

x900 Series Switch Hardware Reference



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Devices Covered by this Document

This Hardware Reference includes information on these devices:

- AT-8948
- x900-48FE
- x900-48FE-N
- AT-9924T
- AT-9924SP
- AT-9924T/4SP
- AT-9924Ts
- x900-24XT
- x900-24XT-N
- AT-PWR01 (either AC or DC power supply unit)
- AT-PWR02 (AC power supply unit only)
- AT-FAN01 (fan-only module)

Why You Should Read this Document

Use this document to familiarise yourself with the x900 Series switches and hardware features, including power supply units (PSUs). This reference can also help you with installation and maintenance. However, refer to the Software Reference for information about software configuration and installation procedures.

Keep this document or the CD-ROM in a safe place; it will be helpful if you purchase expansion options for the switch.

Hardware Overview

This section provides details about the physical characteristics of the following:

- **48-Port Fast Ethernet Switches**
 - AT-8948 and x900-48 switches
- **Gigabit Switches**
 - AT-9924T switch
 - AT-9924SP switch
 - AT-9924T/4SP switch
- **Expandable Gigabit Switches**
 - AT-9924Ts and x900-24XT switches

Common Traits

- Dimensions**
 - Height: 44.5 mm, plus 5.1 mm if the rubber feet are used
 - Width: 440 mm, excluding rack-mounting brackets
 - Depth: 440 mm, excluding PSU handles
 - Weight: Not more than 7.3 kg (16.1 lbs) unpackaged, which includes one power supply unit (PSU) and one fan-only module (FOM)
- Mounting system**
 - 1U rack mounting; 19-inch rack-mount kit as standard
- Asynchronous serial port**
 - Up to 115 kbps
 - Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter (UART)
 - Standard RJ-45 connector
 - Hardware-flow control

48-Port Fast Ethernet Switches

These Fast Ethernet switches meet the exceptionally high performance demands of high-end applications. They deliver wire-speed switching in a robust 1U rack mount platform, and are:

- AT-8948
- x900-48FE
- x900-48FE-N (NEBS compliant model)

Environmental conditions

- Operating temperature range: 0°C to 50°C (32 to 122°F)
- Storage temperature range: -25°C to 70°C (-13 to 158°F)
- Relative humidity range for operation: 5 to 80% non-condensing
- Relative humidity range for storage: 5 to 95% non-condensing
- Operational altitude: 3,050 metres maximum (10,000 feet)

Regulatory standards

- EMC: EN55022 class A, FCC class A, and VCCI class A
- Immunity: EN55024, EN61000-3 levels 2 (Harmonics), and 3 (Flicker)—AC models only
- Safety: UL60950-1, CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60950-1-03, EN60950-1, AS/NZS60950, and EN60825-1
- Certification: UL, cUL, and TUV

Switching core

- Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) switch chip
- Non-blocking Layer 2 and Layer 3 IP switching
- 256K IPv4 address table
- x900-48FE switches are IPv6-ready in hardware to provide accelerated unicast and multicast routing
- 4096 Layer 2 multicast entries
- 1024 Layer 3 IPv4 multicast entries
- 4K logical IPv6 interfaces
- 32 Mbytes DDR-SDRAM packet buffer shared among ports

Processing core

- 350MHz RISC Processor
- 32MBytes of fixed flash
- 256MBytes of Synchronous DRAM, expandable to 512MBytes with DIMM
- CompactFlash slot for hot-swappable expansion of flash memory up to 128MBytes
- 512 kBytes of SRAM
- 32/66 PCI bus for 32-bit/33MHz
- Silicon ID chip stores serial number, board ID, and MAC address

IPv6 accelerator card

AT-8948 switches have a slot for an optional network processor accelerator card to provide accelerated unicast and multicast routing in hardware

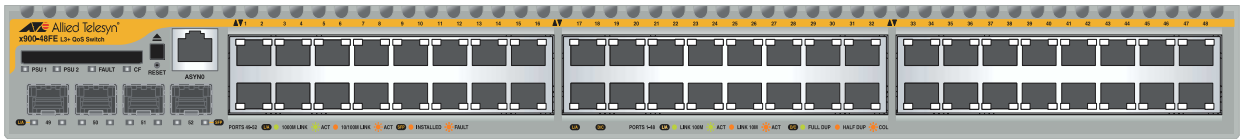
- 4096 Layer 3 IPv6 multicast entries
- 1000 accelerator hardware filters
- 128 MBytes Synchronous DRAM giving 64K IPv6 routes

AT-8948 and x900-48 switches

Key features are:

- Autonegotiating, multi-layer Fast Ethernet switch
- 48 10BASE-T/100Base-TX ports (RJ-45 connectors), auto MDI/MDI-X, full or half duplex
- 4-port 1000BASE-X SFP uplink sockets
 - 1000MBytes, full duplex
- Hot-swappable, load sharing PSUs
- NEBS compliant model x900-48FE-N available
- Optional AT-ACC01 network processor accelerator card for the AT-8948 switch

x900-48FE front panel



Gigabit Switches

AT-9900 Series switches are advanced gigabit Ethernet multi-layer switches, perfect for the high-density rack environment where space is at a premium. They are:

- AT-9924T
- AT-9924SP
- AT-9924T/4SP

Environmental conditions

- Operating temperature range: 0°C to 50°C (32°F to 104°F)
- Storage temperature range: -25°C to 70°C (-13°F to 158°F)
- Relative humidity range for operation: 5% to 80% non-condensing
- Relative humidity range for storage: 5% to 95% non-condensing
- Operational altitude: 3,050 metres maximum (10,000 feet)

Regulatory standards

- EMC: EN55022 class A, FCC class A, and VCCI class A.
- Immunity: EN55024, EN61000-3, levels 2 (Harmonics), and 3 (Flicker)—AC models only
- Safety: UL60950-1, CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60950-1-03, EN60950-1, AS/NZS60950, and EN60825-1
- Certification: UL, cUL, and TUV

Switching core

- Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) switch chip
- High performance IPv4 switching

AT-9924T and AT-9924SP

- 64MBytes packet buffer memory

AT-9924T/4SP

- High performance IPv6 switching
- 98MBytes packet buffer memory

Processing core

- 400MHz RISC Processor
- 16MBytes of fixed flash with provision for an additional 16MBytes
- CompactFlash card slot on the front panel for hot-swappable expansion of flash memory up to 128MBytes
- 256MBytes of Synchronous DRAM, expandable to 512MBytes with DIMM
- 512kBytes of NVSRAM
- Silicon ID chip storing serial number, board ID, MAC address, and hardware revision level

Network processor accelerator card

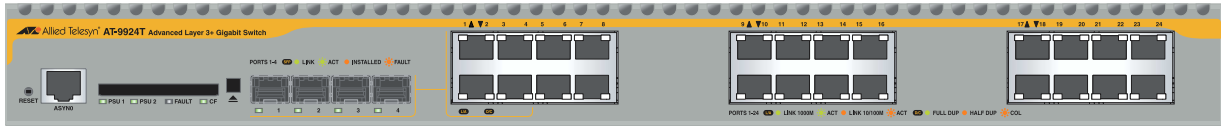
AT-9924T/4SP only

- Optional network processor accelerator card provides accelerated IPv6 unicast and multicast routing in hardware
- 512MBytes of Synchronous DRAM required, giving 64K IPv6 static routes
- 4096 Layer 3 IPv6 multicast entries
- 1000 accelerator hardware filters

AT-9924T switch Key features are:

- Autonegotiating, multi-layer gigabit switch
- 24 10BASE-T/100BASE-TX/1000BASE-T ports (RJ-45 connectors)
- 4 Small Form Factor Pluggable (SFP) ports (see [SFP Ports](#) for speeds)
- Hot-swappable, load sharing PSUs

AT-9924T front panel

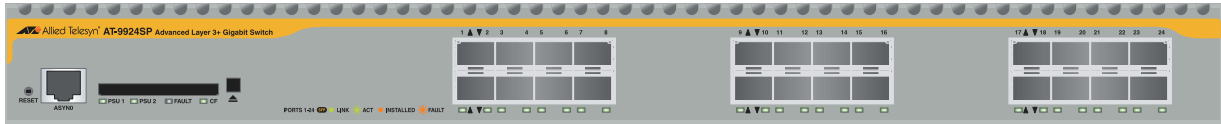


There can be 24 ports operational at one time. The RJ-45 ports 1 to 4 use the same physical interface as the SFP ports 1 to 4. When an SFP is inserted into an SFP port, the corresponding RJ-45 port is disabled. For example, if an SFP is inserted in SFP port 1 then RJ-45 port 1 is disabled. When the SFP is removed from port 1, the RJ-45 port 1 is again operational. All other RJ-45 ports function normally.

AT-9924SP switch Key features are:

- Autonegotiating, multi-layer gigabit switch
- 24 Small Form Factor Pluggable (SFP) ports (see [SFP Ports](#) for speeds)
- Hot-swappable, load sharing PSUs

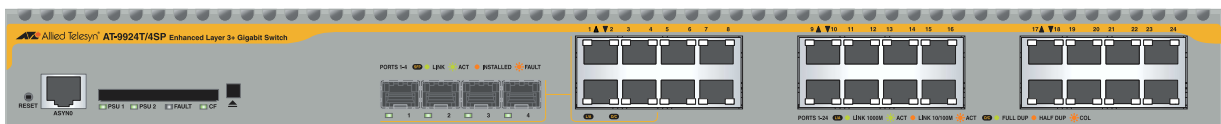
AT-9924SP front panel



AT-9924T/4SP switch Key features are:

- Autonegotiating, multi-layer gigabit switch
- 24 10BASE-T/100BASE-TX/1000BASE-T ports (RJ-45 connectors)
- 4 Small Form Factor Pluggable (SFP) ports (see [SFP Ports](#) for speeds)
- Hot-swappable, load sharing PSUs
- Optional AT-ACC01 network processor accelerator card

AT-9924T/4SP front panel



There are 24 ports operational at one time. The RJ-45 ports 1 to 4 use the same physical interface as the SFP ports 1 to 4. When an SFP is inserted into an SFP port, the corresponding RJ-45 port is disabled. For example, if an SFP is inserted in SFP port 1, then RJ-45 port 1 is disabled. When the SFP is removed from port 1, the RJ-45 port 1 is again operational. All other RJ-45 ports function normally.

