



Mellanox Switch-IB™ Firmware Release Notes

Rev 11.1300.0126



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Release Update History

Table 1 - Release Update History

Release	Date	Description
Rev 11.1300.0126	January 31, 2017	First release

1 Overview

These are the release notes for the Switch-IB™ firmware, Rev 11.1300.0126. This firmware complements the Switch-IB™ silicon architecture with a set of advanced features, allowing easy and remote management of the switch.



Firmware Rev 11.1300.0126 is compatible with MFT tools v4.5.0-31. 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 Interoperability

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

Table 3 - Firmware Interoperability

HCA/Switch	Firmware Version
Switch-IB™ 2	v15.0300.0354
SwitchX®-2	v9.2.8000
ConnectX-5 / ConnectX-5 Ex	v16.18.1000 “Beta”
ConnectX-4	v12.18.1000
ConnectX-4 Lx	v14.18.1000
ConnectX®-3 (Pro)	v2.31.6130
ConnectX®-2	v2.9.1000
Connect-IB®	v10.10.4020

1.3 Supported EDR Cables and Modules

[Table 4](#) presents the qualified EDR cables for externally managed EDR switch systems.

Table 4 - Qualified EDR Cables

Mellanox P/N	Description	Cable Length
MCP1600-E00A ^a	Mellanox® passive copper cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28, LSZH	0.5m
MCP1600-E001 ^a	Mellanox® passive copper cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28, LSZH	1m
MCP1600-E01A ^a	Mellanox® passive copper cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28, LSZH	1.5m

Table 4 - Qualified EDR Cables

Mellanox P/N	Description	Cable Length
MCP1600-E002 ^a	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
MCP1600-E004	Mellanox® passive copper cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28, LSZH	4m
MFA1A00-E005 ^a	Mellanox® active fiber cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28	5m
MFA1A00-E010 ^a	Mellanox® active fiber cable, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28	10m
MFA1A00-E015 ^a	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

a. Forward Error Correction (FEC) is deactivated on this cable.

Please refer to the LinkX™ Cables and Transceivers webpage (<http://www.mellanox.com/products/interconnect/cables-configurator.php>) for the full list of supported cables and transceivers.

1.4 Firmware Upgrade

Firmware upgrade may be performed directly from any previous version to this version. To upgrade firmware, please refer to the Mellanox Firmware Tools (MFT) package at:

http://www.mellanox.com/page/management_tools

1.5 PRM Revision Compatibility

Firmware Rev 11.1300.0126 complies with the *Mellanox Switches Programmer's Reference Manual (PRM)*, Rev 1.45 or later.

2 Changes and New Features in Rev 11.1300.0126

Table 5 - Firmware Rev 11.1300.0126 Changes and New Features

Category	Description
General	Added support for burst/traffic histograms (described in Vendor Specific MAD PRM Rev 1.3, Section 3.33 – Mellanox Performance Histograms)
Link	Added support for Port PHY Link Mode (PPLM) register (For register description, See Switch PRM - PPLM - Port Phy Link Mode)
Link	Added support for Port Diagnostics Database Register (PDDR) which enables mlxlink tool to collect data on the PHY link status, and offers analysis of link-down events and link related information (For register description See Switch PRM - PDDR - Port Diagnostics Database Register)
Link	Added support for QSFP copper cables which do not publish attenuation in the memory map

3 Known Issues

Table 6 describes known issues in this firmware release and possible workarounds.

Table 6 - Known Issues

Internal Ref.	Issue
-	<p>Description: Congestion control is not supported</p> <p>Workaround: N/A</p> <p>Keywords: General</p>
-	<p>Description: Port LEDs do not flash on system boot.</p> <p>Workaround: N/A</p> <p>Keywords: LEDs</p>
-	<p>Description: Link width reduction is not supported in this release.</p> <p>Workaround: N/A</p> <p>Keywords: Power Management</p>
-	<p>Description: 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)</p> <p>Workaround: Enable QDR (in addition to FDR) when connecting to peer ports running at FDR</p> <p>Keywords: Interoperability</p>
-	<p>Description: When explicitly configuring FDR10 on Switch-IB™, the link may not rise.</p> <p>Workaround: To raise link with an FDR10 device, make sure all speeds, including EDR, are configured on Switch-IB.</p> <p>Keywords: Interoperability</p>
-	<p>Description: Force FDR10 is not supported on EDR products.</p> <p>Workaround: N/A</p> <p>Keywords: Interoperability</p>
-	<p>Description: Adaptive routing and adaptive routing notification do not support 3D Torus topologies.</p> <p>Workaround: N/A</p> <p>Keywords: Network</p>
697149	<p>Description: Link rises at DDR speed instead of FDR10 when using 100m QDR/FDR10 optical cables.</p> <p>Workaround: N/A</p> <p>Keywords: Link</p>
-	<p>Description: FDR link may rise with symbol errors on optic EDR cable longer than 30M.</p> <p>Workaround: N/A</p> <p>Keywords: Link</p>

