



ENERGY STAR® Program Requirements Product Specification for Large Network Equipment

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1 OVERVIEW

The following test method shall be used for determining product compliance with requirements in the ENERGY STAR Eligibility Criteria for Large Network Equipment (LNE).

2 APPLICABILITY

The following test method is applicable to all eligible products covered by the scope as defined in Section 2 of the ENERGY STAR Draft 2 Eligibility Criteria for Large Network Equipment, but test requirements are dependent upon the feature set of the product under evaluation. The following guidelines shall be used to determine the applicability of each section of this document:

- One or both procedures in Section 6 shall be conducted on eligible products that are not High Port Count products.
- The procedures in Section 7 shall be conducted on eligible products that are High Port Count products.

3 DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise specified, all terms used in this document are consistent with the definitions in the ENERGY STAR Large Network Equipment Specification.

A) Abbreviations and Units:

- 1) ac: Alternating current
- 2) ATIS: Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions
- 3) bps: Bits per second
- 4) C: Celsius
- 5) dc: Direct current
- 6) FCS: Frame check sequence
- 7) GBIC: Gigabit interface converter
- 8) Hz: Hertz
- 9) IEEE: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- 10) IMIX: Internet mix
- 11) IP: Internet protocol
- 12) LNE: Large network equipment
- 13) MAC: Medium access control
- 14) MUT: Module under test
- 15) NDR: Non-drop rate

- 16) OSI: Open systems interconnection
- 17) PDU: Power distribution unit
- 18) PSU: Power supply unit
- 19) RMS: Root mean square
- 20) SFD: Start of frame delimiter
- 21) SFP: Small form-factor pluggable
- 22) UPS: Uninterruptible power supply
- 23) UUT: Unit under test
- 24) V: Volts
- 25) VLU: Very low utilization
- 26) W: Watt

B) Definitions:

- 1) High Port Count Product: An LNE product that has more than 104 data ports, each of which has a maximum rated data throughput rate of at least 10 Gbps.
- 2) Internet Mix (IMIX) Traffic: A stateless traffic profile that contains a mixture of frame sizes statistically similar to a composition observed in the Internet¹.
- 3) Maximum Non-Drop Rate (NDR): The highest observed system throughput, measured in bits per second (bps), at which all data packets received by the unit under test (UUT) are processed and correctly transmitted.
- 4) System Throughput: The sum of the data link bits processed by the UUT per second in the egress direction, including frame preamble, Start Frame Delimiter (SFD), Frame Check Sequence (FCS), and minimum interpacket gap.
- 5) System Utilization: The system throughput expressed as a percentage of the system's measured NDR.
- 6) Traffic Profile: The statistical distribution of the size/type of the data sent through the UUT.

4 TEST SETUP

- A) Input Power: Input power for alternating current (ac) LNE shall be as specified in Table 1 and Table 2. Input power for direct current (dc) LNE shall be as specified in Table 3. The input power frequency for ac LNE shall be as specified in Table 4.

¹ For further information regarding IMIX, refer to Spirent Communications – Test Methodology Journal: IMIX (Internet Mix) Journal, March 2006.

Table 1: Input Power Requirements for Ac-powered Products with Nameplate Rated Power Less Than 1500 Watts (W)

Product Type	Supply Voltage	Voltage Tolerance	Maximum Total Harmonic Distortion
Ac single-phase powered LNE	115 V ac 230 V ac	+/- 1.0%	2.0%, up to and including the 13th harmonic
Ac three-phase powered LNE	208 V ac 400 Vac		

Table 2: Input Power Requirements for Ac-powered Products with Nameplate Rated Power Greater Than or Equal to 1500 W

Product Type	Supply Voltage	Voltage Tolerance	Maximum Total Harmonic Distortion
Ac single-phase powered LNE	115 V ac 230 V ac	+/- 4.0%	5.0%, up to and including the 13th harmonic
Ac three-phase powered LNE	208 V ac 400 Vac		

Table 3: Input Power Requirements for Dc-powered Products

Product Type	Supply Voltage	Voltage Tolerance
Dc powered LNE rated for -48 V dc	-53 V dc	+/- 2.0 V

