

# Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series Line Cards

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Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series switches are purpose-built for resiliency at scale with the industry's most comprehensive security and allows your business to grow at lowest total operational cost. Built upon the foundation of Catalyst 9000, the Catalyst 9600 Series offers scale and security when always on is a must.

As foundational building blocks for the Cisco Digital Network Architecture, Catalyst 9600 Series switches help customers simplify complexity, optimize IT, and reduce operational costs by leveraging intelligence, automation and human expertise that no other vendor can deliver regardless of where you are in the intent-based networking journey.

Catalyst 9600 Series Switches provide security features that protects the integrity of the hardware as well as the software and all data that flows through the switch. It provides resiliency that keeps your business up and running seamlessly. Combine that with open APIs of Cisco IOS XE and programmability of the UADP ASIC technology, Catalyst 9600 Series switches give you what you need now with investment protection on future innovations.

As the industry's first purpose-built 40 and 100 Gigabit Ethernet line of modular switches targeted for the enterprise campus, Catalyst 9600 Series switches deliver unmatched table scale (MAC, route, and Access Control List [ACL]) and buffering for enterprise applications. The Cisco Catalyst 9606R chassis is hardware ready to support a wired switching capacity of up to 25.6 Tbps, with up to 6.4 Tbps of bandwidth per slot. Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series switches support granular port densities that fit diverse campus needs, including nonblocking 40 and 100 Gigabit Ethernet (GE) Quad Small Form-Factor Pluggable (QSFP+, QSFP28) and 1, 10, and 25 GE Small Form-Factor Pluggable Plus (SFP, SFP+, SFP28) and 10 Gigabit Ethernet / 5 Gigabit Ethernet / 2.5 Gigabit Ethernet / 1 Gigabit Ethernet / 100 Megabit / 10 Megabit RJ45 copper ports. The switches also support advanced routing and infrastructure services (such as Multiprotocol Label Switching [MPLS] Layer 2 and Layer 3 VPNs, Multicast VPN [MVPN], and Network Address Translation [NAT]); Cisco Software-Defined Access capabilities (such as a host tracking database, cross-domain connectivity, and VPN Routing and Forwarding [VRF]-aware Locator/ID Separation Protocol [LISP]); and network system virtualization with Cisco StackWise® virtual technology that are critical for their placement in the campus core. The Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series also supports foundational high-availability capabilities such as patching, Graceful Insertion and Removal (GIR), Cisco Nonstop Forwarding with Stateful Switchover (NSF/SSO), redundant platinum-rated power supplies, and fans.

### The Foundation of Software-Defined Access

Advanced persistent security threats. The exponential growth of IoT devices. Mobility everywhere. Cloud adoption. All of these require a network fabric that integrates advanced hardware and software innovations to automate, secure, and simplify customer networks. The goal of this network fabric is to enable customer revenue growth by accelerating the rollout of business services.

The Cisco Digital Network Architecture (Cisco DNA) with Software-Defined Access (SD-Access) is the network fabric that powers business. It is an open, extensible, software-driven architecture that accelerates and simplifies your enterprise network operations. The programmable architecture frees your IT staff from time-consuming, repetitive network configuration tasks so they can focus instead on innovation that positively transforms your business. SD-Access enables policy-based automation from edge to cloud with foundational capabilities. These include:

- Simplified device deployment
- Unified management of wired and wireless networks

- Network virtualization and segmentation
- Group-based policies
- Context-based analytics

### Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series line cards

#### C9600-LC-24C - Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series 24-port 40GE/12-port 100GE line card



**Figure 1.**  
Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series 24-Port 40GE/12-Port 100GE Line Card (C9600-LC-24C)