Expandable Gigabit Switches

These gigabit link aggregation switches operate with other switches that have 10Mb/100Mb/1Gb/10Gb Ethernet ports. The AT-9924Ts or x900-24X switches can act as a gigabit server backbone or pass aggregated traffic over its gigabit ports. These switches can also aggregate gigabit desktop user connections and pass traffic to other 10 Gigabit Ethernet equipment. They are:

- AT-9924Ts
- x900-24XT
- x900-24XT-N (NEBS compliant model)

Environmental conditions

- Operating temperature range: 0°C to 40°C (32°F to 104°F) derated by 1°C per 305 Meters (1000 ft)
- Storage temperature range: -25°C to 70°C (-13°F to 158°F)
- Relative humidity range for operation: 5% to 80% non-condensing
- Relative humidity range for storage: 5% to 95% non-condensing
- Operational altitude: 3,050 metres maximum (10,000 feet)

Regulatory standards

- EMC: EN55022 class A, FCC class A, and VCCI class A.
- EN61000-3 levels 2 (Harmonics), and 3 (Flicker)—AC models only
- Immunity: EN55024
- Safety: UL60950-1, CAN/CSA-C22.2 NO. 60950-1-03, EN60950-1, AS/NZS60950, and EN60825-1
- Certification: UL, cUL, and TUV

Switching core

- Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) switch chip
- High performance IPv4 switching
- 128 MBytes packet buffer memory with XEMs

Processing core

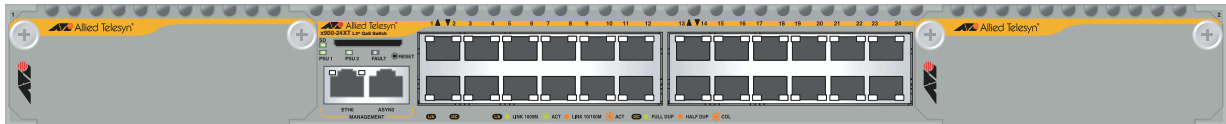
- 667MHz RISC Processor
- 32 MBytes of non-expandable fixed flash
- 512 MBytes Double Data Rate (DDR) Synchronous DRAM, expandable to 1 gigabyte
- 512 kBytes of NVSRAM

AT-9924Ts and x900-24XT switches

The unmatched flexibility of x900-24X and AT-9924Ts switches lets you tailor solutions to a wide range of networking needs. Key features are:

- Autonegotiating, multi-layer gigabit switch
- 24 10/100/1000BASE-TX ports (RJ-45 connectors)
- Out-of-band 10/100/1000BASE-T [Ethernet management port](#)
- Two high-speed 20Gbps bays to support combinations of expansion modules
- Supports dual, hot-swappable, load sharing PSUs (AT-PWR01)—a second PSU is optional
- NEBS compliant model x900-24XT-N available
- Optional 10GbE [expansion module](#)
- Optional 12-port SFP [expansion module](#)
- Optional 12-port RJ-45 [expansion module](#)

x900-24XT front panel



Switch LEDs

The following LEDs report operations and faults on the x900 switches:

- [Fast Ethernet RJ-45 port LEDs](#)
- [Gigabit RJ-45 port LEDs](#)
- [XFP port LEDs](#)
- [SFP port LEDs](#)
- [System LEDs](#)

Fast Ethernet RJ-45 port LEDs

LED	State	Description
L/A (Link Activity)	Green	A 100Mbps link has been established.
	Green flashing	100 Mbps activity is occurring.
	Amber	A 10Mbps link has been established.
	Amber flashing	10Mbps activity is occurring.
D/C (Duplex/Collision)	Green	The port is operating in full duplex mode.
	Amber	The port is operating in half duplex mode.
	Amber flashing	Collisions are occurring.

Gigabit RJ-45 port LEDs

LED	State	Description
L/A (Link Activity)	Green	A 1000 Mbps link has been established.
	Green flashing	1000Mbps activity is occurring.
	Amber	A 10/100 Mbps link has been established.
	Amber flashing	10/100Mbps activity is occurring.
D/C (Duplex/Collision)	Green	The port is operating in full duplex mode.
	Amber	The port is operating in half duplex mode.
	Amber flashing	Collisions are occurring.

XFP port LEDs

LED	State	Description
L/A (Link Activity)	Green	An XFP transceiver is installed and a 10Gb link has been established.
	Green flashing	An XFP transceiver is installed and link activity is occurring.
XFP	Green	An XFP transceiver is installed and enabled. No XFP is installed if this light is off.
	Amber	An XFP transceiver is installed but not operating.
	Amber flashing	The installed XFP transceiver has a transmission fault.

SFP port LEDs

LED	State	Description
L/A (Link Activity)	Green	On x900-48FE and AT-8948 switches, a 1000Mbps link has been established.
	Green flashing	On x900-48FE and AT-8948 switches, a full duplex activity is occurring at 1000Mbps.
	Off	When an SFP is installed on x900-48FE switches, but a link has not been established. When an SFP is installed on the AT-8948, the link is closed.
SFP	Green	On AT-9900 and x900-24X switches, an SFP transceiver is installed and a link has been established. On AT-8948 and x900-48FE switches, an SFP transceiver is installed.
	Green flashing	On AT-9900 and x900-24X switches, an SFP transceiver is installed and a link activity is occurring. Not valid for x900-48FE switches.
	Amber	On AT-9900 and x900-24X switches, an SFP transceiver is installed but a link has not been established.
	Amber flashing	An SFP transceiver is installed but there is a transmission fault.

System LEDs

LED	State	Description
PSU 1	Green	PSU 1 is installed and supplying power to the switch. The voltage output is within specification. PSU 1 is in the right bay when facing the <i>rear</i> of the switch.
	Red	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSU 1 is installed in the switch, and either a fan has failed or the PSU has exceeded its recommended temperature threshold of 75° C (167° F). A FOM is installed in the switch and a fan has failed. The bay is empty. Applies to AT-8948, AT-9924T/4SP, and AT-9924Ts switches since they require a FOM when only one PSU is installed.
	Off	A FOM is installed and operating at an acceptable speed. For AT-9924T and x900-48FE switches, a blanking panel is installed.
PSU 2	Green	PSU 2 is installed and supplying power to the switch. The voltage output is within specification. PSU 2 is in the left bay when facing the <i>rear</i> of the switch.
	Red	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSU 2 is installed in the switch, and either a fan has failed or the PSU has exceeded its recommended temperature threshold of 75° C (167° F). A FOM is installed in the switch and a fan has failed. The bay is empty. Applies to AT-8948, AT-9924T/4SP, and AT-9924Ts switches since they require a FOM when only one PSU is installed.
	Off	A FOM is installed and operating at an acceptable speed. For x900-48FE switches, a blanking panel is installed.
Fault	Red	The switch or management software is malfunctioning. This LED lights and then turns off after hardware initialises.
	1 Flash	One or more heatsink fans has failed or is operating below the recommended speed.
	3 Flashes	For AT-9900, AT-9924Ts, and x900-24X switches, the ability to monitor temperature and fans has failed, and it cannot report whether they are in the supported ranges. After flashing three times, the LED stops briefly, then repeats the sequence.
	6 Flashes	The switch's temperature has exceeded the recommended threshold. After flashing six times, the LED stops briefly, then repeats the sequence.
	Slow flashing at startup	The SDRAM (DIMM) has not been detected. Not applicable to AT-9924Ts or x900-24X switches.
	Rapid flashing at startup	The SDRAM (DIMM) is not compatible with the switch. Not applicable to AT-9924Ts or x900-24X switches.
CF	Green flashing	The CompactFlash memory card is active and should not be ejected. The card can be safely ejected when the LED remains off. Valid for AT-8948, x900-48FE, and AT-9900 switches.
SD	Green flashing	The Secure Digital memory card is active and should not be ejected. The card can be safely ejected when the LED remains off. Valid for AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches.

Using Online Documentation

This section contains instructions on how to view online documentation on the CD-ROM. Adobe Acrobat Reader must be installed on your computer to view the documentation; you can install it from the CD.

1. Insert the Documentation and Tools CD in the CD-ROM drive.

If the browser menu does not appear, select Run from the Start menu. Then type `d:\start.exe` (where d: is the CD-ROM drive) in the text box, and click the OK button.

2. To view a specific document, click the document title.
3. To browse PDF documents, use any of the following to page through a document:

- toolbar buttons, such as the Next Page button
- keyboard shortcuts, such as arrow keys
- commands from the Document menu
- mouse wheel

To go to a specific section or topic, click a bookmark, thumbnail, or hypertext link.

Use the Search command to search for keywords or phrases.

For more information about using the Adobe Acrobat Reader, select Adobe Reader Help from the Help menu.

4. To install one of the tools from the CD, click the link on the browser screen.

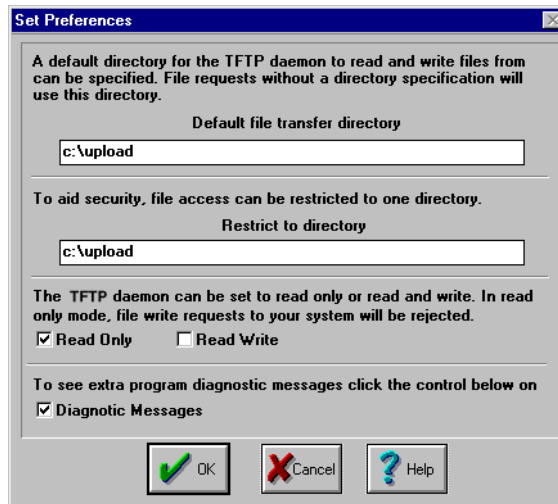
Using AT-TFTP Server

This section explains how to access and use the AT-TFTP Server. You can transfer configuration files as well as download software upgrades with AT-TFTP Server.

1. If AT-TFTP Server has not been installed, install it from the Documentation and Tools CD-ROM.

Select AT-TFTP Server from the Start > Programs > Allied Telesis > AT-TFTP Server menu.

2. To set preferences for the AT-TFTP Server, select Options from the File menu to display the Set Preferences dialog box shown below.



The "Default file transfer directory" field specifies the directory that AT-TFTP Server reads from or writes to for file requests that do not include a directory specification.

Enter a path name in the "Restrict to directory" field to prevent unauthorised access to private directories. AT-TFTP Server uses the specified directory even when file requests contain references to other directories.

To prevent files from being written to the PC, click the Read only checkbox.

To use the PC to archive scripts created using the switch's **create config** command, click the Read Write checkbox.

Click the OK button when you finish.

3. To load a file from AT-TFTP Server to the switch, type the following command on a terminal connected to the RS-232 Terminal Port (ASYN0):

```
load method=tftp file=filename server=ipadd dest=flash
```

where *filename* is the name of the file to download and *ipadd* is the IP address of the PC running AT-TFTP Server.

