

Overview

The Cisco Nexus 3172PQ switch is a dense, high-performance Layer 2 and 3 10 and 40-Gbps switch that is a member of the Cisco Nexus 3100 switches. The Cisco Nexus 3172PQ is well suited for data centers that require a cost-effective, power-efficient line-rate Layer 2 and 3 top-of-rack (ToR) switch.

Quick Specs

Figure 1 shows the appearance of N3K-C3172PQ-10GE.



Table 1 shows the Quick Specs.

Product Code	N3K-C3172PQ-10GE
Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*1.4-Tbps switching capacity</li><li>*Forwarding rate of up to 1 bpps</li><li>*Line-rate traffic throughput (both Layer 2 and 3) on all ports</li><li>*Configurable maximum transmission units (MTUs) of up to 9216 bytes (jumbo frames)</li></ul>

System memory	4 GB
Number of power supplies	2
Typical operating power	143 W
Maximum power	293W
Weight	18.6 lb (8 4 kg)
Dimensions (H x W x D )	1.72 x 17.3 x 17 in. (4.4 x 43.9 x 43.2 cm)

The SFP Transceiver and Cable Options

Table 2 shows the recommended elements for theN3K-C3172PQ-10GE.

Model	Description
<a href="#">SFP-H10GB-CU1M</a>	10GBASE-CU SFP+ Cable 1 Meter
<a href="#">SFP-H10GB-ACU7M</a>	Active Twinax cable assembly, 7m
<a href="#">SFP-H10GB-CU1-5M</a>	10GBASE-CU SFP+ Cable 1.5 Meter
<a href="#">SFP-10G-LR</a>	10GBASE-LR SFP Module

<a href="#">SFP-10G-SR</a>	10GBASE-SR SFP Module
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Compare to Similar Items

Table 3 shows the comparison between N3K-C3172PQ-10GE and N3K-C3172TQ-XL.

Model	<a href="#">N3K-C3172PQ-10GE</a>	<a href="#">N3K-C3172TQ-XL</a>
Virtual extensible LAN (VXLAN) capable	Bridging	Bridging
Openflow support	Yes	Yes
Rack unit (RU)	1	1
Switching capacity	1.44 Tbps	1.44 Tbps
Interface-type	48 SFP+ and 6 QSFP+	48 RJ-45 and 6 Quad Small Form-Factor Pluggable Plus (QSFP+)
Maximum 1 Gigabit Ethernet (GE) ports	48	48
Maximum 10 GE ports	72	72
Maximum 40 GE ports	6	6

Specification

N3K-C3172PQ-10GE Specifications		
Physical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· 1RU fixed form factor</li><li>· 72 x 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports (48 SFP+ and 6 QSFP+)</li><li>◦ 48 SFP ports support 1 and 10 Gigabit Ethernet</li><li>◦ 6 QSFP ports support 4 x 10 Gigabit Ethernet or 40 Gigabit Ethernet each</li><li>● Redundant fans (3+1)</li><li>● 2 redundant power supplies</li><li>● Management, console, and USB flash-memory ports</li></ul>	
Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 1.4-Tbps switching capacity</li><li>● Forwarding rate of up to 1 bpps</li><li>● Line-rate traffic throughput (both Layer 2 and 3) on all ports</li><li>● Configurable maximum transmission units (MTUs) of up to 9216 bytes (jumbo frames)</li></ul>	
Hardware tables and scalability	Number of MAC addresses	288,000
	Number of VLANs	4096
	Number of spanning-tree instances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● RSTP: 512</li><li>● MSTP: 64</li></ul>
	Number of ACL entries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 4000 ingress</li><li>● 1000 egress</li></ul>
	Routing table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 16,000 prefixes and 16,000 host entries*</li><li>● 8000 multicast routes*</li></ul>
	Number of EtherChannels	64 (with vPC)
	Number of ports per EtherChannel	32
	System memory	4 GB

