

## Overview

N3K-C3636C-R is the Nexus 3636C-R switch, with 36p QSFP28 MACSEC. The Cisco Nexus 3636C-R switch is a high-speed, high-density 10-, 25-, 40-, or 100-Gigabit Ethernet (GE) switch designed for the data center spine. The large buffers and routing table sizes of the 3636C-R also make this switch an alternative for a wide range of applications, such as IP storage, demilitarized zone (DMZ), big data, and edge routing. The switch comes in a compact 1-Rack-Unit (1RU) form factor and provides extensive Layer 2 and Layer 3 functions. It is part of the R-Series family and runs industry-leading Cisco® NX-OS Software.

## Quick Specs

Table 1 shows the Quick Specs.

Product Code	N3K-C3636C-R
Physical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>·1RU fixed-form-factor switch</li><li>·36 QSFP28 ports; each supports native 100-GE and 40-GE mode</li><li>·2 redundant power supplies</li><li>·3 redundant fans</li><li>·Lane select LED button</li><li>·Management, console, and USB flash-memory ports</li></ul>
Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>·7.2-Tbps switching capacity</li><li>·Forwarding rate of up to 3.34 bpps</li><li>·Line-rate traffic throughput (both Layer 2 and 3) on all ports for packet size larger than 115 bytes</li><li>·Configurable Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) of up to 9216 bytes (jumbo frames)</li></ul>
Physical dimensions (H x W x D)	1.65 x 17.3 x 31.22 in. (4.2 x 44 x 79.3 cm) 1.72 x 17.3 x 26.85 in. (4.4 x 43.9 x 68.2 cm)
Weight	35.627.1 lb (12.316.1 kg)

## Product Details

The Cisco Nexus 3636C-R provides the following main benefits:

- 1. Wire-rate Layer 2 and 3 switching** on all ports with up to 7.2 Terabits per second (Tbps) and up to 3.34 billion packets per second (bpps)
- 2. Programmability with support for the Cisco NX-API**, Linux containers, XML, and JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) APIs, the OpenStack plug-in, Python, and Puppet and Chef configuration and automation tools
- 3. High performance and scalability with an 8-core CPU**, 32 GB of DRAM, and 16 GB of dynamic buffer allocation, making the switch excellent for massively scalable data centers and big-data applications
- 4. MACSec capability**
- 5. Higher TCAM capability**
- 6. Flexibility:**
  - (1)Fiber cabling solutions are available for 10-, 25-, 40-, 50-, and 100-Gbps connectivity, including Active Optical Cable (AOC) and Direct-Attached Cable (DAC).
  - (2) Configurable QSFP28 Uplinks to work as 4 x 25-Gbps or 4 x 10-Gbps port.
- 7. High availability:**
  - (1)Virtual Port Channel (VPC) technology provides Layer 2 multipathing by eliminating the Spanning Tree Protocol. It also enables fully used bisectonal bandwidth and simplified Layer 2 logical topologies without the need to change the existing management and deployment models.
  - (2) Advanced maintenance capabilities include hot and cold patching and Graceful Insertion and Removal (GIR) mode.
  - (3) The switch uses hot-swappable Power-Supply Units (PSUs) and fans.
- 8. NX-OS operating system with comprehensive, proven innovations:**
  - (1) Power-On Auto Provisioning (POAP) enables touchless bootup and configuration of the switch, drastically reducing provisioning time.
  - (2) Cisco Embedded Event Manager (EEM) and Python scripting enable automation and remote operations in the data center.

(3)EtherAnalyzer is a built-in packet analyzer for monitoring and troubleshooting control-plane traffic that is based on the popular Wireshark open-source network protocol analyzer.

(4)Complete Layer 3 unicast and multicast routing protocol suites are supported, including Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), Open Shortest Path First (OSPF), Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP), Routing Information Protocol Version 2 (RIPv2), Protocol Independent Multicast Sparse Mode (PIM-SM), Source-Specific Multicast (SSM), and Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP).

## The Accessories

Table 2 shows the supported accessories.

Model	Description
<a href="#">NXA-FAN-65CFM-PI</a>	Nexus Fan, 65CFM, port side intake airflow
<a href="#">NXA-FAN-65CFM-PE</a>	Nexus Fan, 65CFM, port side exhaust airflow
<a href="#">NXA-PAC-2KW-PI</a>	Nexus 9000 2KW AC Power Supply, Port-side Intake
<a href="#">NXA-PAC-2KW-PE</a>	Nexus 9000 2KW AC Power Supply, Port-side Exhaust
<a href="#">NXA-PDC-2KW-PI</a>	Nexus 9000 2KW DC Power Supply, Port-side Intake
<a href="#">NXA-PDC-2KW-PE</a>	Nexus 9000 2KW DC Power Supply, Port-side Exhaust

## Compare to Similar Items

Table 3 shows the comparison.

