

Brocade VDX 6740, 6740T, and 6740T-1G Switches



HIGHLIGHTS

- Transforms networks to deliver cloud scale, agility, and operational efficiency with Brocade data center fabrics
- Supports 1, 10, and 40 GbE options for optimal flexibility and scale
- Meets today's application demands with high performance and low latency
- Delivers line-rate throughput for all ports and packet sizes
- Fits into any data center design by leveraging 10 GbE/40 GbE uplinks, Ports on Demand (PoD), and Capacity on Demand (CoD)
- Maximizes network availability with efficiency and resiliency
- Supports storage environments with advanced flexibility

Advanced Features to Transform Data Centers

Data centers continue to evolve, creating a need for an infrastructure that can support growth in Virtual Machines (VMs), distributed applications, and data, as well as the transition to cloud-based computing—without compromising performance. The Brocade® VDX® 6740 and the Brocade VDX family of switches deliver the performance, flexibility, and efficiency essential to modern data centers, including cloud and highly virtualized environments.

Brocade VDX 6740 Switch

The Brocade VDX 6740 (Figure 1) offers 48 10 Gigabit Ethernet (GbE) SFP+ ports and four 40 GbE QSFP+ ports. Each 40 GbE port can be broken out into four independent 10 GbE SFP+ ports, providing an additional 16 10 GbE SFP+ ports. In addition, the switch features low power consumption, consuming 1 watt per 10 GbE port.

Brocade VDX 6740T Switch

The Brocade VDX 6740T (Figure 2) offers 48 10GBASE-T ports and four 40 GbE QSFP+ ports. Each 40 GbE port can be broken out into four independent 10 GbE SFP+ ports, providing an additional 16 10 GbE SFP+ ports. The switch also features low power consumption, consuming less than 5 watts per 10 GbE port.

Brocade VDX 6740T-1G Switch

The Brocade VDX 6740T-1G (Figure 3) offers 48 1000BASE-T ports and two

40 GbE QSFP+ ports. Each 40 GbE port can be broken out into four independent 10 GbE SFP+ ports, providing an additional eight 10 GbE SFP+ ports for uplink. All 48 1000BASE-T ports can be upgraded to 48 10GBASE-T ports via the Capacity on Demand (CoD) software license. Two 40 GbE ports are enabled as part of the base license. The additional two 40 GbE ports can be upgraded via the Ports on Demand (PoD) software license.

The Brocade VDX 6740, 6740T, and 6740T-1G are all Ethernet fabric Top-of-Rack (ToR) switches that support a demanding data center environment. The Brocade VDX 6740 series of switches provides the advanced feature set that data centers require while delivering the high performance and low latency virtualized environments demand. Together with Brocade data center fabrics, these switches transform data center networks to support the New IP by enabling cloud-based architectures

that deliver new levels of scale, agility, and operational efficiency. These highly automated, software-driven, and programmable data center fabric design solutions support a breadth of network virtualization options and scale for data center environments ranging from tens to thousands of servers. Moreover, they make it easy for organizations to architect, automate, and integrate current and future data center technologies while they transition to a cloud model that addresses their needs, on their own timetable and on their terms.

Transforms Networks to Deliver New Levels of Scale, Agility, and Operational Efficiency

Brocade VDX switches allow organizations to evolve their data center networks at their own pace, with full investment protection. As the foundation for several data center architectures, Brocade VDX switches support Brocade IP fabrics, Brocade VCS® fabrics, as well as network virtualization, including controller-based network virtualization architectures, such as VMware NSX-V-certified, and standards-based controller-less architectures with Brocade

BGP-EVPN Network Virtualization for architectural flexibility (see Figure 4).

For organizations seeking automated provisioning capabilities to improve IT agility, Brocade VDX switches, together with Brocade VCS Fabric technology, accelerate time to value through automated provisioning of network devices and network virtualization. Automated service and resource upgrades further reduce ongoing maintenance time and costs. High availability is achieved through non-disruptive In-Service Software Upgrade (ISSU) and self-healing fabrics.

