Cisco MDS 9396V 64-Gbps 96-Port Fibre Channel Switch

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Cisco MDS 9396V 64-Gbps 96-Port Fibre Channel switch brings the latest high-performance, low-latency Fibre Channel Storage Area Network (SAN) technology to market. Along with higher bandwidth, the Cisco MDS 9396V switch supports ease of configuration and management, detailed and in-depth performance insights, and automation capabilities.

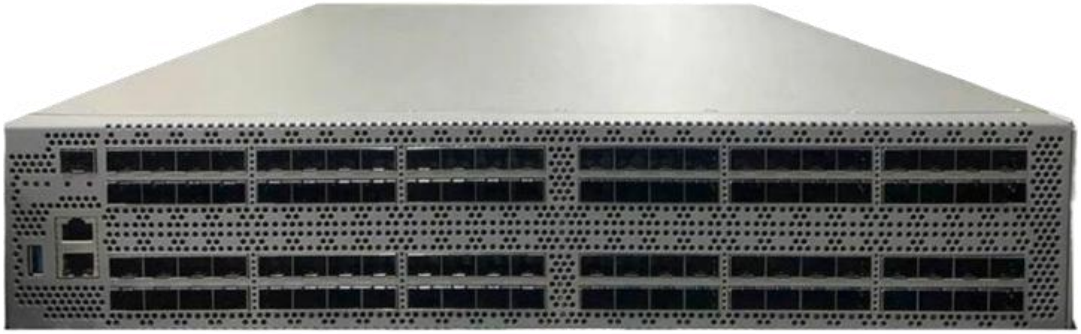


Figure 1.
Cisco MDS 9396V 64-Gbps 96-Port Fibre Channel Switch

Product overview

The Cisco MDS 9396V 64-Gbps 96-Port Fibre Channel Switch (Figure 1) provides high-speed Fibre Channel connectivity for all-flash arrays and high-performance hosts. This switch offers state-of-the-art analytics and telemetry capabilities built into its next-generation Application-Specific Integrated Circuits (ASIC). This switch allows seamless transition to Fibre Channel Non-Volatile Memory Express (NVMe/FC) workloads. It empowers enterprises that are rapidly deploying cloud-scale applications using extremely dense virtualized servers, providing the benefits of greater bandwidth, scale, and consolidation. Some of the main benefits for a small-scale Storage Area Network (SAN) are automatic zoning, nonblocking forwarding, and small port groups of 24 ports. Benefits for a mid- to large-size SAN include higher scale for Fibre Channel control-plane functions such as virtual SANs, fabric login (FLOGI), device aliases, and name servers. The Cisco MDS 9396V switch has 96 ports of 64-Gbps non-oversubscribed line-rate ports, bidirectional airflow, and a fixed-form NVMe/FC-ready SAN switch with enhanced Buffer-to-Buffer (B2B) credits; it is also capable of hardware-assisted Fibre Channel link encryption. Large-scale SAN architectures built with SAN core directors can expand 64-Gbps connectivity to the server rack using these switches configured in either switch mode or N Port Virtualization (NPV) mode. Additionally, the switch supports enhanced diagnostic features such as Inter-Switch Link (ISL) and Host-Bus-Adapter (HBA) diagnostics, remote port and SFP (Read Diagnostic Parameter) diagnostics, remote port beaconing (Link Cable Beaconing) and advanced reliability features such as Forward Error Correction (FEC).

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Main features and benefits

The main features of the Cisco MDS 9396V 64-Gbps 96-Port Fibre Channel Switch include:

