

Increase peace of mind with Exclusive Networks Support Services

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**Technical Support Service** contracts provide access to the Exclusive Networks Technical Assistance Centre (EXN TAC) to work with you through any **post-sales technical support queries, technical incident assistance and the replacement of hardware** determined to be defective by Extreme Networks.

EXN TAC work with Extreme Networks, as a certified Authorised Support Centre (ASC) to provide technical support and services. EXN TAC engineers hold accreditations in the products supported and are available 24x7x365 to respond to customer requests. The service covers all regions within EMEA.

### **Service Levels and Definitions**

### Technical Support defines a technical incident as any break/fix issue:

- Previously working configuration no longer working as expected or causing a degraded environment.
- > Configuration errors, software bugs, or hardware faults
- > Requests for documentation, release notes, vendor guides, etc.
- EXN TAC engineers will not undertake new configuration/deployments or migrations, as this work falls under professional services
- > EXN TAC will not provide support for unsupported firmware/hardware.

### The EXN TAC service levels available for support via phone and email:

> TAC access 24x7x365

### The EXC TAC hardware coverage levels available:

> Next Business Day (NBD) Advanced hardware replacement.

Support Entitlement	EXN TAC 8x5	<b>EXN TAC</b> 24x7x365	<b>Hardware</b> RTB	<b>Hardware</b> NBD	Notes
Talk24 + HW	*	✓	×	<b>▼</b>	Advanced Hardware replacement provided by Extreme Networks

# **Priority Definitions**

EXN TAC work to 4 levels of priority. Each of these will determine the SLA on initial response as well as our target follow up times for the duration of the support case.

Priority 1 URGENT	Product/service is down and critically affecting customer production environment.
Priority 2 HIGH	Primary unit has failed, or product/service is impaired. Production environment is up but impacted or lacks resiliency.
Priority 3 MEDIUM	A product function has failed, and production environment is degraded or not affected. Non-critical business applications are unreachable.
Priority 4 LOW	General assistance that includes feature, information, documentation, how-to and enhancement requests.

## **SLAs and Target Follow Up Times**

### **Initial Response SLA**

For EXN TAC engineer to take assignment of new case and provide first update/request.

Case Priority	8x5 Service Level	24x7x365 Service Level
Priority 1 URGENT	< 1 Business Hour	< 1 Hour
Priority 2 HIGH	< 4 Business Hours	< 4 Hours
Priority 3 MEDIUM	< 8 Business Hours	< 8 Business Hours
Priority 4 LOW	< 16 Business Hours	< 16 Business Hours

### **Target Follow Up Times**

EXN TAC engineers will aim to provide regular updates based on the case priority. This may be impacted by frequency of responses from level 3 GTAC support teams, or customer responsiveness.

After 3 follow ups with no customer response, the EXN TAC engineer will proceed with case closure.

Case Priority	Target Follow Up Times	
Priority 1 URGENT	Every 4 hours until resolved, or a workaround is in place	
Priority 2 HIGH	Every business day until resolved, or a workaround is in place	
Priority 3 MEDIUM	Every 3 business days until resolved	
Priority 4 LOW	Once per business week until resolved	

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# **Technical Support Engineer Levels**

EXN TAC LEVEL 1	Basic configuration issues     Product feature questions     "How to" user questions
EXN TAC LEVEL 2	<ul> <li>Advanced configuration issues</li> <li>"Product not working as expected" issues</li> <li>RCAs</li> </ul>
GTAC LEVEL 3	Software bugs     Feature errors     To authorise hardware faults as part of the RMA process

As part of the Vendor's ASC requirements, support cases are assigned to a level 1 engineer and are worked and followed up based on priority. Support cases are escalated to level 2 and if necessary, level 3 once all escalation requirements have been met.