Table 4: Input Power Frequency Requirements for Ac-powered Products

Supply Voltage	Frequency	Frequency Tolerance
115 V ac	60 Hertz (Hz)	+/-1.0%
230 V ac	50 Hz or 60 Hz	
208 V ac, Three-phase	60 Hz	
400 V ac, Three-phase	50 Hz or 60 Hz	

- B) Ambient Temperature: The ambient temperature in front of the main airflow inlet of the UUT during all power measurement tests shall be greater than 25.0°C and less than 30.0°C.
- 1) Temperature Measurement Location and Accuracy: Temperature must be measured no more than 2 meters in front of (upwind of) an airflow inlet of the UUT and reported by the sensor with an overall accuracy of ± 0.5 °C or better.
- C) Relative Humidity: Relative humidity shall be within 15% and 80%.
- D) Power Meter: Power meters shall possess the following attributes:
- 1) Reporting and Measurement Units:
- If the UUT is a dc powered LNE, the power meter shall report power, voltage, and current.
 - If the UUT is an ac powered LNE, the power meter shall report true root mean square (RMS) power, voltage, current, and power factor.
- 2) Calibration: The meter shall have been calibrated within a year of the test date, by a standard traceable to National Institute of Standards and Technology [USA] or a counterpart national metrology institute in other countries.
- 3) Crest Factor (ac powered LNE only): An available current crest factor of 3 or more at its rated range value. For power meters that do not specify the current crest factor, the power meter must be capable of measuring an amperage spike of at least 3 times the maximum amperage measured during any 1 second sample.
- 4) Minimum Bandwidth of Input Circuitry: 80.0 kHz.
- 5) Minimum Digitizing Sample Rate: 40.0 kHz.
- 6) Minimum Resolution:
- 0.01 W for measurement values less than 10 W;
 - 0.1 W for measurement values from 10 W to 100 W; and
 - 1.0 W for measurement values greater than 100 W.
- 7) Measurement Accuracy: Power measurements shall be reported by the power meter with an overall accuracy of 1% or better for all measured power values.
- E) Network Test Equipment (Test Equipment): The Test Equipment used for Section 6 and Section 7 must comply with the following requirements:

- 1) Number of Ports: The Test Equipment shall have at least one port for each port required to be connected to a port on the UUT, as stated in Section 5.1.A)5)a). Each connected port on the Test Equipment shall be capable of sending and receiving data to and from the UUT at the highest operable line-rate standard corresponding to the connected port on the UUT.
- 2) Traffic Generation: The Test Equipment must be capable of generating traffic that complies with the requirements in Section 5.1.A)5)d).

5 TEST CONDUCT

5.1 UUT and Test Equipment Configuration

- A) Variable Load Testing: All testing performed in Section 6 and Section 7 shall adhere to the requirements provided in the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS)-0600015.03.2013 standard unless otherwise specified in this document. All testing performed in Section 6 and Section 7 shall be conducted as follows:
 - 1) As-shipped Condition: Products shall be tested in their “as-shipped” configuration, which includes both hardware configuration and system settings, unless otherwise specified in this test method.
 - a) LNE Requiring Initial Configuration: If the UUT cannot be tested in its “as-shipped” condition without additional initial configuration, then the UUT shall be configured according to the instructions provided in the UUT’s user manual. Any supporting materials (e.g., configuration files) that are included with the UUT or publicly available may be used if required for correct UUT functionality.
 - b) Mid-test UUT Reconfiguration: The UUT shall be configured prior to running the test procedures in Section 6 or Section 7. No reconfiguration of the UUT shall occur following the commencement of the procedures in Section 6 or Section 7, unless otherwise specified in this test method.
 - 2) Measurement Location: All power measurements shall be taken at a point between the ac or dc power source and the UUT. No uninterruptible power supply (UPS) units may be connected between the power meter and the UUT.
 - 3) Air Flow Management: Any airflow directly surrounding the UUT during testing shall only be generated by fans or cooling devices that are standard components of the UUT.
 - 4) Power Supply Units (PSUs): All installed PSUs included with the UUT must be operational and connected to an appropriate power source, unless otherwise specified in this test method.
 - a) UUTs with Multiple PSUs: If the UUT has more than one PSU, then any method may be used to aggregate the power so long as the method used does not introduce a measurement error greater than 1% of the total measured power.
 - 5) I/O and Network Connection: UUT ports shall be connected as indicated in Section 5.2.A)4). All connected ports shall be ready to pass traffic for the entirety of the testing performed in Section 6.
 - a) Number of Ports Connected: The number of ports required to be connected to the Test Equipment are as follows:
 - i. Full-port Test: Section 6.1 shall be performed with all traffic-capable UUT ports connected to the Test Equipment.
 - ii. Half-port Test in Full-mesh Configuration: If the UUT is tested in the Full-mesh configuration according to Section 5.2.A)4), then Section 6.2 shall be performed with half of the traffic-capable UUT ports connected to the Test Equipment. Round up to the