- High performance: MDS 9396V architecture, with centralized nonblocking arbitration, provides consistent 64-Gbps low-latency performance across all traffic conditions for every Fibre Channel port on the switch.
- Fully integrated SAN Analytics[1]: This feature-rich switch also offers state-of-the-art data traffic analytics and telemetry capabilities that have been built into this next-generation hardware platform. This switch has a hardware Analytics Engine that can compute I/O metrics at line rate on all port.
- Telemetry[1]: Fibre Channel and Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) or NVMe headers can be inspected without the need for any external taps or appliances. The resulting metrics can be analyzed on the switch and can additionally be exported in an industry-leading open telemetry format using the mgmt port for telemetry and analytics purposes.
- Cisco Dynamic Ingress Rate Limiting (DIRL): MDS 9396V supports the Dynamic Ingress Rate Limiting feature. Using DIRL, the MDS SAN can automatically detect any symptoms of congestion and then dynamically rate limit the congested and slow-drain devices so that adverse effects are not spread to other devices across the SAN. DIRL dynamically adapts the rate-limiting to suit the traffic pattern of the congestion or slow-drain device.
- Capital Expenditures (CapEx) savings: The 64-Gbps ports allow users to deploy them with existing 32- or 16-Gbps transceivers, thus providing investment protection, with an option to upgrade to 64-Gbps transceivers and adapters whenever needed.
- High availability: the MDS 9396V switch is designed to provide 99.999 percent availability. It provides such outstanding availability and reliability by having redundancy on all major components, such as the power supply and cooling subsystems. Dual power supplies also facilitate redundant power grids. In addition, port-channel link members can be striped across four 24-port port groups, thus providing additional high availability.
- Reliability: As part of the standard 64-Gbps Fibre Channel specification, Cisco provides FEC on all 64-Gbps Fibre Channel fixed switches. This feature helps ensure bit errors up to a certain threshold introduced in flight get corrected at the receive side of the link. In addition, Cisco extends Buffer-to-Buffer Credit Recovery through Buffer-to-Buffer State Change Notification (BBSCN) to all port types that are attached to any end device. Over time, the corruption of receiver-ready, known as R_RDY primitives, can lead to a loss of credits, which can eventually cause a link to stop transmitting in one direction. Buffer-to-Buffer credit recovery provides for two attached ports to detect and correct this situation without impact to traffic flow.
- Next-generation ASIC: The MDS 9396V Fibre Channel switch is powered by Cisco developed next-generation high-performance 64-Gbps ASICs.
- Higher scalability: Increased fabric scalability provides more flexibility for a variety of SAN architectures.

[1] Analytics will be supported on the Cisco MDS 9396V in a post-FCS release.

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- Intelligent services: Auto-zone, Smart Zoning, congestion detection and isolation, Virtual SAN (VSAN) and Inter-VSAN Routing (IVR), and fabric-wide Quality of Service (QoS) enable migration from SAN islands to enterprise-wide storage networks. Traffic encryption is available to meet stringent security requirements.
- Sophisticated diagnostics: The MDS 9396V provides intelligent diagnostics tools such as ISL diagnostics, HBA diagnostics, remote SFP-error collection, Switched Port Analyzer (SPAN), integrated Cisco Call Home capability, Port Monitoring and an Online Health Management System for greater reliability, faster problem resolution, and reduced service costs.
- Congestion Diagnostics: The MDS 9396V has advanced congestion diagnostics such as TxWait to identify culprit devices that are not returning credits and the new RxWait to identify victim devices that are being affected by congestion. These important congestion diagnostics, as well as several others are logged in persistent, on-switch, time and date stamped logs called Onboard Failure Logging (OBFL).
- Virtual-machine awareness: The MDS 9396V provides visibility into all virtual machines that are accessing storage LUNs or namespaces in the fabric. This feature is available through HBAs capable of priority tagging the Virtual Machine Identifier (VMID) on every Fibre Channel frame. Virtual-machine awareness can be extended to intelligent fabric services such as analytics to visualize performance of every flow originating from each virtual machine in the fabric.
- Programmable fabric: The MDS 9396V provides Cisco NX-API, a powerful RPC-style HTTP/HTTPS API to enable flexible and rapid programming of utilities for the SAN. This can be coupled with specific modules for Ansible and Python. The switch also provides an on-switch Python 3 interpreter so Python scripts can be used to augment existing switch commands and functions.
- Secure-boot and anti-counterfeiting technology: The MDS 9396V uses onboard hardware that protects the entire system from malicious attacks by securing access to critical components such as the bootloader, system image loader, and Joint Test Action Group (JTAG) interface.

SAN architecture benefits

The new 64-Gbps fabric switches address the requirement for highly scalable, virtualized, intelligent SAN infrastructure in current-generation data center environments. The industry is already poised to transition to 64-Gbps switches with the availability of 64-Gbps HBAs and storage arrays from vendors. Additionally, as low-latency flash arrays and extremely dense virtualization deployments become more pervasive, fixed switches will be expected to provide 64-Gbps connectivity to the SAN core.

