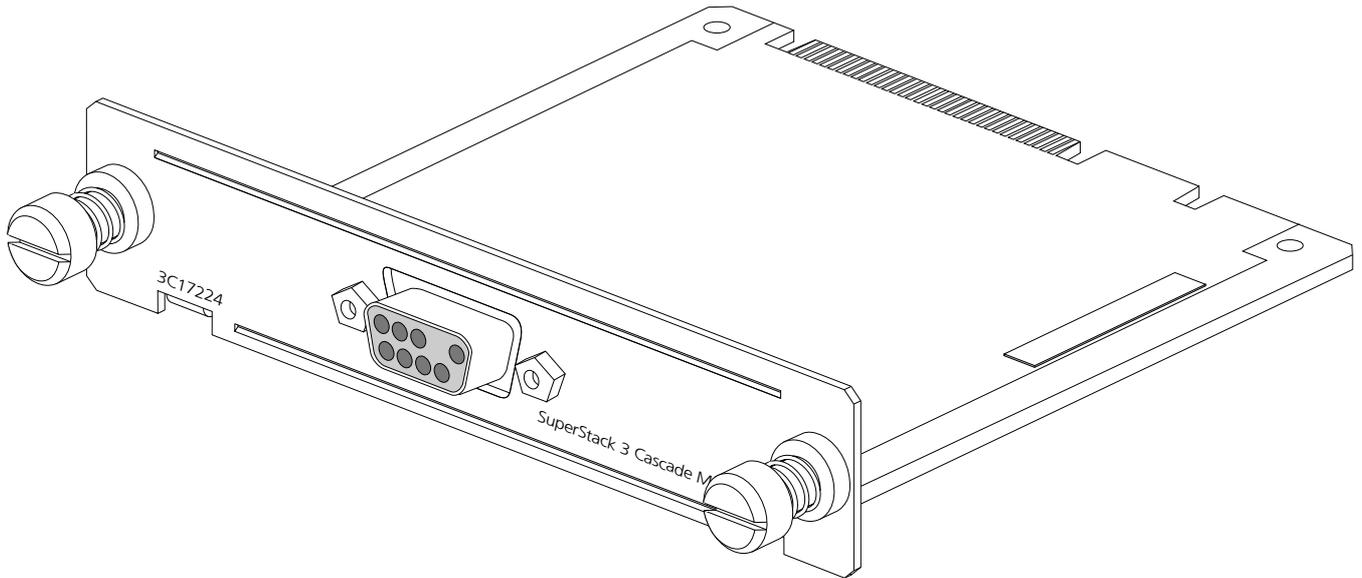


**SuperStack® 3 Switch 4400 Cascade Module (3C17224)**  
**SuperStack® 3 Switch 4400 Cascade Stacking Kit (3C17227)**  
**SuperStack® 3 Switch 4400 Cascade Extender Kit (3C17228)**  
**User Guide**

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# INTRODUCTION

## Introducing the Cascade Stacking Kit

With a SuperStack® 3 Switch 4400 Cascade Stacking Kit (3C17227) you can connect two SuperStack 3 Switch 4400 units together. This kit contains:

- Two Switch 4400 Cascade Modules (3C17224)
- One Switch 4400 Cascade Cable (3C17225)

Refer to ["Stacking Switches Together"](#).

## Introducing the Cascade Extender Kit

For each additional Switch you wish to stack, you will need a Cascade Extender Kit (part number 3C17228). Each Cascade Extender Kit enables you to add one additional Switch. This kit contains:

- One Switch 4400 Cascade Module (3C17224)
- One Switch 4400 Cascade Cable (3C17225)
- One Switch 4400 Cascade Extender Unit (3C17226)

Refer to ["Stacking Additional Switches"](#).

[Table 1](#) explains how many Cascade Stacking Kits and Cascade Extender Kits are required to create a stack of Switches.

**Table 1** Cascade Kit Requirements

Number of Switches in the Stack	Number of Cascade Stacking Kits Required	Number of Cascade Extender Kits Required
Two	One	None
Three	One	One
Four	One	Two
Five	One	Three
Six	One	Four
Seven	One	Five
Eight	One	Six



You can gather information about the status of the Module and its packet activity using the Expansion Module port LEDs on the front of the Switch. For explanations on how the LEDs work, see the ["LED Function Table"](#).



