MS120-8 Compact Switch
Layer 2 access switch with 1G SFP uplinks, small form-factor, and optional PoE+

CLOUD-MANAGED COMPACT ACCESS SWITCHES

Cisco Meraki MS120-8 compact switches provide Layer 2 access switching in a fanless, compact form factor. All models include 1G SFP uplinks, integrated mounting brackets, and a Kensington security slot, making them ideal for rapid and secure deployment to branch locations.

Cisco Meraki switches are built from the ground-up to be easily managed without compromising any of the power and flexibility traditionally found in enterprise-class switches.

To bring up a Meraki switch, simply plug it in. Meraki switches do not require CLI for switch configuration or port management.

Meraki’s centralized management platform gives administrators granular visibility into their network. Our dashboard helps you keep track of every configuration change in your network with our detailed event and change logs.

INDUSTRY LEADING CLOUD MANAGEMENT

Cloud management has a number of benefits that make it easier to build networks large and small:

• Automatic email alerts from power loss, downtime, excessive Layer 1 errors, or configuration changes
• Powerful remote diagnostic tools such as packet capture to help isolate and troubleshoot network issues
• Role-based administration
• Firmware upgrades and enhancements from the Meraki cloud
• Virtual Stacking enables switch port configuration changes on the dashboard interface without the need to physically stack switches
• Incredible network transparency with application, operating system, client, and hostname visibility
• Zero-touch provisioning for rapid deployment across sites

Product Highlights

• Gigabit access switching with 8 x 1GbE ports and optional PoE/PoE+
• 2 x 1G SFP uplink interfaces on all models
• Fanless operation
• 20 Gbps non-blocking compact switch
• 67/124 watt PoE budget with PoE+ support and dynamic power allocation for powering access points, phones, cameras, and other PoE-enabled devices
• 6 dedicated QoS queues for converged voice, video, and data applications
• Integrated mounting brackets for wall or desk mounting, with included Kensington security slot
• Lifetime hardware warranty and advanced replacement at no additional cost
Features and Capabilities

Meraki switches include all of the traditional Ethernet features found in modern enterprise access switches, including:

Branch & Campus Access
- Quality-of-Service (QoS) to prioritize mission-critical traffic such as voice and video
- Voice VLAN support for simplified VoIP deployments
- CDP/LLDP with detailed neighbor discovery and visibility
- Port Mirroring support for monitoring network traffic at line rate
- IGMP Snooping to optimize network performance for multicast applications
- Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) for high-capacity trunking

Network Security
- IEEE 802.1X, MAB, and Hybrid authentication support for wired access control with RADIUS server monitoring
- ACL support (IPv4 & IPv6) and MAC whitelisting
- Single-Host/Multi-Domain/Multi-Host/Multi Authentication
- Change of Authorization (CoA) and RADIUS accounting support
- DHCP snooping to prevent users from adding unauthorized DHCP servers on the network
- Rapid Spanning Tree, BPDU Guard, Root Guard, UDLD and other safeguards to help prevent misconfigurations and reduce convergence time
- Per-port VLAN configuration
- Multiple administrative roles with sophisticated security policy management

Network Troubleshooting & Automation
- Virtual Stacking helps IT admins make configuration changes to hundreds of switch ports in seconds with our intuitive dashboard interface
- Configuration templates for rapid, zero-touch provisioning and auditing of all sites
- Network Topology for automatic and interactive network mapping
- Remote cable testing, packet capture, and client discovery
- Staged, automatic, and scheduled firmware upgrades for the complete network

Rapid Deployment & Configuration
With Meraki’s secure cloud architecture, device provisioning and orchestration becomes completely streamlined. Zero-touch configuration coupled with configuration templates let administrators define a switch configuration once and then bind thousands of switches to a profile, reducing overhead and increasing network security.

Template network configuration for distributed deployments

Application Layer Visibility
Meraki switches include integrated Layer 7 fingerprinting without the need to purchase additional modules or services. Identify hundreds of applications from business apps to BitTorrent and YouTube.

User fingerprinting allows administrators to quickly identify individual users by device and tune network resources for optimum performance.

Unified Software Architecture
Meraki switches run the same operating system used by all of our products, which allows us to deliver a consistent user experience for network management.

When connected, new MS120-8 switches automatically reach out to the Meraki cloud and download the most current configuration. Future updates can be user-scheduled, ensuring the network is kept up-to-date with bug fixes, security updates, and new features.
Meraki’s cloud-managed architecture makes it simpler than ever to quickly provision and reconfigure switch ports with security, QoS, and other parameters. The Meraki dashboard provides unified policies, event logs, and monitoring, which make it easy to manage and scale large network deployments.

By providing a complete, powerful set of management functions over the web, Meraki cloud-based management eliminates the need for proprietary command line configuration interfaces, which require expensive and time-consuming certifications. Meraki MS switches can be fully deployed and provisioned in minutes, without requiring any local configuration or staging. Additional or replacement switches can be sent to remote offices and installed by non-technical staff, saving thousands of dollars in time and travel expenses.

The Meraki MS family also includes several remote diagnostic features, from network connectivity and cable integrity tests to latency measurement tools. For deep client troubleshooting, administrators can even perform per-port remote packet captures without any additional probes or hardware on-site.

**Simplified Management and Operations**

**Scheduled & automatic firmware updates**

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**Scheduled Changes**

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**Automatic E-mail Alerts**

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**Designed for Reliability & Environmental Efficiency**

The Meraki switch family was designed for reliable operation in network closets, which are prone to high temperatures and limited ventilation. By minimizing total component count and only using proven switching silicon, Meraki is able to deliver highly reliable products with exceptional mean time between failure (MTBF) ratings.