This solution offers several important benefits:

- Server port consolidation: The demand for 64-Gbps fabric switches will increase as hyperscale virtualization doubles the virtual machine density per rack, increasing the need for higher bandwidth HBA ports per rack of blade or standalone servers. Soon 64-Gbps HBA ports will consolidate the current 16-Gbps HBA installed base, with the need to increase the server capacity in the same rack. Hence, the MDS 9396V, with 96-ports in a 2RU form factor, provides an excellent solution.
- Simplification: Through consolidation, the SAN administrator can reduce complexity and simplify management. With an MDS 9396V 64-Gbps 96-Port switch in N-Port Virtualization (NPV) core mode and Fibre Channel switches connecting to it in N-Port ID Virtualization (NPIV) mode, device ports can scale very cost-effectively over time without adding the burden of managing the NPV switches. Auto-zoning facilitates zero-touch automatic zoning without any need for configuring zoning on the 64-Gbps fixed switches that are deployed in SANs with a single switch topology.

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- Multiprotocol convergence: 64-Gbps links benefit from lower latency when compared to lower bandwidth links, bringing better network throughput to your storage array workloads. Greater bandwidth also helps ensure less ISL congestion for the newer storage protocols that are expected to be available on externally attached storage arrays: for instance, NVMe over Fibre Channel can coexist on the same link as existing SCSI workloads.
- Scale and performance: This fixed form-factor switch supports the performance and scale required to deploy a dedicated and standalone Fibre Channel SAN connecting both initiators and targets without requiring any other switching infrastructure.
- VSAN: VSANs are ideal for efficient, secure SAN consolidation, enabling more efficient storage network utilization by creating hardware-based isolated environments with a single physical SAN fabric or switch. Each VSAN can be zoned as a typical SAN and maintains its own fabric services for added scalability and resilience. VSANs allow the cost of SAN infrastructure to be shared among more users, while helping ensure complete segregation of traffic and retaining independent control of configuration on a VSAN-by-VSAN basis.
- IVR: In another step toward deploying efficient, cost effective, consolidated storage networks, the Cisco MDS 9396V supports Inter-VSAN-Routing (IVR), the industry's first inter-VSAN routing function for Fibre Channel. IVR allows communication between initiators and targets on different VSANs while maintaining isolation of control plane traffic, thereby maintaining fabric stability and availability. IVR is one of the feature enhancements requiring a license and eliminates the need for external routing appliances, greatly increasing routing scalability while delivering line rate routing performance, simplifying management, and eliminating the challenges associated with maintaining separate systems. Under the right circumstances, deploying IVR means lower total cost of SAN ownership.

Comprehensive solution for Robust Network Security

To address the need for enhanced security in storage networks, the Cisco MDS 9396V switch includes as standard an extensive security framework to protect highly sensitive data crossing today's enterprise networks:

- Smart Zoning: When the Smart Zoning feature is enabled, Cisco MDS 9000 Family fabrics provision the hardware access control entries specified by the zone set more efficiently, avoiding the superfluous entries that would allow servers (initiators) to communicate to other servers, or allow storage devices (targets) to communicate to other storage devices. This feature makes larger zones with multiple initiators and multiple targets feasible without excessive consumption of hardware resources. Thus, smart zones can correspond to applications, application clusters, hypervisor clusters, or other data center entities, saving the time that administrators previously spent creating many small zones, and enabling the automation of zoning tasks.
- Intelligent packet inspection is provided at the port level, including the application of ACLs for hardware enforcement of zones, VSANs, and advanced port security features.
- Switch-to-switch and host-to-switch authentication helps eliminate disruptions that may occur because of unauthorized devices connecting to a large enterprise fabric.
- FC-SP ESP payload encryption, which supports encrypted data to flow through the switch, is supported up to 1Tbps per switch.
- Port security locks down the mapping of an entity to a switch port to help ensure that SAN security is not compromised by the connection of unauthorized devices to a switch port.

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- VSAN-based access control allows customers to define roles in which the scope of the roles is limited to certain VSANs.
- Fibre Channel Security Protocol (FC-SP) provides switch-to-switch and host-to-switch Diffie-Hellman Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (DH-CHAP) authentication, supporting RADIUS and TACACS+, to help ensure that only authorized devices access protected storage networks.
- Digital certificates are issued by a trusted third party and are used as electronic passports to prove the identity of certificate owners.
- The Fibre Channel Common Transport Management Security feature allows the SAN to be configured so that only authorized Fibre Channel devices can send queries into the fabric and access information such as logged in devices, switches in the fabric, connection information, etc. Additionally, the SAN can be configured so that only authorized Fibre Channel devices can add or delete zones and zone sets, as well as activate zone sets.