4. To save a TFTP Server log, select Save As from the File menu. TFTP requests are logged to the AT-TFTP Server main window.

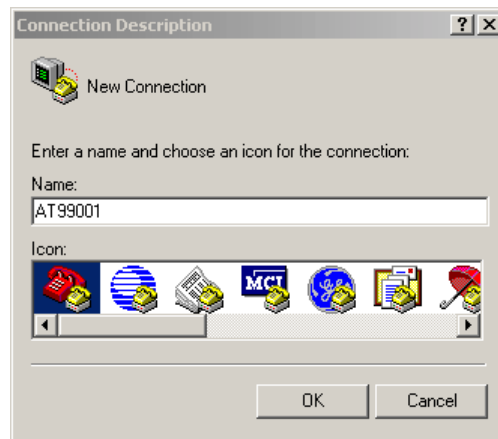
Using Windows Terminal and HyperTerminal

You can use a PC running terminal emulation software as the manager console, instead of a terminal. There are many terminal emulation applications available for PCs, but the most readily available are the Terminal and HyperTerminal applications included in Microsoft Windows 98, 2000, and XP Professional. In standard Windows installations, HyperTerminal is available from the Communications submenu.

The key to successful use of terminal emulation software with the switch is to configure the software and switch with matching communications parameters. The following procedure can be applied to most terminal emulation programs. Dialog boxes in the procedure are from Windows 2000 and XP Professional.

To configure Windows HyperTerminal for 2000 and XP Professional

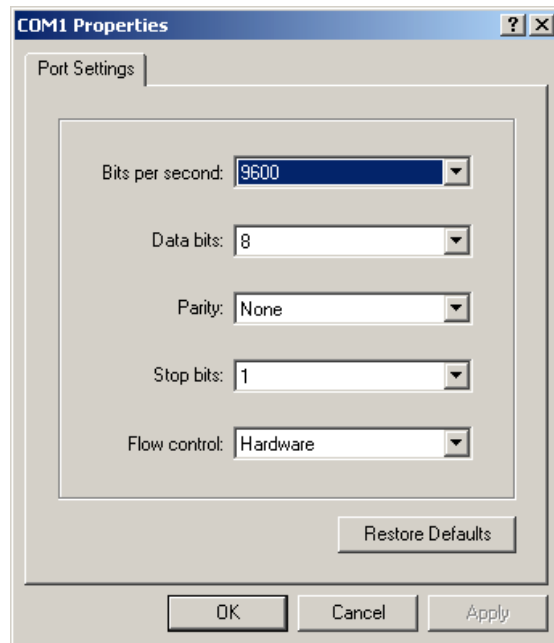
1. Start the program in Windows by doing one of the following:
 - Select Programs > Accessories > Communications > HyperTerminal.
 - Double-click the Hypertm.exe icon.
2. In the Connection Description dialog box:
 - Enter a name for the connection, such as AT99001.
 - Select an icon from the scrollable list and click the OK button.



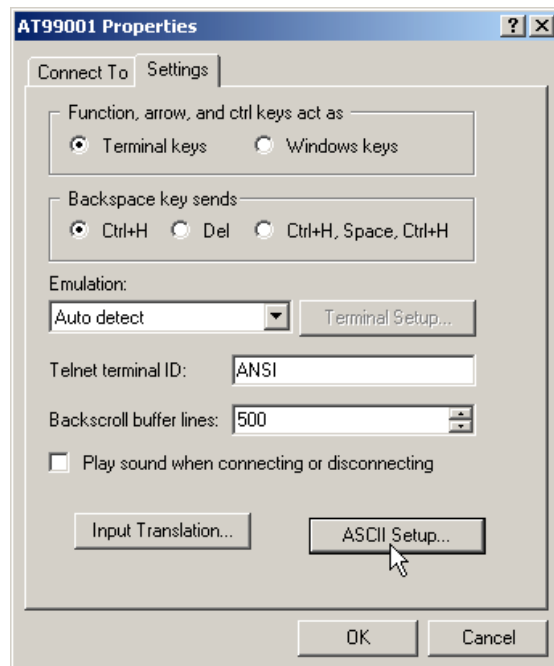
3. In the "Connect using" field on the Connect To dialog box, select the COM port on the PC used to connect to the switch. and click the OK button.



4. In the COM n Properties dialog box, set port parameters as follows, and click the OK button.

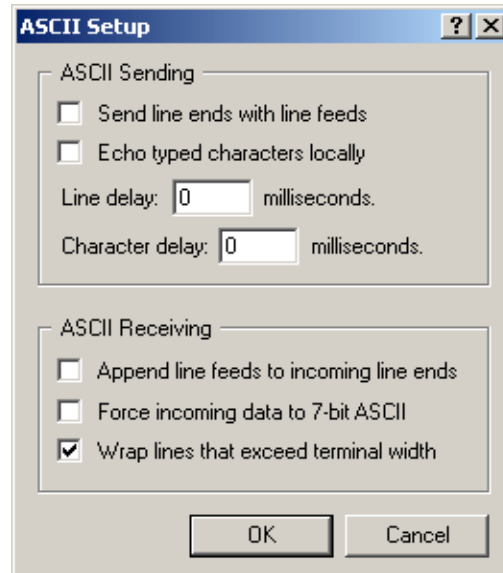


5. From the main HyperTerminal window, select Properties from the File menu. Click the Settings tab, and set the Properties dialog box as follows.



6. Click ASCII Setup to display the ASCII Setup dialog box, and ensure the following options are **not** selected:
 - Echo typed characters locally
 - Append line feeds to incoming line ends

Set other parameters as necessary and click the OK buttons on both dialog boxes to close them.



7. Save the current session by selecting Save from the File menu on the main HyperTerminal window. This creates a connection icon with the name you assigned in the HyperTerminal group.

To use the configuration, double-click the connection icon. When the HyperTerminal window appears, press the Enter key several times; the switch's login prompt is then displayed.

How the Switch Starts Up

When the switch starts up following a power cycle or an operator-initiated reboot (using the reset button or **restart** command), it performs a series of tests and sends messages to the terminal or PC connected to the ASYN0 port. After the switch successfully starts, a prompt is displayed for you to log in. Refer to the Installation and Safety Guide for basic login instructions or to the *Getting Started* chapter in the Software Reference.

AT-8948, x900-48FE, and AT-9900 Switches

Process flow When the AT-8948, x900-48FE, or AT-9900 switches start, they perform the following operations.

Stage	This happens...	Done by...
1	Self-tests run that check basic operations.	Boot ROM
2	A prompt is displayed briefly to allow a user-override. Users can change the startup process by pressing special keys (see Overrides). If they enter nothing, the process continues.	Boot ROM
3	The flash boot release is loaded as the install software.	Boot ROM
4	Install information is checked and the switch boots up from either the preferred or default install.	Boot ROM
5	The startup configuration script that the user specified is executed.	Preferred or default software
6	Startup is complete and the switch starts switching traffic if devices connected to it are sending traffic.	Release software

Overrides The switch pauses briefly during routine startup messages to display the following prompt:

```
Force EPROM download (Y)?
```

If you do nothing, switch software is loaded along with a preconfigured startup script. For troubleshooting, change the process by using the following keys.

Pressing this key...	Forces the switch to...
Y	Load the flash boot release with no patch.
S	Start with the default configuration so that any boot script is ignored.
Ctrl+D	Enter diagnostics mode. For more information, see "Diagnostics" on page 44 .

Regular output The following messages are an example of output from AT-8948, x900-48FE, and AT-9900 switches.

```
INFO: Self tests beginning.
INFO: RAM test beginning.
PASS: RAM test, 131072k bytes found.
INFO: BBR tests beginning.
PASS: BBR test, 512k bytes found.
INFO: Self tests complete
INFO: Downloading switch software.

Force EPROM download (Y) ?

INFO: Initial download succeeded
INFO: Executing configuration script <boot.cfg>
INFO: Switch startup complete
```

Types of messages The following table explains the types of messages that AT-8948, x900-48FE, and AT-9900 switches generate during initial startup.

Type	Description
INFO	An action has been taken by the system.
PASS	A test has been completed successfully.
ERROR	An error message that a test has failed but the system continues to operate.
FAIL	An error message that a fatal error condition has caused the system to halt in an unrecoverable fashion.

AlliedWare messages The following table explains messages in the output of AT-8948, x900-48FE, and AT-9900 switches.

Message	Description
INFO: Self tests beginning.	Code loader tests are about to begin.
INFO: RAM tests beginning	RAM tests are about to begin.
PASS: RAM test, 131072k bytes found	RAM test passed and the switch is using the indicated amount of memory.
ERROR: RAM test <i>test-number</i> . Error address = <i>address</i> For example: ERROR: RAM test 5. Error address = 00345678	The given RAM test failed at the given address, which means the memory system is faulty. The test repeats until it passes. If the error continues, contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
INFO: BBR tests beginning	BBR battery tests are about to begin.
PASS: BBR test. Battery OK	BBR battery tests passed.
ERROR: BBR Battery low	BBR battery test failed, indicating that the battery is running low. The BBR battery must be replaced. Contact your authorised Allied Telesis distributor or reseller.
PASS: BBR test, 512k bytes found	BBR size/location test passed with the indicated amount of BBR found.

Message	Description (cont)
FAIL: BBR test. Error address = <i>location</i>	BBR size/location test failed at the given location. The test at this location failed, indicating the end of memory, but a valid location was discovered in the 255 long words following this location. The BBR system must be replaced. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
FAIL: BBR test, only 16k bytes found	The BBR size/location test completed, but only the displayed amount of memory was found. This amount is less than the minimum required to run the switch software.
INFO: Self tests complete	Startup tests have finished.
INFO: Downloading switch software	The process of downloading the switch software and vector table from ROM is about to begin.
ERROR: Code load retried FAIL: Code load failed	Loading code from ROM to RAM failed. The load is retried a number of times, and the error message is displayed each time it fails. The fail message is displayed if the switch reaches the maximum number of attempts.
Force EPROM download (Y) ?	Prompt that lets you override the standard startup sequence, typically when troubleshooting.
INFO: Initial download succeeded	Startup tests and download are complete, and the switch software is about to be started. The release is now decompressed. This may take a few seconds.
INFO: Downloading compressed release. This may take up to 1 minute...	The main switch software is decompressed before being loaded into RAM.
INFO: Loading software into memory. This may take up to 1 minute...	
INFO: Executing configuration script <script-name>	Configuration commands in the given script file begin executing if selected by the user. If the script has an error, appropriate error messages are displayed.
INFO: Switch startup complete	The startup process is complete and the switch is ready. If devices connected to it are sending traffic, then the switch begins switching operations.