Using a SuperStack 3 Switch Cascade Stacking Kit with additional Cascade Extender Kits allows you to connect up to eight SuperStack 3 Switch 4400 units in a single stack.

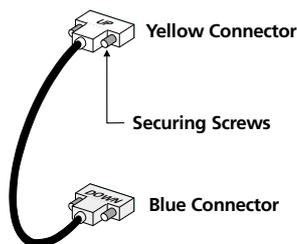
# THE CASCADE CABLE AND THE EXTENDER UNIT

## The Cascade Cable

Cascade Cables can be used to connect together two SuperStack 3 Switch 4400 units, both fitted with Cascade Modules. Furthermore, the cables can be used with Cascade Extender Units to stack three or more Switches.

Cascade Cables are 30 cm (11.8 in) long and color co-ordinated with yellow and blue D-Type connectors.

Figure 1 The Cascade Cable

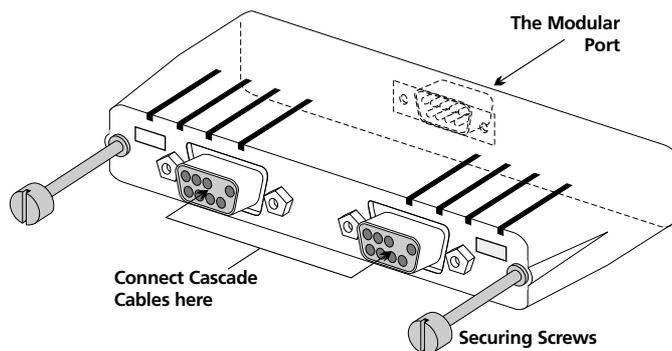


The yellow connector has 'UP' marked on its casing: the blue connector has 'DOWN' marked on its casing.

## The Cascade Extender Unit

The Cascade Extender Unit (see Figure 2) provides three ports: a blue *Down* port, a yellow *Up* port and a *Modular* port and plugs directly into a Cascade Module's D-Type port (see Figure 5 and Figure 6), enabling you to stack three or more Switches together. It is a device that allows its host Switch to be removed and replaced without disturbing the rest of the stack.

Figure 2 The Cascade Extender Unit



# INSTALLING AND REMOVING THE MODULE



**WARNING:** Installation and removal of the Module must be carried out by qualified personnel only. Before installing the Module into a unit, you must first disconnect the unit from the mains power supply. For full safety instructions, refer to the user guide that accompanies the unit.



**AVERTISSEMENT:** Confiez l'installation et la dépose de ce Module à un personnel qualifié. Avant d'installer ce Module dans un groupe, vous devez au préalable débrancher ce groupe de l'alimentation secteur. Pour prendre connaissance des consignes complètes de sécurité, consultez le guide utilisateur qui accompagne ce groupe.



**WARNHINWEIS:** Die Installation und der Ausbau des Moduls darf nur durch Fachpersonal erfolgen. Vor dem Installieren des Moduls in einem Gerät muß zuerst der Netzstecker des Geräts abgezogen werden. Vollständige Sicherheitsanweisungen sind dem Benutzerhandbuch des Geräts zu entnehmen.



**WARNING:** When the Module is inserted into the switch, the captive screws securing the Module must be tightened with a suitable tool. Keep the blanking plate and the fixings in a safe place. If you remove the Module at any time, you must then replace the blanking plate.



**AVERTISSEMENT:** Quand le Module est inséré dans le commutateur, visser le module, en le sécurisant fortement avec un outil adapté. Conservez la plaque d'obturation et les fixations en lieu sûr. Si vous retirez le Module à tout instant, vous devez alors replacer la plaque d'obturation.



**WARNHINWEIS:** Beim Einsetzen des Moduls in dem Switch sind die unverlierbaren Schrauben mit einem passenden Werkzeug festzuziehen. Die Distanzplatte und die Befestigungselemente an einem sicheren Ort aufbewahren. Beim Austausch des Moduls ist auch die Distanzplatte zu ersetzen.

