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- IEC Publication 825 (International Electrotechnical Commission).
- CENELEC EN 60825 (European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization).

When operating within their performance limitations, laser transceiver output meets the Class 1 accessible emission limit of all three standards. Class 1 levels of laser radiation are not considered hazardous.

SAFETY INFORMATION

CLASS 1 LASER TRANSCEIVERS

LASER RADIATION AND CONNECTORS

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Removing the optical connector from the transceiver allows laser radiation to emit directly from the optical port. The maximum radiance from the optical port (under worst case conditions) is 0.8 W cm^{-2} or $8 \times 10^3 \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1}$.

Do not use optical instruments to view the laser output. The use of optical instruments to view laser output increases eye hazard. When viewing the output optical port, power must be removed from the network adapter.

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Introduction

The 9E531-24 shown in Figure 1-1, is a 10BASE-FL Ethernet switching module for Cabletron Systems SmartSwitch 9000 chassis, providing 24 MT-RJ MMF ports.

The 9E531-24 can be used to connect individual 10 BASE-FL user devices and servers.

Features

Connectivity

The 9H532-24 connects to Ethernet networks or workstations through the 24 MTRJ ports on the front panel. These ports are IEEE 802.1D and 802.3 10BASE-FL compliant. The ports support Multimode fiber cables with attenuation of less than or equal to 3.75 dB/Km, when measured at a wavelength of 850 nm.

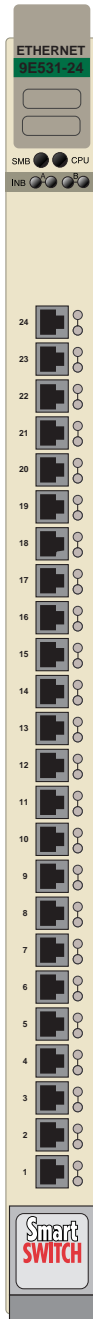


Figure 1-1. The 9E531-24

Duplex Mode

Through Local Management, each port on the 9E531-24 can be configured to support either full or half duplex mode of operation.

Runtime IP Address Discovery

This feature enables the modules to automatically accept an IP address from a Boot Strap Protocol (BootP) server on the network into NVRAM without requiring a user to enter an IP address through Local Management.

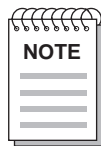
When the modules are connected to the network and powered up, Runtime IP Address Discovery (RAD) checks the modules for an IP address. If one has not yet been assigned (module and SmartSwitch 9000 chassis IP address set to 0.0.0.0), RAD checks to see if any of the module interfaces have a link. If so, RAD sends out Reverse Address Resolution Protocol (RARP) and BootP requests to obtain an IP address from a RARP or BootP server on the network.

The RAD requests start at an interval of one per second. The interval then doubles after every transmission until an interval of 300 seconds is reached. At this point, the interval remains at 300 seconds. The RAD requests continue until an IP address is received from a RARP or BootP server, or an IP address is entered using Local Management.

SmartTrunk

SmartTrunk, also referred to as SmartTrunking, is Cabletron Systems' terminology for load balancing or load sharing. SmartTrunk technology provides an easy-to-implement mechanism to group, or aggregate, multiple links of any technology together to scale the backbone bandwidth beyond the limitations of a single link. All links are user-configurable so administrators can scale the backbone bandwidth by adding SmartTrunk links. The benefits of SmartTrunking include the following:

- All purchased bandwidth is used.
- Distributed, resilient links increase reliability and performance.
- Multiple technologies are supported within a single trunk for maximum flexibility.



For information on SmartTrunk configuration, refer to the SmartTrunk User's Guide.

Management

Management of the 9E531-24 module and SmartSwitch chassis and any optional equipment is accomplished using the Local Management application or remote SNMP management stations. Local Management is accessible through the RS232 COM port on the Environmental Module using a local VT100 terminal, or a remote VT100 terminal via a modem connection, and in-band via a Telnet connection. In-band remote management is possible through Webview or any SNMP compliant Network Management Software.

Local Management provides the ability to manage the 9E531-24. Local Management information for non-Ethernet HSIMs or VHSIMs is included in their respective user's guide. For details on how to get manuals, refer to the Related Manuals section in the Introduction.

WebView

The 9E531-24 modules can be managed by Cabletron WebView, a browser-based utility. There is no software to install as this management capability is built into each module.

