AVAYA VIRTUAL SERVICES PLATFORM 8404

Flexible, Compact Form-Factor Ethernet Switch designed to deliver sophisticated functionality in versatile deployment scenarios for businesses that range from mid-market up to mid-sized enterprises.

Avaya progresses the Compact Form-Factor Ethernet Switch concept with the introduction of a flexible, semi-modular option. An important pillar of the Virtual Services Platform 8000 Series, this Switch enables businesses to satisfy many typical deployments scenarios with a consistent hardware platform.

Mid-sized businesses are increasingly dependent upon application access and IT systems – much like their larger siblings – however they typically do not have the same levels of IT or funding resources available to build-out reliable networks using conventional techniques and products. They too seek advanced networking capabilities, but need these to be delivered in a streamlined, simplified, and cost-effective package.

The VSP 8000 Series features tight integration between the Industry’s leading hardware and Avaya’s proven VSP Operating System and this delivers a compelling package of enhanced levels of functionality and robustness. Leveraging Avaya’s unique virtualization technologies, businesses can benefit from real-time service agility, avoiding the delays associated with conventional design, and the outages introduced in trying to maintain them. The Compact Form-Factor (CFF) design revolutionizes the cost/benefit proposition for the mid-market/mid-sized Core Switch role; delivering higher port density, better price/port, lower entry price-point, enhanced power efficiency, reduced maintenance, smaller physical footprint, and easy scalability. Essentially, the CFF gives business what they need, and at the same time helps them avoid the ‘Chassis Tax’.

The VSP 8000 Series debuted the Compact Form-Factor design concept, ushering in a unique approach to product and solution design. The original VSP 8284XSQ has come to define simplification, and the new VSP 8404 now adds flexibility to the equation. Leveraging the ability to support a diverse mix of Ethernet interfaces – from 10Mbps to 40Gbps, Copper- and Fiber-based – businesses can use the VSP 8404 to address a range of networking applications. The VSP 8404 is equally at home in the Core of a mid-sized Campus network, or as the Spine Switch in a Data Center Spine/Leaf Top-of-Rack deployment.
can also be deployed as a Campus Distribution Switch, providing and aggregation point between the Core and Access tiers. Supporting Avaya’s innovative Fabric Connect and Switch Cluster technologies, in addition to conventional IPv4 and IPv6 Routing, the VSP 8404 is an agile and versatile player in a number of distinct scenarios.

The VSP 8404 deploys and operationalizes quickly, minimizes ongoing operational burden, and Avaya’s unique network virtualization technologies enable real-time service deployment. As a product line, the VSP 800 Series enables businesses to redirect their finite IT resources to important value-adding projects.

The VSP 8404 shares the same next-generation hardware and software technology basis as the existing VSP 8284XSQ. This positions the product line to support both today’s requirements and tomorrow’s emerging needs. The VSP 8000 Series provides businesses with a future-ready solution that leverages the Industry’s most software-definable network virtualization technology.

**Product Overview**

The VSP 8404 Ethernet Switch provides four front-panel slots that support the flexible deployment of high-density VSP 8400 Series Ethernet Switch Modules. By default, the VSP 8404 is a “zero port” system, with a Chassis that integrates the switching fabric and all associated control and management electronics. Ethernet interfaces are delivered by the addition of one or more field-replaceable and hot-swappable Ethernet Switch Modules (ESMs).

In this manner, the VSP 8404 provides a low-cost, pay-as-you-grow solution for mid-sized businesses that wish to retain a high degree of flexibility as they develop solutions for their networking requirements.

The VSP 8400 Series Ethernet Switch Modules delivered at launch are as follows:

- 8408QQ 8-port 40 Gigabit Ethernet QSFP+ ESM
- 8418XSQ 16-port 10 Gigabit Ethernet SFP+ and 2-port 40 Gigabit Ethernet QSFP+ Combo ESM
- 8418XTQ 16-port 10 Gigabit Ethernet RJ45 and 2-port 40 Gigabit Ethernet QSFP+ Combo ESM
- 8424XS 24-port 10 Gigabit Ethernet SFP+ ESM
- 8424XT 24-port 10 Gigabit Ethernet RJ45 ESM
- 8424GS 24-port Gigabit Ethernet SFP ESM
- 8424GT 24-port Gigabit Ethernet RJ45 ESM

