

[Announcement] Intel® Ethernet Adapters Compatibility with VMware Guide

To help you check the system compatibility and driver versions for **Intel® Ethernet Network Adapters** on **VMware ESXi**, please refer to the step-by-step lookup guide and driver type explanations below.

How to Find Compatibility & Driver Information

Please visit the [VMware Compatibility Guide: I/O Device Search](#) and follow these steps:

1. **Select Product Release Version:** Choose your target product version under Product Release Version (optional).
2. **Select Brand Name:** Select **Intel** under Brand Name.
3. **Select I/O Device Type:** Select **Network** under I/O Device Type.
4. **Enter Keyword:** Type part of the device name in quotes (e.g., "X710") in the Keyword field.
5. **SR-IOV Support (Optional):** Select **SR-IOV** under Features if required.
6. **View Model Details:**
 - Click the adapter name listed under the Model column in the **Search Results**.
 - View all compatible releases and device drivers under **Model Release Details**.
7. **Download Driver:** Click the + icon to expand the row for release details, driver information, and the driver download link.

Understanding Driver Types

In VMware environments, ethernet drivers are categorized into two types:

Note	Driver types are inbox or async: • The inbox driver: Version included by VMware* in the ESXi ISO image • The async driver: Posted on the VMware driver support site and
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