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Model: XGS 138

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the setup, operation, and maintenance of your Sophos XGS 138 (Gen2) Security Appliance. The Sophos XGS 138 is a high-performance desktop firewall designed to secure hybrid networked environments, offering advanced threat detection and network acceleration capabilities.

For detailed technical specifications and advanced configurations, please refer to the official Sophos documentation available on their support website.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

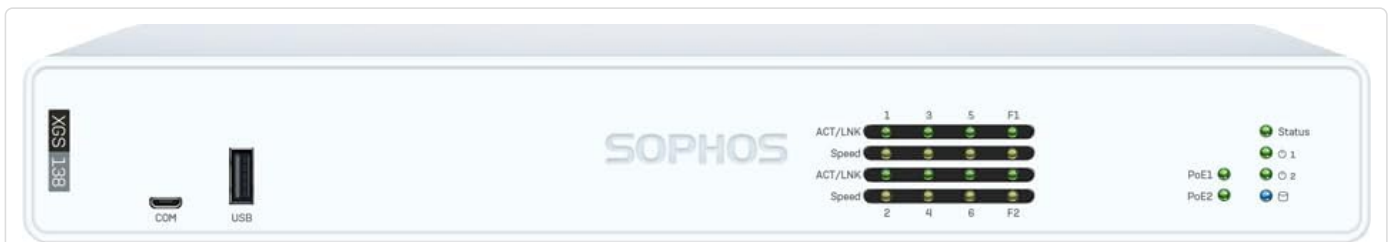


Figure 1: Front view of the Sophos XGS 138 Security Appliance, showing status indicators and front-facing ports.



Figure 2: Rear view of the Sophos XGS 138 Security Appliance, displaying various network and power ports.

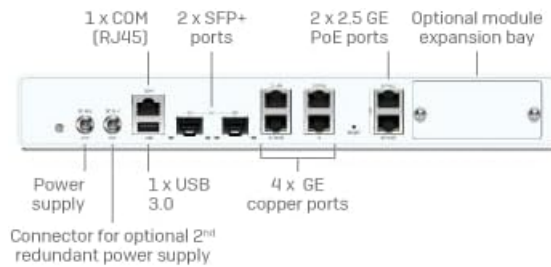


Figure 3: Detailed rear view of the Sophos XGS 138, with labels for each port and connector, including power, USB, COM, SFP+, GE copper, and 2.5 GE PoE ports.

Key Features:

- **AI-Enhanced Threat Detection and Response:** Utilizes advanced AI and machine learning for real-time threat detection and automated response against various cyber threats.
- **Unmatched Performance for High-Traffic Networks:** Designed for high-bandwidth demands, ensuring fast and responsive network performance.
- **Simplified Management with Sophos Central:** Cloud-based management platform for remote monitoring, configuration, and updates.
- **Enhanced Security with Xstream Protection:** Offers multi-layered defense with AI-powered deep packet inspection, cloud sandboxing, and TLS 1.3 inspection.
- **Versatile Connectivity:** Includes 4 x GE Copper, 2 x SFP+ Fiber, and 2 x 2.5 GE Ports.

SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Unpack the Appliance:** Carefully remove the Sophos XGS 138 from its packaging. Verify all components are present: the appliance, power adapter(s), and any included cables.
2. **Placement:** Choose a stable, well-ventilated location for the appliance. Ensure adequate airflow around the device. Avoid placing it near heat sources or in direct sunlight.
3. **Connect Power:** Connect the power adapter(s) to the DC IN ports on the rear of the appliance and then to a suitable power outlet. The appliance will begin its boot sequence.
4. **Network Connections:**
 - Connect your internet service provider's modem/router to the designated WAN port (e.g., Port 1/LAN or 1/DMZ) on the XGS 138 using an Ethernet cable.
 - Connect your internal network devices (switches, computers) to the LAN ports (e.g., Ports 2/MAN, 4, 5/PoE1, 6/PoE2).
 - For fiber connectivity, use the SFP+ ports (F1, F2) with appropriate transceivers.
5. **Initial Configuration Access:**
 - Connect a computer directly to one of the LAN ports.
 - Open a web browser and navigate to the default management IP address (refer to the quick start guide or Sophos documentation for the specific default IP).
 - Follow the on-screen prompts to complete the initial setup wizard, including setting up administrative credentials and basic network parameters.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the initial setup is complete, the Sophos XGS 138 operates as your primary network security gateway. Management and advanced configuration are performed via the web-based Sophos Firewall OS interface or through Sophos Central.