Read more about [Brocade data center fabrics](#).

Organizations that aim to automate the entire network lifecycle and integrate with cross-domain technologies to improve business agility—but lack sufficient engineering resources or training—can transform their networks with Brocade Workflow Composer™. Brocade Workflow Composer supports the Brocade VDX platform, enabling enterprise and cloud service provider IT organizations to bring network automation to IT operations (see Figure 5). Unlike other network

automation solutions that require proprietary hardware platforms and focus solely on configuration management, Brocade Workflow Composer provides turnkey, customizable, or do-it-yourself network workflow automation for provisioning, validation, troubleshooting, and remediation of the entire Brocade VDX platform—while integrating with tool chains and processes from other IT domains. Brocade Workflow Composer is powered by StackStorm, an open, extensible, and microservices-based framework that leverages the power of proven DevOps methodologies; popular open source technologies such as Puppet, Python, and Mistral; and a thriving technical community for peer collaboration and innovation to provide event-driven, cross-domain workflow automation.

Additionally, Brocade VDX switches offer programmability and interoperability options through a PyNOS Library and YANG model-based REST and Netconf APIs. Cloud orchestration and control through OpenStack and OpenDaylight-based SDN controller support enable full network integration with compute and storage resource provisioning and management.

Meets Today's Application Demands with High Performance and Low Latency

As data centers virtualize more of their servers and VM density per server increases, organizations will require higher bandwidth connectivity to support the explosion of data and application processing. With 1/10 GbE connections, Brocade VDX 6740, 6740T, and 6740T-1G Switches deliver the high-performance computing needed to keep up with the demands of a virtualized data center, allowing organizations to reduce network congestion, improve application performance, and meet the capacity required by 1 GbE and 10 GbE servers. The 40 GbE uplinks can easily



Figure 1: The Brocade VDX 6740 Switch provides 48 10 GbE SFP+ ports and four 40 GbE QSFP+ ports.



Figure 2: The Brocade VDX 6740T Switch provides 48 1000BASE-T/10GBASE-T ports and four 40 GbE QSFP+ ports.



Figure 3: The Brocade VDX 6740T-1G Switch provides 48 1000BASE-T/10GBASE-T ports and four 40 GbE QSFP+ ports.