	Buffer size	12 MB shared
	Boot flash	16 GB
Power	Number of power supplies	2
	Power supply types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AC (forward and reversed airflow) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- N2200-PAC-400W and N2200-PAC-400W-B (PQ models)</li> <li>- NXA-PAC-500W and NX-PAC-500W-B (TQ models)</li> </ul> </li> <li>DC (forward and reversed airflow) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- N2200-PDC-400W and N3K-PDC-350W-B (PQ models)</li> <li>- NXA-PDC-500W and NX-PDC-500W-B (TQ models)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Typical operating power	143 W
	Maximum power	293W
	AC PSUs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Input voltage</li> <li>Frequency</li> <li>Efficiency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100 to 240 VAC</li> <li>50 to 60 Hz</li> <li>89 to 91% at 220V</li> </ul>
	DC PSUs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Input voltage</li> <li>Maximum current (PSU output – System input)</li> <li>Efficiency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-40 to -72 VDC</li> <li>33A (400W unit), 42A (500W unit)</li> <li>85 to 88%</li> </ul>
Cooling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward and reversed airflow schemes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward airflow: Port-side exhaust (air enters through fan-tray and power supplies and exits through ports)</li> <li>Reversed airflow: Port-side intake (air enters through ports and exits through fan-tray and power supplies)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Redundant fans</li> <li>Hot swappable (must swap within 1 minute)</li> </ul>	
Sound	Measured sound power (maximum) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fan speed: 40% duty cycle</li> <li>Fan speed: 70% duty cycle</li> <li>Fan speed: 100% duty cycle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>64.9 dBA</li> <li>69.3 dBA</li> <li>76.7 dBA</li> </ul>
Environment	Dimensions (height x width x depth)	1.72 x 17.3 x 17 in. (4.4 x 43.9 x 43.2 cm)
	Weight	18.6 lb (8.4 kg)
	Operating temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32 to 104°F (0 to 40°C)</li> </ul>
	Storage temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-40 to 158°F (-40 to 70°C)</li> </ul>
	Operating relative humidity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 to 85% noncondensing</li> <li>Up to 5 days at maximum (85%) humidity</li> <li>Recommend ASHRAE data center environment</li> </ul>
	Storage relative humidity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 to 95% noncondensing</li> </ul>
	Altitude	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 to 10,000 ft (0 to 3000m)</li> </ul>
<b>Safety and EMC</b>		
Regulatory compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Products should comply with CE Markings per directives 2004/108/EC and 2006/95/EC.</li> </ul>	
Safety	<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>	