Remote Monitoring (RMON)

The 9E531-24 supports all nine Ethernet RMON groups. The Statistics, Alarms, Events and History groups are enabled on all ports by default.

Cabletron Systems RMON Actions is a vendor-specific extension of RMON and provides the ability to set an "Action" on any SNMP MIB variable. The Action can be triggered by setting an RMON Event and/or Alarm. An example of an Action would be to turn off a MIB-2 interface if a broadcast threshold is crossed.

Broadcast Suppression

Broadcast Suppression enables a user to set a desired limit of receive broadcast frames per port/per second to be forwarded out the other ports on the module up to the set limit. Any broadcast frames above this specified limit are dropped. In the event that broadcast frames are being suppressed, multicast and unicast frames continue to be switched.

Port Redirect Function

The Port Redirect function, also referred to as "Port Mirroring," is a troubleshooting tool used to map traffic from a single source port to a destination port within the chassis. This feature allows all packets, including those with errors, to be copied and sent to an analyzer or RMON probe. The analyzer or RMON probe will see the data as if it is directly connected to the LAN segment of the source port.

Flow Control

Flow Control is a method of managing the flow of frames between two devices. It ensures that a transmitting device does not overwhelm a receiving device with data. This enables the receiving device to communicate with the transmitting

device, and to have it pause its transmission while the receiving device processes the frames already received. Flow control can be enabled or disabled on a port-by-port basis. Both devices must support the IEEE 802.3x standard for flow control to work.

The 9E531-24 supports the following two types of flow control:

- frame based 802.3x
- back pressure

Frame based 802.3x flow control is supported on all Ethernet ports operating in the full duplex mode.

Back pressure flow control is supported on all Ethernet ports operating in the standard mode of operation.

802.1p Port Priority

The IEEE 802.1p standard is used to assign a default priority to the frames received without priority information in their tag header, and to map prioritized frames to the appropriate transmit queues.

The default priority-to-queue mappings are shown in Table 1-1. This configuration can be changed by the administrator.

Table 1-1. Priority Queuing Configuration

Priority Indicator	Transmit Queue
7	3
6	3
5	2
4	2
3	1
2	0
1	0
0	1

Switching Options

The 9E531-24 provides IEEE Standard-based 802.1 switching or SecureFast Switching Virtual Network Services. In the 802.1 mode (the default mode of operation), the switch functions as an 802.1D switch. When VLANs are configured, it operates as an 802.1Q switch.

Standards Compatibility

The 9E531-24 is fully compliant with the IEEE 802.3, 802.3x, 802.1Q, and 802.1p standards. The 9E531-24 provides IEEE 802.1D Spanning Tree Algorithm (STA) support to enhance the overall reliability of the network and protect against “loop” conditions. The 9E531-24 supports a wide variety of industry standard MIBs including RFC 1573 (MIB II), RFC 1271 (RMON), RFC 1493 (Bridge MIB), RFC 1354 (FIB MIB), and RFC 1190 (Path MTU Discovery). A full suite of Cabletron Systems Enterprise MIBs provide a wide array of statistical information to enhance troubleshooting.

For information about how to extract and compile individual MIBs, contact Cabletron Systems.

GARP Switch Operation

Some or all ports on the switch may be activated to operate under the Generic Attribute Registration Protocol (GARP) applications, GARP VLAN Registration Protocol (GVRP) and/or GARP Multicast Registration Protocol (GMRP).

GARP is a protocol, or set of rules, that outlines a mechanism for propagating the port state and/or user information throughout a bridged LAN to keep track of users and VLANs on the network fabric. MAC bridges and end users alike can take part in the registration and de-registration of GARP attributes such as VLAN and multicast group membership.

LANVIEW Diagnostic LEDs

LANVIEW diagnostic LEDs serve as an important troubleshooting aid by providing an easy way to observe the status of individual ports and overall network operations.

Year 2000 Compliance

The 9E531-24 module and the SmartSwitch 9000 chassis have an internal clock that can maintain the time and date beyond the year 1999.

Related Manuals

The Cabletron Systems manuals listed below should be used to supplement the procedures and technical data contained in this manual.

SmartSwitch 9000 Installation Guide

SmartSwitch 9000 9C300-1 Environmental Module User's Guide

SmartSwitch 9000 9C214-1 AC Power Supply User's Guide

SmartSwitch 9000 9X5XX Series Local Management User's Guide

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Installing the SmartSwitch 9000 Module



Only qualified personnel should perform installation procedures.