Ease of management

To meet the needs of all users, the Cisco MDS 9396V switch provides three principal modes of management as well as integration with third-party storage management tools.

The Cisco MDS 9396V presents a consistent, logical Command Line Interface (CLI). Adhering to the syntax of the widely known Cisco NX-OS Software CLI, the Cisco MDS 9000 Family CLI is easy to learn and delivers broad management capabilities. The Cisco MDS 9000 Family CLI is an extremely efficient and direct interface designed to provide optimal capabilities to administrators in enterprise environments.

The second mode of management is through a simple and efficient GUI provided by Cisco Nexus® Dashboard Fabric Controller (NDFC). NDFC provides a simple, modern, and friendly UI, where visualization of metrics is flexible and configuration tasks are guided by wizards.

The third mode of management is through programmable APIs. Cisco NX-API is supported natively on MDS switches and can be paired with Ansible and Python modules.

Cisco MDS Smart Licensing

The Cisco MDS 9396V switch supports the Cisco Smart Licensing Using Policy (SLP) licensing model. With this cloud-based licensing model, it is easier to buy, use, and manage Cisco MDS software and port expansion licenses for the MDS 9396V. The licenses are in digital form and, once ordered on Cisco Commerce Workplace, are credited instantly to the customer's Cisco Smart Account or partner holding account. The software licenses are not tied to a serial number, so a customer can allocate the software licenses on different switches of the same model as required. Through the Cisco Smart Account on Cisco Smart Software Manager (CSSM), a customer can easily manage all its Cisco licenses from one single place.

The Cisco MDS 996V implements a simplified licensing model with two subscription software licenses – Premier and Advantage – available with 1-, 3-, 5-, and 7-year options for direct sale and for sale to OSM partners. The Premier subscription license includes Enterprise, NDFC, and SAN Analytics licenses, and the Advantage subscription license includes Enterprise and NDFC licenses. Customers can buy the subscription licenses as required, so they pay as they use.

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Table 1. Software subscription licenses

Subscription Software Licenses	Included or Optional
Cisco MDS Premier Subscription License	Optional
Cisco MDS Advantage Subscription License	Optional

Product specifications

Table 2. Product specifications

Feature	Description
Product compatibility	Cisco MDS 9000 Family
Software compatibility	Cisco MDS 9000 NX-OS Release 9.4(1) or later
Protocols and Standards	• Fibre Channel standards • FC-FS, Revision 1.9 (ANSI INCITS 373-2003) • FC-FS-2, Revision 1.01 (ANSI INCITS 424-2007) • FC-FS-2, Amendement 1 (ANSI INCITS 424-2007/AM1-2007) • FC-FS-3, Revision 1.11 (ANSI INCITS 470-2011) • FC-FS-4 (INCITS 488-2016) • FC-FS-5 (INCITS 545-2019) • FC-GS-7 (INCITS 510-2017) • FC-GS-8 (INCITS 548-2020) • NVMe/FC (INCITS 540-2018) • NVMe/FC-2 (INCITS 556-2020) • 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 (INCITS 512-2015) • FC-PI-7 (INCITS 543-2019) • F-LS, Revision 1.62 (ANSI INCITS 433-2007) • FC-LS-2, Revision 2.21 (ANSI INCITS 477-2011) • FC-LS-3 (INCITS 487-2018) • FC-LS-4 (INCITS 553-2020) • 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)

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Feature	Description
	• FC-SW-6 (INCITS 511-2016) • FC-SW-7 (INCITS 547-2020) • 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-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-BB-6, Revision 2.00 (ANSI INCITS 509-2014) • FC-VI, Revision 1.84 (ANSI INCITS 357-2002) • FC-SP, Revision 1.8 (ANSI INCITS 426-2007) • 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-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-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 • 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, SNMPv3, and remote monitoring (RMON) MIBs