Product Code	<a href="#">N3K-C3132C-Z</a>	<a href="#">N3K-C3636C-R</a>
Ports	32 fixed 100 Gigabit Ethernet QSFP28 ports	36 QSFP28 ports; each supports native 100-GE and 40-GE mode
Physical dimensions (H x W x D)	17.3W x 1.72H x 18.5D" (43.9 x 4.36 x 46.99cm)	1.65 x 17.3 x 31.22 in. (4.2 x 44 x 79.3 cm) 1.72 x 17.3 x 26.85 in. (4.4 x 43.9 x 68.2 cm)
Weight	19.2 lb. with PSU and fan 13.8 lb. without PSU and fan	35.627.1 lb (12.316.1 kg)

## Specification

<b>N3K-C3636C-R Specification</b>		
<b>Physical</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1RU fixed-form-factor switch</li> <li>36 QSFP28 ports; each supports native 100-GE and 40-GE mode</li> <li>2 redundant power supplies</li> <li>3 redundant fans</li> <li>Lane select LED button</li> <li>Management, console, and USB flash-memory ports</li> </ul>	
<b>Performance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.2-Tbps switching capacity</li> <li>Forwarding rate of up to 3.34 bpps</li> <li>Line-rate traffic throughput (both Layer 2 and 3) on all ports for packet size larger than 115 bytes</li> <li>Configurable Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) of up to 9216 bytes (jumbo frames)</li> </ul>	
<b>Hardware tables and scalability</b>	Number of MAC addresses	750,000
	Number of Virtual LANs (VLANs)	4096
	Number of spanning-tree instances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP): 512</li> <li>Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol (MSTP): 64</li> </ul>
	Number of Access Control List (ACL) entries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7000 ingress</li> </ul>

	Routing table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>·Maximum number of Longest-Prefix-Match (LPM) routes: 128,000</li> <li>·Maximum number of IP host entries:750,000</li> <li>·Maximum number of MAC address entries: 192,000</li> <li>·Maximum number of Layer 3 multicast entries: 64,000</li> </ul>
	Number of EtherChannels	256 (with VPC)
	Number of ports per EtherChannel	32
	Buffer size	16 GB
	System memory	32 GB
	Boot-flash memory	128 GB
	Frequency	50 to 60 Hz
<b>Power</b>	Power-supply types	AC (forward and reverse airflow) DC (port- side exhaust)
	Typical operating power	921 Watt (W)
	Maximum power	1,341W
	AC Power-Supply Units (PSUs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Input voltage</li> <li>· Frequency</li> <li>· Power-supply efficiency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· 100 to 240 VAC</li> <li>· 50 to 60 Hz</li> <li>· 89–91% at 220V</li> </ul>
	Maximum heat dissipation	2,631 MBtuTU
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Forward and reverse airflow schemes</li> <li>·Forward airflow: Port-side exhaust (air enters through fan tray and power supplies and exits through ports)</li> <li>·Reverse airflow: Port-side intake (air enters through ports and exits through fan tray and power supplies)</li> <li>· Redundant fans</li> <li>Hot-swappable (must swap within 31 minutes)</li> </ul>	
	Measured sound power (maximum) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Fan speed (PE): 50% duty cycle</li> <li>· Fan speed (PE): 90% duty cycle</li> <li>· Fan speed (PI) 50% duty cycle</li> <li>· Fan speed (PI) 90% duty cycle</li> <li>· Fan speed: 100% duty cycle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· 74.6 dBA</li> <li>· 87.5 dBA</li> <li>· 76.2 dBA</li> <li>· 90.0 dBA</li> </ul>
<b>Cooling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Dimensions (height x width x depth) 1.65 x 17.3 x 31.22 in. (4.2 x 44 x 79.3 cm) 1.72 x 17.3 x 26.85 in. (4.4 x 43.9 x 68.2 cm)</li> </ul>	
<b>Sound</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Weight</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· 35.627.1 lb (12.316.1 kg)</li> </ul>
<b>Environment</b>	Temperature: Operating	32 to 104°F (0 to 40°C)
	Temperature: Storage	–40 to 158°F (–40 to 70°C)
	Relative humidity: Operating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· 10– to 85% noncondensing</li> <li>·Up to 5 days at maximum (85%) humidity</li> <li>Recommend American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) data center environment</li> </ul>
	Relative humidity: Storage	5 –to 95% noncondensing
	Altitude	· 0– to 10,000 ft (0 to 3000m)
	Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF)	194,870 hours

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