AT-9924Ts and x900-24X Switches

This section explains how AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches start initially, including error messages. The following types of software play key roles during startup.

Software	Description
Base	Product software that is typically the "preferred" base package installed. It constitutes a feature set—similar to a "release"—and runs the switch. A software licence must be enabled for specific base packages.
Fallback	A small subset of the base package that runs when the base package is unavailable. It can download and install a base package, modify configuration scripts, and monitor the system.
Bootloader	Software that runs the switch when it first powers up. It performs basic initialisation, provides a basic interface for hardware diagnostics, and executes either the base or fallback software.

Process flow When the switch starts, it performs the following operations.

Stage	This happens...	Done by...
1	Self-tests run that check basic operations.	Bootloader
2	A prompt is displayed briefly to allow a user-override. Users can change the startup process by pressing special keys (see Overrides). If they enter nothing, the process continues.	Bootloader
3	Product software or fallback software is executed, depending on what the user installed.	Bootloader
4	Hardware boards and software components are initialised.	Base or Fallback
5	The startup configuration script that the user specified is executed.	Base or Fallback
6	Startup is complete and the switch starts switching traffic if devices connected to it are sending traffic.	Base

Overrides The AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches pause briefly during startup messages to display the following prompt:

```
Boot fallback software (Y)?
```

If you do nothing, the installed base package is loaded along with a preconfigured startup script. For troubleshooting, change the process by using the following keys.

Pressing this key...	Forces the switch to...
Y	Load the fallback software instead of the base package.
S (skip)	Load the base package and skip the startup configuration script.
Ctrl+B	Display a bootloader prompt. To upgrade a bootloader file, load the new .bin file into the file system, and enter the command: <pre>copy filename.bin bootloader</pre> For information about the load command, see the <i>Managing Configuration Files and Software Versions</i> chapter in the Software Reference.
Ctrl+D	Enter diagnostics mode. For more information, see "Diagnostics" on page 44 .

Regular output Bootloader and product software (AlliedWare) display a series of messages similar to those in the following figure during routine startup for AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches.

```

-----
                          Bootloader v3-00, built 6 Mar 2006
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Identifying RAM ..... 512 MB
Initial RAM test ..... passed
Relocating the bootloader to execute from RAM .... done

Boot fallback software (Y) ?

Initialising file system access ..... done
Booting preferred base package: AT9924s_311-00.pkg
Installing system.img (1775093 bytes) ..... done
Initiating system software ..... done

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                          AlliedWare v3.1.1-00, built 23 Jun 2006
-----
Initialising file system access ..... done
Validating package licence ..... done
Installing product_apps.img (9705444 bytes) ..... done

Executing configuration script <startup.cfg>
Switch startup complete

```

Fallback output Fallback software is a subset of the base package and runs when the base package is unavailable. When the switch runs fallback software, a series of messages similar to those in the following figure are displayed.

```

.
.          (bootloader messages)
.
.
Booting fallback software
Installing system.img (1219098 bytes) ..... done
Initiating system software ..... done

-----
                          AlliedWare Fallback v3.1.1-00, built 7 Jun 2006
-----

WARNING: Fallback software will not allow normal
network operation

Initialising file system access ..... done
Installing product_apps.img (1646897 bytes) ..... done

Executing configuration script <startup.cfg>
Switch startup complete

```

Bootloader messages The following table explains messages that bootloader software displays at initial startup for AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches.

Message	Description
Bootloader <version>, built <date>	Banner that identifies the bootloader software.
Identifying RAM...512 MB or Identifying RAM...failed	The switch contains the amount of memory indicated. If memory identification fails, the switch displays a brief description of the failure and pauses indefinitely. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
Initial RAM test...passed or Initial RAM test...failed	Whether initial RAM tests are successful. If tests detect a problem with DRAM, the switch cannot be used. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
Relocating the bootloader to execute from RAM...done or Relocating the bootloader to execute from RAM...failed	Whether bootloader software is successfully running from RAM instead of flash memory. If not successful, the system pauses indefinitely; contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
Boot fallback software (Y) ?	Prompt that lets you override the standard startup sequence, typically when troubleshooting . If you press Y, the switch boots from fallback software, and a confirmation message is displayed. For more information, see fallback output .
Initialising file system access...done or Initialising file system access...failed	Whether bootloader software has initialised access to the file system. Failure means a problem with the file system or memory device. The switch reformats memory and processing continues but data will have been lost. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
Booting <i>install-type filename.pkg</i> .	Name of the software package to be installed: preferred base package, temporary base package, or fallback. For information about types of install, see "Install Process" in the <i>Managing Configuration Files and Software Versions</i> chapter in the Software Reference.
Installing system.img <bytes>...done or Installing system.img <bytes>...failed	Whether the system software image of the given size is successfully installed in RAM and able to execute. This image is extracted from the installed package. If this fails when booting from a base package, the switch goes to the fallback software. If this file cannot be extracted from the fallback package, there may be a problem with fallback; contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
Initiating system software...done or Initiating system software...failed	Whether bootloader software has initiated execution of product software or fallback software, whichever the user selected, and is shifting control to it. If not successful, the system pauses indefinitely; contact your authorised distributor or reseller.

Message	Description (cont)
Bootloader Error Messages	
WARNING: Base package start-up failed too many times	The base package has a problem that prevents it from starting up. The switch starts up the fallback software.
WARNING: Fallback start-up failed too many times	The fallback software has a problem that prevents it from starting up. The switch shifts to bootloader software and displays a bootloader prompt. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller before proceeding.
ERROR: Fallback area is corrupt - launching the bootloader CLI	The switch is shifting to bootloader software because the fallback area in flash is unformatted or corrupt. It displays a bootloader prompt. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller before proceeding.
ERROR: No main board personality - launching the bootloader CLI	Unique information about the main PCB has not been programmed and the switch cannot start without it. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
No valid installed package - booting fallback software	The switch cannot find valid installed software, or files with install information are corrupt and the fallback area does not contain a valid file. The switch starts from fallback software. See the <i>Managing Configuration Files and Software Versions</i> chapter in the Software Reference for information about installation procedures, including the set install command.
ERROR: No valid software available - launching the bootloader CLI	The switch is shifting to bootloader software because it cannot find a valid package. It displays a bootloader prompt. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller before proceeding.
ERROR: Package <i>filename.pkg</i> is not valid	The switch could not extract the system image file because of a problem with the given package. Install a different package from fallback. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller if the problem continues.
ERROR: ELF header has <i>problem</i>	The system image file is corrupt or invalid for the reason given. The switch tries to start from fallback software. If this fails, contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
ERROR: System image has no section headers	The system image file is corrupt or invalid because it has no section header information. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
ERROR: No memory available for storing <i>ELF element</i>	A serious problem exists with memory allocation software or memory on the switch. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller.

AlliedWare messages

The following table explains messages that the base and fallback software display at startup for AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches.

Message	Description
Alliedware <version>, built <date>	Banner that identifies the product software the switch is executing—base or fallback.
WARNING: Fallback software will not allow normal network operation	When starting from fallback software, a reminder that fallback is a subset of the product software and does not have its full functionality.
Initialising file system access...done or Initialising file system access...failed	Product software has initialised access to the file system. Failure means a problem with the file system or flash. Processing will continue but data will be lost. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller.

Message	Description (cont)
Validating package licence...done or Validating package licence...failed	Whether a valid licence has been found for the base package. Verify licence, version, and switch model and contact your authorised distributor or reseller if necessary. Not displayed for fallback.
Installing product_apps.img <bytes>...done or Installing product_apps.img < bytes>...failed	Whether the product application image of the given size is installed in RAM and able to execute. This file is part of the installed package. Failure could mean not enough RAM or the package is corrupt. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
IGMP packet trapping has been activated for IGMP snooping	IGMP packet trapping is enabled to allow IGMP snooping to function. A warning is displayed if this function could not be activated. Not displayed for fallback.
Executing configuration script <startup.cfg>	Configuration commands in the given script file begin executing if selected by the user. If the script has an error, appropriate error messages are displayed.
Switch startup complete	The startup process is complete and the switch is ready. If devices connected to it are sending traffic, then the switch begins switching operations.
AlliedWare Error Messages	
ERROR: Phase 1 of Software Manager startup failed - rebooting	Software Manager is part of the system software that controls startup of the product software. It failed to complete the first phase of its initialisation and cannot boot the fallback software. Manually restart the switch with fallback software (for details, see “Overrides” on page 22). If this error occurs while rebooting from fallback, contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
WARNING: Bad board of type <number> in Expansion Bay <number>	Board personality of the given type in the given bay could not be read. Possible causes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> unprogrammed personality PROM on the board faulty hardware on expansion or host board For information about boards, see the show system boards command in the <i>Configuring and Monitoring the System</i> chapter in the Software Reference.
WARNING: Unsupported board of type <number> in Expansion Bay <number>	Software does not support the board of the given type in the given bay.
Unit was rebooted because of a system exception	The switch is restarting after a system exception. Depending on the exception, you may need to contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
Creating core file system_release-number.core...done or Creating core file system_release-number.core...failed	Displayed after the switch restarts itself, and indicates whether system core information has been written to the specified file. Each image file creates its own core file and coredump. This information is loaded into RAM after a system exception and before the switch restarts. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
ERROR: Unable to read fallback package information	Information about fallback software is not available. Contact your authorised distributor or reseller.
ERROR: Unable to read preferred or temporary install information	Information is not available about the type of install indicated. The switch tries to start from fallback software. If this fails, contact your authorised distributor or reseller.

Message	Description (cont)
ERROR: Failed to extract product_apps.img from package to RAM	<p>The product application image could not be extracted from the package file because the package file is corrupt or there is not enough RAM.</p> <p>Manually restart the switch with fallback software (for details, see “Overrides” on page 22), and install another base package.</p> <p>If this error occurs while rebooting from fallback, contact your authorised distributor or reseller.</p>
ERROR: Failed to run product_apps.img	<p>The operating system could not execute the product application image file.</p> <p>Manually restart the switch with fallback software (for details, see “Overrides” on page 22), and install another base package.</p> <p>If this error occurs while rebooting from fallback, contact your authorised distributor or reseller.</p>
ERROR: Phase 2 of Software Manager startup failed - rebooting to fallback software	<p>Software Manager is part of the system software that controls startup of the product software. The install information for it is invalid or the installed software is not licenced. Therefore, the switch boots up from the fallback software.</p>

SFP Ports

SFP transceivers are compact, hot-swappable, and high speed. Certain fibre and copper SFP transceivers are supported so that you can interchange port types to meet changing network requirements. The AT-8948, x900-48FE, and AT-9900 switches have 1000BASE-X Small Form Factor Pluggable (SFP) uplink sockets conveniently located on the front panels.