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Feature	Description
Fibre Channel ports	• Fixed form factor switch with 48 SFP+ ports base supporting 64G, 32G, 16G and 8G speeds • It can scale up to 96-Ports in 16 port increments. • Supports 64G, 32G and 16G Optics • Fibre Channel standard port types: E and F • Fibre Channel enhanced port types: SD, ST, TE, TF, NP, and TNP
Security	• VSAN fabric isolation • Intelligent packet inspection at port level • Hardware zoning by Access Control Lists (ACLs) • Fibre Channel Security Protocol (FC-SP) switch-to-switch authentication • FC-SP host-to-switch authentication • Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) using RADIUS, TACACS+, or Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting (AAA) functions • Secure FTP (SFTP) • Secure Shell Protocol Version 2 (SSHv2) • Simple Network Management Protocol Version 3 (SNMPv3) implementing Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) • Control-plane security • Cisco TrustSec® payload encryption • Secure Boot and Anti-counterfeit technology
Performance	• Port speed: 8,16,32 and 64 Gbps autosensing with 64 Gbps of dedicated bandwidth per port • Aggregate bandwidth of 6-Tbps end-to-end full duplex • Buffer credits: Up to 24,000 for a group of 24 ports, with a default of 1000 buffer credits per port and a maximum of 16,000 buffer credits for a single port in the group • Port groups: 4 port groups of 24 ports each • Port channel: Up to 16 load-balanced physical links grouped in one port channel
Diagnostics	• Power-On-Self-Test (POST) diagnostics • Online Health Management System (OHMS) diagnostics • Internal loopbacks • SPAN • Fibre Channel traceroute • Fibre Channel ping • Cisco Fabric Analyzer • Syslog • Port-level statistics • Link diagnostics (E-port and F-port links) • Read Diagnostic Parameters (RDP)

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Feature	Description
Serviceability	• Configuration file management • Call Home • Port beaconing • Link cable beacon • System LEDs • SNMP traps for alerts
Reliability and availability	• Cisco In-Service Software Upgrade (ISSU) • Hot-swappable, dual redundant power supplies • Hot-swappable fan tray with switch integrated temperature and power management • Hot-swappable SFP+ optics • Stateful process restart • Any port configuration for port channels • Fabric-based multipathing • Per-VSAN fabric services • Port tracking • FEC • Buffer-to-buffer state change notification with HBA ports
Network management	• Management access through the following out-of-band Ethernet ports ◦ mgmt0: 10/100/1000BASE-T port • RS-232 serial console port • USB power-on auto-provision port • Access protocols • Command-Line Interface (CLI) using the console and Ethernet port • SNMPv3 implementing AES using the Ethernet port and in-band IP over Fibre Channel access • NX-API for HTTP/HTTPS full programmability • Distributed device alias service • Network security • Per-VSAN RBAC using LDAP, RADIUS, and TACACS+-based AAA functions • Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) • SSHv2 implementing AES
Programming interfaces	• Scriptable CLI • Cisco NDFC web services API • NX-API HTTP/HTTPS interfaces • Onboard Python interpreter • Cisco Embedded Event Manager (EEM) • Cisco NX-OS Software scheduler
Physical dimensions (H x W x D) and weight	• 2 Rack Unit (2RU) 3.4 x 17.4 x 23.9 in (8.64 x44.23 x 60.73cm) 44 lb (20 kg)

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Feature	Description

Power	• 80 Plus Platinum certified power supplies
	• Power supply options
	  ◦ 1400W AC port-side exhaust variant (2 per switch)
	  ◦ 1400W AC in base model, port-side intake variant (2 per switch)
	  ◦ 2000W AC/ HVAC/ HVDC in base model, Port side Intake (2 per switch)
	• Power cord
	  ◦ Notched C15 socket connector connecting to C16 plug on the power supply receptacle for 1400W Power Supply
	  ◦ Check Ordering Information table in this document for power cords specific to regions
	• 1400W PSU AC Low Line Input: 90V to 140 V
	• 1400W PSU AC High Line input: 180V to 264V
	• 2000W PSU AC Low Line input: 90V to 140V
	• 2000W PSU AC High Line input: 180V to 305V
	• 2000W PSU DC input: 192V to 400V
	• Frequency: 50 to 60 Hz (nominal)
	• Typical power consumption
	  ◦ 420W for 96-Port switch in idle status with no optics modules
	  ◦ 540W for 96-Port switch with 48 64G SW optics modules at 50%-line rate
	  ◦ 650W for 96-Port switch with 96 64G SW optics modules at 50%-line rate
	• Airflow
	  ◦ Back to front (toward ports) using port-side exhaust fans
	  ◦ Front to back (inward from ports) using port-side intake fans
	  ◦ 192 Cubic Feet per Minute (CFM) through system fan assembly at 77°F (25°C)
	  ◦ 480 CFM maximum

