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HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6610C QuickSpecs

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Overview

The HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6610C (MDS 9132T) is the next generation 32 Gbps Fibre Channel Switch providing high-speed Fibre Channel connectivity from the server rack to the SAN core. It empowers small, midsize, and large enterprises that are rapidly deploying cloud-scale applications using extremely dense virtualized servers, providing the dual benefits of greater bandwidth and consolidation all in a compact one-rack-unit (1RU) form factor. The switch offers state-of-art analytics and telemetry capability built into its next generation ASIC platform. For ultimate flexibility, the HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6610C scales from eight to thirty-two ports. Additionally, investing in this switch for the lower-speed (8- or 16-Gbps) server rack gives you the option to upgrade to 32-Gbps server connectivity in the future.

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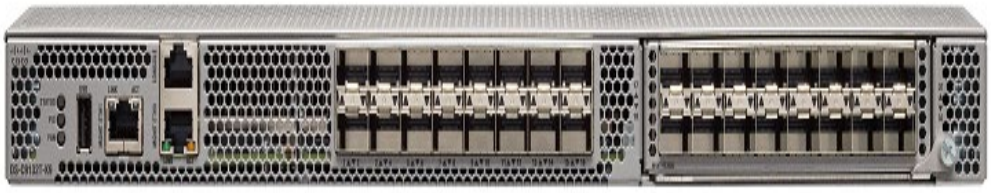

HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6610C

Standard Features

Key Features and Benefits

- **High Performance for AFA and virtualized workloads**
  - Up to 1024 Gbps of aggregate bandwidth in a 1 rack unit (RU)
  - Up to 32 autosensing Fibre channel ports capable of speeds of 8/16/32 Gbps
  - Pay as you grow flexibility with port expansion module and on-demand port activation licenses
  - Configurable with 16Gb FC SFP+ or 32Gb FC SFP+ optics to accommodate a customer's budget while being fully prepared for tomorrow.
- **Intelligent network services for modern SAN**
  - N-Port ID Virtualization (NPIV) technology to provide independent management for each virtual machine
  - N-Port Virtualization (NPV) and fabric-port (F-port) channeling features to enable scaling of SANs without reaching Fibre Channel domain ID limits
  - Representational State Transfer (REST) and NX-API capabilities to enable flexible and rapid programming of utilities for the SAN.
- **High Availability Platform**
  - Designed for environments in which downtime is unacceptable
  - Non-disruptive software upgrades, dual hot swappable power supplies, and hot swappable fans
  - VSANs for fault isolation and PortChannels for Inter-Switch Link (ISL) resiliency
- **Simplified Management**
  - Supports SAN plug and play capability
  - Centralized management tool with task-based wizards that simplifies management of a standalone switch or multiple switches and fabrics. Reduced total cost of ownership

Industry leading 32-Gb Performance Capability

The switch offers full non-blocking 32-Gbps Fibre Channel performance on 32 line-rate ports and an aggregate bandwidth of 1024 Gbps in each direction in a 1 Rack unit form factor.

Scalability

The HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6610C comes in three preconfigured models of 8-port 16 Gb SFPs bundled, 8-port 32Gb SFPs bundled, or 24-port 32Gb SFPs bundled. The SN6610C model can grow by 8 ports to 16 ports by installing the 8-port FC Upgrade License (additional SFPs required.) Customers who require more than 16 active ports must install the port expansion module which is equipped with 16 active 32-Gpbs ports to gain either 24 or the full 32 active ports available with the SN6610C switch. Again, additional SFPs would be required; please see the supported C-series SFPs below.

Cost Effective Intelligent Storage networking

The HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6610C comes standard in a compact, extremely cost-effective design that simplifies deployment and administration of small and medium-scale storage-area networks (SANs) and as an edge switch in a larger enterprise. Please note that some services listed require the optional HPE C-series SN6000C Advantage License, or HPE C-series SN6610C/SN6620C Premier License.