Brocade Data Center Fabrics and Network Virtualization Options

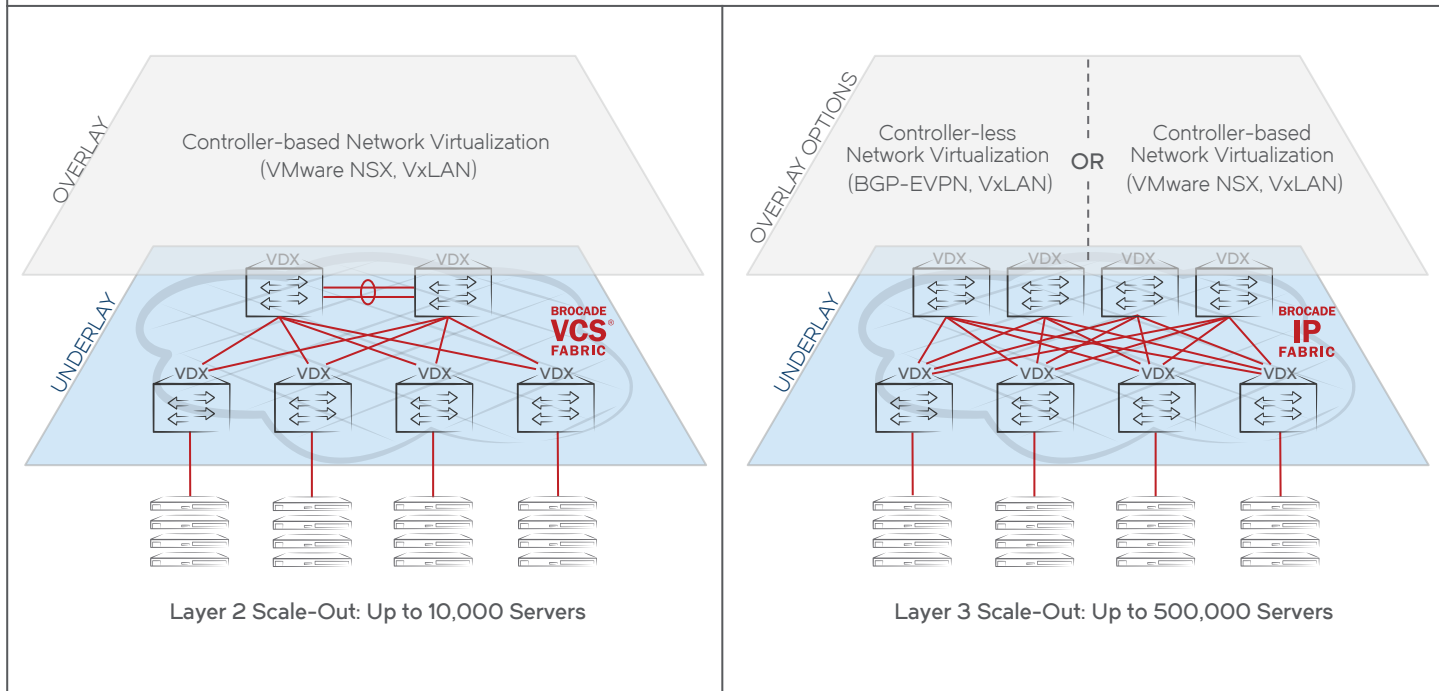


Figure 4: Multiple network architectures offer the flexibility that can help organizations rapidly adapt to changing business conditions and traffic patterns.

aggregate high-bandwidth traffic and reduce bottlenecks that occur when aggregating multiple 10 GbE connections, keeping data center networks working at peak performance.

In a Brocade VCS fabric, Brocade VDX 6740 Switches also help maximize network utilization with hardware-based Brocade ISL trunking. Organizations can create an 80 GbE trunk by utilizing two 40 GbE ports, or a 160 GbE trunk with 16 10 GbE ports. The Brocade ISL trunk is automatically formed between two Brocade VDX 6740, 6740T, and 6740T-1G Switches when they are linked together, allowing traffic to be equally distributed among all ports. This increases link efficiency and limits traffic disruptions, especially during high traffic times. Also, 40 GbE and 10 GbE trunking is supported between Brocade VDX 6740, 6940, and 8770 Switches. Refer to the *Brocade VDX 6740 Hardware Reference Manual* for details.

While an increase in traffic can also create latency issues, Brocade VDX 6740 Switches deliver very low latency through wire-speed ports with 850 ns (Brocade VDX 6740) and 3 μ s (Brocade VDX 6740T/6740T-1G) any-port-to-any-port latency. In addition, the switches deliver an industry-leading 24 MB deep buffer per switch. This provides the buffering capacity to handle increases in traffic, especially during peak times when ports are congested, allowing traffic to be distributed across the ports. The Brocade VDX 6740, 6740T, and 6740T-1G feature a single ASIC design, instead of multiple ASIC designs commonly found on other switches, further improving performance and reducing latency since all ports can communicate via one ASIC.

Fits into Any Data Center Design

Access ports are positioned to allow for easy server connectivity and to simplify cabling. With a choice of front-to-back or

back-to-front airflow, these switches are ideal for ToR deployments connecting servers, storage, and other switches, as well as for providing compatibility for either hot aisle or cold aisle data center designs. With dual-speed functionality, each 1 GbE port also supports 10 GbE connections, providing the flexibility needed to support a mixed environment as data centers transition to higher bandwidth.