It should also be noted:

- 40 Gigabit Ethernet QSFP+ ports support Channelization and can therefore be individual sub-divided into four 10 Gigabit Ethernet channels.
- 10 Gigabit Ethernet SFP+ ports also support a wide range of 1 Gigabit Ethernet SFP Transceivers.
- 10 Gigabit Ethernet RJ45 ports also support 100/1000Mbps connectivity
- Gigabit Ethernet SFP ports support a wide range of 1 Gigabit Ethernet SFP Transceivers.
- Gigabit Ethernet RJ45 ports support 10/100/1000Mbps connectivity.
Please refer to the product technical documentation for further details.

The innovative design leverages the most advanced chipset from the Industry’s leading supplier, featuring 2.56Tbps of switching and 1,428Mpps of frame forwarding performance. The chipset is designed to deliver Terabit-scale, wire-speed capabilities, with a fully integrated, high-performance ASIC architecture that facilitates multiple design opportunities. Latency has been optimized, with a 40% advance over current best examples. New intelligent buffer technology self-tunes thresholds for excellent burst absorption, offering a 5x efficiency gain over existing static designs. A flexible, over-sized Unified Forwarding Table delivers enhanced support for L2, L3, and Multicast networking requirements. This chipset also includes embedded support for a range of enabling technologies such as DCB, SPB, VXLAN, PIM, FCoE, and NAT/PAT.

**Benefits**

The VSP 8404 adds significant flexibility to the Avaya Networking portfolio, and is compatible with, and complementary to, existing products and technologies. A new product, introducing the Compact Form-Factor concept, the VSP 8404, when deployed with other Avaya or third party Ethernet Switches devices, provides very high-capacity, high-performance connectivity solution for mid-sized Campus networks.

Building the Core using the cost-effective VSP 8404 and the Avaya Switch Cluster technology enhances the resiliency posture normally available to mid-sized business. In addition to the various high-availability factors offered by

expensive Chassis-based products (i.e. CPU, Switch Fabric, Power, Cooling, and of course Link), the combination of Switch Cluster and distributed hardware delivers total physical independent, including the ability to have the ‘Core’ split and deployed in different physical locations, independent and isolated control planes (meaning genuine process separation, isolation, and protection), and in-service software upgrades and be easily enacted. The VSP 8404 brings to the mid-sized Core the advantages that deploying Switch Cluster on Avaya’s Chassis-based products has delivered for many years to larger networks, but now offering it at a price-point more compatible with mid-sized business.

The VSP 8404 also natively supports the Avaya Fabric Connect technology. Some of the key advantages that Fabric Connect delivers include:

- Making the need to configure network-wide VLANs obsolete
- Replacing multiple sequential legacy protocols with this one single unified technology
- Totally removing the risk of network loops
- Delivering the Edge-only provisioning model which seamlessly integrates with orchestration and automation
- Fully optimizing all links and all devices enabling businesses to get the most out of infrastructure investments

Traditionally, provisioning new services or to changing existing ones, requires engineers to touch every device in the service path, configuring each device to enable both the active and redundant links. The bigger the network the more complex and risky this becomes. Leveraging Fabric Connect to virtualize the network delivers fundamental change. Rather than the network appearing as a mass of individual devices it becomes an opaque cloud, where we only need to touch the single unique device that is providing service directly to the endpoint. Fabric Connects automatically and instantly propagates all of service attributes to every other node within the cloud.

Fabric Connect has the added advantage of separating and segmenting traffic to unique service constructs. This has advantages in delivering ‘stealth networking’ solutions that help with compliance for business processes such as PCI and HIPAA.

Creating an autonomic network delivers crucial advantages. It means that businesses no longer need to configure the Core of the network for every service change; service change is only configured at the Edge of the network, and this has dramatic impacts for the entire change paradigm. Network segmentation means that each service is uniquely encapsulated and carried independent of every other service. Leveraging a single unified protocol, with integrated IP Multicast, enables Fabric Connect to deliver the Industry’s premium solution for simplified, scalable, and resilient IP Multicast-based applications. The Edge-only provisioning model delivers significant advances in how the network interacts with VM mobility. Layer 2 VLANs can be easily and seamlessly extended throughout the Data Center whether that is a single site or multi-site, and traffic flows are automatically load-balanced across all available links.
**System Compatibility**