Standard Features

N-Port ID Virtualization NPIV

N-Port ID Virtualization (NPIV), a standard Fibre Channel protocol feature, individual virtual machines assume a full identity on the SAN so that Fibre Channel services such as zoning, Quality of Service (QoS), performance monitoring, and security can be provided to each virtual machine.

VSANs

VSAN, an industry standard for fabric virtualization capabilities, enables more efficient storage network use by creating hardware-based isolated environments within a single physical SAN fabric or switch. Up to 32 VSANs are supported per switch. Each VSAN can be zoned as a typical SAN and maintains its own fabric services and management domains for added scalability and resilience. VSANs allow the cost of SAN infrastructure to be shared among more users, while helping ensure segregation of traffic and retaining independent control of configuration on a VSAN-by-VSAN basis.

PortChannels

PortChannels allow users to aggregate up to 16 physical ISLs into a single logical bundle, providing optimized bandwidth use across all links. The bundle can consist of any port from the switch, helping ensure that the bundle remains active even in the event of a port failure.

High Availability

The HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6610C is designed for environments in which downtime is unacceptable. It offers:

- Non-disruptive software upgrades
- Process monitoring and stateful process restart
- Per-VSAN fabric services
- Hot-swappable C-series SFP+ optics
- Hot-swappable, dual redundant power supplies
- Hot-swappable fan tray with switch integrated temperature and power management
- Any port configuration for port channels Port tracking

Simplified Storage Management

Single-pane management

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Interoperability

Offers compatibility with a broad range of Hewlett Packard Enterprise servers and operating systems, as well as disk and tape storage devices; see current compatibility matrix. Please refer to the Single Point of Connectivity Knowledge (SPOCK) website for more details: https://h20272.www2.hpe.com/spock/.

Standard Features

Diagnostics

- Embedded diagnostics
- Network analysis
- Link diagnostics (E port and F Port)
- Fibre Channel traceroute

Software Components, Included NX-OS

HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6610C includes the Cisco MDS 9000 NX-OS Software operating system version 9.2(1a) or higher, and a set of configuration, maintenance and diagnostics tools. It also includes VSAN support, PortChannels, extended fabrics, and hardware-enforced zoning.

Advanced traffic management features, such as zone-based quality of service (QoS) and Inter-VSAN Routing (IVR), among others, are included with the optional Advantage or Premier Licenses shown below.

Software Components, Optional

HPE SN6610C 8-Port Upgrade E-LTU

The flexibility of the HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6610C is provided by the C-series SN6610C 8-port 32Gb FC Upgrade license, which allows the addition of eight 32-Gbps ports.

Cisco Smart Licensing and Subscription Licenses

Starting from Cisco NX-OS 9.2(2), Smart Licensing Using Policy is available for HPE C-Series switches. This enables the customer to purchase subscription-based licenses for a period of time. HPE strongly recommends postponing an upgrade to NX-OS 9.2(2) or later until after all traditional (PAK-based) licenses have been installed so that their migration to Smart licenses will occur more smoothly.

Please note that as of 9/1/2025, the C-series legacy software licenses (DCNM, Enterprise Package and SAN Insights) are obsolete, and these C-series Subscription licenses offer the same license features bundled for your convenience; see details below.

For more information, refer to Cisco MDS Licensing Guide, Smart Licensing Using Policy: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/dcn/mds9000/sw/9x/configuration/licensing/cisco-mds-9000-nx-os-licensing-guide-9x/smart-licensing-using-policy.html?dtid=osscdc000283

Cisco Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller

Cisco Data Center Network Manager (DCNM) is renamed as Cisco Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller (NDFC) from Release 12.0.1a. Cisco NDFC is designed with an HTML-based web User Interface (UI), which is the main interface for the product. There is also a fully integrated device manager used for visualizing and managing each individual switch or director. Customers having an existing DCNM license, or the HPE C-series Advantage or Premier Licenses below may use these features. NDFC is fully integrated with Nexus Dashboard (ND) as of ND 3.2.1; this comment extends throughout this document.