The switches are designed to connect data centers with multiple options to meet individual design requirements. This flexible design provides investment protection, giving organizations a single switch that can support varying data center requirements. The following features help organizations meet their evolving needs:

- **10 GbE or 40 GbE uplinks:**
The 40 GbE SFP+ ports offer the flexibility to expand and interconnect the network infrastructure intelligently and

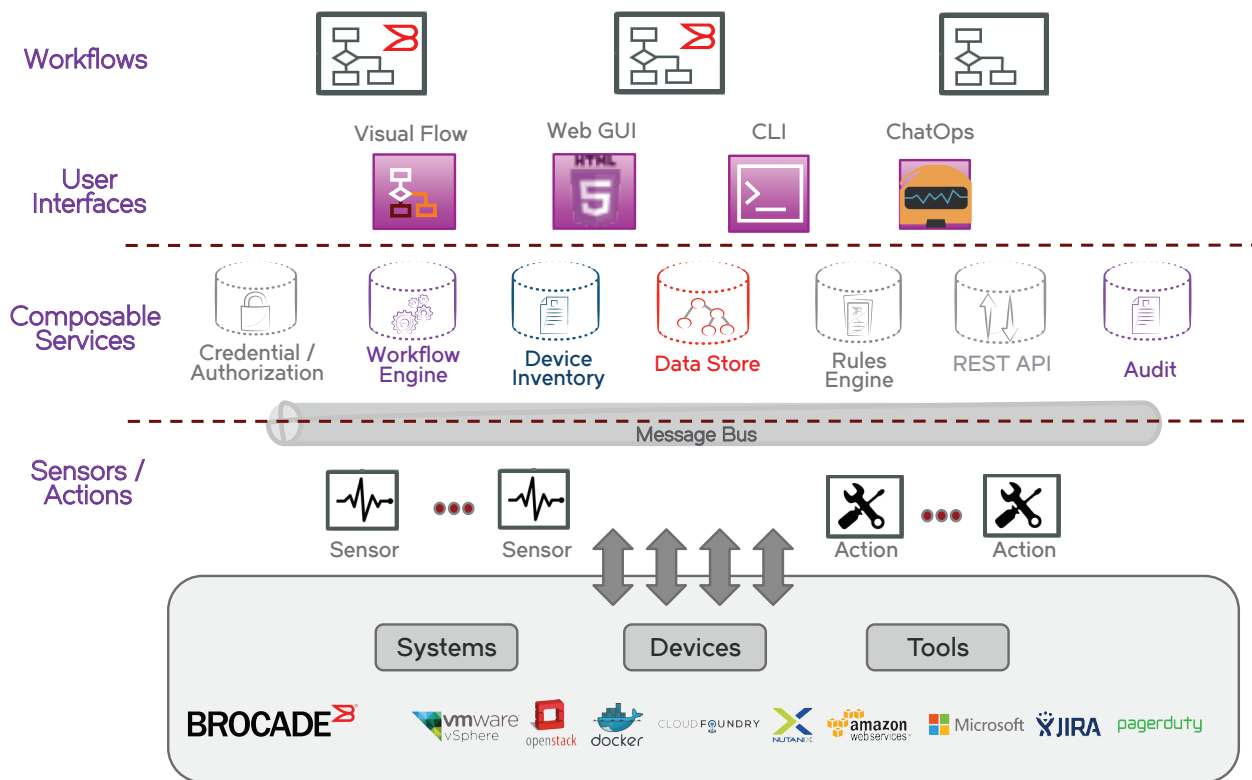


Figure 5: Brocade Workflow Composer brings workflow-centric, cross-domain network automation to IT operations.

efficiently while reducing bottlenecks. The switches offer the option to separate the 40 GbE uplinks into four 10 GbE uplinks via breakout cables. As capacity and need increase, organizations can revert to 40 GbE when ready.

- **Ports on Demand:** Ports on Demand (PoD) enables organizations to activate 24 to 64 ports. They can purchase the number of ports that they currently need and seamlessly scale up later by simply applying a software license. This flexible and cost-efficient “pay as you grow” licensing model solves scalability challenges by allocating IT resources as needed.
- **Capacity on Demand:** The Capacity on Demand (CoD) license for the Brocade VDX 6740T-1G enables organizations to upgrade all 48 100GBASE-T

ports to 48 10GBASE-T. This helps organizations migrate seamlessly from 1 GbE to 10 GbE via a software license without ripping and replacing the physical switch.