EMC: Emissions	<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>	
EMC: Immunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EN55024</li><li>• CISPR24</li><li>• EN300386</li><li>• KN24</li></ul>	
RoHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RoHS 5 compliant except for lead press-fit connectors</li></ul>	
Management and Standards Support		
MIB Support	<p>Generic MIBs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SNMPv2-SMI</li><li>• CISCO-SMI</li><li>• SNMPv2-TM</li><li>• SNMPv2-TC</li><li>• IANA-ADDRESS-FAMILY-NUMBERS-MIB</li><li>• IANAifType-MIB</li><li>• IANAiprouteprotocol-MIB</li><li>• HCNUM-TC</li><li>• CISCO-TC</li><li>• SNMPv2-MIB</li><li>• SNMP-COMMUNITY-MIB</li><li>• SNMP-FRAMEWORK-MIB</li><li>• SNMP-NOTIFICATION-MIB</li><li>• SNMP-TARGET-MIB</li><li>• SNMP-USER-BASED-SM-MIB</li><li>• SNMP-VIEW-BASED-ACM-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-SNMP-VACM-EXT-MIB</li><li>• MAU-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-SWITCH-QOS-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-CLASS-BASED-QOS-MIB</li></ul> <p>Ethernet MIBs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CISCO-VLAN-MEMBERSHIP-MIB</li><li>• LLDP-MIB</li><li>• IP-MULTICAST-MIB</li></ul> <p>Configuration MIBs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ENTITY-MIB</li><li>• IF-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-ENTITY-EXT-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-ENTITY-FRU-CONTROL-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-ENTITY-SENSOR-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-SYSTEM-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-SYSTEM-EXT-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-IP-IF-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-IF-EXTENSION-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-NTP-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-VTP-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-IMAGE-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-IMAGE-UPGRADE-MIB</li></ul>	<p>Monitoring MIBs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NOTIFICATION-LOG-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-SYSLOG-EXT-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-PROCESS-MIB</li><li>• RMON-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-RMON-CONFIG-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-HC-ALARM-MIB</li></ul> <p>Security MIBs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CISCO-AAA-SERVER-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-AAA-SERVER-EXT-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-COMMON-ROLES-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-COMMON-MGMT-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-SECURE-SHELL-MIB</li></ul> <p>Miscellaneous MIBs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CISCO-LICENSE-MGR-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-FEATURE-CONTROL-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-CDP-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-RF-MIB</li></ul> <p>Layer 3 and Routing MIBs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UDP-MIB</li><li>• TCP-MIB</li><li>• OSPF-MIB</li><li>• BGP4-MIB</li><li>• CISCO-HSRP-MIB</li></ul>
Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IEEE 802.1D: Spanning Tree Protocol</li><li>• IEEE 802.1p: CoS Prioritization</li><li>• IEEE 802.1Q: VLAN Tagging</li><li>• IEEE 802.1s: Multiple VLAN Instances of Spanning Tree Protocol</li><li>• IEEE 802.1w: Rapid Reconfiguration of Spanning Tree Protocol</li><li>• IEEE 802.3z: Gigabit Ethernet</li><li>• IEEE 802.3ad: Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP)</li><li>• IEEE 802.3ae: 10 Gigabit Ethernet (Cisco Nexus 3064-X)</li><li>• IEEE 802.3ba: 40 Gigabit Ethernet</li><li>• IEEE 802.3an:10GBASE-T (Cisco Nexus 3064-T)</li><li>• IEEE 802.1ab: LLDP</li><li>• IEEE 1588-2008: Precision Time Protocol (Boundary Clock)</li></ul>	