- AT-8948, x900-48FE, AT-9924T/4SP, and AT-9924T switches have 4 SFP sockets
- AT-9924SP switches have 24 SFP sockets

Approved SFP transceivers

You can purchase SFP transceivers when you purchase a switch or order them separately as needed. For details about tested and approved SFPs, see [“SFP ports” on page 42](#). Also see individual datasheets on the documentation CD for details.

For the latest list of approved SFP transceivers, contact your authorised distributor or reseller.

Types of SFP transceivers

Speed and duplex settings differ depending on the type of SFP transceiver installed in it.

- For an SFP port with an approved **fibre** SFP transceiver, the speed and duplex settings are fixed at 1000Mbps full duplex autonegotiation.
- For an SFP port with an approved **copper** SFP transceiver, the available speed and duplex settings are:
 - 10Mbps and 100Mbps half duplex
 - 10Mbps and 100Mbps half duplex autonegotiation
 - 10Mbps and 100Mbps full duplex
 - 10Mbps and 100Mbps full duplex autonegotiation

- 1000Mbps full duplex autonegotiation

Note that AT-8948 and x900-48FE switches currently support **only** 1000Mbps full duplex autonegotiation.

An error message is displayed when an SFP port cannot operate at the specified speed or duplex mode.

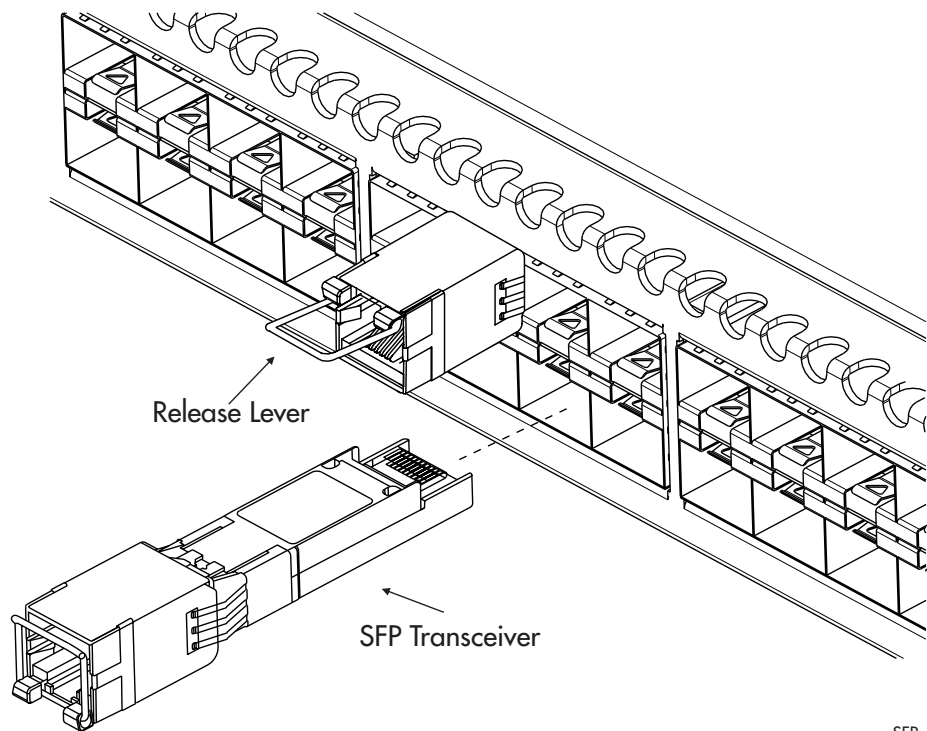
When using SFP ports 1 to 4 on AT-9924T and AT-9924T/4SP switches, the corresponding RJ-45 ports (1 to 4) are disabled. However, when the SFP transceiver is removed, the RJ-45 port becomes operational again.

To insert or remove an SFP transceiver

The SFP transceiver must be inserted the correct way in the socket, which varies depending on whether the switch has a single or dual row of sockets. For example, x900-48FE switches have single-row sockets, but AT-9900 switches have a dual row. See the example of dual-row sockets for a copper SFP transceiver in the figure below. Notice the varying position of the release lever.



Warning Do not look into SFP cables or transceivers. Even disconnected fibres and connectors can emit invisible laser radiation.



SFP

Slide the transceiver into the SFP socket, and firmly press it until it engages. To remove it, first release it by gently pulling the release lever, and then pull the transceiver out of the socket. **Never** force a transceiver into or out of a socket.

Management Ports

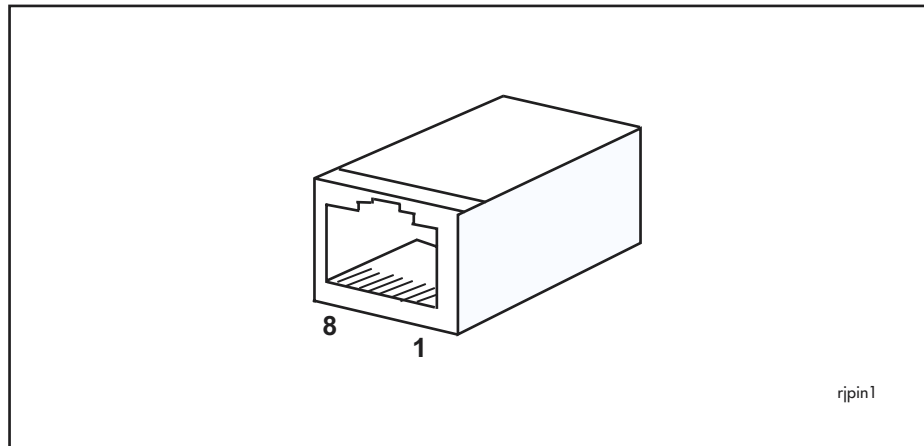
The following management ports let you configure, monitor, and upgrade the switch:

- **RS-232 Terminal Port (ASYN0)**
- **Out-of-Band Ethernet Management Port** (AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches only)

RS-232 Terminal Port (ASYN0)

The RS-232 ASYN0 port is standard for the x900 switches, and connects them to a management device for initial configuration. This port allows the software on the switch to be accessed from a terminal or a PC running terminal emulation software.

The ASYN0 port has an RJ-45 socket with an industry recognised pinout. This requires using a straight-through RJ-45 cable with an RJ-45 DB9 connector when the switch is connected to a terminal or PC. The socket is wired as a DTE and the pin layout is shown in the following figure and table.



Pin	Role
1	RTS
2	DTR (DSR and DTR are connected but have no other internal connection)
3	TXD
4	GND
5	GND
6	RXD
7	DSR (DTR and DSR are connected but have no other internal connection)
8	CTS

Out-of-Band Ethernet Management Port

The out-of-band 10/100/1000 Mbps Ethernet port is dedicated to management traffic on the AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches. Use it for initial configuration and on-going management tasks. For remote access, use the default IP address, 192.168.242.242. This port is reserved for management **only**; the switch does not transmit frames between this port and switch ports.

Cables

This section describes the following:

- [RS-232 Terminal and Modem Cables](#)
- [Cables for RJ-45 Ethernet LAN Interfaces](#)
- [Cable Guidelines](#)
- [Troubleshooting Cables](#)

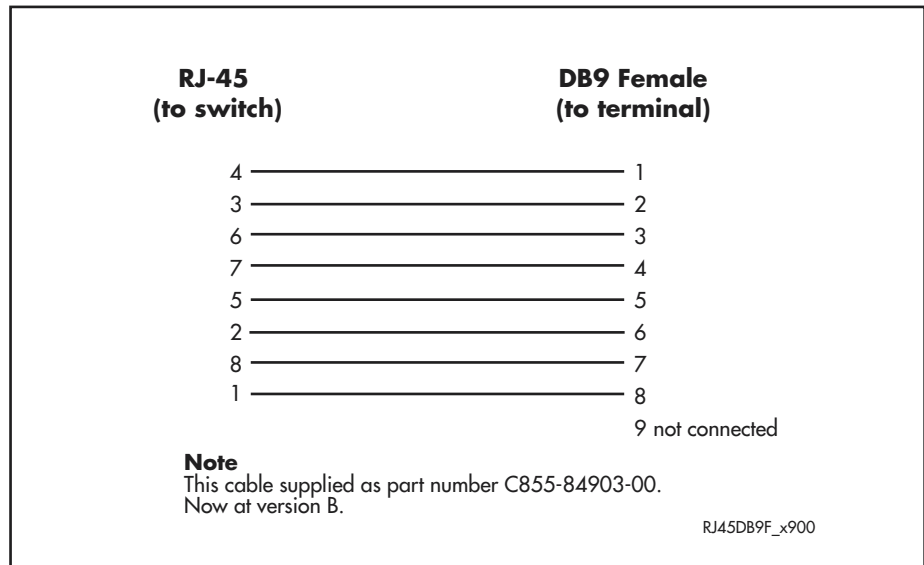
RS-232 Terminal and Modem Cables

The terminal and modem cables described in this section are:

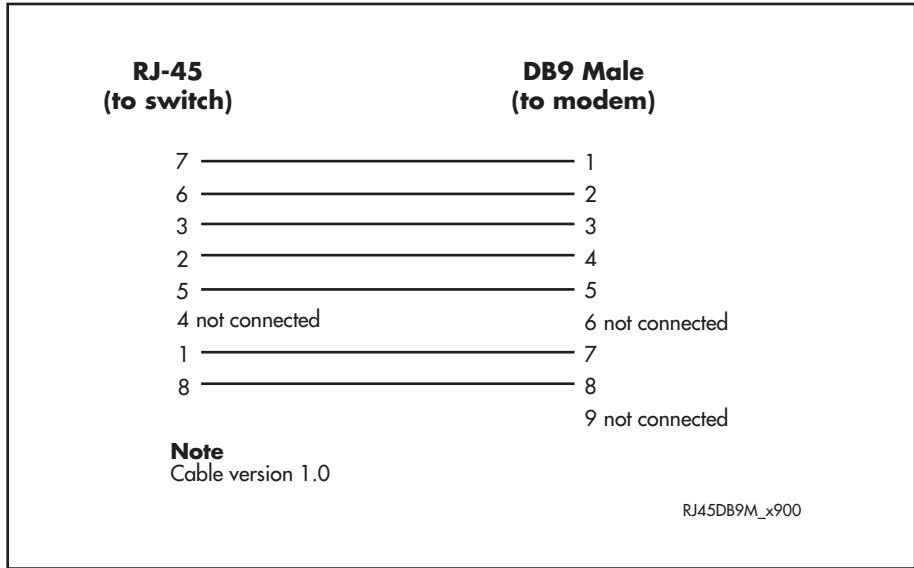
- RS-232 RJ-45 to DB9 female terminal cable
- DCE RS-232 terminal port RJ-45 to DB9 male modem cable

The following figures show pin wiring diagrams to connect a standard VT100 compatible terminal or modem to ASYN0.