Standard Features

The day-to-day SAN operations, such as In-Service Software Upgrades (ISSU), Zoning, Event management, Port Monitoring (PMON), etc., are managed and maintained from the simplified web UI. The application is a platform providing historical data that can be used to help during day-to-day troubleshooting, viewing analytics data, and looking for SAN congestion through slow-drain analysis. NDFC is also critically important for reviewing event data, SNMP traps, syslogs, and consolidated auditing and reporting.

These features are available with the C-series Advantage and Premier Licenses described below.

HPE C-series Advantage License (Subscription License: 1/3/5 yrs)

The HPE C-series Advantage License is a combination of Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller (NDFC) and Enterprise Package license features. It comes with 1, 3, or 5 year terms and is provisioned through Cisco Smart Licensing.

NDFC includes advanced features such as historical performance data collection for network traffic hot-spot analysis, centralized management services and advanced application integration. NDFC is integrated into ND (Nexus Dashboard) in the latest versions and is available for download from the HPE Support Center. The Enterprise package license features include a set of advanced traffic engineering and advanced security features that are recommended for all Enterprise SANs.

HPE C-series Premier License (Subscription License: 1/3/5 yrs)

The HPE C-series Advantage License is a combination of Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller (NDFC), Enterprise Package and SAN Insights license features. It comes with 1, 3, or 5 year terms and is provisioned through Cisco Smart Licensing.

NDFC and Enterprise Package license features are described above. SAN Insights offers end-to-end visibility into Fibre Channel block storage traffic. SAN Insights delivers deep visibility into I/O traffic between the compute and the storage infrastructure. This information is in addition to the already-available visibility obtained from individual ports, switches, servers, virtual machines, and storage arrays that are integrated with Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller (NDFC).

Notes:

- NX-OS 9.2(2) is the minimum required version for C-series Advantage and Premier Licenses.
- Starting from 12.0.1a, DCNM is renamed Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller (NDFC). Read more at, https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/cloud-systems-management/prime-data-center-network-manager/san-innovation-ndfc-so.html

Service and Support

Warranty

(1-1-1) Hardware Warranty; 1-year parts; 1-year on-site (8x5, next business day response) and 1-year labor.
Notes: The hardware warranty covers firmware and embedded non-saleable software. Hardware or Software product installation is not included in the warranty but it is available and is highly recommended.

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Configuration Information

The HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6610C comes in three preconfigured models of 8-ports with eight (8) 16 Gb SFPs bundled, 8-ports with eight (8) 32Gb SFPs bundled, or 24-ports with twenty-four (24) 32Gb SFPs bundled. The 8-port SN6610C bundles can grow by 8 ports to 16 ports by installing the 8-port FC Upgrade license. Thereafter, users must install the port expansion module with sixteen 32-Gbps ports to get to 32 ports.

Step 1 – Base Configurations

HPE SN6610C 32Gb 8-port 16Gb Short Wave SFP+ Fibre Channel Switch

Description	SKU
HPE SN6610C 32Gb 8-port 16Gb Short Wave SFP+ Fibre Channel Switch	Q9D34A

– 32-Port Fabric Switch with 8 active ports bundled with 8x16Gb SW SFP+, 1 Power Supply, Power Cords (configurable by ship-to country) and 2 Fans, VSANs, PortChannels, firmware, accessory kit and documentation.

HPE SN6610C 32Gb 8-port 32Gb Short Wave SFP+ Fibre Channel Switch

HPE SN6610C 32Gb 8-port 32Gb Short Wave SFP+ Fibre Channel Switch	Q9D35A
HPE SN6610C 32Gb 32/8 32Gb Short Wave SFP+ Fibre Channel v2 Switch*	Q9D35B*

– 32-Port Fabric Switch with 8 active ports bundled with 8x32Gb SW SFP+, 1 Power Supply, Power Cords (configurable by ship-to country) and 2 Fans, VSANs, PortChannels, firmware, accessory kit and documentation.