Unpacking the Module

1. Carefully remove the module from the shipping box. (Save the box and packing materials in the event the module must be reshipped.)
2. Remove the module from the plastic bag. Observe all precautions to prevent damage from Electrostatic Discharge (ESD).
3. Carefully examine the module, checking for damage. If any damage exists, DO NOT install the module. Contact Cabletron Systems immediately.

User Accessible Components

Figure 2-1 shows the various components that are accessible to the user. These consist of an eight-position DIP switch, replaceable PROMs and sockets for RAM. These components will be used for future upgrades. Instructions for installing the components will be supplied with the upgrade kit.

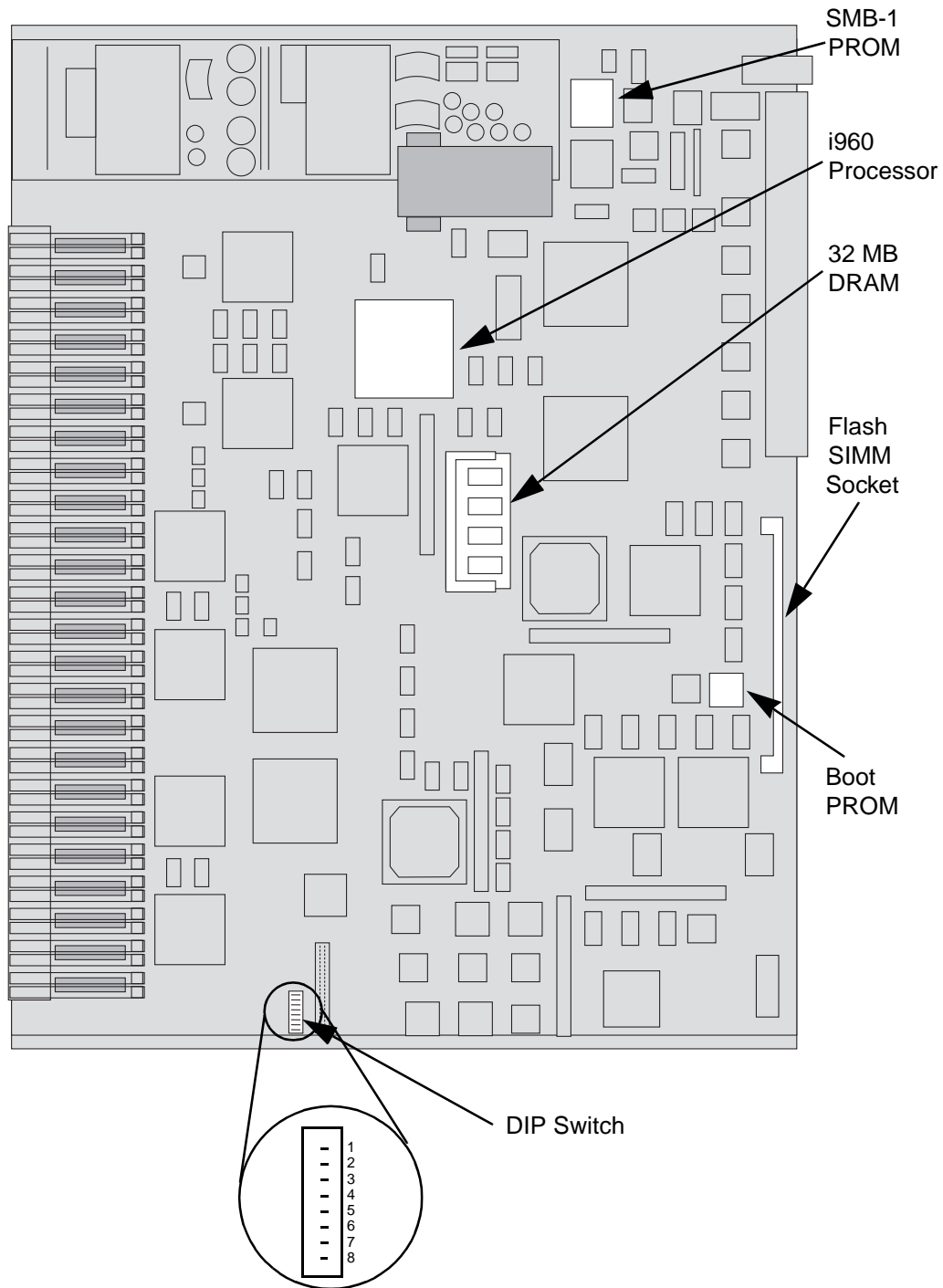


Figure 2-1. User-Accessible Components

An eight-position DIP switch is located on the module card as shown in Figure 2-1. The function of the switches are listed in Table 2-1.