## Handling the Module

The Module can be easily damaged by electrostatic discharge. To prevent damage, observe the following:

- Always wear an anti-static wristband connected to a suitable earth point.
- Do not remove the Module from its packaging until you are ready to install it into a Switch.
- Do not touch any of the pins, connections or components on the Module.
- Handle the Module only by its edges and front panel.
- Always store or transport the Module in anti-static packaging.



**CAUTION:** The Cascade Module is not hot-swappable. Always make sure that the Switch is powered down and disconnected from the mains before installing or removing a Module. Use the following instructions when installing or removing a Module.



Due to the length of the Cascade Cables, you must insert all of the Cascade Modules into Expansion Module Slot 1 or all of the Cascade Modules into Expansion Module Slot 2 on the Switches. If you need to remove any Module, refer to the following instructions.

# INSTALLING AND REMOVING THE MODULE

## Installing the Module into a Switch

- 1 Ensure that the Switch is disconnected from the mains power supply and that you are wearing an anti-static wristband connected to a suitable earth point.
- 2 Undo the two screws securing the blanking plate at the rear of the Switch using a suitable screwdriver. Do not remove any other screws from the rear of the Switch.
- 3 Remove the blanking plate.
- 4 Hold the Module so that the text on the front panel is upright and insert it into the Switch, ensuring the connectors are fully engaged (see [Figure 3](#)). Make sure the Module is pushed fully in.
- 5 Secure the Module by tightening the two captive screws with a screwdriver.

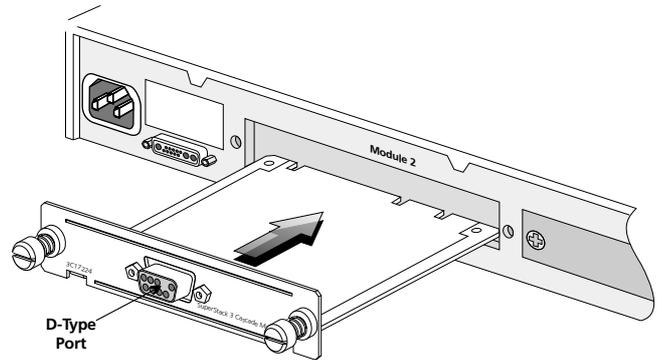


Keep the blanking plate and screws in a safe place. If you remove the Module at any time, you must replace the blanking plate to prevent dust and debris entering the Switch. Replacing the blanking plate will also help circulate cool air through the Switch.

## Removing the Module from a Switch

- 1 Ensure that the power supply and the backbone connection cables are disconnected from the Switch.
- 2 Undo the Module's two captive screws with a suitable screwdriver. Do not remove any other screws from the Switch.
- 3 Remove the Module.
- 4 If you are not fitting another Module immediately, you must replace the blanking plate to ensure that dust and debris do not enter the Switch. Replacing the blanking plate will also help circulate cool air through the Switch.

**Figure 3** Installing the Module



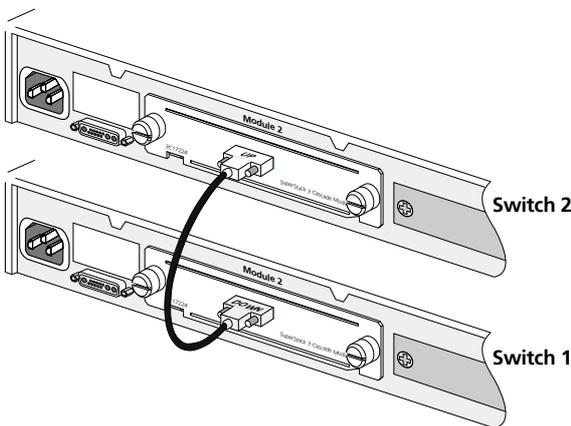
# STACKING SWITCHES TOGETHER

## Stacking Two Switches Together

To stack two Switches together, you will need the 3Com Cascade Stacking Kit (part number 3C17227). This kit contains:

- Two Switch 4400 Cascade Modules (3C17224)
- One Switch 4400 Cascade Cable (3C17225)

**Figure 4** Connecting Two Switches



To stack two Switches:

- 1 Install the two Cascade Modules into the Switches, as described above.
- 2 Connect the Cascade Cable (see [Figure 4](#)) by attaching the yellow connector to the top Switch and the blue connector to the bottom Switch.