nearest integer value if there are an odd number of ports. The ports to be connected shall be chosen at random.

- iii. Half-port Test in Dual-group Partial Mesh Configuration: If the UUT is tested in the Dual-group Partial Mesh configuration according to Section 5.2.A)4), then Section 6.2 shall be performed with half of the UUT downlink ports connected to the Test Equipment. Round up to the nearest integer value if there are an odd number of ports. The ports to be connected shall be chosen at random. All of the UUT uplink ports shall be connected during testing.
 - iv. High Port Count Power Measurement Test: Section 7.1 shall be performed with two UUT ports connected to corresponding ports on the test equipment for each distinct stream of snaked data traffic. The ports shall be connected according to Section 5.2.B).
 - v. High Port Count Throughput Measurement Test: Section 7.27.2 shall be performed with all ports on the modules under test (MUTs) connected to corresponding ports on the Test Equipment, and there shall be two UUT ports connected to corresponding ports on the test equipment for each distinct stream of snaked data traffic. The ports shall be connected according to Section 5.2.C).
- b) System Management Ports: Any port on the UUT that does not pass traffic, and is solely intended for device management may be connected as instructed by the manufacturer during testing. If no manufacturer instruction is provided, system management ports shall be disconnected during testing.
 - c) Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE): If the UUT has ports that provide EEE², the UUT shall be connected to network ports that also support EEE. This can be done either by having the traffic source provide the EEE ports, or placing an intermediate network device between the traffic source and UUT.
 - d) Traffic Generation: The traffic generated by the Test Equipment for Section 6 and Section 7 must comply with the following requirements:
 - i. Packet Format: The traffic shall be formatted as Internet Protocol (IP) version 4 (IPv4³) with randomized IPv4 data field values. The IPv4 packets shall be transported using Ethernet⁴.
 - ii. Generated Packet Size Statistical Distribution: The traffic shall consist of packet sizes whose generation frequency is statistically described by the Simple IMIX distribution, defined in Table 5.
 - iii. Idle-link Period Distribution: All traffic shall be generated so that the same interpacket gap separates each transmitted Ethernet packet. In other words, there should be a fixed spacing in time between Ethernet frames. However, frames shall not be sent to all ports simultaneously (i.e. the fixed spacing in time should not occur simultaneously on all ports).

² As defined in Clause 78 of IEEE 802.3 (originally specified in IEEE 802.3az).

³ "Internet Protocol". Sep 1981. RFC 791.

⁴ As defined in IEEE 802.3.

Table 5: Simple IMIX Packet Distribution⁵

IP Packet Size (Bytes)	Ethernet Frame Size ⁶ (Bytes)	Proportion of Total Generated IP Packets	Proportion of Total Generated Ethernet Packet Throughput ⁷
40	64	7 parts (~58.33%)	~12.83%
576	594	4 parts (~33.33%)	~53.60%
1500	1518	1 part (~8.33%)	~33.57%