RFC	<p>BGP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFC 1997: BGP Communities Attribute</li> <li>• RFC 2385: Protection of BGP Sessions with the TCP MD5 Signature Option</li> <li>• RFC 2439: BGP Route Flap Damping</li> <li>• RFC 2519: Framework for Interdomain Route Aggregation</li> <li>• RFC 2545: Use of BGPv4 Multiprotocol Extensions</li> <li>• RFC 2858: Multiprotocol Extensions for BGPv4</li> <li>• RFC 3065: Autonomous System Confederations for BGP</li> <li>• RFC 3392: Capabilities Advertisement with BGPv4</li> <li>• RFC 4271: BGPv4</li> <li>• RFC 4273: BGPv4 MIB: Definitions of Managed Objects for BGPv4</li> <li>• RFC 4456: BGP Route Reflection</li> <li>• RFC 4486: Subcodes for BGP Cease Notification Message</li> <li>• RFC 4724: Graceful Restart Mechanism for BGP</li> <li>• RFC 4893: BGP Support for 4-Octet AS Number Space</li> </ul> <p>OSPF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFC 2328: OSPF Version 2</li> <li>• 8431RFC 3101: OSPF Not-So-Stubby-Area (NSSA) Option</li> <li>• RFC 3137: OSPF Stub Router Advertisement</li> <li>• RFC 3509: Alternative Implementations of OSPF Area Border Routers</li> <li>• RFC 3623: Graceful OSPF Restart</li> <li>• RFC 4750: OSPF Version 2 MIB</li> </ul> <p>RIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFC 1724: RIPv2 MIB Extension</li> <li>• RFC 2082: RIPv2 MD5 Authentication</li> <li>• RFC 2453: RIP Version 2</li> </ul> <p>IP Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFC 768: UDP</li> <li>• RFC 783: Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP)</li> <li>• RFC 791: IP</li> <li>• RFC 792: ICMP</li> <li>• RFC 793: TCP</li> <li>• RFC 826: ARP</li> <li>• RFC 854: Telnet</li> <li>• RFC 959: FTP</li> <li>• RFC 1027: Proxy ARP</li> <li>• RFC 1305: Network Time Protocol (NTP) Version 3</li> <li>• RFC 1519: Classless Interdomain Routing (CIDR)</li> <li>• RFC 1542: BootP Relay</li> <li>• RFC 1591: Domain Name System (DNS) Client</li> <li>• RFC 1812: IPv4 Routers</li> <li>• RFC 2131: DHCP Helper</li> <li>• RFC 2338: VRRP</li> </ul> <p>IP Multicast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFC 2236: IGMPv2</li> <li>• RFC 3376: IGMPv3</li> <li>• RFC 3446: Anycast Rendezvous Point Mechanism Using PIM and MSDP</li> <li>• RFC 3569: Overview of SSM</li> <li>• RFC 3618: MSDP</li> <li>• RFC 4601: PIM-SM: Protocol Specification (Revised)</li> <li>• RFC 4607: SSM for IP</li> <li>• RFC 4610: Anycast-RP using PIM</li> <li>• RFC 5132: IP Multicast MIB</li> </ul>
Software Features	
Layer 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Layer 2 switch ports and VLAN trunks</li> <li>• IEEE 802.1Q VLAN encapsulation</li> <li>• Support for up to 4096 VLANs</li> <li>• Rapid Per-VLAN Spanning Tree Plus (PVRST+) (IEEE 802.1w compatible)</li> <li>• MSTP (IEEE 802.1s): 64 instances</li> <li>• Spanning Tree PortFast</li> <li>• Spanning Tree Root Guard</li> <li>• Spanning Tree Bridge Assurance</li> <li>• Cisco EtherChannel technology (up to 32 ports per EtherChannel)</li> <li>• LACP: IEEE 802.3ad</li> <li>• Advanced port-channel hashing based on Layer 2, 3, and 4 information</li> <li>• vPC</li> <li>• Jumbo frames on all ports (up to 9216 bytes)</li> <li>• Storm control (unicast, multicast, and broadcast)</li> <li>• Private VLANs</li> <li>• NvGRE entropy</li> <li>• Resilient hashing</li> </ul>

