

PoE switches consume too much power



Article Overview

PoE switches consume more power than standard switches because they deliver electricity to connected devices, and their consumption depends on port count, PoE standard, and connected device load.

Factors Affecting Power Consumption

PoE Standard: Different standards deliver varying power per port. PoE provides up to 15.4 W, PoE+ up to 30 W, and PoE++ can deliver 60–71 W per port, directly impacting total energy usage . **Number of Ports:** More ports increase baseline power consumption, even if not all ports are active. For example, a 48-port PoE switch can have a power budget exceeding 600 W, while smaller 8-port switches may range from 130 W to 250 W . **Connected Devices:** The total power draw depends on the number and type of powered devices (PDs) like IP cameras, VoIP phones, or access points. Ten 7 W cameras on a 24-port switch consume about 70 W, while 20 cameras double that to 140 W . **Switch Type and Features:** Managed switches with advanced features, higher port speeds, or gigabit/10G capabilities consume more power than unmanaged or slower switches . **Environmental Factors:** Heat generated by devices may require additional cooling, such as fans or air conditioning, further increasing energy consumption .

Typical Power Usage

- Small home or office switches (5–8 ports) typically consume 4–15 W.
- Enterprise PoE switches with many ports can consume 30–250 W or more, depending on the number of active PoE devices and the switch's power budget

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Specifically, as another Redditor pointed out, if I put six U6 Enterprise on an Enterprise 8 PoE switch and they all max out at 22, I

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