RJ-45 to DB9 female terminal cable



RJ-45 to DB9 male modem cable



For more information on pin assignments for the RS-232 port, see [“RS-232 Terminal Port \(ASYN0\)”](#) on page 29.

Cables for RJ-45 Ethernet LAN Interfaces

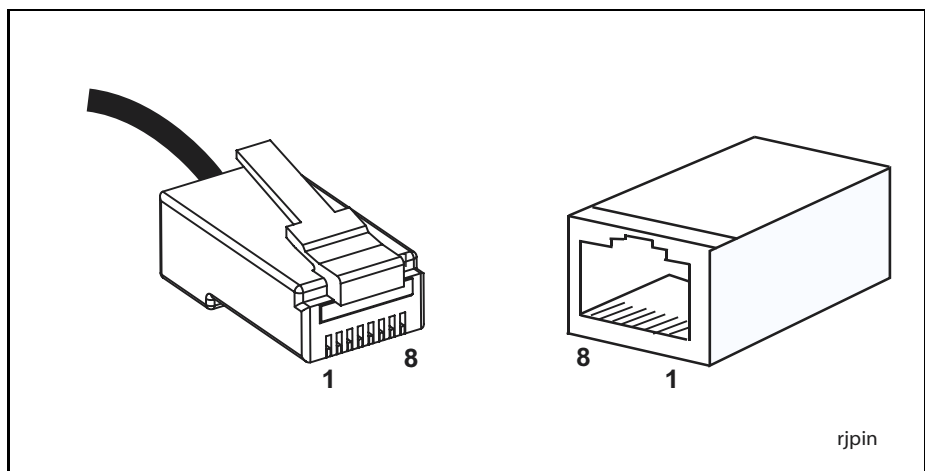
A twisted pair cable with four pairs and RJ-45 connectors must be used for 10BASE-T/100BASE-TX/1000BASE-T connections.



Caution Do not plug a phone jack into an RJ-45 switch port because you could damage the switch. Use only twisted pair cables with RJ-45 connectors.

Pin assignments

Each pair of twisted pair cables is identified by related colors. For example, one wire might be red and the related wire would be red-and-white stripe. An RJ-45 connector must be fitted to both ends of the cable. The following diagram shows RJ-45 connectors and the pin layout.



**1000BASE
straight-through
cable**

For 1000BASE network connections, all four pairs are used and the cable is wired in a straight-through configuration. You can use this cable with the software test facility to test 1000BASE network ports. The following table lists pin assignments for a 10/100/1000BASE-T RJ-45 four pair straight-through cable.

End 1		End 2	
Pin	Pair	Pin	Pair
1	Pair 1+	1	Pair 1+
2	Pair 1-	2	Pair 1-
3	Pair 2+	3	Pair 2+
6	Pair 2-	6	Pair 2-
4	Pair 3+	4	Pair 3+
5	Pair 3-	5	Pair 3-
7	Pair 4+	7	Pair 4+
8	Pair 4-	8	Pair 4-

**1000BASE
crossover cable**

For 1000BASE test cables, all four pairs are used and the cable is wired in either a crossover or straight-through configuration. The following table lists pin assignments for a 10/100/1000BASE-T RJ-45 four pair crossover cable.

End 1		End 2	
Pin	Pair	Pin	Pair
1	Pair 1+	1	Pair 2+
2	Pair 1-	2	Pair 2-
3	Pair 2+	3	Pair 1+
6	Pair 2-	6	Pair 1-
4	Pair 3+	4	Pair 4+
5	Pair 3-	5	Pair 4-
7	Pair 4+	7	Pair 3+
8	Pair 4-	8	Pair 3-

Cable Guidelines

The following table lists port, connector, and cable combinations for switches and expansion modules (XEMs).

Switch	Port Type	Connector Type	Cable Type ^I	Max Cable Length
AT-8948 x900-48FE x900-48FE-N	10BASE-T/ 100BASE-TX	RJ-45	CAT5	100m Max 120m Max
AT-9924T AT-9924T/4SP AT9924Ts x900-24XT x900-24XT-N AT-A62 XEM-12T	10BASE-T/ 100BASE-TX/ 1000BASE-T	RJ-45	CAT5 CAT5 CAT5E	100m Max 120m Max 100m Max
AT-8948 x900-48FE x900-48FE-N AT-9924T AT-9924SP AT-9924T/4SP AT-A61 XEM-12S	1000BASE-X	Varies with SFP	Refer to documentation packaged with SFP	Refer to documentation packaged with SFP
AT-A60 XEM-1XP	10GBASE		Refer to documentation packaged with XFP	Refer to documentation packaged with XFP

I. Refer to the IEEE Standard 802.3 for additional cable information

Troubleshooting Cables

Cable test The virtual cable test facility diagnoses cable faults and the approximate distance to them on Gigabit Ethernet RJ-45 ports for the following switches:

- AT-9924T
- AT-9924T/4SP
- x900-24X

See [“Test Facility” on page 43](#) for more information or the *Test Facility* chapter in the Software Reference. Not all copper SFPs support this feature; however, those listed in [“SFP ports” on page 42](#) do support it.

Cable lengths Approximate cable lengths are reported for gigabit Ethernet RJ-45 ports on the following switches:

- AT-9924T
- AT-9924T/4SP
- x900-24X

Cable length is reported after the link is established. To check the length, use the **show switch port** command described in the *Switching* chapter in the Software Reference. The Cable Length parameter in the output of this command can be one of the following values:

- <50m
- 50-80m
- 80-110m
- 110-140m
- >140m
- - (either the port link is down, or the port is operating at 10Mbps or 100Mbps)

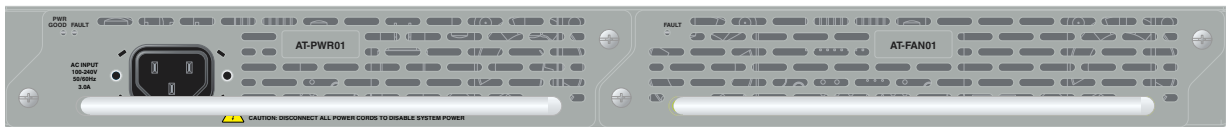
Power Supply Units (PSUs)

Two power supply bays are at the rear of the x900 chassis. Each switch is supplied with a single power supply unit (PSU), either AC or DC. Depending on the model, the switch also has a fan-only module (FOM) or a blanking panel:

- The AT-8948, AT-9924T/4SP, and x900-24X switches have a PSU and a FOM installed.
- The AT-9924T, AT-9924SP, and x900-48FE switches have a PSU and a blanking panel installed. When there is just one PSU for the AT-9924T and AT-9924SP, it must be in Bay 2 for optimised cooling.

The following figure shows the rear view of the x900-24X and AT-9924T/4SP switches.

PSU and FOM installed



A second PSU is available as an option and provides redundancy. When two are fitted, they must be the same type of current, either AC or DC.

Each PSU and FOM contains an EPROM chip that contains information, such as the type of module, serial number, and revision of the PSU. This information is available through the command line interface (CLI).

How to install a PSU or FOM in the switch is described in the *Removable Power Supply and Fan Installation Guide*.

Hardware overview

- Power supply units (PSUs) are hot-swappable and load share
- Dimensions
 - Height: 40.9 mm
 - Width: 193mm
 - Depth: 130 mm
- AC models
 - Universal 100/240 VAC 47/63Hz input
 - Maximum continuous current draw: 2.2 A at 100V, 1.1 A at 230V
 - Maximum inrush current (cold start at 25°C/77°F): 70 A at 240V, 32 A at 115V

Caution Double pole/neutral fusing. The fuse rating for FH101 and FH102 is 250V, 5 A (AT-PWR01).
- DC models
 - 40 to 60V, 48V nominal
 - Supports either positive grounded or negative grounded operation
 - Maximum continuous current draw: 3.9 A at 40V
 - Maximum standby current: 100mA
 - Run/Standby switch

Approved PSUs and FOM Product numbers for the power supply unit (PSU) and the fan-only module (FOM) that can be fitted in the switches are:

- AT-PWR01(either AC or DC power supply unit)
- AT-PWR02 (AC power supply unit only)
Excludes the AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches
- AT-FAN01 (fan-only module)

LEDs on the PSU and FOM The following table describes how LEDs on power supply units and fan-only modules report faults and operational activities.

LED	State	Description
Fault	Red	There is either a fan failure, or the temperature has exceeded the limit of 75°C (167°F).
PWR	Green	A PSU is installed in the switch and is receiving power. The FOM does not have this LED.

IPv6 Accelerator Card

An optional AT-ACC01 network processor accelerator card accelerates IPv6 unicast and multicast routing in hardware on AT-8948 and AT-9924T/4SP models. For full functionality, 512MBytes SDRAM must be installed in the switch.

How the card works When the switch receives an IPv6 packet to route, the packet is sent to the network processor accelerator card. The card processes the packet and sends it out the correct port with appropriate alterations to the packet. Other IPv6 functions are passed to software, such as routing protocol control packets, encryption, authentication, and hop-by-hop headers.

No configuration is necessary for the accelerator card to function; the card is enabled at installation. If you disable the card (using software), the switch handles IPv6 routing in the software.

Use the hardware filter and QoS commands to enable Quality of Service (QoS) functionality on the accelerator card. For information about QoS functionality and hardware filters, see the *Quality of Service* and *Switching* chapters in the Software Reference.



Warning Only authorised service personnel should install a network processor accelerator card. Opening the switch's lid may cause personal injury from electric shock, could damage the switch, and will invalidate the product warranty.

