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## MS450 Overview and Specifications

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### Overview

The MS450 aggregation switch features twelve 40G fiber ports (QSFP+) and two 100G (QSFP28) fiber uplink ports. The switch is designed to meet the needs of high bandwidth, multi-gigabit switching and works best alongside the MS355.



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### Features

- Managed via Cisco Meraki Dashboard
- Remote Packet Capture Tools via Meraki Dashboard
- Automatic Firmware upgrades
- SNMP/Syslog Integration
- IPv4/6 ACL support
- 802.1q VLAN tagging
- Broadcast Storm Control
- Dynamic ARP Inspection / DHCP Snooping
- 802.1X Authentication
- 12x 40GbE QSFP+
- 2x 100GbE QSFP28 fiber uplinks
- 2x Dedicated Stack Ports for up to 400G of Stacking bandwidth
- L3 Switching including OSPF
- Hot Swappable Power Supplies and Fans
- Warm Spare capable

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### Configuration

The basic initial configuration of the MS450 is just as simple as any other model of MS switch. The links below provide

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additional information and instructions relating to each step in getting the device setup and configured for the first time.

1. [Claim the device to an Organization on the Meraki Dashboard](#)
  - a. If a Dashboard Organization does not yet exist, [Create one](#)
2. [Add the device to a Dashboard Network](#)
  - a. If a Network does not yet exist, [Create one first](#)
3. Physically connect the device to the local network
  - a. Connect one of the RJ45 ports to existing infrastructure to provide a temporary uplink
  - b. Power on the device and let it check in to the Dashboard
  - c. If necessary, configure a Static IP through through the [Local Status Page](#) to allow it to communicate with the Meraki Dashboard.
4. Allow the device to completely check-in and perform any initial firmware upgrades
5. Finish configuring the device from the Meraki Dashboard
  - a. [Create a Switch Stack](#)
  - b. [Manage local VLANs / Port configuration](#)
  - c. [Configure Layer 3 Routing](#)

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## Context and Comparisons

	MS355-24X	MS355-24X2	MS450-12
<b>1GbE RJ45</b>	16	-	-
<b>mGbE RJ45</b>	8	24	-
<b>10GbE SFP+</b>	4	4	-
<b>40GbE QSFP+</b>	2	2	12
<b>100GbE QSFP28</b>	-	-	2
<b>Hardware Stack Port</b>	2	2	2
<b>Dedicated Management Interface</b>	1	1	1
<b>Hot Swap Power Supply</b>	Yes, Dual	Yes, Dual	Yes, Dual
<b>Hot Swap Fans</b>	Yes, 3x	Yes, 3x	Yes, 3x
<b>Layer 3 Routing</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes

<b>UPoE Capable</b>	Yes, 740W	Yes, 740W	No
<b>Max Switching Capacity</b>	352 Gbps	640 Gbps	1.36 Tbps
<b>Max Stacking Bandwidth</b>	400 Gbps	400 Gbps	400 Gbps

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## Technical Breakdown

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### Hardware Breakdown

	<b>MS450-12</b>
<b>40GbE QSFP+</b>	12
<b>100GbE QSFP28 Uplink Ports</b>	2
<b>100G Hardware Stack Ports</b>	2
<b>Dedicated RJ45 Mgmt Interface</b>	1
<b>Hot Swap Power Supply</b>	Yes, Dual
<b>Hot Swap Fans</b>	Yes, 3x

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### Throughput and Capabilities

	<b>MS450-12</b>
<b>Layer 3 Routing</b>	Yes
<b>UPoE Capable</b>	No
<b>Switching Capacity</b>	1.36 Tbps
<b>Stacking Bandwidth</b>	400 Gbps

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## Physical

	<b>MS450-12</b>
<b>Mount Type</b>	1U Rack Mount
<b>Dimensions (h x w x d)</b>	1.72" × 19.08" × 18.85" (4.37 × 48.46 × 47.88cm)
<b>Weight</b>	13.80 lbs (6.26 kg)
<b>Power Supply</b>	250W AC
<b>Power Load (idle/max)</b>	57W / 138W
<b>Operating Temperature</b>	32°F - 113 °F 0°C - 45°C
<b>Humidity</b>	5% to 95%

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## Troubleshooting

The MS uses LEDs to inform the user of the device's status. When the device powers on, all the Internet LEDs flash twice. Additional functions are described below, from left to right.