Each Meraki switch also operates with a split-plane architecture, where silicon-based switching and data forwarding are separated from software-based control and management. By decoupling the underlying switching logic from control, each unit is able to deliver wire-speed switching even when advanced software features such as Layer 7 host and OS fingerprinting are enabled.

Finally, the highly integrated designs of Meraki switches result in power and cooling savings in large deployment environments of 30-60% when compared with similar managed Gigabit switches.

**DISTRIBUTED BRANCHES & REMOTE SITES**

Meraki’s cloud-based system makes it easy to manage a single switch, or thousands of distributed switches, from a single interface.

- Troubleshoot problems remotely; e.g., find which port has a bad cable attached.
- Add or replace switches without having to send a technician on-site. Switches automatically download their current configuration as soon as they are connected to the network.
- Receive email alerts or SMS messages whenever there’s a problem at a remote site.

**CAMPUS EDGE**

MS switches are ideal for small and large scale campus deployments, where reliability, scalability, and managability are top priorities.

- Virtual Stacking helps IT admins control port access policies, apply VLANs, toggle port power and more.
- SFP uplinks with link aggregation provide high speed connectivity to the core of the network.
- Receive alerts if any switch loses connectivity, before users complain.
# Dimensions & Interfaces

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<th>Model</th>
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| MS120-8-HW   | 1.1 x 8.74 x 5.91” (2.8 x 22.2 x 15cm) | 2.36 lb (1.07 kg) | • 8 x 10/100/1000BASE-T Ethernet RJ45 with auto negotiation and crossover detection (auto-MDIX crossover)  
• 2 x 1G SFP uplink                                                                 | 20 Gbps          |
| MS120-8LP-HW | 1.1 x 8.74 x 5.91” (2.8 x 22.2 x 15cm) | 2.76 lb (1.25 kg) | • 8 x 10/100/1000BASE-T Ethernet RJ45 with auto negotiation and crossover detection (auto-MDIX crossover)  
• 2 x 1G SFP uplink                                                                 | 20 Gbps          |
| MS120-8FP-HW | 1.75 x 8.97 x 8.58” (4.4 x 22.7 x 23cm) | 3.42 lb (1.55 kg) | • 8 x 10/100/1000BASE-T Ethernet RJ45 with auto negotiation and crossover detection (auto-MDIX crossover)  
• 2 x 1G SFP uplink                                                                 | 20 Gbps          |

## What’s Included

| All Models | 1 x Mounting screw kit and anchor
| MS120-8-HW and MS120-8LP-HW | 1 x External Power Supply

## Power Options & Specifications

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Meraki offers a variety of high-speed SFP pluggable optics for use with the MS120-8 Compact switches. Full specifications and compatibility information is available in the Meraki Accessories datasheet: https://meraki.cisco.com/lib/pdf/meraki_datasheet_sfp.pdf
Specifications

Management
Managed via the web with the Meraki cloud management platform
Integrated with Meraki wireless and complete portfolio of IT products and solutions
Zero-touch remote provisioning (no staging needed)
Detailed historical per-port and per-client usage statistics
DHCP, client, and hostname fingerprinting
SNMP and Syslog support for integration with other network management solutions
Automatic firmware upgrades with scheduling control

Remote Diagnostics
Email, SMS and mobile push notification alerts
Ping, traceroute, cable testing, and link failure detection with alerting
Remote packet capture
Dynamic and interactive network discovery and topology
Combined event and configuration change logs with instant search

Stacking
Virtual Stacking supports thousands of switch ports in a single logical stack for unified
management, monitoring, and configuration

Ethernet Switching Capabilities
802.1p Quality of Service, 8 queues (6 configurable for DSCP-to-CoS mapping)
802.1Q VLAN and trunking support for up to 4,094 VLANs
802.3v, 802.1D Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP, STP)
STP Enhancements: BPUU guard, Root guard, Loop guard, UDL
802.1ab Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) and Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP)
802.3ad Link aggregation with up to 8 ports per aggregate, Multichassis aggregates
supported on stacked switches
Port mirroring
IGMP snooping for multicast filtering
MAC forwarding entries: 16K for all models

Security
Integrated multi-factor authentication for Dashboard management
Role-based access control (RBAC) with granular device and configuration control
Corporate wide password policy enforcement
IEEE 802.1X RADIUS and MAB, hybrid authentication and RADIUS server testing
Single-Host/Multi-Domain/Multi-Host/Multi-Authentication
Port security: Sticky MAC, MAC whitelisting
DHCP snooping, detection and blocking
IPv4 and IPv6 ACLs

DHCP Relay

Performance
Switching capacity: 20Gbps
Forwarding rate: 14.88mpps with standard packet size
Jumbo frame support (9578 byte ethernet frame)
Flow control support

Power
Power input: 100 - 240 VAC, 47-63 Hz
Power consumption: 5 - 161W
External power supply for MS120-8, MS120-8 LP

Mounting
Wall or utility board mountable with included mount hardware
Desktop-mountable with included feet
Kensington lock slot included

Environment
Operating temperature: 0 °C to 45 °C
Humidity: 5 to 95% non-condensing
Fanless operation

Regulatory
CSA-US (US, Canada)
FCC (USA)
IC (Canada)
CE (Europe)
RCM (Australia/New Zealand)
RoHS

Warranty
Full lifetime hardware warranty with next-day advanced replacement included

MTBF Ratings

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<th>Model</th>
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<td>784,221</td>
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<td>502,221</td>
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<td>MS120-8-FP-HW</td>
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1 Requires carrier-supported email to SMS gateway and/or Meraki Mobile app
2 For international availability, please contact sales@meraki.com