See the **Cautions** at the end of this table.

Table 2-1. Function of DIP Switch

Switch	Function	Description
8	Clear Password ¹	When toggled, this switch clears user-entered passwords stored in NVRAM, and restores the default passwords. Once reset you can use the defaults or enter new passwords.
7	Clear NVRAM ²	The module uses NVRAM to store user-entered parameters such as IP addresses, device name, etc. To reset these parameters to the factory defaults, toggle this switch. Once reset, you can use the defaults or enter new parameters, which are stored in NVRAM when the module is powered down, and remain there until the switch is toggled again.
6	Force BootP Download	Toggling this switch after pulling the board out of the SmartSwitch 9000, clears download information from NVRAM and forces image files to be downloaded from the station connected to the EPIM on the Environmental Module configured to act as that modules' BootP server. (See section titled Using DIP Switch 6 on page 2-4.)
5	Reserved	For Factory Use Only
4	Reserved	For Factory Use Only
3	Reserved	For Factory Use Only
2	Reserved	For Factory Use Only
1	Reserved	For Factory Use Only



- Caution:** Do not toggle Switch 8 unless you intend to reset the user-configured passwords to their factory default settings.
- Caution:** Do not toggle Switch 7 unless you intend to reset the user parameters to the factory default settings.

Using DIP Switch 6

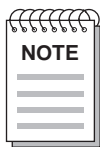
The purpose of DIP switch 6 is to force a Flash download from a BootP server through the EM-EPIM. The first step in this process is to configure the BootP server. Configurations of BootP servers can differ from platform to platform and from one operating system to another. Read the user's manual on BootP and TFTP serving for the correct files to edit and the correct files to execute for the server. After configuration of the BootP server the module can then have the switch state changed on dip switch 6 to initiate BootP and TFTP requests.

When the state of dip switch 6 is changed, the module begins requesting a BootP server in an attempt to receive a Flash image download. The module boot PROM initiates a BootP sequence. During this sequence, the module requests an IP address and a filename from the BootP server. The module then requests a TFTP of the file and receives the download of the image. The module will not function until the Flash image is downloaded from the BootP and TFTP server.

If a BootP and TFTP are not intended at this time, this process may be stopped by resetting the module. Resetting is done by pushing the reset button on the module, power cycling the chassis, or removing the module from the chassis and re-inserting. (See section titled **The Reset Switch** on page 2-6.) After resetting, the module again looks for a BootP server, but will time-out after about four minutes. After the time-out, the module boots from Flash memory. The next time the power is cycled, the module will boot from Flash memory and not request the BootP server.

