SURFboard® Cable Modem

SB3100

User Guide

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REGULATORY INFORMATION

Federal Communications Commission Radio and Television Interface Statement for a Class 'B' Device.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in the residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation.

If the equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one of the following measures:

- Increase the separation between the equipment and the effected receiver
- Connect the equipment on a circuit different from the one the receiver is on

You may find the following booklet, prepared by the Federal Communication Commission, helpful:

How to Identify and Resolve Radio-TV Interference Problems
Stock No. 004-000-0342-4,
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20402

Changes or modification not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

This product was FCC certified under test conditions that included the use of the supplied cable between system components. To be in compliance with FCC regulation, the user must use this cable and install it properly.

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TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPLIANCE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

CAUTION

TO PREVENT ELECTRICAL SHOCK, DO NOT USE THIS (POLARIZED) PLUG WITH AN EXTENSION CORD, RECEPTACLE, OR OTHER OUTLET UNLESS THE BLADES CAN BE FULLY INSERTED TO PREVENT BLADE EXPOSURE.

Canadian Compliance

This Class B digital apparatus meets all requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations. Cet appareil numérique de la classe B respects toutes les exigences du Règlement sur le matériel brouilleur du Canada.

Repairs

If repair is necessary, contact your cable TV service provider.

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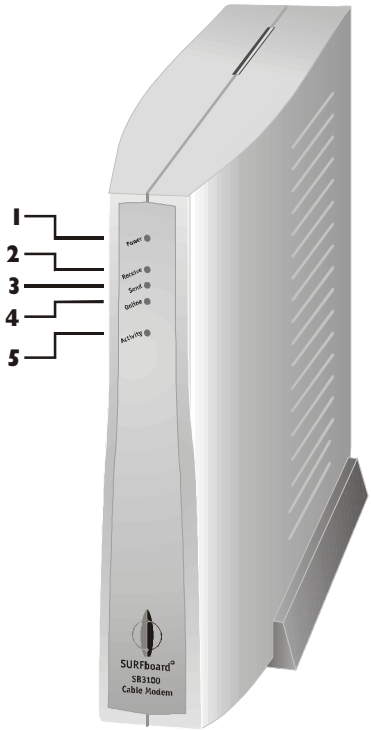
INTRODUCTION

The General Instrument® SURFboard® SB3100 cable modem enables you to connect your home or business computer to a DOCSIS-compliant data network. It provides high-speed access to the Internet and other online services. The SB3100 transmits and receives data at much higher speeds than traditional telephone or ISDN modems.

Unlike a telephone modem, the SB3100 is always online. Just open your browser and surf.

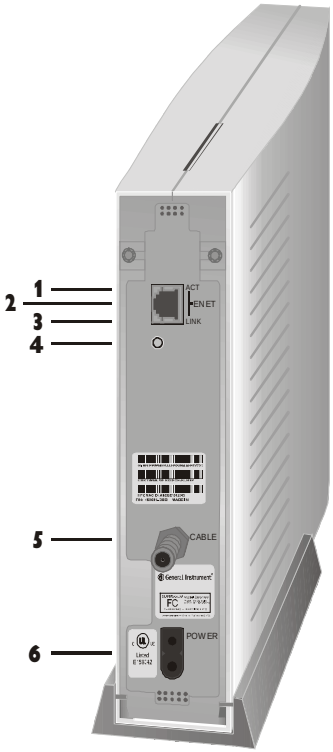


Front Panel

The five front-panel lights provide information about power, communications, and errors.

	Light	Color	Description
1	**Power**	Green	When the light is flashing, startup diagnostics are being performed. A solid light indicates the SB3100 is on.
2	**Receive**	Green	When the light is flashing, the SB3100 is scanning for the downstream frequency. A solid light indicates the downstream channel is acquired.
3	**Send**	Green	When the light is flashing, the SB3100 is scanning for the upstream frequency. A solid light indicates the upstream channel is acquired.
4	**Online**	Green	When the light is flashing, the SB3100 is scanning for the network connection. A solid light indicates the network connection is acquired..
5	**Activity**	Amber	When the light is flashing, the SB3100 is transmitting or receiving data. When the light is off, the SB3100 is not transferring data

If an error occurs, the lights provide a quick way of detecting the problem. See Troubleshooting for more information.