Temperature range	• Temperature, ambient operating: ◦ 32 to 104°F (0 to 40°C) with port-side exhaust and intake airflow variants • Temperature, ambient nonoperating and storage: -40° to 158°F (-40° to 70°C) • Relative humidity, ambient (noncondensing) operating: 10% to 90% • Relative humidity, ambient (noncondensing) nonoperating and storage: 5% to 95% • Altitude, operating: -197 to 6500 ft (-60 to 2000m)

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Feature	Description
Approvals and compliance	• Safety compliance • CE Marking • UL 60950 • CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60950 • EN 60950 • IEC 60950 • TS 001 • AS/NZS 3260 • IEC60825 • EN60825 • 21 CFR 1040 • EMC compliance • FCC Part 15 (CFR 47) Class A • ICES-003 Class A • EN 55022 Class A • CISPR 22 Class A • AS/NZS 3548 Class A • VCCI Class A • EN 55024 • EN 50082-1 • EN 61000-6-1 • EN 61000-3-2 • EN 61000-3-3
Fabric services	• Name server • Registered State Change Notification (RSCN) • Login services • Fabric Configuration Server (FCS) • Broadcast • In-order delivery
Advanced functions	• VSAN • IVR • NPV • Port Channel with multipath load balancing • Flow- and zone-based QoS
Supported Cisco optics, media, and transmission distances	• For detailed information about all supported transceivers, refer to Cisco MDS 9000 Family pluggable transceivers documentation.

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Ordering information

Table 3. Ordering information

Part #	Product description
DS-C9396V-48ETK9P	MDS 9396V 64G 2RU FC switch, w/ 48 active ports, 48x32G SW, 3 Yr. Premier Software License, 3 Fans, 2 PSUs, Exhaust
DS-C9396V-48ITK9P	MDS 9396V 64G 2RU FC switch, w/ 48 active ports, 48x32G SW, 3 Yr. Premier Software License, 3 Fans, 2 PSUs, Intake
DS-C9396V-48EVK9P	MDS 9396V 64G 2RU FC switch, w/ 48 active ports, 48x64G SW, 3 Yr. Premier Software License, 3 Fans, 2 PSUs, Exhaust
DS-C9396V-48IVK9P	MDS 9396V 64G 2RU FC switch, w/ 48 active ports, 48x64G SW, 3 Yr. Premier Software License, 3 Fans, 2 PSUs, Intake
DS-C9396V-96ETK9P	MDS 9396V 64G 2RU FC switch, w/ 96 active ports, 96x32G SW, 3 Yr. Premier Software License, 3 Fans, 2 PSUs, Exhaust
DS-C9396V-96ITK9P	MDS 9396V 64G 2RU FC switch, w/ 96 active ports, 96x32G SW, 3 Yr. Premier Software License, 3 Fans, 2 PSUs, Intake
DS-C9396V-96EVK9P	MDS 9396V 64G 2RU FC switch, w/ 96 active ports, 96x64G SW, 3 Yr. Premier Software License, 3 Fans, 2 PSUs, Exhaust
DS-C9396V-96IVK9P	MDS 9396V 64G 2RU FC switch, w/ 96 active ports, 96x64G SW, 3 Yr. Premier Software License, 3 Fans, 2 PSUs, Intake
DS-C9396V-48EK9	MDS 9396V 64G 2RU FC switch, w/ 48 active ports, 3 Fans, 2 PSUs, exhaust
DS-C9396V-48IK9	MDS 9396V 64G 2RU FC switch, w/ 48 active ports, 3 Fans, 2 PSUs, intake
M9396V-PL16	MDS 9396V 64G FC switch 16-port upgrade license
M9396V-PL16=	MDS 9396V 64G FC switch 16-port upgrade license, spare
DS-C9396V-48EK9=	MDS 9396V 64G 2RU FC switch, w/ 48 active ports, 3 Fans, 2 PSUs, exhaust, spare
DS-C9396V-48IK9=	MDS 9396V 64G 2RU FC switch, w/ 48 active ports, 3 Fans, 2 PSUs, intake, spare