Verifying installation To confirm that the network processor accelerator card is installed and operating correctly, check that the switch has recognised it. Turn on the switch and enter the **show system** command to display system information. The following figure is an example of output from the **show system** command for the AT-9924T/4SP model.

```

Switch System Status          Time 14:50:14 Date 11-Nov-2004
Board      ID Bay  Board Name      Host Id Rev  Serial number
-----
Base       220    AT-9924T/4SP      0 M1-0      61556164
Accel     210    AT-ACC01          0 M1-1      61493315
PSU       214    1 AT-FAN01          0 M2-1      61106469
PSU       212    2 AT-PWR01-AC      0 M2-1      60703190
-----
Memory -   DRAM :524288 kB   FLASH 16384 kB
-----
SysDescription
Allied Telesyn AT-9924T/4SP version 2.6.6-00 11-Nov-2004
SysContact

SysLocation

SysName

SysDistName

SysUpTime
620 ( 00:00:06 )
Boot Image      : 99b104.fbr size 1026588 11-Nov-2004
Software Version: 2.6.6-00 11-Nov-2004
Release Version : 2.6.6-00 11-Nov-2004
Patch Installed : NONE
Territory       : usa
Help File       : 89-272a.hlp

PSU1: (FAN)     Fan: Normal
PSU2: (AC)      Fan: Normal  Temp: Normal  Power: Normal

Current temperature : Normal

FAN
-----
Main fans                Normal
Accelerator fan 1        Normal
Accelerator fan 2        Normal
-----

Configuration
Boot configuration file: flash:boot.cfg (exists)
Current configuration: flash:boot.cfg

Security Mode   : Disabled

Warning (2048284): No patches found.

```

The first section of the output shows information about boards installed in the switch. There are details about the switch base card, the accelerator card if installed, and the type of power supply unit or fan-only module. Both the part names and serial numbers of the base card and accelerator card are displayed.

Record the details of the base card and the network processor accelerator card for later reference. If you have questions or problems with the network processor accelerator card at any time, contact your authorised distributor or reseller and supply the serial numbers for them.

If there is no entry for the accelerator card, then the switch's boot process has not detected the card. The most likely cause is that the card is not correctly plugged into the slot on the switch's base board.

Displaying information about the card

To display information about the status and memory of a network processor accelerator card on AT-8948 and AT-9924T/4SP models, use the **show switch accelerator** command.

The following figure is an example of output from the **show switch accelerator** command.

```
Switch Accelerator Configuration
-----
Hardware Type ..... AT-ACC01
Mode ..... IPv6 Acceleration
Status ..... IPv6 active
Search memory size ..... 128 Mb
Counter memory size ..... 2 Mb
-----
```

Memory Options

The following memory expansion options are available:

- **CompactFlash Card**—AT-8948, x900-48FE, and AT-9900 switches have a slot on the front panel
- **Secure Digital (SD) Card**—x900-24X switches have a slot on the front panel
- **Dual In-line Memory Module (DIMM)**—installed in AT-8948, x900-48FE, AT-9900, AT-9924Ts, and x900-24X switches

CompactFlash Card

CompactFlash (CFlash) cards are a memory expansion option for AT-8948, x900-48FE, and AT-9900 switches. Data such as releases, patches, and configurations can be stored on these cards, and files can be manipulated with the command line interface (CLI). However, release and patch files cannot be run directly from the card, but must be loaded into either NVS or onboard flash.

Important Anyone with a compliant reader can read CFlash cards so do not keep sensitive data on them.

Approved CFlash card

The CompactFlash card approved for x900-48 and AT-9900 switches is AT-CF128A-00 128MBytes. Other cards are unlikely to work with the switch.

Inserting and removing a CFlash card

You can insert the card into the CompactFlash slot at any time; it takes about two seconds to initialise. The following CLI message confirms that the card has been inserted:

```
Info (1106257): Compact flash card inserted.
```

The following message confirms that the card is ready to use:

```
Info (1106268): Compact flash card initialisation successful.
```

The following message means that the CFlash card is not compatible with the switch:

```
Info (3106300): Compact flash card initialisation
unsuccessful.
```

Important When data is being written to or read from the card, the CF LED on the front panel of the switch is green. Do **not** remove the card when it is active or you will corrupt the data. Wait until the LED is off before ejecting the card.

Displaying data about a CFlash card

To display information about a CompactFlash card, including card size, file count, and serial number, insert the card and enter the command:

```
show cflash
```

To display cluster ranges on a card, insert the card and enter the command:

```
show cflash test
```

The following figure is an example of output from the **show cflash test** command when no test is running.

```
Clusters available for testing
  Ranges:
    [42645--61944]
  Number of free clusters = 19300
  Number of ranges       = 1
  Number of used clusters = 42645
```

Testing a CFlash card

It is important to fully test the hardware interface of the switch to the CFlash card. This test consists of reading vendor information and reading and writing to every part of the card.

To test the card, insert it in the CF slot and enter the command:

```
enable cflash test start=startnumber end=endnumber
```

where *startnumber* and *endnumber* are positive integers within a cluster range. The end number must be higher than the start number. Cluster ranges are displayed in the output of the **show cflash test** command.

The test software reads the file allocation table and displays a list of free sectors. Sectors can be tested as single sectors or as a range. The test consists of a write/read/verify cycle.

To stop the test, use the **disable cflash test** command. To display test results while a test is in process, enter the **show cflash test** command. Also, use this command when testing is not active to display the blank clusters range on the card.

The following is example output from the **show cflash test** command when a test is running.

```

Test Progress
  Starting cluster           = 700
  Ending cluster            = 1700
  Current cluster           = 1185

  Passed clusters number    = 485
  Passed sectors number     = 1940

  Failed clusters number    = 0
  Failed sectors number     = 0
  Used Clusters encountered = 0

  Duration..... 4417 ms

```

Error messages are displayed when a file write fails. Failure could be because of the card being removed or an error in the card itself. For more information about these test commands and others for CFlash, see the *Managing the File System* chapter in the Software Reference.

Secure Digital (SD) Card

Secure Digital cards are a memory expansion option for AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches. They use flash memory to provide non-volatile storage, and are smaller than CompactFlash cards. They are removable and therefore portable, and each card has a large storage capacity.

Data such as releases, GUIs, and configurations can be stored on SD cards, and files can be manipulated with the command line interface (CLI). However, you cannot run release, GUI, or package files directly from the card; they must be loaded into NVS or onboard flash.

Important Anyone with a compliant reader can read SD cards so do not keep sensitive data on them.

Approved SD card

The Secure Digital card tested and approved for x900-24X switches is AT-SM512A-002 512 MBytes (RoHS compliant). Storage capacity varies because of formatting and additional functions that use available space. Cards with a different capacity or from other vendors may also work with the switch.

Inserting and removing an SD card

You can insert a card into the SD slot at any time. Just push the card into the slot until you feel it latch.

When data is being written to or read from the card, the SD LED on the front panel of the switch flashes green. Do not remove the card when it is active or you will corrupt the data being read or written, and may corrupt other data on the card. Wait until the LED remains off before releasing the card. To remove the card, use a press-and-release action. Avoid touching the metal contacts.

To safeguard the data, store the card immediately in its case or somewhere away from heat, humidity, or dust. Do not store it near electrostatic, electromagnetic, magnetic or radioactive fields. If necessary, clean with a soft dry cloth.

Displaying data about an SD card

To display information about a Secure Digital card, including card size, file count, and volume label, insert the card and enter the command:

```
show card
```

The following figure is an example of output from the **show card** command.

```
Volume label ..... SD_512
Files total size ..... 13367336 bytes (30 files)
Used space ..... 13434880 bytes
Free space ..... 497754112 bytes
Total space ..... 511188992 bytes
```

You can also use the **show card** command to verify whether the switch recognises the card. For more information about this command, see the *Managing the File System* chapter in the Software Reference for Software 3.1.1.

Testing the slot

You can test the SD card slot on front of the switch to verify that the hardware does the following:

- detects the presence of a card
- detects whether a card has been exchanged
- detects write-protection on a card
- transfers data to and from a card

The test does not write data to the card or harm existing data. To test the slot, use the command:

```
enable test device=card type=slot
```

Output is sent to the management asynchronous port. For more information about testing the card slot, see the *Test Facility* chapter in the switch's Software Reference for Software 3.1.1.

Dual In-line Memory Module (DIMM)

Synchronous DRAM (SDRAM) is provided by a single DIMM for the x900 Series switches. Only DIMMs supplied by Allied Telesis have been tested and approved for use. **Using unapproved DIMMs may cause unreliable operation and will invalidate the warranty for the switch.**

AT-8948 AT-SD256A-00 with 256MBytes SDRAM (factory installed or upgrade) has
x900-48FE been approved for use with AT-9924T, AT-9924SP, and AT-9924T/4SP models.
AT-9900

The following DIMMs have been approved for the AT-9924T/4SP switch without an AT-ACC01 network processor accelerator card:

- AT-SD256A-00 256MBytes SDRAM (factory installed)
- AT-SD512A-00 512MBytes SDRAM (upgrade)

For an AT-9924T/4SP switch with an AT-ACC01 network processor accelerator card, AT-SD512A-00 with 512MBytes SDRAM is required. It is installed at the factory when the switch is ordered with an AT-ACC01 fitted.

AT-9924Ts AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches are shipped with a 512 MBytes SDRAM
x900-24X DIMM; no upgrades are available.



Warning Only authorised service personnel should install DIMMs. Opening the switch's lid may cause personal injury from electric shock and could damage the switch.

Verifying DIMM installation

The switch is unlikely to boot unless the DIMM is correctly installed. You will not be able to issue any diagnostic commands, and will have to rely solely on LED fault codes.

If the switch does boot but you suspect the DIMM is malfunctioning, display system information by using the **show system** command. See "[Verifying installation](#)" on page 37 for output.

The size of SDRAM is in the memory section of the output. If the SDRAM size is less than the size of DIMM that has been installed, then the switch has not detected the DIMM. The most likely cause is that the DIMM connector is not correctly plugged into the slot.

Record the switch's serial number and revision details for later reference. If you have questions or problems with the DIMM at any time, contact your authorised distributor or reseller and supply these serial numbers.

Expansion Options

The following expansion options are available for the AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches:

- [SFP ports](#)
- [XFP ports](#)
- [RJ-45 ports](#)

Optional expansion modules make these switches some of the most flexible units available. They provide economical combinations of speed and port density. Two 20 Gbps bays in the front of the switch allow quick and easy installation.

Refer to the *Expansion Module Installation Guide* for AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches for more information about each model. For the latest list of approved transceiver modules, contact your authorised distributor or reseller.