- 3 Power-up the Switches.
- 4 Check the LEDs on the front of the Switch to ensure that the Module is operating correctly. Refer to the ["LED Function Table"](#) for more information.



Always secure the Cascade Cable to the Cascade Module by tightening its securing screws.

**Table 2** Attaching the Cable Between Two Switches

Connector Color	Attach to the:
Yellow	Cascade Module in the top Switch
Blue	Cascade Module in the bottom Switch

## Stacking Additional Switches

If you have stacked two Switches together, and wish to add an additional Switch, you will need a Cascade Extender Kit (part number 3C17228). Each Cascade Extender Kit enables you to add one additional Switch.

To stack additional Switches, you must first install the Cascade Module into the Switch or Switches you wish to add and then connect the appropriate number of Cascade Extender Units and Cascade Cables. (See [Figure 5](#) and [Figure 6](#) for further information.)



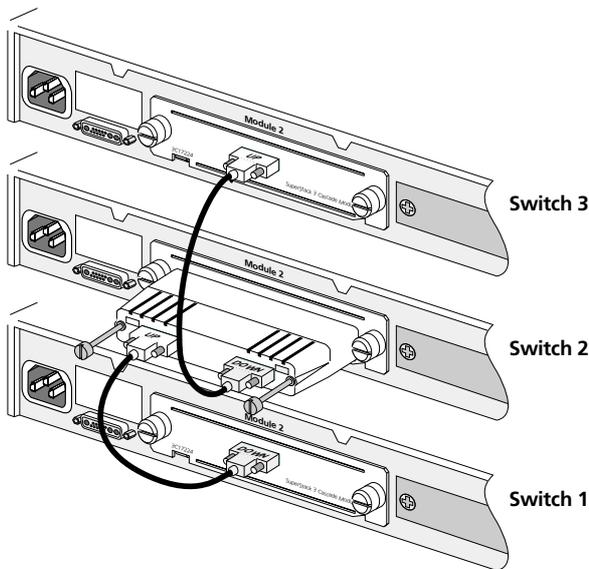
To stack additional Switches, you must have stacked two Switches together previously.



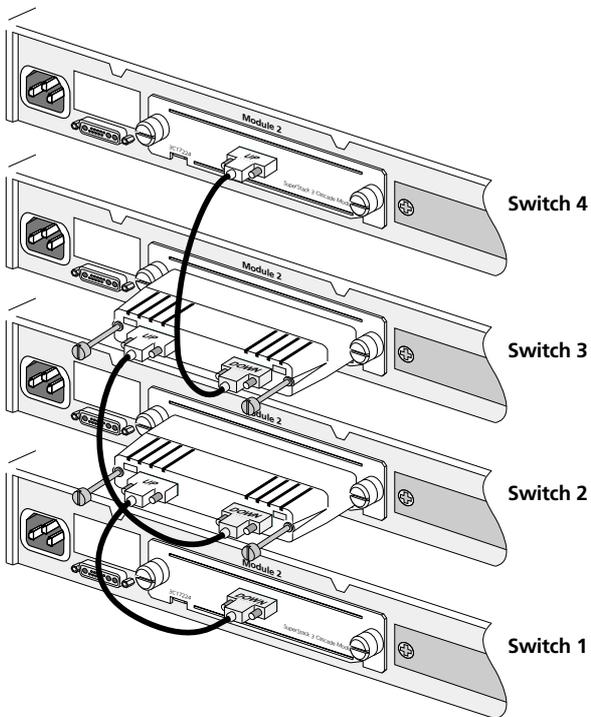
The Switches in a stack are numbered 1 to 8, from the bottom up, for management purposes. You can stack up to a total of eight Switches.