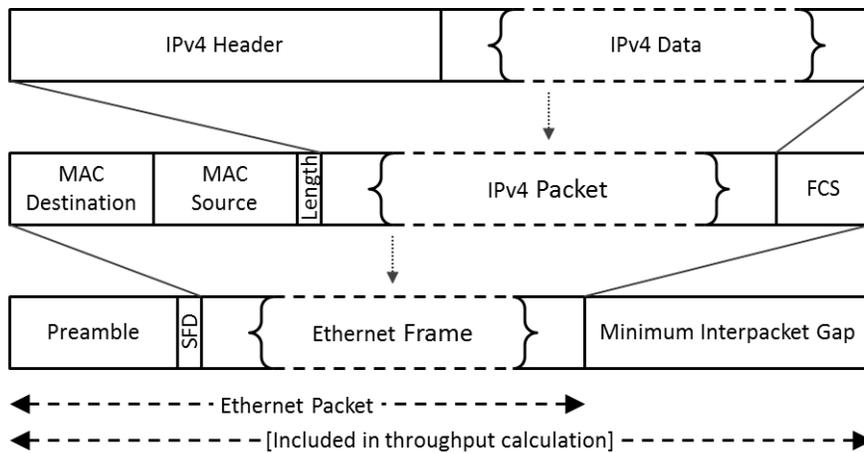


Figure 1: Relationship of Different Components of Test Data⁸

- e) Cabling Requirements: Each copper-based cable used during testing shall be no longer than 5 meters in length.
- f) Interchangeable Modules Installed in High Port Count Products: If the UUT is a High Port Count product, then for each distinct type of interchangeable module installed in the UUT that can change the port configuration, there must be a total of at least two (2) identical such modules installed. For example, there cannot be just one of a certain type of line card installed; there must be at least two of each type installed.

⁵ "Table D.1: Simple IMIX", Annex D: IMIX Traffic, ATIS – 0600015.03.2013

⁶ Ethernet frame sizes do not include preamble, start of frame delimiter (SFD), or minimum interpacket gap.

⁷ Throughput is based on the listed Ethernet frame size plus 7-byte preamble, 1-byte SFD, and 12-byte minimum interpacket gap per transmitted packet.

⁸ The diagram is included as an example to clarify certain terms, and is not drawn to scale. Certain optional elements not included in the diagram, such as VLAN tagging, may be used when appropriate.

5.2 UUT and Test Equipment Preparation

- A) Variable Load Test Preparation: Prior to performing testing outlined in Section 6 or Section 7, prepare the UUT according to the following steps:
- 1) Record the UUT manufacturer, model name, and configuration details including, but not limited to, number of ports, port throughput, additional built in interface ports, and number of fans.
 - 2) If the UUT is a rack device, install it in a test rack. If the UUT is not a rack device, place it in a stable location where it will not be disturbed. Once set up, the UUT shall not be physically moved until testing is complete.
 - 3) Configure the Test equipment for the correct traffic workload and profile as described in 5.1A)a)d).
 - 4) Connect UUT ports to the Test equipment in the appropriate topology according to the following:
 - a) The dual-group partial mesh topology shall be used if there are clear designations between downlink and uplink ports listed on the UUT, or if downlink and uplink ports are indicated in materials, such as instruction manuals, provided by the manufacturer. In this configuration, traffic must always flow from an uplink port to a downlink port or vice versa. If the UUT is a High Port Count product, then it shall be configured according to the requirements in Sections 5.2.B) and 5.2.C).
 - b) The full mesh topology shall be used if there are no clear designations between downlink and uplink ports listed on the UUT or if downlink and uplink ports are not indicated in materials, such as instruction manuals, provided by the manufacturer. In this configuration, traffic from each data port is permitted to flow to any other data port on the UUT. If the UUT is a High Port Count product, then it shall be configured according to the requirements in Sections 5.2.B) and 5.2.C).
 - 5) Connect the UUT to an appropriate ac or dc voltage source using the following guidelines:
 - a) No devices shall be connected between the power meter(s) and the UUT, except for PDUs as described in section 5.1.A)5)a), if applicable;
 - b) The power meter shall remain connected until all testing is complete;
 - c) Power values shall be recorded from the power meter in compliance with Section 4.D).
 - 6) If applicable, prepare the UUT according to the requirements provided in Section 5.1.A)1)a).
 - 7) If the input voltage is ac, then record the input RMS voltage and input frequency. If the input voltage is dc, then record the reported input voltage.
- B) High Port Count Power Measurement Test Preparation: Prior to performing testing outlined in Section 7.1, prepare the UUT according to the following steps:
- 1) Connect all data ports in a snaked data traffic configuration, using the following guidelines:
 - a) For each group of data ports that have the same maximum rated throughput rate (line speed) and same expected maximum throughput rate, there shall be a single snaked data traffic stream. For example, if the UUT has 10GbE ports and 1GbE ports, then two separate snaked data traffic streams shall be used.
 - b) Each snaked data traffic stream shall initiate at a test equipment data port, flowing to and then between UUT data ports using a combination of external physical connections (e.g., cabling) and internal virtual connections (e.g., VLAN), terminating at a test equipment data port. The traffic stream shall only flow between ports of the same maximum rated data throughput rate.

