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## NETGEAR ProSAFE M6100 vs Cisco Catalyst 4500

Chassis Switch Competitive Analysis

#### M6100 Value Proposition

The ProSAFE M6100 switch series is a high-quality, high-density chassis alternative to stackable switches for midsize enterprise edge and SMB core deployments. It is the world's first all-in-one passive backplane chassis priced under \$10k\*- with zero licensing charges, truly providing SMB customers with a more affordable, uniquely flexible, and higher performing alternative chassis platform to HP 5400 & 8200 and Cisco Catalyst 4500 series of switches.

#### **Competitive Summary**

(Compared to Cisco Catalyst 4500 Series)

- **50% more 1G density** The M6100 allows for more 1G ports in a much smaller footprint (only 4U) compared to Cisco 4500
- More 10G ports The M6100 allows for more 10G ports in 4U than Cisco in (7U-11U) making it a better choice for server aggregation and network distribution
- No complex licenses All features are available without any licensing scheme
- Higher Backplane Performance Much higher backplane performance than Cisco Catalyst 4500

### Features & Highlights

- · 3-slot switch chassis in a compact 4U form-factor
- Up to 144 x RJ45 10/100/1000 ports or 120 x SFP 100/1000 ports
- Up to 72 x RJ45 10GBASE-T ports or 48 x SFP+ 1000/10GBASE-X ports
- 1.4 Tbps routing/switching capacity, up to 1071 Mpps throughput, 480 Gbps distributed inter-module fabric
- IPv6 L3 features (OSPF, PBR, BGP, DCBX, PFC, ETS, FIP Snooping)
- Fabric and Management redundancy and passive backplane
- · Non-stop switching, non-stop routing with hitless failover
- N+1 redundancy for power supplies
- · Full PoE+ provisioning and UPOE support
- Full Lifetime Warranty, Lifetime NBD, Lifetime Technical Support via chat







NETGEAR M6100 COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS				
Comparison Matrix	NETGEAR M6100 Switch Series	C4503-E with Supervisor 6-LE	C4506-E with Supervisor 7-E	C4507R+E with Supervisor 8-E
Feature Set	IPv4/IPv6 Layer 3	IPv4/IPv6 Layer 3	IPv4/IPv6 Layer 3	IPv4/IPv6 Layer 3
Max 1G Density	144-port (4U)	96-port (7U)	240-port (10U)	240-port (11U)
Max 10G Density	72-port (4U)	32-port (7U)	68-port (10U)	68-port (11U)
Table Size	32K MAC 12K IP Routes	55K MAC 64K IP Routes	55K MAC 256K IP Routes	55K MAC 256K IP Routes
Management/Fabric Redundancy	YES/YES	NO/NO (only 1 supervisor)	NO/NO (only 1 supervisor)	YES/YES
Failover Time	Non-Stop Failover	n/a	n/a	Non-Stop Failover
PoE Max Budget	6,000 Watts at 220V	4,500 Watts at 220V	7,500 Watts at 220V	7,500 Watts at 220V
PoE+/UPOE 60 Watts	YES/YES	YES/YES	YES/YES	YES/YES
Backplane Performance	80Gbps half-duplex 48p 160Gbps full-duplex 48p	24Gbps half-duplex 48p 48Gbps full-duplex 48p	48Gbps half-duplex 48p 96Gbps full-duplex 48p	48Gbps half-duplex 48p 96Gbps full-duplex 48p
MLAG (vPC)	YES (Supervisor blades only)	YES	YES	YES

#### Additional Information: www.netgear.com/m6100

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<sup>\*\$10</sup>k is based on the M6100 Starter Kit XCM8903SK-10000S MSRP. Actual pricing variances will apply in region and will also dependent on final configuration selected from NETGEAR channel partners.

Note: The M6100-3S base chassis is not orderable as a separate SKU. The starter kit is not pre-assembled. Starter kit components ship in their individual packaging. Shipping master carton arrives on a pallet. 
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