HPE SN6610C 32Gb 24-port 32Gb Short Wave SFP+ Fibre Channel Switch

HPE SN6610C 32Gb 32/24 32Gb Short Wave SFP+ Fibre Channel Switch	S1R84A
HPE SN6610C 32Gb 32/24 32Gb Short Wave SFP+ Fibre Channel v2 Switch*	S1R84B*

– 32-Port Fabric Switch with 24 active ports bundled with 24x32Gb SW SFP+, 2 Power Supplies, Power Cords (configurable by ship-to country) and 4 Fans, VSANs, PortChannels, firmware, accessory kit and documentation. Please note that this configuration includes an 8-port base switch and the 16-port Expansion Module for a total of 24 active ports populated with 24 32Gb SFPs; simply add the 8-port FC Upgrade license and additional SFPs to get the full 32 ports.

Notes:

– To order factory integration, add OD1 after the part number on your sales order

– *Q9D35B and S1R84B part numbers include built-in discounts. No additional cost relief available.

Step 2 - Optional Software

On Demand Port Activation License

Description	SKU
HPE SN6610C 32Gb 8-port Fibre Channel Upgrade E-LTU	Q9Z41AAE

Management Software

HPE SN6000C Advantage 1-year E-LTU	R9N32AAE
HPE SN6000C Advantage 3-year E-LTU	R9N36AAE
HPE SN6000C Advantage 5-year E-LTU	R9N40AAE

Notes: The Advantage license is a combination of Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller (NDFC) and Enterprise Package license features.

Configuration Information

Description	SKU
HPE SN6610C/SN6620C Premier 1-year E-LTU	R9N44AAE
HPE SN6610C/SN6620C Premier 3-year E-LTU	R9N47AAE
HPE SN6610C/SN6620C Premier 5-year E-LTU	R9N50AAE

Notes: Premier license is a combination of Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller (NDFC), Enterprise Package and SAN Insights license features.

Step 3 – Options

Select each required option with quantities specified:

32Gb FC Transceivers*

Description	SKU
HPE C-series 32 Gb Fibre Channel Short Wave SFP+ Transceiver	Q9D30A
HPE C-series 32 Gb Fibre Channel Long Wave SFP+ Transceiver	Q9D31A

Notes: * Compatible with SFP28 MSA spec

16Gb FC Transceivers

HPE C-series 16 Gb Fibre Channel SW SFP+ Transceiver	C8S72A
HPE C-series 16 Gb Fibre Channel LW SFP+ Transceiver	C8S73A

8Gb FC Transceivers

HPE MDS 9000 8Gb FC SFP+ Short Range Transceiver	AJ906A
HPE MDS 9000 8Gb FC SFP+ Long Range Transceiver	AJ907A

Notes: There are three SN6610C switch bundles available: one populated with 8 16Gb SFPs, one populated with 8 32Gb SFPs, and one populated with 24 32Gb SFPs. For the remaining ports in all these configurations, please use only the above Cisco SFP optical transceivers; no substitutions allowed. Using other transceivers may void the product's warranty.

Fan Tray

HPE SN6610C Fan Tray	Q9D38A

Power Supply

HPE SN6610C 650W Power Supply	Q9D37A

Expansion Module (required to accommodate more than 16 active ports; SFPs must also be added)

HPE SN6610C 16-port Fibre Channel Expansion Module	Q9D33A

Installation and Deployment Services

For complete design and implementation of Fibre Channel connectivity components, select**:**
HPE SAN Deployment Service

For basic hardware installation, select**:** HPE Installation Service

Configuration Information

Cables

HPE OM3 LC-LC Optical Cables

Description	SKU
HPE LC to LC Multi-mode OM3 2-Fiber 0.5m 1-Pack Fiber Optic Cable	AJ833A
HPE LC to LC Multi-mode OM3 2-Fiber 1.0m 1-Pack Fiber Optic Cable	AJ834A
HPE LC to LC Multi-mode OM3 2-Fiber 2.0m 1-Pack Fiber Optic Cable	AJ835A
HPE LC to LC Multi-mode OM3 2-Fiber 5.0m 1-Pack Fiber Optic Cable	AJ836A
HPE LC to LC Multi-mode OM3 2-Fiber 15.0m 1-Pack Fiber Optic Cable	AJ837A
HPE LC to LC Multi-mode OM3 2-Fiber 30.0m 1-Pack Fiber Optic Cable	AJ838A
HPE LC to LC Multi-mode OM3 2-Fiber 50.0m 1-Pack Fiber Optic Cable	AJ839A