#### Highlights of the C9600-LC-24C

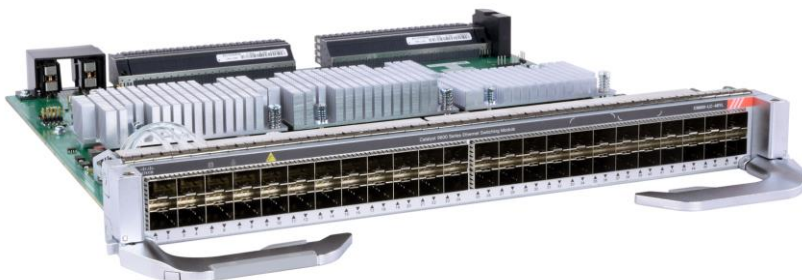
- Up to 24 ports of 40 GE or 12 ports of 100 GE nonblocking
- 40 GE, 100 GE QSFP28 ports
- IPv6 support on the UADP Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC),\* providing wire-rate forwarding for IPv6 networks
- Advanced Encryption Standard 256 (AES-256) support with the powerful MACsec-256 encryption algorithm is available on the UADP ASIC\*

\*UADP ASIC is part of the Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series Supervisor Engine 1.

**Table 1.** Bandwidth per slot for the 24/12-port line card

Line card	Bandwidth per slot
C9600-LC-24C	2.4 Tbps

#### C9600-LC-48YL - Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series 48-port 25GE/10GE/1GE line card



**Figure 2.**  
Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series 48-Port 25GE/10GE/1GE line card (C9600-LC-48YL)

### Highlights of the C9600-LC-48YL

- 48 ports nonblocking
- 25, 10, and 1 GE\* SFP28, SFP+ ports
- IPv6 support on the UADP Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC),\* providing wire-rate forwarding for IPv6 networks
- Advanced Encryption Standard 256 (AES-256) support with the powerful MACsec-256 encryption algorithm is available on the UADP ASIC\*\*

\* 1 GE support is not available at First Customer Shipment (FCS), Support available starting IOX-XE 16.12.2.

\*\*UADP ASIC is part of Supervisor Engine 1.

**Table 2.** Bandwidth per slot on the 48-port line card

Line card	Bandwidth per slot
C9600-LC-48YL	2.4 Tbps

### C9600-LC-48TX - Cisco Catalyst 9600 48-port RJ45 Copper line card



**Figure 3.** Cisco Catalyst 9600 48-port RJ45 Copper - 10GE/5GE/2.5GE/1GE/100Mbps/10Mbps Line Card (C9600-LC-48TX)

### Highlights of the C9600-LC-48TX

- 48 ports nonblocking
- 10GE, 5GE, 2.5GE, 1GE, 100Mbps, 10Mbps RJ45 Copper ports
- IPv6 support on the UADP Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC),\* providing wire-rate forwarding for IPv6 networks
- Advanced Encryption Standard 256 (AES-256) support with the powerful MACsec-256 encryption algorithm is available on the UADP ASIC\*\*

\*\*UADP ASIC is part of Supervisor Engine 1.

**Table 3.** Bandwidth per slot on the 48-port line card

Line card	Bandwidth per slot
C9600-LC-48TX	2.4 Tbps

## Features and benefits

### Functional transparency

The Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series Switches offer a line of modules that support numerous speeds and physical media combinations. These line cards are functionally transparent; all the packet processing, queuing, buffering, and Quality of Service (QoS) occur in the supervisor engine. To that end, the line cards acquire the features and capabilities of the installed supervisor engine. The architecture lets you easily upgrade all Ethernet line cards on your Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series to newer switching functions by adding a new supervisor engine. The simple design of the line cards results in a very high Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF), helping ensure high availability for a single connection to an end user.

### Modular versatility

The Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series is a modular architecture that is designed to provide dedicated wire-speed bandwidth to each line-card slot within the chassis. Each line card has a dedicated bandwidth to the supervisor engine for packet processing. All network data that flows into the Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series through the various line cards goes through the supervisor engine for processing, even in single-slot port-to-port communications.

A modular design allows you to use your investment in high-performance line cards across the entire line of Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series chassis and supervisor engines. With the architecture of the Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series, all line cards deployed in a chassis benefit from the enhanced features that the supervisor engine provides, including QoS; Layer 2, 3, and 4 routing; and hardware-based IPv6.