- c) As much as is possible for the modular system's configuration, all internal virtual connections must be made between data ports on different interchangeable modules. If the data port count or configuration makes this impossible, an appropriate alternate configuration may be used, but must be documented.
- C) High Port Count Throughput Measurement Test Preparation: The High Port Count Throughput Measurement Test is performed once for each distinct type of interchangeable module installed that can change the port configuration. Prior to performing each required iteration of testing outlined in Section 7.2, prepare the UUT according to the following steps:
- 1) Choose two (2) of the installed interchangeable modules, each of which is identical and of the desired type to be tested in the given test iteration. These chosen interchangeable modules are referred to as the MUTs for the duration of the given test iteration.
 - 2) Connect each data port on the MUTs to a corresponding data port on the Test Equipment. Traffic from each data port shall be permitted to flow to any other data port on the MUTs. This part of the UUT configuration represents an "isolated full mesh" topology.
 - 3) Connect all remaining data ports of the UUT (i.e., those not on the MUTs) in a snaked data traffic configuration according to the requirements in Section 5.2.B)1).

6 TEST PROCEDURE FOR ALL PRODUCTS EXCEPT HIGH PORT COUNT PRODUCTS

6.1 Full-port Variable Load Energy Efficiency Test

- A) Power on the UUT, either by switching it on or connecting it to mains power.
- B) Let the UUT stabilize for 15 minutes.
- C) Determine the maximum load (L_{max}) that can be sustained at NDR. Any method may be used to obtain this value, but the method used shall be reported. There is no time limit for this run. The run is complete after L_{max} is determined. Record L_{max} .
- D) The following tests shall be completed in the order specified and shall have no greater than 300 seconds idle time between them.
 - 1) Full Load:
 - a) Apply L_{max} , obtained in Section 6.1.C) to the UUT for 15 minutes.
 - b) Record power values for the entire 15-minute test period.
 - c) Calculate and report the average power value (P_{100}).
 - 2) Thirty Percent Load:
 - a) Calculate and report the Thirty Percent Load throughput (L_{30}), by multiplying L_{max} by 0.30 ($L_{30} = 0.30 * L_{max}$)
 - b) Run the test for 15 minutes, applying a traffic load of L_{30} .
 - c) Record power values for the entire 15 minute period.
 - d) Calculate and report the average value (P_{30}).
 - 3) Very Low Utilization (VLU):
 - a) Calculate and report the VLU throughput (L_{VLU}), by multiplying L_{max} by 10^{-4} ($L_{VLU} = 10^{-4} * L_{max}$)
 - b) Run the test for 15 minutes, applying a traffic load of L_{VLU} .

- c) Record power values for the entire 15 minute period.
 - d) Calculate and report the average value (P_{VLU}).
- E) If packet loss occurs during any of the tests specified in Section 6.1.D), the UUT must be retested beginning with Section 6.1.C).

6.2 Half-port Variable Load Energy Efficiency Test

- A) Power on the UUT, either by switching it on or connecting it to mains power.
- B) Let the UUT stabilize for 15 minutes.
- C) Determine the maximum load (L_{max}) that can be sustained at NDR. Any method may be used to obtain this value, but the method used shall be reported. There is no time limit for this run. The run is complete after L_{max} is determined. Record L_{max} .
- D) The following tests shall be completed in the order specified and shall have no greater than 300 seconds idle time between them.
 - 1) Full Load:
 - a) Apply L_{max} , obtained in Section 6.2.C) to the UUT for 15 minutes.
 - b) Record power values for the entire 15 minute test period.
 - c) Calculate and report the average power value (P_{100}).
 - 2) Ten Percent Load:
 - a) Calculate and report the Ten Percent Load throughput (L_{10}), by multiplying L_{max} by 0.10 ($L_{10} = 0.10 * L_{max}$)
 - b) Run the test for 15 minutes, applying a traffic load of L_{10} .
 - c) Record power values for the entire 15 minute period.
 - d) Calculate and report the average value (P_{10}).
 - 3) Very Low Utilization (VLU):
 - a) Calculate and report the VLU throughput (L_{VLU}), by multiplying L_{max} by 10^{-4} ($L_{VLU} = 10^{-4} * L_{max}$)
 - b) Run the test for 15 minutes, applying a traffic load of L_{VLU} .
 - c) Record power values for the entire 15 minute period.
 - d) Calculate and report the average value (P_{VLU}).
- E) If packet loss occurs during any of the tests specified in Section 6.2.D), the UUT must be retested beginning with Section 6.2.C)