HPE PremierFlex OM4+ Fiber Optic Cables

HPE Premier Flex MPO/MPO Multi-mode OM4 12 Fiber 10m Cable	QK729A
HPE Premier Flex MPO/MPO Multi-mode OM4 8 Fiber 50m Cable	QK731A
HPE Premier Flex LC/LC Multi-mode OM4 2 Fiber 1m Cable	QK732A
HPE Premier Flex LC/LC Multi-mode OM4 2 Fiber 2m Cable	QK733A
HPE Premier Flex LC/LC Multi-mode OM4 2 Fiber 5m Cable	QK734A
HPE Premier Flex LC/LC Multi-mode OM4 2 Fiber 15m Cable	QK735A
HPE Premier Flex LC/LC Multi-mode OM4 2 Fiber 30m Cable	QK736A
HPE Premier Flex LC/LC Multi-mode OM4 2 Fiber 50m Cable	QK737A

HPE PremierFlex MPO to 4xLC Splitter Cables

HPE Multi Fiber Push On to 4 x Lucent Connector 5m Cable	K2Q46A
HPE Multi Fiber Push On to 4 x Lucent Connector 15m Cable	K2Q47A

Technical Specifications

Family Information

	Switch Type	Maximum ports	Number of slots per chassis
HPE Storage Director Switch C-series SN8700C	Multilayer Director	4-slot: 192 16/32/64 Gbps Fibre Channel ports 8-slot: 384 16/32/64 Gbps Fibre Channel ports 16-slot: 768 16/32/64 Gbps Fibre Channel ports	Four/Eight/Sixteen
HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6730C	Multilayer Fabric Switch	Ninety-six 64 Gbps Fibre Channel ports	One fixed
HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6720C	Multilayer Fabric Switch	Forty-eight 64 Gbps Fibre Channel ports	One fixed
HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6710C	Multilayer Fabric Switch	Twenty-four 64 Gbps Fibre Channel Ports	One fixed
HPE Storage Multiservice Switch C-series SN6640C	Multilayer Fabric Switch	Twelve 32-Gbps Fibre Channel ports, four 1/10-, two 25-, and one 40- Ethernet IP storage services ports	One fixed
HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6630C	Multilayer Fabric Switch	Ninety-six 32 Gbps Fibre Channel ports	One fixed
HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6620C	Multilayer Fabric Switch	Forty-eight 32 Gbps Fibre Channel ports	One fixed
HPE Storage Fibre Channel Switch C-series SN6610C	Multilayer Fabric Switch	Thirty-two 32 Gbps Fibre Channel ports	One fixed and one expansion slot

Notes: For additional switch support information, refer to the C-series FC Switch Connectivity Stream on the Single Point of Connectivity Knowledge (SPOCK) website at: https://h20272.www2.hpe.com/spock/. You must sign up for a Hewlett Packard Enterprise Passport to enable access. Once logged in, click Support Documents under Documents in the left navigation panel, then select Switches under Other Hardware to access the Fibre Channel Switch Streams. Finally, click on the C-Series FC Switch Connectivity Stream to open the document.