Layer 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Layer 3 interfaces: Routed ports on interfaces, switch virtual interfaces (SVIs), port channels, and subinterfaces (total: 1024)</li> <li>• 64-way ECMP</li> <li>• 4000 ingress and 1000 egress ACL entries</li> <li>• IPv6 routing: Static, OSPFv3, and BGPv6</li> <li>• Routing protocols: Static, RIPv2, EIGRP, OSPF, and BGP</li> <li>• Bidirectional Flow Detection (BFD) for BGP, OSPF, and IPv4 static routes</li> <li>• HSRP and VRRP</li> <li>• ACL: Routed ACL with Layer 3 and 4 options to match ingress and egress ACLs</li> <li>• VRF: VRF-lite (IP VPN), VRF-aware unicast (BGP, OSPF, and RIP), and VRF-aware multicast</li> <li>• Unicast Reverse-Path Forwarding (uRPF) with ACL; strict and loose modes</li> <li>• Jumbo frame support (up to 9216 bytes)</li> <li>• Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE) tunneling</li> <li>• Advanced BGP features including BGP add-path for eBGP and iBGP, remove-private-as enhancements and eBGP next hop unchanged</li> <li>• IP-in-IP Tunnel support</li> </ul>
Multicast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multicast: PIMv2, PIM-SM, and PIM-SSM</li> <li>• Bootstrap router (BSR), Auto-RP, and Static RP</li> <li>• MSDP and Anycast RP</li> <li>• Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) Versions 2 and 3</li> </ul>
Quality of Service (QoS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Layer 2 IEEE 802.1p (class of service [CoS])</li> <li>• 8 hardware queues per port</li> <li>• Per-port QoS configuration</li> <li>• CoS trust</li> <li>• Port-based CoS assignment</li> <li>• Modular QoS CLI (MQC) compliance</li> <li>• ACL-based QoS classification (Layers 2, 3, and 4)</li> <li>• MQC CoS marking</li> <li>• Differentiated services code point (DSCP) marking</li> <li>• Weighted Random Early Detection (WRED)</li> <li>• CoS-based egress queuing</li> <li>• Egress strict-priority queuing</li> <li>• Egress port-based scheduling: Weighted Round-Robin (WRR)</li> <li>• Explicit Congestion Notification (ECN)</li> <li>• Configurable ECN marking per port</li> <li>• Priority Flow Control (with 3 no-drop queues and 1 default queue with strict priority scheduling between queues)</li> <li>• Policy Based Routing (PBR)</li> </ul>
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ingress ACLs (standard and extended) on Ethernet</li> <li>• Standard and extended Layer 3 and 4 ACLs include IPv4, Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP), TCP, and User Datagram Protocol (UDP)</li> <li>• VLAN-based ACLs (VACLs)</li> <li>• Port-based ACLs (PACLs)</li> <li>• Named ACLs</li> <li>• ACLs on virtual terminals (vty)</li> <li>• DHCP snooping with Option 82</li> <li>• Port number in DHCP Option 82</li> <li>• DHCP relay</li> <li>• Dynamic Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) inspection</li> <li>• Configurable CoPP</li> <li>• SPAN with ACL filtering</li> </ul>
Cisco Nexus Data Broker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topology support for TAP and SPAN aggregation</li> <li>• Support for QinQ to tag input source TAP and SPAN ports</li> <li>• Configuration of symmetric hashing to load-balance traffic to multiple tools</li> <li>• Traffic filtering based on Layer 1 through Layer 4 header information</li> <li>• Traffic replication and forwarding to multiple monitoring tools</li> <li>• Robust RBAC</li> <li>• Northbound representational state transfer (REST) API for all programmability support</li> </ul>

Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POAP</li> <li>• Python scripting</li> <li>• Cisco EEM</li> <li>• Switch management using 10/100/1000-Mbps management or console ports</li> <li>• CLI-based console to provide detailed out-of-band management</li> <li>• In-band switch management</li> <li>• Locator and beacon LEDs</li> <li>• Configuration rollback</li> <li>• SSHv2</li> <li>• Secure Copy (SCP) server</li> <li>• Telnet</li> <li>• AAA</li> <li>• AAA with RBAC</li> <li>• RADIUS</li> <li>• TACACS+</li> <li>• Syslog</li> <li>• Syslog generation on system resources (for example, FIB tables)</li> <li>• Embedded packet analyzer</li> <li>• SNMP v1, v2, and v3</li> <li>• Enhanced SNMP MIB support</li> <li>• XML (NETCONF) support</li> <li>• Remote monitoring (RMON)</li> <li>• Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) for management traffic</li> <li>• Unified username and passwords across CLI and SNMP</li> <li>• Microsoft Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (MS-CHAP)</li> <li>• Digital certificates for management between switch and RADIUS server</li> <li>• Cisco Discovery Protocol Versions 1 and 2</li> <li>• RBAC</li> <li>• SPAN on physical layer, port channel, and VLAN</li> <li>• Tunable buffer allocation for SPAN</li> <li>• Encapsulated Remote SPAN (ERSPAN)</li> <li>• Ingress and egress packet counters per interface</li> <li>• PTP (IEEE 1588) boundary clock</li> <li>• Network Time Protocol (NTP)</li> <li>• Cisco OHMS</li> <li>• Comprehensive bootup diagnostic tests</li> <li>• Cisco Call Home</li> <li>• Cisco DCNM</li> <li>• Advanced buffer utilization monitoring</li> <li>• sFlow</li> </ul>
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