### Front Panel Components

Item	Function	LED Status	Meaning
1	Power	Solid orange	Switch is unable to connect to the Meraki cloud
		Flashing white	Firmware upgrade in process
		Solid white	Switch is fully operational and connected to the Meraki cloud
		Off	Switch does not have power
2	Switch Ports	Off	No client connected

		Solid orange	10/100 Mbps (1 Gbps on SFP+)
		Solid green	1/2.5/5/10 Gbps (10 Gbps on SFP+)

### Back Panel Components

Item	Function	LED Status	Meaning
1	Restore	N/A	Restore button to clear switch IP a
2	Management Interface	Green	Connected, used for easy access
3	Stack Ports	N/A	Stack Cables are connected here
4	Redundant Fans	Green	Active and operational
5	Redundant Power Supplies	Green	Active and functional power suppli

Power cords may be ordered separately.

Equipment is to be used only in a restricted access location and installed/operated only by trained service personnel.

## Common Troubleshooting

### **My device is connected to the network but not checking in to the Meraki cloud or shows a solid Orange LED.**

Confirm that the device is powered on and has a valid IP address that is able to access the Internet. Use the Local Status Page to get more information about the connectivity status of the device such as if it can successfully reach the Local Gateway, Internet, and/or Meraki Cloud servers. If necessary, contact Meraki Support for additional assistance.

### **My Status LED is blinking WHITE**

A blinking WHITE Status LED indicates that the device is in contact with the Dashboard Cloud servers and is performing

a firmware update. This can sometimes take 20-45 minutes or more to complete depending on hardware and other factors.

### **My Status LED is blinking ORANGE**

The device is not able to successfully communicate with the Dashboard Cloud servers or there may be a hardware issue with the device. Check the Local Status Page of the device to confirm the status and reach out to Meraki Support for further troubleshooting.

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## **Event Log**

The most common Event Log messages and their meaning are listed below.

### **Port STP change**

Indicates the STP state of the port has changed, lists the relevant port number, previous, and new states. Typically accompanied by a 'Port status change' event.

### **Port status change**

Indicates the link state of the port has changed, lists the relevant port number, old, and new state. Always accompanied by a 'Port STP change' event.

### **SFP module inserted/removed**

Indicates that an SFP module was either inserted or removed, includes SFP module information for inserted events and always lists the relevant port number.

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## **Common Stacking Alerts**

View our dedicated [Switch Stacking document](#) for more detailed information about configuring a Switch Stack and common issues.

Ensure all stack members are configured on dashboard, online and connected via their stacking ports.

**Note:** If connected and configured correctly, the alert will disappear within up to 1 hour. If the error persists, please contact Cisco Meraki Technical Support for further troubleshooting.

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This switch's current stack members differ from the dashboard configuration.

**This switch's current stack members differ from the dashboard configuration.**

This error can occur in the following scenarios:

- Stack members are configured on dashboard, but not all members are connected via their stacking ports.
- A stack member has failed or is powered off.

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This switch is not connected to a stack.

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This error can occur in the following scenarios:

- The switch is configured on dashboard as a stack member, but is not connected to a stack.

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This switch does not have a stack configuration.

**This switch does not have a stack configuration.**

This error can occur in the following scenarios:

- The switch is physically connected as a stack, but not configured on dashboard as a stack member.

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## FAQ

### **Can the 100Gbps QSFP28 ports downshift to 40Gbps if 40G QSFP+ modules are used?**

The 2 x 100Gbps QSFP28 ports are rated for 100Gbps use cases only. Downshifting to 40Gbps is not supported.

## **Is Flexible Stacking (similar to MS425) supported?**

No, the MS450 has two dedicated stack ports to support physical stacking.