

What are managed switches and PoE switches

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Model	SPT2802	SPT2802	SPT4804	SPT4804	SPT2802	SPT2802
Product name	Patch Panel	Patch Panel	Patch Panel	Patch Panel	Patch Panel	Patch Panel
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HU	1	2	4	1	2	4
Maximum number of ports	144	288	576	144	288	576
Product size (including modules and adapters)	482.6*271*174 mm	482.6*271*176.1 mm	482.6*271*177.2 mm	482.6*271*174 mm	482.6*271*176.1 mm	482.6*271*177.2 mm
Standard color code	RAL9005	RAL9005	RAL9005	RAL9005	RAL9005	RAL9005

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Key Takeaways

Managed switches provide advanced network control and monitoring, while PoE switches deliver both data and power over Ethernet cables to connected devices.What is a Managed Switch?

A managed switch is a network device that allows IT administrators to configure, monitor, and control network traffic. Unlike unmanaged switches, which are plug-and-play, managed switches offer features such as VLANs for network segmentation, Quality of Service (QoS) for traffic prioritization, port mirroring, and remote management. These capabilities make them ideal for large or complex networks where performance, security, and uptime are critical. Managed switches can also support Layer 2 and Layer 3 operations, enabling routing between VLANs and subnets without additional routers, which is essential for enterprise or high-density AV networks .

What is a PoE Switch?



A Power over Ethernet (PoE) switch combines network connectivity with the ability to deliver electrical power over Ethernet cables to devices such as IP cameras, wireless access points, and VoIP phones. This eliminates the need for separate power supplies and simplifies network deployment. PoE switches can be either managed or unmanaged, with managed PoE switches providing additional control over power allocation per port, scheduling, and prioritization of critical devices .

Managed PoE Switch	Unmanaged PoE Switch
Configuration	Fully configurable, supports VLANs, QoS, and security rules
Monitoring	Plug-and-play, no configuration needed
Power Control	Real-time traffic monitoring and remote management
Use Case	No monitoring or control
Cost	Can allocate and schedule power per port
	Provides power automatically without control
	Use Case
	Large networks, enterprise, critical applications
	Small networks, simple deployments, basic LANs
	Cost
	Higher, requires IT expertise
	Lower, easy to deploy

Managed PoE switches are particularly useful in enterprise environments where network performance, security, and uptime are priorities. Features like Remote PoE Power Reset and Heartbeat Reset allow administrators to remotely power-cycle devices and maintain network reliability without on-site intervention . Unmanaged PoE switches are suitable for smaller networks or locations where minimal configuration is needed, providing basic connectivity and power delivery .

Key Considerations

When choosing between managed and unmanaged PoE switches, consider:

- Network size and complexity: Larger networks benefit from managed switches for control and scalability.
 - Device types: PoE is essential for devices that require power over Ethernet.
 - Security requirements: Managed switches offer configurable security features.
 - Budget and expertise: Managed switches are more expensive and require skilled IT staff, while unmanaged switches are cost-effective and simple to deploy .
- In summary, managed switches provide advanced control and monitoring, while PoE switches simplify powering network devices. Combining both features in a managed PoE switch offers the most flexibility, efficiency, and reliability for modern network deployments.

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