

# Cisco Nexus 9300 ACI Fixed Spine Switches

## Product Overview

Industry shifts are redefining IT at all levels. On-premise IT consumption models are shifting to cloud-based services. IT as a service (IaaS) is supplanted by applications as a service. Separate development and operations are moving toward integrated Development and Operations (DevOps). Device-centric management models are migrating to application-centric management.

Business agility requires application agility, so IT teams need to provision applications in hours instead of months. Resources need to scale up (or down) in minutes, not hours. Traditional approaches take a siloed operational view, with no common operational model for the application, network, security, and cloud teams. A common operational model delivers application agility, simplified operations, assured performance, and scale.

### **The Solution: An Application-Centric Approach to Managing Your Infrastructure**

Cisco® Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI) is a holistic architecture with centralized automation and policy-based application profiles. The Cisco ACI fabric is designed from the foundation to support emerging industry demands while maintaining a migration path for architecture already in place. The fabric is designed to support the industry move to management automation, programmatic policy, and dynamic “workload-anywhere” models. The Cisco ACI fabric accomplishes this with a combination of hardware, policy-based control systems, and software closely coupled to provide advantages not possible in other models.

The fabric consists of three major components: the Cisco Application Policy Infrastructure Controller (APIC), spine switches, and leaf switches. These three components handle both the application of network policy and the delivery of packets. Organizations can use the ACI-ready Cisco Nexus® 9000 Series Switches as spine or leaf switches to take full advantage of an automated, policy-based, systems management approach. The Cisco Nexus 9300 Series Switches include both spine and leaf switches. For detailed information, please refer [here](#).

## Switch Models

The Cisco Nexus 9336PQ ACI Spine Switch is a 2-Rack-Unit (2RU) spine switch for Cisco ACI that supports 2.88 Tbps of bandwidth and 2.3 billion packets per second (bps) across 36 fixed 40 QSFP+ ports (Figure 1). Cisco Nexus 9300 platform leaf switches are Layer 2 and 3 nonblocking 10 and 40 Gigabit Ethernet switches with up to 2.56 Terabits per second (Tbps) of internal bandwidth.

**Figure 1.** Cisco Nexus 9336PQ Switch



The Cisco Nexus 9364C ACI Spine Switch is a 2-Rack-Unit (2RU) spine switch for Cisco ACI that supports 12.84 Tbps of bandwidth and 4.3 bpps across 64 fixed 40/100G QSFP28 ports and 2 fixed 1/10G SFP+ ports(Figure 2). The last 16 ports marked in green support wire-rate MACsec encryption<sup>1</sup>.

**Figure 2.** Cisco Nexus 9364C Switch



## Specifications

Table 1 lists the specifications for the Cisco Nexus 9336PQ switch. (Please check Cisco ACI software release notes for feature support information.)

**Table 1.** Cisco Nexus 9300 ACI Spine Switch Specifications

| Model                    | Cisco Nexus 9336PQ  | Cisco Nexus 9364C  |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Physical</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36-port 40G QSFP ports</li> <li>• 1200 watt (W) AC power supplies or 930W DC power supplies (up to 2)</li> <li>• 80 Plus Platinum-rated power supplies that provide at least 90% efficiency with 20% utilization</li> <li>• Hot-swappable, dual fan trays with redundant fans</li> <li>• Port-side intake or Port side exhaust airflow direction</li> <li>• System memory: 16GB</li> <li>• SSD: 64GB</li> <li>• USB: 2 ports</li> <li>• RS-232 serial console ports: 1</li> <li>• Management ports: 1 x 10/100/1000BASE-T</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 64-port 40/100G QSFP28 ports &amp; 2-port 1/10G SFP+ ports</li> <li>• 1200 watt (W) AC power supplies or 930W DC power supplies (up to 2)</li> <li>• 80 Plus Platinum-rated power supplies that provide at least 90% efficiency with 20% utilization</li> <li>• Hot-swappable, dual fan trays with redundant fans</li> <li>• Port-side intake or Port side exhaust airflow direction</li> <li>• System memory: 32GB</li> <li>• SSD: 256GB</li> <li>• USB: 1 port</li> <li>• RS-232 serial console ports: 1</li> <li>• Management ports: 2 (1 x 10/100/1000BASE-T and 1 x 1-Gbps SFP+)</li> <li>• Broadwell-DE CPU: 4 cores</li> </ul> |
| <b>Power and Cooling</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power: 1200W AC, 930W DC or 1200W HVAC/HVDC</li> <li>• Input voltage: 100 to 240V AC or -40V to -72V DC (min-max), -48V to -60V DC (nominal)</li> <li>• Supports input voltage of 100-120V for a max output of 800W; 200-240V for a max output of 1200W</li> <li>• Frequency: 50 to 60 Hz (AC)</li> <li>• Efficiency: 90% or greater (20 to 100% load)</li> <li>• RoHS compliance: Yes</li> <li>• Hot swappable: Yes</li> <li>• Port-side intake or port-side exhale options</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power: 1200W AC, 930W DC<sup>2</sup> or 1200W HVAC/HVDC</li> <li>• Input voltage: 100 to 240V AC or -40V to -72V DC (min-max), -48V to -60V DC (nominal)</li> <li>• Supports input voltage of 100-120V for a max output of 800W; 200-240V for a max output of 1200W</li> <li>• Frequency: 50 to 60 Hz (AC)</li> <li>• Efficiency: 90% or greater (20 to 100% load)</li> <li>• RoHS compliance: Yes</li> <li>• Hot swappable: Yes</li> <li>• Port-side intake or port-side exhale options</li> </ul>   |