From a software perspective, the VSP 8404 introduced with the release of the VOSS 4.2 software version; this will therefore be the minimum level of software available to operate the Switch. The VOSS 6.0 release delivers the following major enhancements:

- **Avaya Distributed Virtual Routing (DvR).** This feature enhances IP routing for Fabric Connect implementations by fully optimizing both availability and performance of the IP Gateway functionality. When Layer 2 networks are stretched across the network - as might be the case for a dispersed Data Center or for a campus-wide WLAN deployment - it can be easy to end up in a situation where trans-subnetwork traffic if forced to double-back across interconnects. This problem is known at the “Trombone Effect”. However, Avaya DvR virtualizes the Layer 3 Gateway functionality enabling this to be distributed to any or every node. Simple to configure and seamless to deploy, DvR avoids unnecessary bandwidth consumption, improves capacity and, especially relevant in the context of high-performance Data Center applications - reduces latency.

- **Avaya Fabric Connect-PIM Gateway.** This feature enables seamless bi-directional interoperability between Fabric Connect and a standards-based PIM Multicast Routing environment. While traditional PIM - Protocol Independent Multicast - is notoriously restrictive, complex, and unstable, it was, unfortunately, the only option if an organization needed to route IP Multicast traffic. Fabric Connect completely changes the Multicast paradigm, making this flexible to plan, simple to deploy, stable to operate. Now, organizations operating a legacy IP Multicast environment - either the PIM-SM or PIM-SSM - can implement Fabric Connect and enjoy seamlessly co-existence pending an eventual transition away from PIM. This feature is flexible, supports high-availability options, and enables organizations to deploy and retire technology at their own pace.

- **VXLAN Gateway.** This feature enables Fabric Connect edge nodes to connect to a Virtual Tunnel End-Point (VTEP) using VXLAN. This capability has a number of diverse uses, including defining connectivity to a third party Open vSwitch implementation of VTEP, however, it’s probably more likely to be used to deliver simplified, highly available interconnectivity between Fabric Connect domains. Organizations with large-scale Fabric Connect deployments, those encompassing multiple or diverse sites, sometimes prefer to selectively extend services between the domains. With the VXLAN Gateway capability, it’s now possible to leverage simply-to-configure VXLAN provisioning over generic IP services (for example, MPLS) to interconnect the edge nodes of two distinct Fabric Connect domains and thereby seamlessly exchange services.

**Features & Capabilities**

- Flexible support for up to 96 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet or up to 24 ports of 40 Gigabit Ethernet.
- Hot-swappable Ethernet Switch Modules.
- Non-blocking, wire-speed switching architecture.
- Integrated design that is optimized for low latency.
- Flexible table architecture delivers MAC, ARP, and IP Routing scalability.
- Feature-rich support for conventional VLAN, Link Aggregation, Spanning Tree technologies.
- Support for IP Routing techniques including Static, RIP, OSPF, eBGP, BGP+, ECMP, DvR/VRRP, PIM-SM/SSM, and VRF. Additionally, supports Static, RIPng, OSPFv3, ECMP, and VRRP for IPv6 deployments.
- IPv6-optimized Hardware.
- Avaya Switch Cluster technology supports Triangle & Square configurations, with both Layer 2 and Layer 3 functionality.
- MACSec and Enhanced Security Mode options.

**High Availability Power & Cooling**

- Up to 2 field-replaceable, hot-swappable AC or DC internal Power Supplies.
- 4 field-replaceable Fan Modules.

**Warranty**

- 12-month hardware.
- A complete range of support options are also available, either directly from Avaya or indirectly from our Authorized Business Partner network.

**Software Licensing**

- Base Software License, included with hardware purchase, enables most features with the exception of those specifically noted an enabled by the Premier Software License.
- Premier Software License, an optional accessory, enables the following features: Layer 3 Virtual Service Networks, Fabric Extend, DvR, VXLAN Gateway, >24 VRFs, and - where local regulations permit - MACsec.

**Country of Origin**

- China (PRC).

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Please refer to the product documentation for full details and a complete listing of all specifications and compliance.