Table 6 - Known Issues

Internal Ref.	Issue
-	Description: Fan LEDs may behave unexpectedly in the first 5 seconds of system boot.
	Workaround: N/A
	Keywords: LEDs

4 Bug Fixes History

Table 7 - Fixed Bugs List

Internal Ref.	Issue
-	Description: VL arbitration does not distribute traffic as expected in case of multiple VLs.
	Keywords: General
	Discovered in Release: 11.1200.0102
	Fixed in Release: 11.1300.0100
-	Description: In rare cases, FDR links may rise with errors. (Improved BER performance.)
	Keywords: Link
	Discovered in Release: 11.1.1002
	Fixed in Release: 11.1200.0102
-	Description: Insertion of QDR cables into a Switch-IB™ based switch overwrites non-volatile fields (rx_output_amp/emp).
	Keywords: System Management
	Discovered in Release: 11.1100.0072
	Fixed in Release: 11.1200.0102
-	Description: Bubbles appear as symbol errors when link raises FDR 1x.
	Keywords: Link
	Discovered in Release: 11.1.1002
	Fixed in Release: 11.1200.0102
-	Description: PSU fans set to work with 60% max speed by default.
	Keywords: Chassis Management
	Discovered in Release: 11.0350.0394
	Fixed in Release: 11.1100.0072
-	Description: The command “show interfaces ib * transceiver” shows no cable is connected while link is up.
	Keywords: Chassis Management
	Discovered in Release: 11.0350.0394
	Fixed in Release: 11.1100.0072
690231	Description: Fixed MSGI data reading.
	Keywords: General
	Discovered in Release: 11.1.1002
	Fixed in Release: 11.0350.0394

Table 7 - Fixed Bugs List

Internal Ref.	Issue
-	<p>Description: In rare cases, link may degrade speed from EDR or FDR to a lower speed. In other cases physical errors may increment.</p> <p>Keywords: Link</p> <p>Discovered in Release: 11.0350.0372</p> <p>Fixed in Release: 11.0350.0394</p>
-	<p>Description: Minimum fan speed may drop.</p> <p>Keywords: Temperature</p> <p>Discovered in Release: 11.0200.0120</p> <p>Fixed in Release: 11.0204.0124</p>
-	<p>Description: Bit error rate is not optimal on QDR links.</p> <p>Keywords: Link</p> <p>Discovered in Release: 11.1.1002</p> <p>Fixed in Release: 11.0200.0118</p>
-	<p>Description: Only connections to Switch-IB™, ConnectX®-3, ConnectX-3 Pro, Connect-IB™, and SwitchX® family devices are supported.</p> <p>Keywords: Interoperability</p> <p>Discovered in Release: 11.1.1002</p> <p>Fixed in Release: 11.0100.0112</p>
-	<p>Description: Connecting a cable longer than 30m to ConnectX-3, ConnectX-3 Pro or Connect-IB plat- forms causes interoperability issues.</p> <p>Keywords: Interoperability</p> <p>Discovered in Release: 11.1.1002</p> <p>Fixed in Release: 11.0100.0112</p>
-	<p>Description: Packets are lost on private linear forwarding table (pLFT).</p> <p>Keywords: pLFT</p> <p>Discovered in Release: 11.1.1002</p> <p>Fixed in Release: 11.0100.0112</p>
-	<p>Description: Port LEDs may continue to blink even after a bad cable is removed.</p> <p>Keywords: Chassis Management</p> <p>Discovered in Release: 11.1.1002</p> <p>Fixed in Release: 11.0100.0112</p>