Installing the Module into the SmartSwitch 9000 Chassis

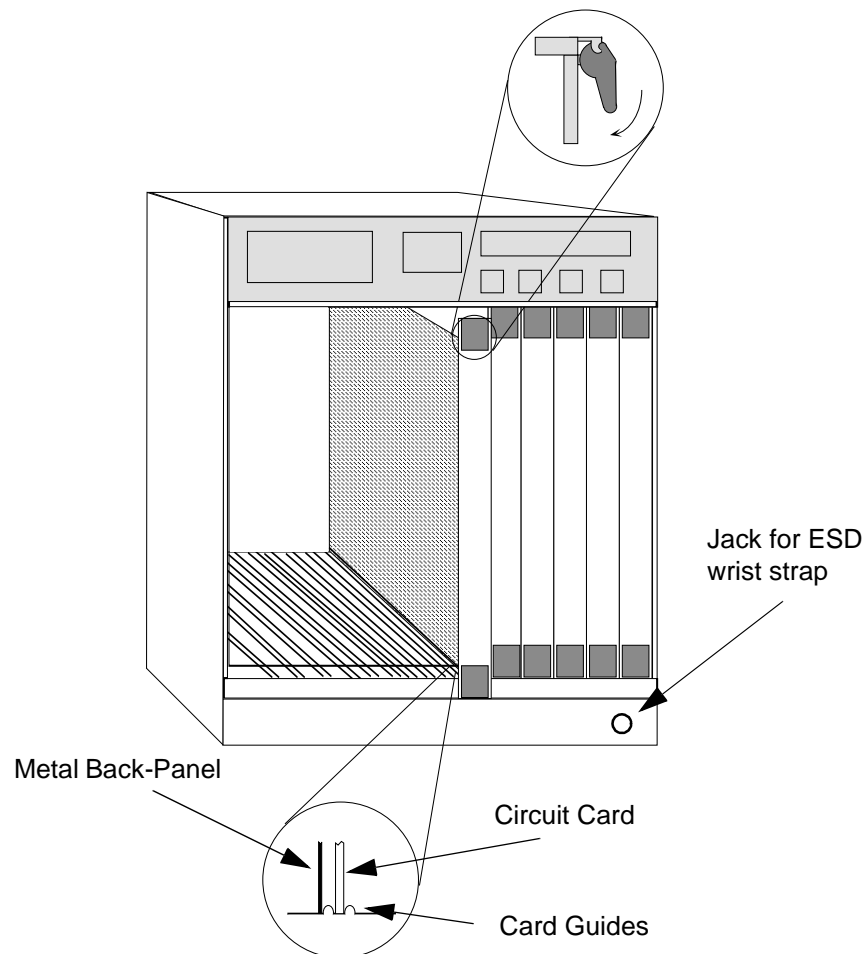
To install the SmartSwitch 9000 module, follow the steps below:



*The INB Terminator Modules must be installed on the rear of the fourteen slot chassis before powering up this module. The INB Terminator Modules are not required on the six slot chassis. Refer to the **INB Terminator Modules Installation Guide** for information and installation procedure.*

1. Remove the blank panel covering the two slots in which the module is being installed. All other slots must be covered, if other modules are not being installed, to ensure proper airflow and cooling.
2. Attach one end of the ESD wrist strap packaged with the SmartSwitch 9000 chassis to your wrist. Plug the other end into the ESD Wrist Strap Grounding receptacle in the lower right corner of the SmartSwitch 9000 chassis shown in Figure 2-2.

3. Grasp the module and slide it into the slots. Make sure that the module's circuit card is between the card guides, as shown in Figure 2-2. Check both the upper and lower tracks of the card. Take care that the module slides in straight and engages the backplane connectors properly.
4. Lock down the top and bottom plastic tabs, as shown in Figure 2-2.



Warning:
Ensure that the circuit card is between the card guides.
Lock down the top and bottom plastic tabs
at the same time, applying even pressure.

Figure 2-2. Installing the 9E531-24 Module

The Reset Switch

The Reset switch is located under the top plastic tab as shown in Figure 2-3. Use the reset switch to reset the module's processor, shutdown (power down) the module, and/or restart the module.

- To reset the module's i960 processor, press the reset switch twice within three seconds.
- To shut down the module, press and hold the reset switch for three or more seconds.
- To restart the module, press the reset switch momentarily.

SNMP management may be used to disable this switch to enhance module security.

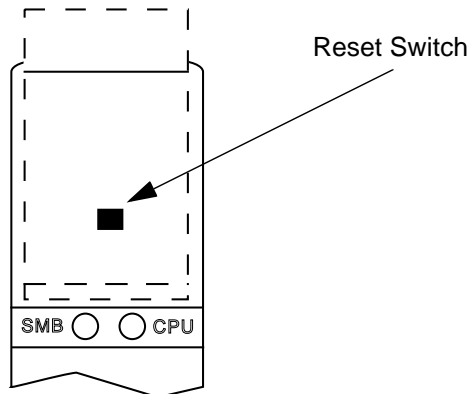


Figure 2-3. The Reset Switch

Cabling Requirements

10BASE-FL Network

The 9E531-24 supports 10BASE-FL Ethernet specifications. When connecting a 10BASE-FL segment to any of the front panel ports, ensure that the network meets the optical performance requirements for the 10BASE-FL 802.3 standard.

The 9E531-24 supports multimode fiber cables at the 850nm wavelength, at lengths up to 2 km.

Technical Overview

SmartSwitch Architecture

The SmartSwitch Architecture of the 9E531-24 module, as shown in Figure 3-1, is configurable for one of two modes of operation: traditional IEEE 802.1 switching, or SecureFast switching. The module supports only one of these modes of operation at any one time.