Minimum software requirements

MDS 9000 NX-OS Software Release 8.2(1)

Performance and port configuration

- Port speed: 32, 16 and 8 Gbps autosensing with 32 Gbps of dedicated bandwidth per port
- Buffer credits: Up to 8300 for a group of 16 ports, with a default of 500 buffer credits per port and a maximum of 8270 buffer credits for a single port in the group
- Ports per chassis: Up to 32 32-Gbps ports
- Base configuration with 8 ports; additional configuration for up to 32 ports available
- Upgrade ports in 8-port increments from any configuration with the port activation license
- PortChannel: Up to 16 ports in a PortChannel

Security

- VSANs
- FC-SP for host-to-switch and switch-to-switch authentication
- Secure FTP (SFTP)
- Port security
- Control-plane security
- Management access
  - SSHv2
  - SNMPv3
  - IP ACLs

Compatibility

Fibre Channel protocols

- FC-PH, Revision 4.3 (ANSI INCITS 230-1994)
- FC-PH, Amendment 1 (ANSI INCITS 230-1994/AM1-1996)
- FC-PH, Amendment 2 (ANSI INCITS 230-1994/AM2-1999)
- FC-PH-2, Revision 7.4 (ANSI INCITS 297-1997)
- FC-PH-3, Revision 9.4 (ANSI INCITS 303-1998)
- FC-PI, Revision 13 (ANSI INCITS 352-2002)
- FC-PI-2, Revision 10 (ANSI INCITS 404-2006)
- FC-PI-3, Revision 4 (ANSI INCITS 460-2011)
- FC-PI-4, Revision 8 (ANSI INCITS 450-2008)
- FC-PI-5, Revision 6 (ANSI INCITS 479-2011)
- FC-PI-6 (ANSI INCITS 512-2015)
- FC-FS, Revision 1.9 (ANSI INCITS 373-2003)
- FC-FS-2, Revision 1.01 (ANSI INCITS 424-2007)
- FC-FS-2, Amendment 1 (ANSI INCITS 424-2007/AM1-2007)
- FC-FS-3, Revision 1.11 (ANSI INCITS 470-2011)
- FC-FS-4
- FC-LS, Revision 1.62 (ANSI INCITS 433-2007)
- FC-LS-2, Revision 2.21 (ANSI INCITS 477-2011)

Technical Specifications

- FC-LS-3, Includes revision 3.53
- FC-SW-2, Revision 5.3 (ANSI INCITS 355-2001)
- FC-SW-3, Revision 6.6 (ANSI INCITS 384-2004)
- FC-SW-4, Revision 7.5 (ANSI INCITS 418-2006)
- FC-SW-5, Revision 8.5 (ANSI INCITS 461-2010)
- FC-SW-6
- FC-GS-3, Revision 7.01 (ANSI INCITS 348-2001)
- FC-GS-4, Revision 7.91 (ANSI INCITS 387-2004)
- FC-GS-5, Revision 8.51 (ANSI INCITS 427-2007)
- FC-GS-6, Revision 9.4 (ANSI INCITS 463-2010)
- FC-GS-7, Includes revision 10.8
- FCP, Revision 12 (ANSI INCITS 269-1996)
- FCP-2, Revision 8 (ANSI INCITS 350-2003)
- FCP-3, Revision 4 (ANSI INCITS 416-2006)
- FCP-4, Revision 2b (ANSI INCITS 481-2011)
- FC-SB-2, Revision 2.1 (ANSI INCITS 349-2001)
- FC-SB-3, Revision 1.6 (ANSI INCITS 374-2003)
- FC-SB-3, Amendment 1 (ANSI INCITS 374-2003/AM1-2007)
- FC-SB-4, Revision 3.0 (ANSI INCITS 466-2011)
- FC-SB-5, Revision 2.00 (ANSI INCITS 485-2014)
- FC-BB-6, Revision 2.00 (ANSI INCITS 509-2014)
- FC-BB-2, Revision 6.0 (ANSI INCITS 372-2003)
- FC-BB-3, Revision 6.8 (ANSI INCITS 414-2006)
- FC-BB-4, Revision 2.7 (ANSI INCITS 419-2008)
- FC-BB-5, Revision 2.0 (ANSI INCITS 462-2010)
- FC-VI, Revision 1.84 (ANSI INCITS 357-2002)
- FC-SP, Revision 1.8 (ANSI INCITS 426-2007)FC-IFR, Revision 1.06 (ANSI INCITS 475-2011)
- FC-FLA, Revision 2.7 (INCITS TR-20-1998)
- FC-PLDA, Revision 2.1 (INCITS TR-19-1998)
- FC-SP-2, Revision 2.71 (ANSI INCITS 496-2012)
- FAIS, Revision 1.03 (ANSI INCITS 432-2007)
- FAIS-2, Revision 2.23 (ANSI INCITS 449-2008)
- FC-Tape, Revision 1.17 (INCITS TR-24-1999)
- FC-MI, Revision 1.92 (INCITS TR-30-2002)
- FC-MI-2, Revision 2.6 (INCITS TR-39-2005)
- FC-MI-3, Revision 1.03 (INCITS TR-48-2012)
- FC-DA, Revision 3.1 (INCITS TR-36-2004)
- FC-DA-2, Revision 1.06 (INCITS TR-49-2012)
- FC-MSQS, Revision 3.2 (INCITS TR-46-2011)
- Fibre Channel classes of service: Class 2, Class 3, and Class F
- Fibre Channel standard port types: E, F, and B
- Fibre Channel enhanced port types: SD, ST, and TE
- FC-NVMe