### Smart operation

- **RFID tags:** The Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series Switches have an embedded RFID tag that facilitates easy asset and inventory management using commercial RFID readers.
- **Blue beacon:** The Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series Switches support a blue beacon LED for easy identification of the switch being accessed.

## Specification summary

### Ports for line cards

Table 4 summarizes the port specifications for the line cards.

**Table 4.** Port information for line cards

Line card	Port speed	Number of ports	Minimum and maximum ports per C9606R chassis
C9600-LC-24C	40 GE	24	24 / 96
	100 GE	12	12 / 48
	10 GE**	24	24 / 96
C9600-LC-48YL	25, 10, 1* GE	48	48 / 192

Line card	Port speed	Number of ports	Minimum and maximum ports per C9606R chassis
C9600-LC-48TX	10GE, 5GE, 2.5GE, 1GE, 100M, 10M	48	48 / 192

\* 1 GE support is not available at First Customer Shipment (FCS), Support available starting IOX-XE 16.12.2.

\*\* With CVR adapter.

Table 5 shows line card slot assignment options in the Cisco Catalyst 9606R chassis.

**Table 5.** Cisco Catalyst 9606R chassis: Slot assignment options

Line card	Slot options	Line card minimum software
C9600-LC-24C	Slots 1, 2 and 5, 6	Cisco IOS XE 16.11.1
C9600-LC-48YL	Slots 1, 2 and 5, 6	Cisco IOS® XE 16.11.1
C9600-LC-48TX	Slots 1, 2 and 5, 6	Cisco IOS® XE 17.1.1

## Optics

Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series line cards provide a variety of optical port types and port speeds. For details about the different optical modules supported by each line card and the minimum Cisco software release required for each of the supported optical modules, visit <https://tmqmatrix.cisco.com/>.

## Product specifications

### Standards, Technologies, Environmental specifications, and other line-card features

Table 6 lists additional line-card product specifications.

**Table 6.** Product specifications

Feature	Description
<b>Standards</b>	Gigabit Ethernet: IEEE 802.3z, IEEE 802.3x, IEEE 802.3ab
<b>Physical dimensions (H x W x D)</b>	1.7 x 15.0 x 13.41 in. (to faceplate) (4.32 x 38.1 x 34.06 cm) 1.7 x 15.0 x 15.7 in. (to ejector) (4.32 x 38.1 x 39.88 cm)
<b>Weight</b>	C9600-LC-24C: 3.48 Kg (7.67 lb) C9600-LC-48YL: 3.55 Kg (7.83 lb) C9600-LC-48TX: 4.03 kg (8.88 lb)
<b>Operating temperature</b>	-5° to 45° C (23° to 113° F) up to 6000 feet -5° to 40° C (23° to 104° F) up to 10,000 feet
<b>Storage temperature</b>	-40° to 75° C (40° to 167° F)
<b>Relative humidity, operating and nonoperating, noncondensing</b>	10% to 95%, noncondensing

Feature	Description
Altitude	-60 to 3000 m (-197 to 9843 feet)
Safety conditions	Fiber optic lasers: Class 1 laser products
Safety certifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UL 60950-1</li> <li>• CAN/CSA-C222.2 No. 60950-1</li> <li>• EN 60950-1</li> <li>• IEC 60950-1</li> <li>• AS/NZS 60950.1</li> <li>• IEEE 802.3</li> </ul>
Electromagnetic emissions certifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EN55032:2015</li> <li>• EN61000-3-2:2014</li> <li>• EN55032:2012</li> <li>• NM EN 55032:2015</li> <li>• QCVN 118:2018/BTTTT</li> <li>• ICES-003:2016:Iss:6</li> <li>• NM EN 61000-3-3:2015</li> <li>• NM EN 61000-3-2:2015</li> <li>• 47 CFR Part 15:2016</li> <li>• KN61000-3-3:2014</li> <li>• CISPR32:2012:Ed:1</li> <li>• EN300 386:2012:V1.6.1</li> <li>• KN61000-3-2:2014</li> <li>• CNS13438:2006</li> <li>• CISPR32:2015:Ed:2</li> <li>• KN32:2015</li> <li>• VCCI-CISPR 32:2016</li> <li>• EN61000-3-3:2013</li> <li>• CISPR24:2010+A1:2015</li> <li>• CISPR35:2016:Ed:1</li> <li>• EN55024:2010</li> <li>• EN55024:2010:A1</li> <li>• EN55035:2017</li> <li>• EN61000-6-1:2007</li> <li>• EN61000-6-2:2005</li> <li>• IEC61000-6-1:2016:Ed:3</li> <li>• IEC61000-6-2:2016:Ed:3</li> <li>• KN35:2015</li> <li>• NM EN 55024:2018</li> <li>• TCVN 7317:2003</li> </ul>
Restriction of Hazardous Substances (ROHS) compliance	ROHS5