**Supported Transceivers**

**40 Gigabit Ethernet**
- 40GBASE-QSFP*
- Passive Copper Direct Attach Cables – 0.5m, 1m, 3m, 5m
- 40GBASE-QSFP*
- Passive Copper Break-Out Cables – 1m, 3m, 5m

**10 Gigabit Ethernet**
- 10GBASE-T, up to 100m over Cat 6a UTP/STP
- 10GBASE-CX, up to 10m over Twinax
- 10GBASE-LRM SFP*, up to 220m over MMF
- 10GBASE-SR/SW SFP*, up to 400m over MMF

**Note:** SFP+ sockets are also capable of supporting a wide range of 1 Gigabit Ethernet Transceivers; additionally, 10 Gigabit Ethernet RJ45 ports also support 100/1000Mbps connectivity. Avaya also supports third party CDWM and DWDM Transceivers in “Forgiving Mode”.

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802.11 MAC Bridges (a.k.a. Spanning Tree Protocol)
802.1p Traffic Class Expediting and Dynamic Multicast Filtering
802.1q 802.1D Maintenance
802.1w Rapid Configuration of Spanning Tree (RSTP)

802.1Q Virtual Local Area Networking (VLAN)
802.1s Multiple Spanning Trees (MSTP)
802.1v VLAN Classification by Protocol & Port
802.1aq Connectivity Fault Management
802.2ah Provider Backbone Bridges
802.1ag Shortest Path Bridging (SPB) MAC-in-MAC

802.3-1993 CSMA/CD Ethernet
802.3i-1990 10Mb/s Operation, 10BASE-T Copper
802.3u-1995 100Mb/s Operation, 100BASE-T Copper, with Auto-Negotiation

802.3ah Provider Backbone Bridges
802.3af-2004 Bridges with Traffic Classes, Multicast Filtering
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802.3af-2004 Bridges with Traffic Classes, Multicast Filtering

802.1Qf-2007 MAC Bridge Data Link Layer Management
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IEEE 802.3 Data Link Control
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IEEE 802.21-2007 Media Independent Interface
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IEEE 802.3ah-2004 Bridges with Traffic Classes, Multicast Filtering
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IEEE 802.3ah-2004 Bridges with Traffic Classes, Multicast Filtering

IEEE 802.3an-2006 10Gb/s Operation, 10GBASE-T Copper
IEEE 802.3an-2006 10Gb/s Operation, 10GBASE-T Copper
IEEE 802.3an-2006 10Gb/s Operation, 10GBASE-T Copper
IEEE 802.3an-2006 10Gb/s Operation, 10GBASE-T Copper

IEEE 802.3az-2005 1000Mb/s Operation, 10GBASE-X
IEEE 802.3az-2005 1000Mb/s Operation, 10GBASE-X
IEEE 802.3az-2005 1000Mb/s Operation, 10GBASE-X
IEEE 802.3az-2005 1000Mb/s Operation, 10GBASE-X

IEEE 802.3ba-2010 40Gb/s and 100Gb/s Operation, implemented as 40GBASE-QSF+
## Ordering Information

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Where applicable the seventh character (*) of the Product Code is replaced to indicate the required product nationalization:

- **A**
  - No Power Cord option.
- **B**
  - Includes European “Schuko” Power Cord option, common in Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Nor- way and Sweden.
- **C**
  - Includes Power Cord used in UK and Ireland.
- **D**
  - Includes Power Cord used in Japan.
- **E**
  - Includes Power Cord used in North America.
- **F**
  - Includes Power Cord used in Australia, New Zealand and People’s Republic of China.

Notes of product ordering and hardware installation considerations:

- Customers should choose the model number that corresponds with their regional power cord requirements.
- Avaya recommends that Customers purchase a second power supply unit, in order to provide highly available power.
- Avaya recommends that Customers order a Slide Rack Mount Kit with every unit; the 300-900mm kit is designed to fit within most 4-post rack mount systems. Rack mounting with just two post ears would likely cause warping of the rack due to the weight of the unit and is therefore not recommended. Customers are advised to use mounting ears only in conjunction with a supporting shelf.
- A Console Cable is not shipped with the unit and, if required, must be ordered separately.

## Additional Information

For further information about the Avaya Virtual Services Platform 8000 Series please visit [www.avaya.com/products](http://www.avaya.com/products), and for the complete Avaya Networking portfolio, [www.avaya.com/networking](http://www.avaya.com/networking).
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