# STACKING SWITCHES TOGETHER

**Figure 5** Connecting Three Switches



**Figure 6** Connecting Four or More Switches



To stack additional Switches:

- 1 Ensure that the Switch is disconnected from the mains power supply and that you are wearing an anti-static wristband connected to a suitable earth point.
  - 2 Install the Cascade Module as described on [“Installing the Module into a Switch”](#).
  - 3 Hold the Cascade Extender Unit so its air vents are facing upwards and push it onto the Cascade Module. Make sure the Cascade Extender Unit is pushed fully on.
  - 4 Secure the Cascade Extender Unit to the Cascade Module by tightening its securing screws with a suitable tool.
- Perform steps 1-4 to each Switch you wish to add to the stack.

- 5 Connect the Cascade Cables as shown in [Figure 5](#) or [Figure 6](#). See [Table 3](#), below, for further Cascade Cabling details.
- 6 Secure the Cascade Cable to the device by tightening its securing screws.
- 7 Power up the Switches in the stack.
- 8 Check the LEDs on the front of the Switch to ensure that the Module is operating correctly. See [Table 4](#), the [“LED Function Table”](#), for more information.

**Table 3** Attaching the Cable Between Three or More Switches

Connector Color	Attach to the:
Yellow	Cascade Module in the top Switch or the yellow port on each Cascade Extender Unit.
Blue	Cascade Module in the bottom Switch or the blue port on each Cascade Extender Unit.

**CAUTION:** Do not over-tighten the securing screws on the Cascade Extender Unit.

**CAUTION:** Never disconnect any of the Cascade Cables from a Cascade Extender Unit when the stack is in use as it will break the flow of data.

**CAUTION:** If you need to remove any Switches, remove only one Switch from the stack at any one time. This guarantees the resilience of the Cascade data path. Before you remove the Switch, ensure that it is powered-down and disconnected from the mains power supply; then unscrew the Cascade Extender Unit’s securing screws and separate the Switch from the Cascade Module. If you need to remove more than one Switch, all of the Switches in the stack must be powered-down and disconnected from the mains power supply before making the appropriate changes.

## LED Function Table

[Table 4](#) explains the functions of the Expansion Module port LEDs found on the front of the Switch.

**Table 4** LED Function Table

Module Packet LED		
Color	Appearance	Indicates
Green	On	Full duplex activity being received or transmitted.
No color	Off	No activity.
Module Status LED		
Color	Appearance	Indicates
Green	On	The Module is installed and supported. The Link Status has been determined.
Yellow	On	The Module is installed and supported. The Link Status has not been determined or there is no link for a single port Module.
Yellow	Flashing	The Module is installed, however, it is not supported.
No color	Off	The Module is not installed.

# MODULE PORT RESTRICTIONS

When using the Module port, note the following:

- Only one Cascade Module may be fitted into a Switch. If two Cascade Modules are fitted, both Modules will be disabled.
- The Module is not hot-swappable.
- The Module is not hot-insertable.
- The Module only operates with SuperStack 3 Switch 4400 Cascade Cables (3C17225).

# PROBLEM SOLVING

If you suspect a problem, carry out these steps *before* contacting your supplier:

- Ensure that the Module is correctly installed in the Switch.
- Ensure that any Cascade Extender Units are correctly installed into the Cascade Modules.
- Check that the Cascade cabling is correctly configured and secured.
- Ensure that the Switch in which the Module is fitted is powered-up.

For information about technical support, refer to the documentation supplied with your Switch.

# TECHNICAL SUPPORT

The following options are available for technical support:

- In the first instance contact your Network Supplier
- Check the 3Com knowledgebase at <http://knowledgebase.3com.com>
- Browse the 3Com web site on <http://www.3com.com>

Please have your product model name, part number, hardware revision number and serial number along with all relevant details of the problem to hand before calling your Network Supplier or 3Com on the numbers below.

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<b>Power Consumption</b>	3 W maximum
<b>Safety Standards</b>	UL 1950 EN 60950 CSA 22.2#950 IEC 60950

<b>Electromagnetic Compatibility</b>	CISPR22 Class A EN55022 Class A AS/NZS 3548 Class A FCC Part 15 Class A ICES-003 Class A VCCI Class A CNS 13438 Class A Korean EMC Approval EN55024
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- Move the equipment away from the receiver.
- Plug the equipment into a different outlet so that equipment and receiver are on different branch circuits.

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*How to Identify and Resolve Radio-TV Interference Problems*

This booklet is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, Stock No. 004-000-00345-4.

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