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Mellanox Switch-IB™ Firmware Release Notes

Rev 11.0100.0112

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Release Update History

Table 1 - Release Update History

Release	Date	Description
Rev 11.0100.0112	May 21, 2015	First release

1 Overview

These are the release notes for the Switch-IB™ firmware, Rev 11.0100.0112. This firmware complements the Switch-IB silicon architecture with a set of advanced features, allowing easy and remote management of the switch.



Firmware Rev 11.0100.0112 is compatible with MFT tools v3.8.0-56. Using older versions of MFT tools causes failure during image creation.

1.1 Supported Systems

This firmware supports the devices and protocols listed in Table 2. For the most updated list of switches supported, visit the Firmware Download pages on Mellanox.com.

Table 2 - Supported Systems

Device Part Number	Description
MSB7790	Switch-IB™ based EDR InfiniBand switch; 36 QSFP28 ports; externally managed

1.2 Firmware and Software Interoperability

To raise links with platforms based on the following ICs, these minimum requirements must be met:

- ConnectX®-3 – firmware v2.31.6130
- Connect-IB® – firmware v10.10.4020
- SwitchX® – 9.2.7300 (or MLNX-OS 3.3.5006)

1.3 Supported Cables and Modules

Table 3 presents the qualified EDR cables for externally managed EDR switch systems.

Table 3 - Qualified EDR Cables

Mellanox P/N	Description	Cable Length
MCP1600-E00A	Mellanox® passive copper cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28, LSZH	0.5m
MCP1600-E001	Mellanox® passive copper cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28, LSZH	1m
MCP1600-E01A	Mellanox® passive copper cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28, LSZH	1.5m
MCP1600-E002	Mellanox® passive copper cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28, LSZH	2m
MCP1600-E02A	Mellanox® passive copper cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28, LSZH	2.5m
MCP1600-E003	Mellanox® passive copper cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28, LSZH	3m
MFA1A00-E005	Mellanox® active fiber cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28	5m
MFA1A00-E010	Mellanox® active fiber cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28	10m

Table 3 - Qualified EDR Cables

Mellanox P/N	Description	Cable Length
MFA1A00-E015	Mellanox® active fiber cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28	15m
MFA1A00-E050	Mellanox® active fiber cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28	50m
MFA1A00-E100	Mellanox® active fiber cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28	100m

Please refer to the LinkX™ Cables and Transceivers web page (www.mellanox.com → Products → Cables and Transceivers) for the full list of supported cables and transceivers.

1.4 Revision Compatibility

Firmware Rev 11.0100.0112 complies with the following programmer's reference manual:

- SwitchX® Family Programmer's Reference Manual (PRM), Rev 1.15 or later

2 Changes and New Features in Rev 11.0100.0112

Table 4 - Firmware Rev 11.0100.0112 Changes and New Features

Category	Description
General	Added virtual-lane-to-virtual-lane (VL2VL) support as part of ExtendedSwitchInfo
General	Bug fixes

3 Known Issues

Table 5 describes known issues in this firmware release and possible workarounds.

Table 5 - Known Issues

Index	Category	Description	Possible Workaround
1.	General	The following features are not supported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive routing • Congestion control • Port Mirroring 	N/A
2.	General	EDR links activate forward error correction (FEC).	N/A
3.	Configuration Management	FDR10 speed is not supported.	N/A
4.	Chassis Management	Switch LEDs do not blink during boot	N/A
5.	LEDs	Port LEDs do not flash on system boot.	N/A
6.	LEDs	Fan LEDs may behave unexpectedly in the first 5 seconds of system boot.	N/A
7.	Power Management	Link width reduction is not supported in this release.	N/A
8.	Link	Bit error rate is not optimal on QDR links.	N/A
9.	Interoperability	If QDR is not enabled for the switch's InfiniBand Port Speed while connected to ConnectX-3/Pro or Connect-IB® FDR adapters or to SwitchX® / SwitchX-2 FDR switches, links will rise at SDR or DDR (even if FDR is enabled)	Enable QDR (in addition to FDR) when connecting to peer ports running at FDR

4 Bug Fixes History

Table 6 - Fixed Bugs List

Index	Category	Description	Discovered in Release	Fixed in Release
1.	Interoperability	Only connections to Switch-IB™, ConnectX-3, ConnectX-3 Pro, Connect-IB, and SwitchX® family devices are supported.	11.1.1002	11.0100.0112
2.	Interoperability	Connecting a cable longer than 30m to ConnectX-3, ConnectX-3 Pro or Connect-IB platforms causes interoperability issues.	11.1.1002	11.0100.0112
3.	pLFT	Packets are lost on private linear forwarding table (pLFT)	11.1.1002	11.0100.0112
4.	Chassis Management	Port LEDs may continue to blink even after a bad cable is removed.	11.1.1002	11.0100.0112

5 Firmware Changes and New Feature History

Table 7 - History of Major Changes and New Features

Category	Description
Release 11.1.1002	
General	This is the first firmware GA release for Switch-IB™ based EDR InfiniBand switch
General	Reduced fan speed to 60% from 100% in SB7790 switch system