<sup>1</sup> Software is expected in a future release. Please check the latest software update [here](#).

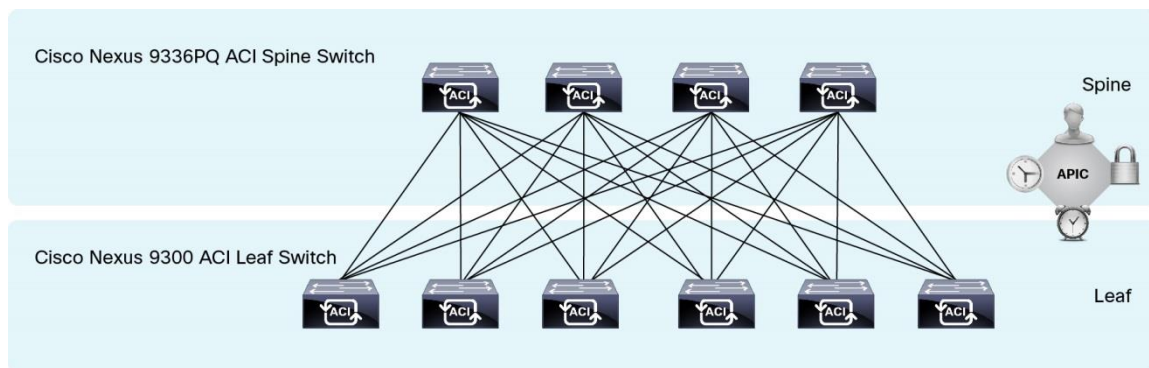
<sup>2</sup> 930W-DC PSU is supported in redundancy mode if 3.5W QSFP+ modules or Passive QSFP cables are used & the system is used in 40C ambient temp or less; for other optics or higher ambient temps, 930W-DC is supported with 2 PSU's in non-redundancy mode only

| Model                | Cisco Nexus 9336PQ  | Cisco Nexus 9364C  |
|----------------------|---|--|
|                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Typical power: 400W (AC)</li> <li>• Maximum power: 660W (AC)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Typical power: 429W (AC)</li> <li>• Maximum power: 1245W (AC)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Environmental</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical (H x W x D): 3.5 x 17.5 x 22.5 in. (8.9 x 44.5 x 57.1 cm)</li> <li>• Weight: 34.4 lbs</li> <li>• Operating temperature: 32 to 104°F (0 to 40°C)</li> <li>• Nonoperating (storage) temperature: -40 to 158°F (-40 to 70°C)</li> <li>• Humidity: 5 to 95% (noncondensing)</li> <li>• Altitude: 0 to 13,123 ft (0 to 4000m)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical (H x W x D): 3.38 x 17.37 x 22.27 in. (8.59 x 44.13 x 56.58 cm)</li> <li>• Weight: 36.9lbs (16.74kg) with power supplies and fans, 27.4 lb (12.43kg) without power supplies and fans</li> <li>• Operating temperature: 32 to 104°F (0 to 40°C)</li> <li>• Nonoperating (storage) temperature: -40 to 158°F (-40 to 70°C)</li> <li>• Humidity: 5 to 95% (noncondensing)</li> <li>• Altitude: 0 to 13,123 ft (0 to 4000m)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Acoustics</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fan speed at 40%: 64.4 dBA</li> <li>• Fan speed at 70%: 79.6 dBA</li> <li>• Fan speed at 100%: 89.8 dBA</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fan speed at 40%: 76.7 dBA</li> <li>• Fan speed at 70%: 88.7 dBA</li> <li>• Fan speed at 100%: 97.4 dBA</li> </ul>  |
| <b>MTBF</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 242,000 hours</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 257,860 hours</li> </ul>  |