When operating in traditional IEEE 802.1 switch mode, the 9E531-24 makes filtering/forwarding decisions based on Destination Address (DA), with standard IEEE 802.1D learning. 802.1Q VLANs are also supported.

Spanning tree operation for the 9E531-24 is configurable to adhere to IEEE 802.1D, DEC, or none. The default Spanning Tree Algorithm is 802.1D.

When operating in SecureFast switch mode, all filtering/forwarding decisions are made on a DA-SA pair and its in and out port on a connection-orientated basis. SecureFast switching mode provides value-added network services including dynamic VLANs, Topology, Connectivity, IP Multicast, Control, Security, Application, Address Management, Dynamic Mapping, and Directory services. For example, Topology Services includes configurable options ranging from simple spanning tree implementations to fully-meshed active topologies. Other services and features supported in SecureFast switching mode are described in detail in the Cabletron White Paper, **IP Host Communication in Bridged, Routed and SecureFast Networks**.



Figure 3-1. Block Diagram

System Management Buses

There are two management channels within the SmartSwitch 9000 system: the SMB-1 and the SMB-10. These buses provide out-of-band management and inter-module management communication.

SMB-1 Bus

The SMB-1 is a 1 Mbps management bus located within the SmartSwitch 9000. This bus is utilized by all diagnostic controllers in the system including connectivity modules, power supply modules and the environmental module. The SMB-1 transports inter-chassis information between system components, such as power and environmental information, as well as diagnostic messages. Periodic loop-back tests are performed by all modules that share this bus to ensure the validity of SMB-1. In the event a failure is detected on SMB-1, the SMB-10 may be used as an alternate communication channel.

SMB-10 Bus

The SMB-10 is a 10 Mbps management bus located within the SmartSwitch 9000, which is also used for inter-chassis communication of modules as well as serving as an out-of-band management channel into the SmartSwitch 9000. The SMB-10 is externalized from the chassis via an optional Ethernet Port Interface Module (EPIM) located on the front of the Environmental Module. Through an EPIM connection, full SNMP management of the SmartSwitch 9000 is available out-of-band from user data. Modules which share the SMB-10 bus periodically send out loop-back packets to ensure the validity of SMB-10. In the event a fault is detected on the SMB-10, the SMB-1 can be used as an alternate communication channel by the modules.

System Diagnostic Controller

This diagnostic controller is composed of a Z-80 microprocessor and its supporting logic. The diagnostic controller is designed to control the power-up sequencing of modules, monitor the 9E531-24 input and output power parameters, keep watch over the main host processor, as well as monitor the temperature and control the SMB LANVIEW diagnostic LED. Although the diagnostic controller and the main host processor can operate independent of each other if needed, they exchange information about each other's status and overall module condition. The information gathered by the diagnostic controller is available to the network manager via local/remote management and the LCD located on the Environmental Module. The 9E531-24 has been designed so that in the event of a diagnostic controller fault, the 9E531-24 will continue to function.

DC/DC Converter

The DC/DC converter converts the 48 VDC on the system power bus to the necessary operating voltages for its host network services module. The diagnostic controller monitors and controls the operation of the DC/DC converter.

INB Interface

Each module attaches to both INB A and INB B and has two INB ASICs. The INB ASICs use 64-byte Ethernet frames for transmission onto the INBs at 66 MHz.

The 9X5XX modules are fully compatible with the the first generation 9X4XX modules. The first generation modules communicate only on INB B using a 56-byte canonical frame format, at 40 MHz. If the newer module detects a first generation module on the backplane, it automatically changes from the fast 66 MHz Ethernet frames, to the first generation compatible 40 MHz canonical frame on INB B only. INB A is used only by the 9X5XX modules and remains at the higher speed.

i960 Core

The i960 core provides modules host services, the SNMP protocol stacks, to support industry standard MIBs, as well as Cabletron enterprise extension MIBs for each media type. Management services, such as telnet, WebView and network address to MAC address mapping, are also provided by the i960 core.

LANVIEW LEDs

The front panel LANVIEW LEDs indicate the status of the module and may be used as an aid in troubleshooting. Figure 4-1 shows the LANVIEW LEDs of the 9E531-24 module.

