Shroud (10ft) 3C89019
- FlexWAN Cable V.35 DTE Extended Shroud (4 ft) 3C89020
- FlexWAN Cable V.35 DCE Extended Shroud (10ft) 3C89021
- FlexWAN Cable V.35 DCE Extended Shroud (4 ft) 3C89022



The extended shroud versions of the V.35 cables are used with selected IBM equipment, most devices DO NOT require an extended shroud.

OVERVIEW OF THE MODULE

This chapter describes the features and specifications of the HSS 4-Port WAN module.

Module Features

Figure 2-1 identifies the HSS 4-Port WAN module components. Table 2-1 summarizes the module features.

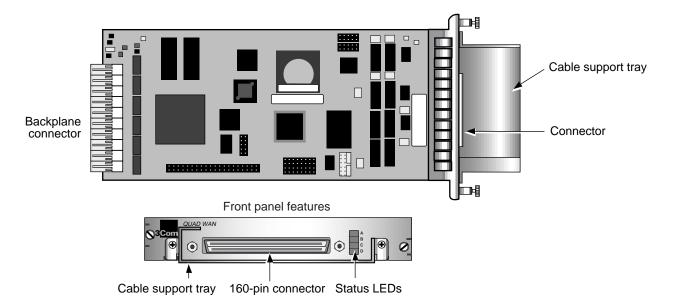


Figure 2-1 HSS 4-Port WAN Module components.

Table 2-1 HSS 4-Port WAN Module Features

Feature	Summary	
Hot-swap capability	Allows you to install or remove and reinstall the module without turning off the NETBuilder II system.	
Cable support tray	Provides support for the hydra cable.	
Status LEDs	Four status information LEDs	
160-pin connector	Provides connectivity to four E1/T1 connectors. Additional FlexWAN cables may be ordered in the following formats in 4' and 10' lengths:	
	 RS232 (DTE or DCE) V.35 (DTE or DCE) V.35 DTE or DCE) extended shroud X.21 (DTE or DCE) RS449 DTE or DCE E1A530 V.35 DTE 	

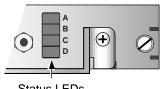
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 Table 2-1
 HSS 4-Port WAN Module Features

Feature	Summary
Accessible information on the EEPROM	Provides HSS 4-Port WAN module product information that can be accessed via the software or the Monitor utility.
On-board RISC CPU	Provides full network rate filtering.
64 KB multipacket memory buffering	Enhances performance by smoothing traffic bursts.

Specifications

This section describes the module LEDs and the board specifications.



LED - connector alignment

A - J1 B - J2 C - J3 D - J4

Status LEDs

Figure 2-2 Status LEDs

LEDs The HSS 4-Port WAN module has three bi-colored LEDs for displaying information. Table 2-2 describes each of the LEDs.

 Table 2-2
 HSS 4-Port WAN Module LED Display States

LED	State	Meaning
STATUS	Off	Not functioning; it may be disabled or there is no power to the system, or the cable may not be connected properly.
	Amber	Module failure or in monitor mode.
	Green	Functioning normally.

Connectors

Table 2-3 describes the HSS 4-Port WAN module connectors.

Table 2-3 HSS 4-Port WAN Module Connectors

Location	Connector	Pins	Purpose	
Backplane connector	J1 and J3	48-pin	Connects module to the core bus.	
Front panel:	FlexWAN J5	160-pin	Connects module to FlexWAN hydra cable.	

Physical Specifications

Table 2-4 and Table 2-5 list the physical dimensions and the maximum current consumption for the HSS 4-Port WAN module.

Table 2-4 Physical Dimensions

Attribute	Description
Length	8.8 in (22.3 cm)
Width	3.9 in (9.9 cm)
Height	0.6 in (1.5 cm)
Weight	8.47 oz (0.24 kg)

 Table 2-5
 Maximum Current Consumption

+5 Volts	-5 Volts	+12 Volts	-12 Volts
4.0 amps	0.0. amp	1.5 amps	0.0 amp



TROUBLESHOOTING AND REPLACING THE MODULE

This chapter describes how to troubleshoot the HSS 4-Port WAN module.

Troubleshooting

Table 3-1 describes common malfunctions that can occur with the module. If you are unable to resolve a problem, you will need to contact your network supplier. See Appendix A, *Technical Support*, for information about who to contact in your area.

 Table 3-1
 Troubleshooting the Module

Symptom	Cause and Action		
The following message is displayed at startup:	Self-test failure		
Module in slot <x> failed self test</x>	Check to see if the module is inserted completely into the NETBuilder II chassis and the securing screws are tightened.		
	Make sure there are no bent pins on the NETBuilder II backplane, module, or connector.		
	If you still have a self-test failure, contact your network supplier.		
The STATUS LED is off when there is power to the	Disabled module		
system and other installed modules are operating.	The module may not be properly connected to the NETBuilder II backplane. Remove and reinsert the module.		
	If it is still not working, replace the module.		
The STATUS LED is amber .	Error Condition		
	 Check that all cable connections are intact. 		
	 Check that the NETBuilder II base system is operating correctly. 		
	■ Check that the network you are connected to is operating correctly.		
	 Check that the connected serial device is operating correctly. 		
	■ Check the Transmit Echo Clock setting. When the HSS 4-Port WAN module is operating as a DTE during high data transmission rates, 3Com recommends that customers configure their DCE equipment to use Transmit Echo Clock if this option is available.		
	If none of these actions solve the problem, replace the module and/or contact your network supplier for assistance.		

Replacing the Module

If any module component fails, you will need to replace the module. The module can be hot-swapped, which means that you can safely remove and install a new one without turning off or rebooting the NETBuilder II system.

Follow these steps to remove and replace the module:

- 1 Disconnect all network cabling from the module.
- **2** Unscrew the two captive screws (use a screwdriver if necessary) that anchor the module in the slot until they disengage from the chassis. Do not remove the screws from the I/O panel.
- **3** Push the ejector tabs to the open position to disengage the module and partially eject it from the slot.

- **4** Use both hands to grasp the board and gently pull it from the slot.
- **5** Install the new module using the procedures outlined in Chapter 1, *Installation*.



CAUTION: Never install the module with the cable connected. The weight of the cable may prevent a complete connection, damage the module or the motherboard and void the warranty.



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Finland	98 001 4444	Russia (Moscow only)	956 0815
France	0800 908158	Spain	900 964 445
Germany	0130 81 80 63	Sweden	020 792954
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- 2 Type go threecom
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If additional assistance is required, contact your network supplier. Many suppliers are authorized 3Com service partners who are qualified to provide a variety of services, including network planning, installation, hardware maintenance, application training, and support services.

When you contact your network supplier for assistance, have the following information ready:

- A list of system hardware and software, including revision levels
- Diagnostic error messages
- Details about recent configuration changes, if applicable

If you are unable to contact your network supplier, see the following section on how to contact 3Com.

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