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Part #	Accessories Description
DS-9396V-KIT-CSCO(=)	MDS 9396V Accessory Kit for Cisco (Spare)
DS-9396V-KIT-EM(=)	MDS 9396V Accessory Kit for Dell EMC (Spare)
DS-9396V-KIT-HDS(=)	MDS 9396V Accessory Kit for HDS (Spare)
DS-9396V-KIT-HPE(=)	MDS 9396V Accessory Kit for HPE (Spare)
DS-CAC-1400W-E=	MDS 9300 1400W port-side exhaust PSU (works with MDS 9396V switch) (Spare)
DS-CAC-1400W-I=	MDS 9300 1400W port-side intake PSU (works with MDS 9396V switch) (Spare)
DS-CHV-2000W-I=	MDS 2000W HVDC power supply, intake
DS-C96V-FAN-E=	MDS Switch 9396V FAN tray port-side Exhaust (Spare)
DS-C96V-FAN-I=	MDS Switch 9396V FAN tray, port-side intake (Spare)

Part #	Power Cords Description
CAB-9K10A-AR	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A IRAM 2073 Plug, Argentina
CAB-9K10A-AU	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A 3112 Plug, Australia
CAB-9K10A-CH	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A GB1002 Plug, China
CAB-9K10A-EU	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A CEE 7/7 Plug, EU
CAB-9K10A-ISR	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A SI16S3 Plug, Israel
CAB-9K10A-IT	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A CEI 23-16/VII Plug, Italy
CAB-9K10A-KOR	Power Cord, 125VAC 13A KSC8305 Plug, Korea
CAB-9K10A-SA	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A SABS 164/1 Plug, South Africa
CAB-9K10A-SW	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A, Straight C15, MP232 Plug, SWITZ
CAB-9K10A-TWN	Power Cord, 125VAC 15A CNS10917-2, Taiwan
CAB-9K10A-UK	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A BS1363 Plug (13 A fuse), UK
CAB-9K12A-NA	Power Cord, 125VAC 13A NEMA 5-15 Plug, North America
CAB-250V-10A-BR	Power Cord, 250VAC 10A, Brazil

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Part #	Optics description
DS-SFP-FC64G-SW=	64G FC Shortwave Optic
DS-SFP-FC64G-LW=*	64G FC Longwave Optics
DS-SFP-FC32G-SW=	32G FC Shortwave Optic
DS-SFP-FC32G-LW=	32G FC Longwave Optic
DS-SFP-FC32G-ELW=	32 Gbps Fibre Channel Extended Longwave Optic
DS-SFP-FC16G-SW=	16G FC Shortwave Optic
DS-SFP-FC16G-LW=	16G FC Longwave Optic
DS-SFP-FC16GELW=	16 Gbps Fibre Channel Extended Longwave Optic

* For detailed information about all supported transceivers, refer to the Cisco MDS 9000 Family pluggable transceivers documentation.

Part #	Optional Licenses
M93VXK9-P-1Y	Cisco MDS 9300V Premier Subscription License for 1 years for direct sale
M93VXK9-P-3Y	Cisco MDS 9300V Premier Subscription License for 3 years for direct sale
M93VXK9-P-5Y	Cisco MDS 9300V Premier Subscription License for 5 years for direct sale
M93VXK9-P-7Y	Cisco MDS 9300V Premier Subscription License for 7 years for direct sale
M93VXK9-A-1Y	Cisco MDS 9300V Advantage Subscription License for 1 year for direct sale
M93VXK9-A-3Y	Cisco MDS 9300V Advantage Subscription License for 3 years for direct sale
M93VXK9-A-5Y	Cisco MDS 9300V Advantage Subscription License for 5 years for direct sale
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Information about Cisco's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) initiatives and performance is provided in Cisco's CSR and sustainability reporting.

Table 4. Product sustainability

Sustainability Topic	Reference
General	
Information on product-material-content laws and regulations	Materials
Information on electronic waste laws and regulations, including our products, batteries, and packaging	WEEE Compliance
Information on product takeback and reuse program	Cisco Takeback and Reuse Program
Sustainability Inquiries	Contact: csr_inquiries@cisco.com
Material	
Product packaging, weight, and materials	Contact: environment@cisco.com
Size and Weights	Table 2: Product specifications

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