- In-band management using IP over Fibre Channel (RFC 2625)
- IPv6, IPv4, and Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) over Fibre Channel (RFC 4338)
- Extensive IETF-standards-based TCP/IP, Simple Network Management Protocol Version 3 (SNMPv3), and Remote Monitoring (RMON) MIBs

Fabric Services

- Name server
- Registered state change notification (RSCN)
- Login services
- Broadcast
- In-order delivery
- Fabric Configuration Server (FCS)

Advanced Services

Please note that some services require the optional HPE C-series SN6000C Advantage License or HPE C-series SN6610C/SN6620C Premier License to be activated.

- NPIV
- VSAN
- PortChannels
- NPV mode
- Flow-based and zone-based QoS
  - IVR (in Cisco MDS 9000 NX-OS Software Release 8.2(1) or later)

Diagnostic and Troubleshooting

- Online Health Management System (OHMS) diagnostics
- Internal loopbacks
- Fibre Channel traceroute
- Fibre Channel ping
- Fibre Channel debug
- Cisco Fabric Analyzer
- Syslog
- Port-level statistics
- SPAN
- Power-on-Self-Test POST Diagnostics
- Link Diagnostics (ISL Diagnostics and HBA Diagnostics)
- Read Diagnostic Parameter

Management

- Access methods
  - Out-of-band 10/100/1000 Ethernet port
  - EIA/TIA-232 serial console port
  - In-band IP over Fibre Channel (RFC 2625)

- Access protocols
  - Command Line Interface (CLI) using the console and Ethernet port
  - SNMPv3 using the Ethernet port and in-band IP over Fibre Channel access
  - NX-API
- Security
  - Per-VSAN RBAC using LDAP, RADIUS, and TACACS+-based AAA functions
  - VSAN-based roles
  - SSHv2 implementing AES
  - SNMPv3 implementing AESSimple File Transfer Protocol (SFTP)

Management Applications

- Cisco MDS 9000 Family CLI
- C-series Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller (optional; requires license which includes Nexus Dashboard Fabric Controller features)

Availability

- Non-disruptive software upgrades
- Process monitoring and stateful process restart
- Per-VSAN fabric services
- Optional redundancy on power supply and fan
- Hot-swappable SFP and SFP+ optics
- PortChannels aggregating up to 16 ports
- F-port Channeling
- Online diagnostics

Serviceability

- Configuration file management
- Call Home
- Port beaconing/Link Cable Beaconing
- System LEDs
- SNMP traps for alerts

Environmental

- Physical dimensions (H x W x D) of 1RU: 1.72 x 17.3 x 20.11 inches
- Weight of fully configured chassis: 21.65 lb (9.82 kg)
- Ambient operating temperature: 32 to 104°F (0 to 40°C)
- Ambient non-operating temperature: -40 to 158°F (-40 to 70°C)
- Humidity (RH), ambient (noncondensing) operating: 10 to 90%
- Humidity (RH), ambient (noncondensing) non-operating and storage: 10 to 95%
- Operating altitude: -197 to 6500 ft (-60 to 2000 m)