### Cisco Nexus 9300 ACI Spine Switch Deployment Scenarios

The Nexus 9300 ACI spine switch along with Nexus 9300 leaf nodes enable an automated and policy driven ACI architecture. The Cisco Nexus 9300 ACI spine switch offers advanced scalability in the smallest spine switch form factor, and enables connectivity to up-to 64 Cisco Nexus 9300 leaf switches with its high port density of 64 40/100 GbE ports and 12.84 Tbps throughput. The degree of redundancy in leaf-and-spine architectures delivers increased availability with a high level of flexibility in workload placement (Figure 3).

**Figure 3.** Cisco Nexus 9300 Platform in a Leaf-and-Spine Architecture



### Software Requirements

For the latest software release information and recommendations, please refer to the product bulletin at <https://www.cisco.com/go/aci> and [Cisco Feature Navigator](#).

### Regulatory Standards Compliance

Table 2 summarizes regulatory standards compliance for the Cisco Nexus 9300 Spine switch.

**Table 2.** Regulatory Standards Compliance: Safety and EMC

| Specification                | Description   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Regulatory compliance</b> | Products should comply with CE Markings according to directives 2004/108/EC and 2006/95/EC  |
| <b>Safety</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UL 60950-1 Second Edition</li> <li>• CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60950-1 Second Edition</li> <li>• EN 60950-1 Second Edition</li> <li>• IEC 60950-1 Second Edition</li> <li>• AS/NZS 60950-1</li> <li>• GB4943</li> </ul>  |
| <b>EMC: Emissions</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 47CFR Part 15 (CFR 47) Class A</li> <li>• AS/NZS CISPR22 Class A</li> <li>• CISPR22 Class A</li> <li>• EN55022 Class A</li> <li>• ICES003 Class A</li> <li>• VCCI Class A</li> <li>• EN61000-3-2</li> <li>• EN61000-3-3</li> <li>• KN22 Class A</li> <li>• CNS13438 Class A</li> </ul> |
| <b>EMC: Immunity</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EN55024</li> <li>• CISPR24</li> <li>• EN300386</li> <li>• KN 61000-4 series</li> </ul>   |
| <b>RoHS</b>                  | The product is RoHS-6 compliant with exceptions for leaded-Ball Grid-Array (BGA) balls and lead press-fit connectors  |

### Supported Optics Pluggable

For details on the optical modules available and the minimum software release required for each supported optical module, visit

[https://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/modules/ps5455/products\\_device\\_support\\_tables\\_list.html](https://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/modules/ps5455/products_device_support_tables_list.html).

### Ordering Information

Table 3 presents ordering information for the Cisco Nexus 9300 ACI Spine Switch.

**Table 3.** Ordering Information

| Part Number                 | Product Description                                  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Hardware</b>             |  |
| <b>N9K-C9336PQ</b>          | Nexus 9336 ACI Spine switch with 36p 40G QSFP        |
| <b>N9K-C9364C</b>           | Nexus 9364C ACI Spine switch with 64p 40/100G QSFP28 |
| <b>FAN Options</b>          |  |
| <b>N9K-C9300-FAN3</b>       | Nexus 9300 Fan 3, Port-side Intake                   |
| <b>N9K-C9300-FAN3-B</b>     | Nexus 9300 Fan 3, Port-side Exhaust                  |
| <b>NXA-FAN-160CFM-PI</b>    | Nexus Fan, 160CFM, port side intake airflow          |
| <b>NXA-FAN-160CFM-PE</b>    | Nexus Fan, 160CFM, port side exhaust airflow         |
| <b>Power Supply Options</b> |  |
| <b>N9K-PAC-1200W</b>        | Nexus 9300 1200W AC PS, Port-side Intake             |
| <b>N9K-PAC-1200W-B</b>      | Nexus 9300 1200W AC PS, Port-side Exhaust            |
| <b>NXA-PAC-1200W-PE</b>     | Nexus 1200W AC PS, Port-side Exhaust                 |