# **Technical Support Process**

### **Opening a Support Case**

For P1 (Urgent) and P2 (High) issues call us

Telephone: +44 (0) 1420 548 247

For non-urgent P3 and P4 issues

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### For new issues please provide the following:

The serial/contract number for the affected devices - this is needed to validate support entitlement

- > Any results of troubleshooting performed as well as the details outlined below
- > Contact details of an engineer with access to the device/system
  - Contact name
  - Contact phone number
  - Contact email
- > Summary of the incident
- > Priority of the incident
- Current running version
- Recent changes to the environment
- Description of topology
- Symptoms
- Steps to reproduce the incident
- Location of hardware
- Data/files collected

#### For existing issues:

- Your EXN TAC case number (Starting with #CASE-#####)
- Any additional details about the case raised since last contacting EXN TAC

### **Uploading large files:**

- EXN TAC use the Cloud SFTP provider "Quatrix"
- Your assigned TAC engineer will create you a temporary account and case folder.

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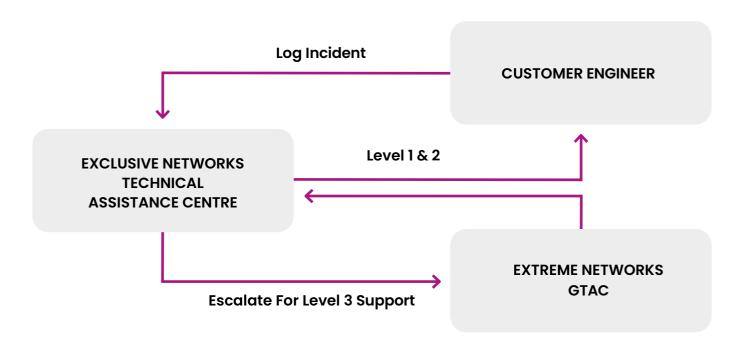
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## **Technical Support Process**

### **Case Handling Process**

The diagram below details the logical flow for a support case, and shows the process of interaction between customers, EXN TAC and GTAC.

- 1. Customer engineer to log incident with EXN TAC via email or phone call.
- 2. EXN TAC support case created and case number emailed to customer contact.
- 3. The EXN TAC will provide level 1 and 2 technical support. If the issue requires RMA approval or an advanced level of technical expertise, then the case will be escalated up to the level 3 GTAC team.
- 4. The EXN TAC engineer will be responsible for liaising with GTAC and providing regular updates to the customer engineer. If the GTAC engineer needs to liaise directly with the customer engineer, then calls and remote meetings will be facilitated as required.



## **Hardware Replacement Support Process**

The GTAC engineers qualify hardware faults and provide final approval for starting the Return Material Authorisation (RMA) process. EXN TAC are unable to provide hardware replacements preemptively, or prior to GTAC approval.

### Return to Base (RTB) support:

- 1. Device confirmed as faulty and approved for replacement by the TAC engineer.
- 2. RMA number issued and replacement process initiated.
- 3. Customer returns faulty device to EXN TAC, which is then returned to Extreme Networks.
- 4. Extreme Networks supplies replacement device to Exclusive Networks, which is then shipped to customer site.

### Next Business Day (NBD) support:

- 1. Device confirmed as faulty and approved for replacement by the TAC engineer.
- 2. RMA number issued and replacement process initiated.
- 3. Replacement device is shipped to customer site for NBD delivery\*. Depending on depot locations, shipping will be handled directly by Extreme Networks.
- 4. Customer returns faulty device within 10 days.
- \* NBD delivery SLA dependent on spares depot cut-off times. Typically, RMA to be approved by 3pm to enable NBD delivery.

### **Escalation Process**

#### **Technical Escalations**

### **Level 1 Support**

Call handling and logging by a Technical Support Engineer to troubleshoot to resolution or escalate where necessary

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### **Level 2 Support**

Technical escalation point for Level 1 Support who work with more complex issues and work closely with the Level 1 Support team to resolve or escalate issues.

### **Level 3 Support**

Technical escalation point for Level 2 Support, and to approve hardware faults as part of the RMA process handled by Level 1 Support.

### **Management Escalations**

To raise any issues related to existing Technical Support cases, or requests for escalations, customers are encouraged to use the below contacts. Issues will be actioned by the appropriate management level.

#### Level 1

Support Management escalation to **Technical Support Manager** 

#### Level 2

Country Management escalation to Head of UK Technical Support

#### Level 3

Global Management escalation to Head of Global Technical Support

The Exclusive Networks Technical Support Management Team can be reached at:

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