Technical Specifications

Power and Cooling

- Power supplies (650W AC) (maximum of 2 per switch)
- AC Input: 100 to 240 VAC nominal (+/-10% for full range)
- Frequency: 50 to 60 Hz nominal (+/-3 Hz for full range)
- Typical power consumption:
  - 72W for idle base switch with 16 ports activated without SFPs
  - 43W for idle expansion module with 16 ports activated without SFPs
  - 80W for 8 ports activated with 32G SFPs with traffic at 25°C
- Airflow: Rear to front (toward ports)
- Cisco recommends maintaining a minimum airspace of 2.5 in. (6.4 cm) between walls and chassis air vents and a minimum horizontal separation of 6 in. (15.2 cm) between two chassis to prevent overheating

Safety

- CE Marking
- UL 60950
- CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60950
- EN 60950
- IEC 60950
- TS 001
- AS/NZS 3260
- IEC 60825
- EN 60825
- 21 CFR 1040

EMC

- FCC Part 15 (CFR 47) Class A
- ICES-003 Class A
- EN55022 Class A
- CISPR22 Class A
- AS/NZS 3548 Class A
- VCCI Class A
- EN55024
- EN50082-1
- EN61000-3-2
- EN61000-3-3
- EN61000-6-1

Summary of Changes

Date	Version History	Action	Description of Change
03-Nov-2025	Version 22	Changed	Configuration Information section was updated - Updated the Base Configuration Notes, removed 2 SKUs going OBS.
		Removed	Obsolete SKUs were removed - Q9D36A, R7L02A
02-Sep-2025	Version 21	Changed	Overview, Standard Features, Configuration Information and Technical Specifications sections were updated. - Removed SN6010C and C-series legacy licenses and updated cables section.
03-Mar-2025	Version 20	Changed	Overview, Standard Features, Service and Configuration Information sections were updated. Configuration Information maintenance. Updated firmware version included with switches. General maintenance.
04-Nov-2024	Version 19	Changed	Overview, Standard Features, Service and Support, Configuration Information and Technical Specifications sections were updated. Configuration Notes updated. General Maintenance
03-Sep-2024	Version 18	Changed	Service and Support section was updated
15-Apr-2024	Version 17	Changed	Rebranding Series Name applied
13-Nov-2023	Version 16	Changed	HPE Services Rebranding
02-Oct-2023	Version 15	Changed	HPE Re-branding - Series name and HPE Services information updated
05-Jun-2023	Version 14	Changed	Overview, Standard Features, Service and Support, Configuration Information and Technical Specifications sections were updated. Added Volume Program PNs Added 64Gb Switch references updates
04-Apr-2022	Version 13	Changed	Added NDFC and Subscription licenses
04-Oct-2021	Version 12	Changed	Service and Support section was updated Obso SKU was removed
02-Aug-2021	Version 11	Changed	Service and Support section was updated.
01-Mar-2021	Version 10	Changed	Added 32Gb Starter Kit information
17-Aug-2020	Version 9	Changed	Corrected tech specs and added SN8700C product family information
03-Aug-2020	Version 8	Changed	QuickSpecs layout was updated, and Branding Refresh was applied.
04-May-2020	Version 7	Changed	Added SAN Insights 1/5 yr licenses
03-Feb-2020	Version 6	Changed	Added SAN Insights and DCNM Switch based licenses
15-Jul-2019	Version 5	Added	Family Information and Configuration Information sections were updated.
02-Apr-2019	Version 4	Changed	Configuration Information section was updated.
03-Dec-2018	Version 3	Changed	DCNM information was updated Product Highlights, Service and Support, Family Information and Technical Specifications were revised
01-Oct-2018	Version 2	Changed	Configuration Information was revised.
02-Jul-2018	Version 1	Created	New QuickSpecs.

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