7 TEST PROCEDURE FOR HIGH PORT COUNT PRODUCTS

If the UUT is a High Port Count product, then the procedures in this section shall be performed as follows:

- A) Perform the High Port Count Power Measurement Test in Section 7.1 once; and
- B) Perform the High Port Count Throughput Measurement Test in Section 7.2 once for each distinct type of interchangeable module installed that can change the port configuration.

7.1 High Port Count Power Measurement Test

- A) Power on the UUT, either by switching it on or connecting it to mains power.
- B) Let the UUT stabilize for 15 minutes.

- C) Determine the maximum load (L_{max}) that can be sustained simultaneously at NDR for the MUTs and each snaked data traffic stream. Any method may be used to obtain these values, but the method used shall be reported. There is no time limit for this run. The run is complete after L_{max} is determined for the MUTs and each snaked data traffic stream. Record each of these L_{max} values.
- D) The following tests shall be completed in the order specified and shall have no greater than 300 seconds idle time between them.
- 1) Full Load:
 - a) Apply L_{max} values, obtained in Section 7.1.C), to the MUTs and to each snaked data traffic stream, respectively, for 15 minutes.
 - b) Record the total UUT power usage for the entire 15-minute test period.
 - c) Record the average power value (P_{100}).
 - 2) Thirty Percent Load:
 - a) Calculate and report the Thirty Percent Load throughputs (L_{30}), by multiplying L_{max} values by 0.30 ($L_{30} = 0.30 * L_{max}$)
 - b) Run the test for 15 minutes, applying a traffic load of L_{30} .
 - c) Record the total UUT power usage for the entire 15-minute test period.
 - d) Calculate and report the average value (P_{30}).
 - 3) Very Low Utilization (VLU):
 - a) Calculate and report the VLU throughputs (L_{VLU}), by multiplying L_{max} values by 10^{-4} ($L_{VLU} = 10^{-4} * L_{max}$)
 - b) Run the test for 15 minutes, applying a traffic load of L_{VLU} .
 - c) Record total UUT power usage for the entire 15-minute period.
 - d) Calculate and report the average value (P_{VLU}).
- E) If packet loss occurs during any of the tests specified in Section 7.1.D), the UUT must be retested beginning with Section 7.1.C).

7.2 High Port Count Throughput Measurement Test

- A) Power on the UUT, either by switching it on or connecting it to mains power.
- B) Let the UUT stabilize for 15 minutes.
- C) Determine the maximum load (L_{max}) that can be sustained at NDR for the MUTs and each snaked data traffic stream. Any method may be used to obtain these values, but the method used shall be reported. There is no time limit for this run. The run is complete after L_{max} is determined for the MUTs and each snaked data traffic stream. Record the combined L_{max} for the MUTs.
- D) For each distinct type of interchangeable module installed in the UUT, reconfigure the UUT according to Section 5.2.C) and repeat step 7.2.C) until the maximum load of each distinct type of installed interchangeable module has been measured.

E) Calculate and report the aggregate system maximum throughput (L_{tot}) using the following equation:

$$L_{tot} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{tot}} N_k \cdot \frac{L_{max_k}}{2}$$

Where:

L_{tot} is the UUT aggregate system maximum throughput

N_{tot} is the total number of distinct types of interchangeable modules installed in the UUT

N_k is the total number of interchangeable modules installed in the UUT of type, "k"

L_{max_k} is the maximum load for the two interchangeable modules of type, "k", measured in Section 7.2.

8 REFERENCES

- A) Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) – 0600015.03.2013 Energy Efficiency for Telecommunication Equipment: Methodology for Measurement and Reporting for Router and Ethernet Switch Products
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