## MTBF information

Table 7 gives MTBF information for the line cards.

**Table 7.** MTBF details

Line card	MTBF (hours)
C9600-LC-24C	710,750
C9600-LC-48YL	640,750
C9600-LC-48TX	543,000

## Ordering information

To place an order, visit the Cisco Ordering homepage. Table 8 details ordering information.

**Table 8.** Ordering information

Part number ("=" Indicates "Spare")	Product name
C9600-LC-24C (=)	Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series 24-Port 40GE/12-Port 100GE
C9600-LC-48YL (=)	Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series 48-Port 25GE/10GE/1GE
C9600-LC-48TX (=)	Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series 48-port RJ45 Copper - 10GE/5GE/2.5GE/1GE/100Mbps/10Mbps

## Cisco Environmental Sustainability

Information about Cisco's environmental sustainability policies and initiatives for our products, solutions, operations, and extended operations or supply chain is provided in the "Environment Sustainability" section of Cisco's [Corporate Social Responsibility](#) (CSR) Report.

Reference links to information about key environmental sustainability topics (mentioned in the "Environment Sustainability" section of the CSR Report) are provided in the following table:

Sustainability Topic	Reference
Information on product-material-content laws and regulations	<a href="#">Materials</a>
Information on electronic waste laws and regulations, including products, batteries and packaging	<a href="#">WEEE Compliance</a>

Reference links to **product-specific environmental sustainability information** that is mentioned in relevant sections of this data sheet are provided in the following table:

Sustainability Topic	Reference
<b>General</b>	
Eco-Design Compliance (EU ErP Lot, Etc.)	N.A.
Environmental Certifications (EPEAT, Energy Star, Etc.)	<a href="#">Table 6</a>
<b>Power</b>	
Idle, Typical or Max Product Power	N.A.
Hardware Enabled Energy Features	N.A.
Software Enabled Energy Features	N.A.
Power Supply Information	
Power Calculator	
<b>Material</b>	
Unit Weight	<a href="#">Table 6</a>
System Weight (Product + Packaging)	N.A.
Recycled Content	N.A.

Cisco makes the packaging data available for informational purposes only. It may not reflect the most current legal developments, and Cisco does not represent, warrant or guarantee that it is complete, accurate or up-to-date. This information is subject to change without notice.

## Cisco Enhanced Limited Lifetime Hardware Warranty

The Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series Switches come with an Enhanced limited Lifetime Warranty (E-LLW) that includes Next-Business-Day (NBD) delivery of replacement hardware where available and 90 days of 8x5 Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) support. Your formal warranty statement, including the warranty applicable to Cisco software, appears in the information packet that accompanies your Cisco product. We encourage you to carefully review the warranty statement shipped with your specific product before use. Cisco reserves the right to refund the purchase price as its exclusive warranty remedy. For further information about warranty terms, visit <https://www.cisco.com/go/warranty>.

Table 9 provides information about the E-LLW.

**Table 9.** E-LLW details

Feature	Description
<b>Devices covered</b>	Applies to Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series Switches.
<b>Warranty duration</b>	As long as the original customer owns the product.
<b>End-of-life policy</b>	In the event of discontinuance of product manufacture, Cisco warranty support is limited to 5 years from the announcement of discontinuance.