Rear Panel

The rear panel provides Ethernet activity and link status lights, the reset button, and all the connectors.

	Item	Description
1	**ACT**	When the light flashes, the Ethernet connection is transferring data.
2	**ENET**	This port transfers data to and from your computer.
3	**LINK**	When the light is on, the Ethernet connection is available.
4		This is the recessed reset button.
5	**CABLE**	This port transfers data to and from the service provider.
6	**POWER**	This connector provides power to the SB3100.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before you begin the installation, check that you received:

Power cord	Required to connect the SB3100 to the electrical outlet.
One 10Base-T Ethernet cable	Required to connect your computer to the SB3100.

You need to purchase a 75-ohm coaxial cable with F-type connectors for connecting your SB3100 to the nearest cable outlet. If you have a TV set attached to the cable outlet, you may need a 5-900 MHz splitter to use both the TV and the SB3100.

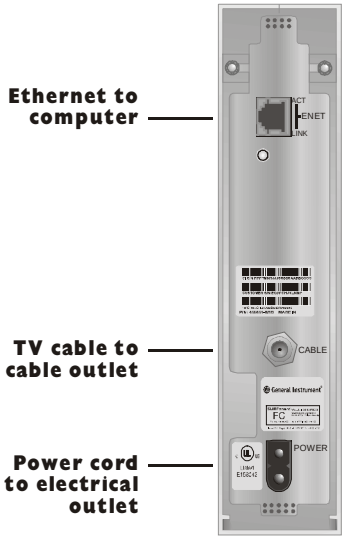
BEFORE YOU BEGIN

NOTE

The Ethernet card must be installed before the SB3100. If it isn't, follow the installation instructions that came with your Ethernet card.

To use the SB3100 with your computer system, you need the following:

Service Provider	You must sign up with your data service provider who provides access to the Internet and other online services.
Computer	Your computer must support Ethernet and the TCP/IP protocol to access the SB3100. The SB3100 is compatible with Microsoft®, Macintosh®, and UNIX® operating systems. You don't need special software to operate the SB3100.
Ethernet card	Any standard 10Base-T Ethernet card operates with the SB3100. Your computer must be configured for TCP/IP and have an IP address for the SB3100 to operate. Your service provider furnishes the IP address.
HTML Browser	Any standard HTML (web) browser works with the SB3100.



You must call your service provider to activate your service. You need to provide the media access control (MAC) address. This address is found on the barcode label marked HFC MAC ID on the rear panel. The address format is 00:20:40:xx:xx:xx.

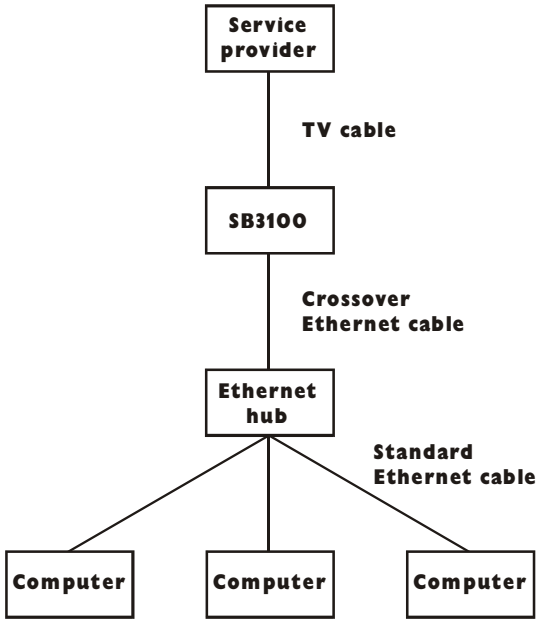
The installation of the SB3100 can be completed in a matter of minutes. After you attach the three cables, you must configure your computer.