Status Indicators:

Refer to the front panel LEDs for operational status:

- **Status LED:** Indicates overall system health. (e.g., Green: Normal operation, Amber: Warning, Red: Error).
- **Port LEDs (ACT/LNK, Speed):** Indicate link activity and connection speed for each network port.
- **Power LEDs (PoE1, PoE2):** Indicate power over Ethernet status for applicable ports.

Basic Operations:

- **Accessing the Web Interface:** Open a web browser and enter the appliance's IP address. Log in with your administrative credentials.
- **Monitoring Network Activity:** Use the dashboard within the web interface to view real-time traffic, threat logs, and system performance.
- **Updating Firmware:** Regularly check for and apply firmware updates through the Sophos Firewall OS interface to ensure optimal security and performance.
- **Sophos Central Integration:** For centralized management, register your appliance with Sophos Central and manage it from the cloud platform.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Sophos XGS 138 Security Appliance.

- **Keep Firmware Updated:** Always run the latest stable firmware version to benefit from security patches and new features.
- **Physical Inspection:** Periodically inspect the appliance for dust accumulation, especially around ventilation areas. Ensure cables are securely connected.
- **Environmental Conditions:** Maintain the appliance in a cool, dry environment within its specified operating temperature range.
- **Backup Configuration:** Regularly back up your appliance configuration settings. This is crucial for quick recovery in case of an issue.
- **Review Logs:** Periodically review system and security logs for unusual activity or errors.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section provides solutions to common issues you might encounter.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Appliance not powering on.	Power cable loose or disconnected; faulty power outlet.	Check power cable connections. Try a different power outlet. Ensure power adapter is functioning.
Cannot access web interface.	Incorrect IP address; network connectivity issue; firewall blocking access.	Verify the appliance's IP address. Check network cable connections. Temporarily disable client-side firewall. Try a different browser.
No internet connectivity.	WAN port not connected; incorrect network configuration; ISP issue.	Ensure WAN cable is securely connected. Verify network settings (IP, DNS, Gateway). Contact your ISP if the issue persists.
Slow network performance.	High network traffic; outdated firmware; misconfigured security policies.	Monitor network usage. Update firmware. Review and optimize security policies.

If issues persist, consult the comprehensive Sophos documentation or contact Sophos support.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	XGS 138
Connectivity Technology	Ethernet, Fiber (SFP+), PoE (Note: This specific model does not include built-in Wi-Fi.)
Number of Ports	8 (4 x GE Copper, 2 x SFP+ Fiber, 2 x 2.5 GE PoE)
Operating System	Sophos Firewall OS
Security Protocol	WPA2-PSK, WPA3, WPA2-Enterprise, WPA-Enterprise
Recommended Uses	Business
Compatible Devices	Laptop, Personal Computer, Tablet, Smartphone

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Sophos provides comprehensive support and warranty services for its products. Specific warranty terms and conditions may vary based on region and purchase agreement.

- **Warranty Information:** For detailed warranty coverage, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Sophos website.
- **Technical Support:** Access technical support resources, knowledge base articles, and community forums via the Sophos Support Portal.
- **Product Registration:** Register your Sophos XGS 138 appliance to ensure access to full support services and warranty benefits.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit the official Sophos website: www.sophos.com