Maximizes Network Availability with Efficiency and Resiliency

Brocade data center fabrics create a more efficient and resilient network, and deliver the high performance and high reliability required by today’s data centers.

Optimizing East-West Traffic

Traditional data centers are architected with a rigid, three-tier tree topology optimized for the north-south traffic flow of client-server computing environments, compromising performance, increasing latency, and creating bottlenecks. With the increased prevalence of virtualization and distributed applications, data center

network traffic is now predominantly east-west, or server-server. Brocade data center fabrics were designed and optimized to address these traffic patterns by moving traffic through any of the active paths and avoiding the multiple hops required in other tiered topologies

In-Service Software Upgrade

The Brocade VDX 6740 family of switches delivers a highly efficient ToR In-Service Software Upgrade (ISSU) by leveraging a software model that uses a dual-OS infrastructure on a multi-core CPU. This enables data center administrators to deliver enterprise-class business continuity on ToR switches during a software upgrade/downgrade process. This software change process is non-disruptive to Layer 2, Layer 3, Fibre Channel, and FCoE traffic.

Moreover, the ISSU implementation is hardware-optimized, thus reducing the time it takes to complete the upgrade/downgrade process.

Supports Storage Environments with Advanced Flexibility

The Brocade VDX 6740, 6740T, and 6740T-1G offer advanced storage support with multiple storage connectivity options, including FCoE, Fibre Channel (Brocade VDX 6740 only), iSCSI, and NAS storage. They also feature Data Center Bridging (DCB), which enables the reliable exchange of storage traffic over the LAN network, eliminating packet loss when network congestion occurs and allocating bandwidth as needed to keep the network running efficiently. Moreover, the switches offer Network-Attached Storage (NAS) Auto QoS intelligence to prioritize delay-sensitive IP storage traffic within the fabric and to help ensure consistent performance while decreasing latency.

The Brocade VDX 6740 features 32 Flex Ports, which can take either a 10 GbE or 16 Gbps Fibre Channel personality. In Fibre Channel mode, these Flex Ports can be used to either directly connect Fibre Channel storage to VCS fabrics or bridge FCoE traffic to Fibre Channel SANs, thus protecting existing SAN investments. The Flex Ports and FCoE features on the Brocade VDX 6740 can be turned on with an add-on software license.

Brocade Global Services

Brocade Global Services has the expertise to help organizations build scalable, efficient cloud infrastructures. Leveraging 20 years of expertise in storage, networking, and virtualization, Brocade Global Services delivers world-class professional services, technical support, and education services, enabling organizations to maximize their Brocade investments, accelerate new technology deployments, and optimize the performance of networking infrastructures.

Acquisition Options That Match Balance Sheet Objectives

Successful network deployments drive business forward, providing technical and financial agility. Brocade offers the broadest financing models, from traditional leasing to Brocade Network Subscription. Network-as-a-Service allows organizations to subscribe to network assets today then upgrade on demand, scale up or down, or return them with 60-day notification. Brocade Network Subscription plans can be structured to meet IASC guidelines for OpEx or CapEx treatment to align with financial goals. Learn more at www.nonetworkcapex.com.

Maximizing Investments

To help optimize technology investments, Brocade and its partners offer complete solutions that include professional services, technical support, and education. For more information, contact a Brocade sales partner or visit www.brocade.com.