SFP ports

The following SFP modules are approved for use with the AT-8948, x900-48FE, and AT-9900 switches. They also apply to the AT-A61 expansion module that the AT-9924Ts supports, and the XEM-12S 1000BASE-X expansion module for x900-24X switches.

Product No.	Media Type	Description
AT-SPTX	10/100/1000BASE-T	Copper, 100m at 1000Mbps, RJ-45 connector (except for AT-9924SP)
AT-SPSX	1000BASE-SX	850nm, 2m to 500m with 50/125µm MM fiber, 2m to 275m with 62.5/125µm MM fiber, LC connector
AT-SPLX10	1000BASE-LX	1310nm, 2m to 10km with 9µm SM fiber, 2m to 550m with 50µm MM fiber, 2m to 550m with 62.5µm MM fiber, LC connector
AT-SPLX40	1000BASE-LX	1310nm SM fiber up to 40km, LC connector

Product No.	Media Type	Description (cont)
AT-SPLX40/ 1550	1000BASE-LX	1550nm SM fiber up to 40km, LC connector
AT-SPZX80	1000BASE-ZX	1550nm, 80km with 9 μ m SM fiber, LC connector
AT-SPZX80/ xxxx	1000BASE-ZX CWDM	Wavelengths of 1610nm to 1470nm (20nm intervals) and 1310nm, 80km with 9 micron SM fiber, LC connector. Where xxxx can be: 1610 1590 1570 1550 1530 1510 1490 1470 Both ends of an individual fibre must use SFPs of the same wavelength.

XFP ports The following XFPs are approved for use with 10GbE expansion modules (XEM). The x900-24XT switch supports the XEM-1XP, and the AT-9924Ts switch supports the AT-A60.

Product No.	Media Type	Description
AT-XPSR	10GBASE-SR	850nm short-haul transmission, 300m with MMF
AT-XPLRM	10GBASE-LRM	1310nm short-haul transmission, 300m with MMF
AT-XPLR	10GBASE-LR	1310nm medium-haul transmission, 10km with SMF
AT-XPER40	10GBASE-ER	1550nm long-haul transmission, 40km with SMF

RJ-45 ports The 12-port RJ-45 expansion modules, models AT-A62 and XEM-12 T, feature the following:

- two rows of 6 RJ-45 ports
- gigabit ports that support speeds of 10/100/1000Mbps
- status LEDs
- 32MBytes DDR-SDRAM for packet buffering shared among ports
- cable fault detection and distance-to-fault diagnostics are available for RJ-45 Ethernet ports (see the Test Facility chapter in the Software Reference for the switch)

Test Facility

The test facility is a hardware test tool in the x900 Series software. Its primary function is to validate that there are no hardware problems after installation of the switch or expansion options. You can also use it as a troubleshooting tool, but it is just one of many such tools. You could consider the test facility to be a specialised interface module, such as PPP or Frame Relay, where the interfaces under test are dedicated to the test facility.

Before you use the test facility, disable configurations by using the **set configuration=none** command, and restart or reboot the switch. For more information about the test facility, see the *Test Facility* chapter in the Software Reference.

Testing Ethernet LAN Ports

A crossover cable is required to run an Ethernet LAN test. How to make a suitable cable is described in [“Cables for RJ-45 Ethernet LAN Interfaces” on page 31](#). To start the test, loop a four-pair crossover or straight-through cable between two RJ-45 ports and enter the **enable test interface=all** command. Interfaces connected by crossover cables are tested. If a test fails, contact your authorised distributor or reseller.

To display test results, use the **show test** command. To display detailed output with frame counts, use the **show test count** command. For example output from these commands, see the *Test Facility* chapter in the Software Reference. This chapter also contains information on how to test other interfaces.

Diagnostics

Software for the x900 Series switch includes a set of diagnostic programs that perform basic checks of all system components. These diagnostics do not run with normal operating code and require that the system be totally dedicated to their use. The switch does **not** perform switching operations when diagnostics are running.

Caution Diagnostics are designed to be run by service personnel only. This section is **not** intended as a guide to diagnostics software. Detailed knowledge of how the switch hardware functions is necessary in order to effectively use diagnostic programs. For more information, contact your authorised distributor or reseller.

Enabling diagnostics mode

1. Connect a terminal to the RS-232 terminal port (ASYN0).

Use a terminal cable to connect a terminal to the RS-232 port (ASYN0) on the switch. For more information on terminal cables, see [“RS-232 Terminal and Modem Cables” on page 30](#).

Set the terminal communication parameters as follows:

- Baud rate: **9600**
- Data bits: **8**
- Parity: **None**
- Stop bits: **1**
- Flow control: **Hardware**

For more information, see [“Using Windows Terminal and HyperTerminal” on page 16](#).

2. Restart the switch.

To restart the switch, use a small diameter pin to press the recessed Reset button on the front panel of the switch. You can also log in at the terminal and enter the command:

```
restart reboot
```

How to log in is described in the Installation and Safety Guide.

3. Enable diagnostics mode during self-tests at startup.

The switch pauses briefly during its self-tests to allow an override.

For AT-8948, x900-48FE, and AT-9900 switches, the following prompt is displayed:

```
Force EPROM download (Y)?
```

For AT-9924Ts and x900-X24 switches, the following prompt is displayed:

```
Boot fallback software (Y)?
```

Press **Ctrl+D** to enable diagnostics mode. Press Ctrl+D **just once** to ensure you send no other characters to the switch.

One of the following menus is displayed depending on the switch model. When you see the menu, you know that the terminal is connected.

Menu for AT-8948, x900-48FE, and AT-9900 switches.

```
* * * Diagnostic Mode * * *

version: Nov 10 2005 11:08:34

Main Menu:
0. Restart
1. Full RAM test
2. ROM checksum test
5. Battery backed RAM test
7. Display PCI devices (not shown for x900-48FE switches)
8. Watchdog test (not shown for x900-48FE switches)
Enter selection ==>
```



Caution If you have an EPROM chip and you perform a full flash test or erase flash, you will delete all configuration and release files. We recommend that you know how to reload these files before you erase flash or perform a flash test.

Menu for AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches.

```
Diagnostics Menu:
0. Restart
1. Full RAM test
2. Bootloader ROM checksum test
3. Full FLASH test
4. Erase FLASH file system
5. Battery backed RAM (NVS) test
6. Quick RAM test
7. PCI bus search
8. Quit and continue booting
Enter selection ==>
```



Caution If you perform a full flash test or erase flash, you will delete all configuration files and the product software that runs the switch. We recommend that you know how to reload these files before you erase flash or perform a flash test.

Running a diagnostic program

There are several sub-menus that cover the available options. Control keys for diagnostic operations are in the following table.

Key	Function
Q	Quits tests that are running. Displays a banner page or restarts, depending on the switch.
S	Prints a summary of test results thus far for AT-9900 switches only.

To restore the switch to normal operation, use a small diameter pin to press the recessed reset button on the front panel of the switch, or press 0 to restart.

Troubleshooting

This section provides information on how to troubleshoot the x900 Series switch to resolve the following basic problems:

- **L/A LED on a port is off**
- **Power LED is off**
- **Fault LED is on**

What to check first

- Check power cord connections.
- Check that the power supply voltage is stable.
- Check that the correct data cables are used and that their connections are secure.
- Make sure that other network devices work properly.
- Use the **show install** command to check that the latest software release is loaded. The Software Reference describes how to obtain the latest software release.
- If the switch malfunctions, reboot it. Either use a small diameter pin to operate the recessed Reset button on the switch's front panel or enter the **restart reboot** command. Alternatively, shut down and restart the switch at either the main power source (AC models) or use the Run/Standby switch on the PSU (DC models).

L/A LED on a port is off

If the Link/Activity LED is off, it may indicate the following:

- a loose data cable
- the device at the other end of the connection does not work properly or is turned off
- the data cable is not wired correctly
- the network administrator has manually disabled the port through the software
- the port's selected transmission mode does not match that of the attached device

Follow these suggestions to resolve the problem:

1. Make sure the data cable connections are secure.
2. Make sure the device at the other end of the connection is powered on and works properly.
3. Check that the data cable is wired correctly.
4. If you can, log in and check the port status. How to log in is described in the Installation and Safety Guide.
5. If the port is enabled, make sure the transmission speed matches that of the connected device (autonegotiating, full or half-duplex).
6. If the port is disabled, someone disabled it with the software. Find out why before you enable it.

Power LED is off

If the power LED is off, it may indicate the following:

- a loose power cord
- a power supply failure
- a FOM is installed in that bay

Follow these suggestions to resolve the problem:

1. Check that the power cord connections are secure.
2. Check that all switches and circuit protection devices are in the “on” position.
3. Ensure that the supply voltage is within the operational range:
 - AC models: 100 V to 240 V AC, 47 Hz to 63 Hz
 - DC models: 40 V to 60 V DC

Fault LED is on If the fault LED is on, it may indicate the following:

- there is a problem with the switch
- the switch or management software is malfunctioning
- a hardware fault is preventing switch startup

Follow these suggestions to resolve the problem:

1. Read the descriptions of LED flashing sequences for explanations of what to do (see “Switch LEDs” on page 11).
2. Reset the switch. Use a small diameter pin to press the recessed reset button on the front panel of the switch.
3. If you were attempting to download software or manage the switch over the RS-232 terminal port, check that connections between the terminal port and local terminal or PC are secure.

If you cannot access the switch software because of a faulty RS-232 terminal port connection, you can still manage the switch by using Telnet or SNMP until the problem is resolved.

4. Download the most current software. The Software Reference describes how to obtain the latest software product.

Additional resources Other sources of useful troubleshooting information are:

- www.alliedtelesis.com/support/software
- the Software Reference, especially the *Test Facility* chapter
- How To notes from the Resource Center on your Documentation and Tools CD-ROM or from www.alliedtelesis.co.uk/en-gb/solutions/techdocs.asp

For More Information

Document sets The Documentation and Tools CD-ROM bundled with each switch contains the complete document set for x900 Series switch and the power supply units, as well as tools for switch management. The CD-ROM includes the following:

- Software Reference, which provides detailed information on configuring the switch and its software
- Installation and Safety Guide for the switch, which describes how to install the switch and includes important statutory and safety information
- Installation Guide for the power supply unit and fan, which describes how to install a PSU and FOM in the switch
- Installation Guide for expansion modules for the AT-9924Ts and x900-24X switches

You can also download these documents and updates from www.alliedtelesis.com/support/software.

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