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We have verified the interconnectivity between Cisco box switches and ALAXALA products.

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1. Configurations (Link-Up & Communication and Link Aggregation)

<<Link-up & communication>>
Catalyst
AX series
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2. Results (Link-Up & Communication and Link Aggregation)

		Link-up &	Link aggregation	
Model	Interface	communication	Static	LACP
		Result	Result	Result
Catalyst 3750-E	UTP	OK	OK	OK
(Cisco IOS: 12.2 (40) SE)	Optical	OK	OK	OK
Catalyst 3560-E	UTP	OK OK		OK
(Cisco IOS: 12.2 (40) SE)	Optical	OK	OK	OK
Catalyst 2960G	UTP	OK	OK	OK
(Cisco IOS: 12.2 (44) SE2)	Optical	OK	OK	OK
Catalyst 2960	UTP	OK	OK	OK
(Cisco IOS: 12.2 (44) SE2)	Optical	OK	OK	OK
Catalyst 2960LANLite	UTP	OK OK		OK
(Cisco IOS: 12.2 (44) SE)	Optical	OK	OK OK	
Catalyst 2950	UTP	OK	OK	OK
(Cisco IOS: 12.1 (22) EA11)	Optical	Not supported Not supported 1		Not supported
Catalyst Express 520	UTP	OK OK		OK
(Cisco IOS: 12.2 (35) EX)	Optical	Not supported	ported Not supported Not supported	

Tested interfaces

UTP: Auto Nego (10/100TX), Auto Nego (10/100/1000T), 10BASE-T fixed, 100BASE-TX fixed Optical: Auto Nego (1000BASE-X), 1000BASE-X fixed

Comments on the results

Link-up and communication

All the models have achieved the transmission speed and the half duplex/full duplex communication expectations.

To use 10 Mbps and 100 Mbps fixed connections, use a crossover cable.

Link aggregation

In most cases, a switchover has been completed within one second of a communication interruption.

However, the communication interruption time will become longer if a line fault is detected when 1000BASE-T is used.

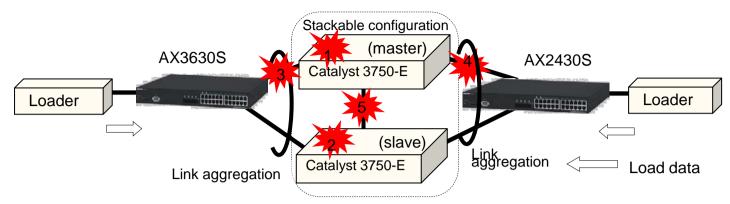
This is due to the physical layer standard (IEEE 802.1ab) for link-down detection.

Reference: Line fault detection time (ms) specified in IEEE 802.1ab

Clock master: 750±10, clock slave: 350±5

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3. Configuration (Stackable Configuration)



Catalyst 3750-E: Cisco IOS 12.2 (40) SE

Location of failure

1. Stack configuration switch (master)
2. Stack configuration switch (slave)
3. Optical cable
4. UTP cable
2. Power shut off
3. Cable disconnected
4. UTP cable
5. Cable disconnected
6. Cable disconnected

5. Stack cable : One stack cable disconnected

4. Result (Stackable configuration)

Test item		Link aggregated			
		Static	LACP	LACP	Comment
			(Long)	(Short)	
		Result	Result	Result	
Stackable component switch	Error occurrence	OK	OK	OK	(Note)
(master) failure	Error recovery	OK	OK	OK	
Stackable component switch	Error occurrence	OK	OK	OK	
(slave) failure	Error recovery	OK	OK	OK	
Line fault (optical)	Error occurrence	OK	OK	OK	Switchover within one second possible
	Error recovery	OK	OK	OK	
Line fault (UTP)	Error occurrence	OK	OK	OK	
	Error recovery	OK	OK	OK	possible
Stackable cable failure	Error occurrence	OK	OK	OK	No impact on
	Error recovery	OK	OK	OK	communication

Note: If a stackable device (master) failure occurs in a LACP configuration, the Catalyst changes the address information notified in the LACPDU from the MAC address of the stackable switch (master) to that of the stackable switch (slave).

On the other hand, the AX continues to recognize the MAC address of the master switch as the partner device's address until it fails to receive the LACPDU three times. This causes a longer communication interruption.

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