Feature	Description
<b>Hardware replacement</b>	Cisco or its service center will use commercially reasonable efforts to ship a replacement for NBD delivery, where available. Otherwise, a replacement will be shipped within 10 working days after receipt of the Return Materials Authorization (RMA) request. Actual delivery times might vary depending on customer location.
<b>Effective date</b>	Hardware warranty commences from the date of shipment to customer (and in case of resale by a Cisco reseller, not more than 90 days after original shipment by Cisco).
<b>TAC support</b>	Cisco will provide during business hours, 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, basic configuration, diagnosis, and troubleshooting of device-level problems for up to a 90-day period from the date of shipment of the originally purchased Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series product. This support does not include solution or network-level support beyond the specific device under consideration.
<b>Cisco.com access</b>	Warranty allows guest access only to Cisco.com.

## Cisco Services

Successfully deploy, manage, and support Cisco Catalyst 9000 switches with a full life cycle of Cisco Services including implementation, optimization, technical, managed and training services. Our team of experts can help you speed deployment, reduce costs and minimize risk as you introduce new hardware, software and protocols into the network. As your trusted advisor, we help you achieve extraordinary business outcomes, minimize risk and disruption so you can anticipate change and pivot quickly, securely, and confidently.

**Table 10.** Technical Services

Cisco Technical Services
<p><b>Cisco Smart Net Total Care® Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Around-the-clock, global access to the Cisco TAC</li> <li>• Unrestricted access to the extensive Cisco.com knowledge base and tools</li> <li>• NBD, 8x5x4, 24x7x4, and 24x7x2 advance hardware replacement and onsite parts replacement and installation available</li> <li>• Ongoing operating system software updates within the licensed feature set<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Proactive diagnostics and real-time alerts on Smart Call Home-enabled devices</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cisco Solution Support Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides a team of experts who act as primary point of contact to deliver centralized support, including in multivendor network environments</li> <li>• Speed is paramount when problems arise, so we deliver on a 30-minute service level objective and prioritize Solution Support cases</li> <li>• Expert guidance helps to enhance IT operations with fewer outages and faster problem resolution while maximizing performance and reliability of Catalyst 9600 Series switches</li> <li>• We even look beyond identified problems and provide the necessary guidance needed to help you avoid any pitfalls before they can disrupt IT or your business</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Cisco operating system updates include the following: maintenance releases, minor updates, and major updates within the licensed feature set.

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## Software Policy for Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series Switches

**[Cisco ONE™ Software for Access Switching](#) is available for the Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series.**

Cisco ONE Software for Access Switching offers comprehensive solutions for the enterprise campus and branch offices. Cisco ONE for Access Switching introduces a simpler and more economical way to deploy access, aggregation, and core switches across enterprise campus and branch locations.

The Cisco ONE Subscription for Switching offer delivers an unbound network on an open and extensible architecture to help you navigate the digital journey. This subscription offer simplifies the buying process and includes lower initiation costs and flexible terms. It includes Cisco DNA Advantage with full Cisco DNA capabilities and Cisco SD-Access.

For ordering information for Cisco ONE Software for the Cisco Catalyst 9600 Series, go to <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/software/one-access/switching-part-numbers.html>.

### **Software Policy for Network Stack Components**

Customers with the Network Essential Stack and Network Advantage Stack software feature sets will be provided with maintenance updates and bug fixes. These are designed to maintain compliance of the software with published specifications, release notes, and industry standards as long as the original end user continues to own or use the product or for up to one year from the end-of-sale date for the product, whichever occurs earlier.

### **Cisco Embedded Support for Cisco DNA Term components**

Cisco Embedded Support delivers the right support for Cisco software products and suites. It will keep your business applications performing as expected and protect your investment. Cisco Embedded Support for the Cisco DNA Essentials and Cisco DNA Advantage term components is included as part of the switch value. Embedded Support provides access to TAC support, major software updates, maintenance and minor software releases, and the Cisco Software Support site, for increased productivity with anytime access.

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