For a Single User

1 Connect the coaxial TV cable to the SB3100 connector marked CABLE and the other end to the cable outlet or splitter. *Hand-tighten the connectors to avoid damaging them.* You may need a 5-900 MHz splitter if you have a TV connected to the cable outlet.

2 Connect the 10Base-T Ethernet cable to the SB3100 connector marked ENET and the other end to the Ethernet jack on the back of your computer.

3 Plug the power cord into the SB3100 connector marked POWER and the other end to the electrical outlet.



For Multiple Users

The SB3100 can easily serve as a gateway to the Internet for up to 32 users. The users must be on the LAN and the SB3100 must be attached to the LAN and the cable system.

The network administrator at your service provider configures your modem for multiple users.

NOTE

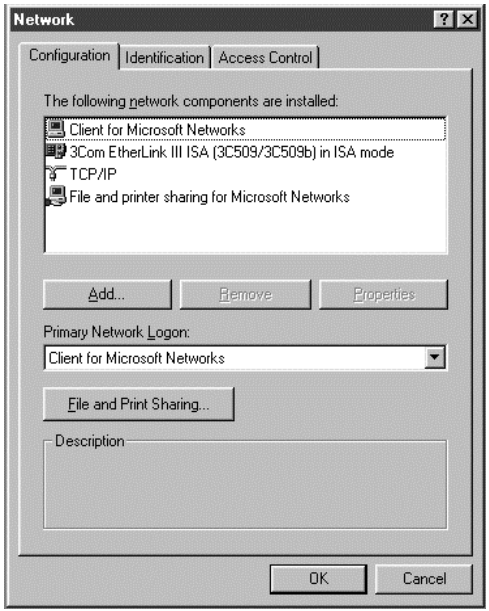
To turn on your SB3100, simply plug it in. It is not necessary to unplug it when not in use.

Powering Up the First Time

You must allow 5 to 30 minutes to power up the first time because the SB3100 must find and lock on the appropriate channels for communications.

1. Be sure that your computer is on and SB3100 is unplugged.
2. Plug the SB3100 in and notice that the lights on the front panel cycle through this sequence:
   - Power flashes during a self-test. When the self-test is successfully complete, the light is solid green.
   - Receive flashes while the SB3100 scans for the downstream channel. When the downstream channel is locked, the light is solid green.
   - Send flashes while the SB3100 scans for the upstream channel. When the upstream channel is locked, the LED is solid green.
   - Online flashes while the SB3100 is obtaining configuration information. When the configuration information is obtained, the LED is solid green.

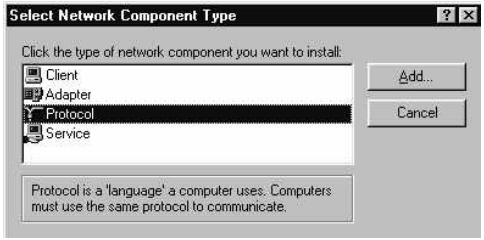
During normal operation, the Power, Receive, Send, and Online lights are on and the Activity light flashes.

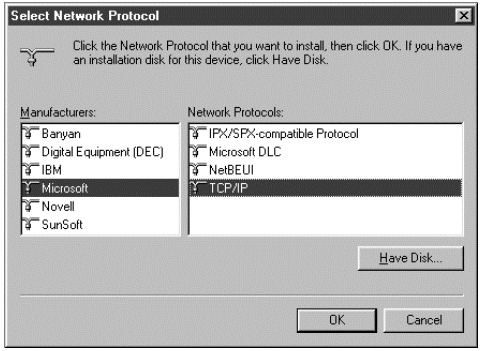


The SB3100 contains all necessary software. You don't need to configure the SB3100 but you must configure your computer for TCP/IP and check for an IP address. Your service provider may provide additional instructions for setting up your computer. The following basic instructions are for Windows™ 95 or Windows 98. If you are using a different operating system, refer to that user guide.

