

# **ALLOY** TECH ARTICLE

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There is a basic rule of thumb to follow with 10 Mbps Ethernet networks.  
It is commonly known as the 5-4-3 rule and represents the following Ethernet limitations :

A Maximum <b>5</b> Segments	with a Maximum of <b>4</b> Repeaters	a maximum of <b>3</b> can be Populated with Workstations
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**Summary:**  
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