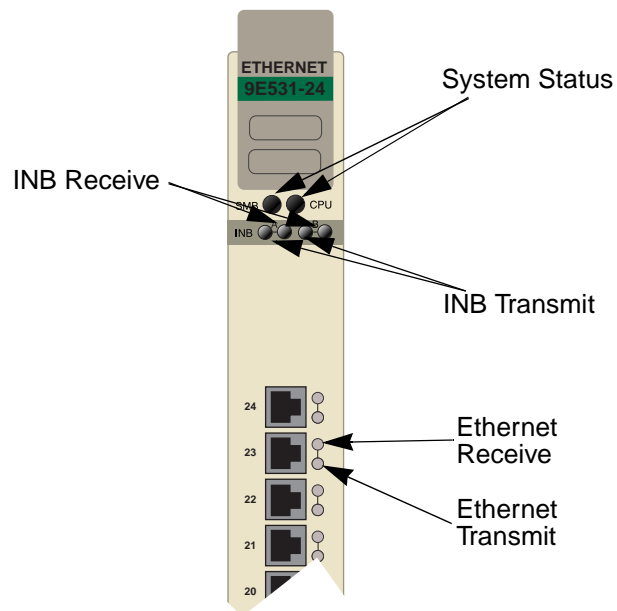


Figure 4-1. The 9E531-24 LANVIEW LEDs

The functions of the two System Status LEDs, System Management Bus (SMB) and the CPU, are listed in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1. System Status (SMB and CPU) LEDs

LED Color	State	Description
Green	Functional	Fully operational
Yellow	Testing	Power-up testing
Yellow (Flashing)	Crippled	Not fully operational (e.g., one bad port)
Yellow/Green	Booting	Blinks yellow and green while booting
Red	Reset	Normal power-up reset
Red (Flashing)	Failed	Fatal error has occurred
Off	Power off	Module powered off

The functions of the INB transmit LED are listed in Table 4-2.

Table 4-2. INB Transmit LED

LED Color	State
Green (Flashing)	Data activity
Yellow (Flashing)	Port in standby state
Red (Flashing)	Collision
Red	Fault
Off	No activity, Port disabled

The functions of the INB receive LED are listed in Table 4-3.

Table 4-3. INB Receive LED

LED Color	State
Green (Flashing)	Link, Port disabled
Green	Link, Port enabled, No activity
Yellow (Flashing)	Link, Port enabled, Activity
Red	Fault
Off	No Link

The functions of the Ethernet Transmit and Ethernet Receive LEDs are listed in Table 4-4 and Table 4-5.

Table 4-4. Ethernet Transmit LEDs

Color	State
Green (Flashing)	Activity (Flashing rate indicates rate of activity)
Yellow (Flashing)	Port in standby state
Red	Port disabled
Red (Flashing)	Collision
Off	No activity

Table 4-5. Ethernet Receive LEDs

LED Color	State
Green	Link, No activity
Yellow (Flashing)	Link, Activity (Flashing rate indicates rate of activity)
Red	Port disabled no link
Red (Flashing)	Port disabled with link
Off	No link, No activity

Specifications

Technical Specifications

CPUs

PowerPC
Intel i960 RISC based microprocessor

Memory

8 MB Flash Memory (expandable to 16 MB)
32 MB DRAM (local)
4 MB Memory (Shared)

Network Interface

24 MT-RJ multimode fiber ports - 10BASE-FL

Performance

Module Switch Fabric bandwidth	3.3 Gbps
Module Throughput	2.2 Mpps
Source Address Table	16 K entries

Regulatory Compliance



It is the responsibility of the person who sells the system to which the module will be a part to ensure that the total system meets allowed limits of conducted and radiated emissions.

This equipment meets the following safety and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements:

Safety	UL 1950, CSA C22.2 No. 950, EN 60950, IEC 950, and 73/23/EEC
Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)	FCC Part 15, EN 55022, CSA C108.8, EN 50082-1, AS/NZS 3548, VCCI V-3, and 89/336/EEC

Service

MTBF (MHBK-217E)	>200,000 hrs.
MTTR	<0.5 hr.

Physical

Dimensions

35.0 D x 44.0 H x 3.0 W centimeters
(13.8 D x 17.4 H x 1.2 W inches)

Weight

Unit:	4.5 kg (10 lb)
Shipping:	5.4 kg (12 lb)

Environment

Operating Temperature	5 to 40° C (41° to 104°F)
Storage Temperature	-30 to 73° C (-22° to 164°F)
Relative Humidity	5% to 90% non-condensing

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