Configuring for TCP/IP

1. On the Windows Desktop, click Start.
2. Select Settings and then Control Panel from the pop-up menus.
3. Double-click the Network icon on the Control Panel window.
4. Select the Configuration tab on the Network window.
5. Check to see if TCP/IP has been installed for the Ethernet card. If TCP/IP appears in the list of network components, it is installed and you can proceed to step 10. If it doesn't appear on the list, continue with step 6.



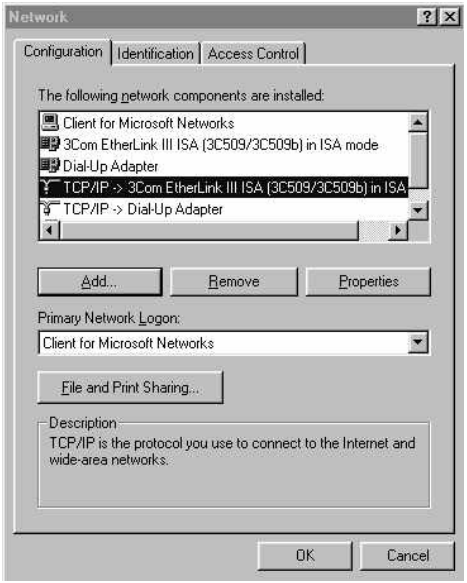


6 Click Add.

7 Double-click the Protocol option on Select Network Component Type window.

8 Click Microsoft in the Manufacturers section and then click TCP/IP in the Network Protocol section of Select Network Protocol window.

9 Click OK.



10 Click TCP/IP on the Network window. If you have more than one TCP/IP entry, choose the one associated with the Ethernet card connected to the SB3100.

11 Click Properties.

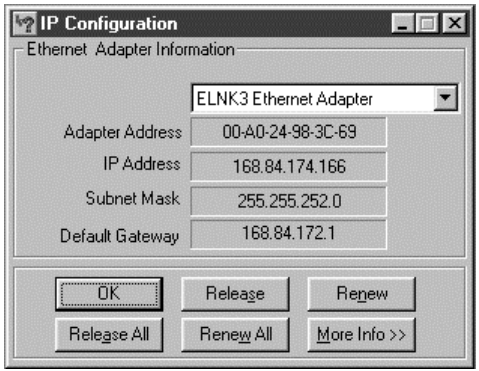
12 Select the IP Address tab on the TCP/IP window.

13 Click Obtain an IP address automatically.

14 Click OK to accept the TCP/IP settings.

15 Click OK to close the Network window.

16 Click OK when a prompt to restart your computer is displayed and then click OK again.



Verifying Your IP Address

The following basic instructions are for Windows 95 or Windows 98. If you are using a different operating system, refer to that user guide. To check the IP address:

1. On the Windows Desktop, click Start.
2. Select Run.
3. Type winipcfg.exe. A window similar to the example is displayed.
4. Select your adapter name.
5. Click Renew.
6. Click OK after the system displays an IP address.

If after performing this procedure, your computer doesn't access the internet, call your service provider. They will assist in verifying your configuration.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This information is to help you quickly solve a problem. Before calling your service provider, try pressing the reset button. Resetting the SB3100 may take 5 to 30 minutes. Your service provider will need to know the status of the front-panel lights.

The problem	Possible Solution
Green POWER light is off	Check that the power cord is properly plugged into the wall outlet and the rear panel of the SB3100. Call your service provider.
Cannot receive or send data	Check the lights on the front-panel. Note the first light from top to bottom that is off. This light indicates where the error occurred. If the first light that is off is: Receive — During normal operation, the downstream channel is lost. During startup, the downstream channel is not acquired. Send — During normal operation, the upstream channel is lost. During startup, the upstream channel is not acquired. Online — During normal operations, the IP registration is lost. During startup, the IP registration was not successful. Check that your TV is working if you have cable TV and you have a clear TV picture. If you aren't receiving your regular TV channels, your data service will not function. Check the coaxial cable at the rear panel and outlet and hand-tighten if necessary. Check the IP address (follow the steps on page 13); call your service provider if you need an IP address.

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