| Part Number             | Product Description  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <b>NXA-PAC-1200W-PI</b> | Nexus 1200W AC PS, Port-side Intake                                    |
| <b>N9K-PUV-1200W</b>    | Nexus 1200W, 200-277AC,240-380DC, Dual airflow PSU                     |
| <b>UCS-PSU-6332-DC</b>  | 930W -48V DC PS, Port-side Exhaust                                     |
| <b>UCSC-PSU-930WDC</b>  | 930W -48V DC PS, Port-side Intake                                      |
| <b>NXA-PDC-930W-PE</b>  | Nexus 930W -48V DC PS, Port-side Exhaust                               |
| <b>NXA-PDC-930W-PI</b>  | Nexus 930W -48V DC PS, Port-side Intake                                |
| <b>Power Cords</b>      |  |
| <b>CAB-250V-10A-AR</b>  | AC Power Cord - 250V, 10A - Argentina (2.5 meter)                      |
| <b>CAB-250V-10A-BR</b>  | AC Power Cord - 250V, 10A - Brazil (2.1 meter)                         |
| <b>CAB-250V-10A-CN</b>  | AC Power Cord - 250V, 10A - PRC (2.5 meter)                            |
| <b>CAB-250V-10A-ID</b>  | AC Power Cord - 250V, 10A, South Africa (2.5 meter)                    |
| <b>CAB-250V-10A-IS</b>  | AC Power Cord - 250V, 10A - Israel (2.5 meter)                         |
| <b>CAB-9K10A-AU</b>     | Power Cord, 250VAC 10A 3112 Plug, Australia (2.5 meter)                |
| <b>CAB-9K10A-EU</b>     | Power Cord, 250VAC 10A CEE 7/7 Plug, EU (2.5 meter)                    |
| <b>CAB-9K10A-IT</b>     | Power Cord, 250VAC 10A CEI 23-16/VII Plug, Italy (2.5 meter)           |
| <b>CAB-9K10A-SW</b>     | Power Cord, 250VAC 10A MP232 Plug, SWITZ (2.5 meter)                   |
| <b>CAB-9K10A-UK</b>     | Power Cord, 250VAC 10A BS1363 Plug (13 A fuse), UK (2.5 meter)         |
| <b>CAB-9K12A-NA</b>     | Power Cord, 125VAC 13A NEMA 5-15 Plug, North America (2.5 meter)       |
| <b>CAB-AC-L620-C13</b>  | North America, NEMA L6-20-C13 (2.0 meter)                              |
| <b>CAB-C13-C14-2M</b>   | Power Cord Jumper, C13-C14 Connectors, 2 Meter Length (2 meter)        |
| <b>CAB-C13-C14-AC</b>   | Power cord, C13 to C14 (recessed receptacle), 10A (3 meter)            |
| <b>CAB-C13-CBN</b>      | Cabinet Jumper Power Cord, 250 VAC 10A, C14-C13 Connectors (0.7 meter) |
| <b>CAB-IND-10A</b>      | 10A Power cable for India (2.5 meter)                                  |
| <b>CAB-N5K6A-NA</b>     | Power Cord, 200/240V 6A North America (2.5 meter)                      |
| <b>Accessories</b>      |  |
| <b>N9K-C9300-ACK</b>    | Nexus 9300 Accessory Kit   |
| <b>N9K-C9300-RMK</b>    | Nexus 9300 Rack Mount Kit  |

## Warranty

The Cisco Nexus 9300 switch has a 1-year limited hardware warranty. The warranty includes hardware replacement with a 10-day turnaround from receipt of a return materials authorization (RMA).

## Service and Support

Cisco offers a wide range of services to help accelerate your success in deploying and optimizing the Cisco Nexus 9300 switch in your data center. The innovative Cisco Services offerings are delivered through a unique combination of people, processes, tools, and partners and are focused on helping you increase operation efficiency and improve your data center network. Cisco Advanced Services uses an architecture-led approach to help you align your data center infrastructure with your business goals and achieve long-term value. Cisco SMARTnet<sup>®</sup> Service helps you resolve mission-critical problems with direct access at any time to Cisco network experts and award-winning resources.

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