Brocade VDX 6740, 6740T, and 6740T-1G Feature Overview

Overview	Brocade VDX 6740	Brocade VDX 6740T	Brocade VDX 6740T-1G
Form factor	1U	1U	1U
Switching bandwidth (data rate, full duplex)	1.28 Tbps	1.28 Tbps	1.28 Tbps
Switch performance	960 Mpps	960 Mpps	960 Mpps
Port-to-port latency	850 ns	3 μ s	3 μ s
Dimensions and weight	Width: 43.99 cm (17.32 in.) Height: 4.32 cm (1.75 in.) Depth: 40.99 cm (16.14 in.) Weight: 8.66 kg (19.1 lb)	Width: 43.74 cm (17.22 in.) Height: 4.27 cm (1.68 in.) Depth: 53.65 cm (21.12 in.) Weight: 10.82 kg (23.85 lb)	Width: 43.74 cm (17.22 in.) Height: 4.27 cm (1.68 in.) Depth: 53.65 cm (21.12 in.) Weight: 10.82 kg (23.85 lb)
1/10 GbpsE SFP+ ports	Up to 64	Up to 16	Up to 16
2/4/8/16 Gbps Fibre Channel Flex Ports	Up to 32 (out of 64 10 GbE ports) Port types supported: E_Port (connecting to EX_Port only), F_Port, N_Port (Access Gateway mode)	0	0
1/10 GBASE-T	0	48	48
40 GbE QSFP+ (10 GbE breakout cable)	4	4	4
10 GbE Ports on Demand (PoD)	24, 32, 40, 48, 56, 64	24, 32, 40, 48, 56, 64	N/A
10 GbE Capacity on Demand (CoD)	N/A	N/A	16, 32, 48
Power supplies	Two hot-swappable, load-sharing	Two hot-swappable, load-sharing	Two hot-swappable, load-sharing
Cooling fans	N+1 redundant, integrated into power supplies	N+1 redundant, five hot-swappable fan units	N+1 redundant, five hot-swappable fan units
Airflow	Front to back Back to front	Front to back Back to front	Front to back Back to front

Brocade VDX 6740, 6740T, and 6740T-1G Specifications

Scalability Information*

Connector options	Out-of-band Ethernet management: RJ45 (fixed) Console management: RJ45 to RS-232 (fixed) Firmware and diagnostic: USB
Maximum VLANs	4,096
Maximum MAC addresses	160,000
Maximum port profiles (AMPP)	1,024
Maximum members in a standard LAG	64
Maximum per-port priority pause level	8
Maximum switches that a vLAG can span	8
Maximum members in a vLAG	64
Maximum jumbo frame size	9,216 bytes

* Please refer to the latest version of the release notes for the most up-to-date scalability numbers.

Brocade VDX 6740, 6740T, and 6740T-1G Specifications *(continued)*

Scalability Information*

Queues per port	8
DCB Priority Flow Control (PFC) classes	8
Maximum ACLs	13,000
Maximum ARP entries	32,000
Maximum IPv4 unicast routes	12,000
Maximum IPv6 unicast routes	3,000†
HA/ISSU	ISSU fully supported

Mechanical

Enclosure	Front-to-rear, rear-to-front airflow; 1U, 19-inch EIA-compliant; power from non-port side
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Environmental

Temperature	Operating: 0°C to 40°C (32°F to 104°F) Non-operating and storage: -25°C to 70°C (-13°F to 158°F)
Humidity	Operating: 10% to 85% non-condensing Non-operating and storage: 10% to 90% non-condensing
Altitude	Operating: Up to 3,048 meters (10,000 feet) Non-operating and storage: Up to 12 kilometers (39,370 feet)
Shock	Operating: 20 G, 11 ms half-sine Non-operating and storage: Square wave, 44 G, 15 ms
Vibration	Operating: 0.5 G peak, 0.7 G ms random, 5 to 500 Hz Non-operating and storage: 2.0 g sine, 1.4 G rms random, 5 to 500 Hz
Airflow	Brocade VDX 6740T port-side-intake: Maximum: 49.3 CFM; Nominal: 26.3 CFM Brocade VDX 6740T port-side-exhaust: Maximum: 51.9 CFM; Nominal: 27.3 CFM Brocade VDX 6740 port-side-intake and port-side-exhaust: Maximum: 25.7 CFM; Nominal: 11.5 CFM
Heat dissipation	1,672.41 BTU/hr

Power

Power supplies	Two internal, redundant, field-replaceable, load-sharing AC power supplies
Power inlet	C13
Input voltage	85 to 264 VAC nominal
Input line frequency	50 to 60 Hz
Inrush current	Limited to 30 A peak at 240 VAC during cold startup at 25°C ambient
Maximum current	6 A max at 100 VAC/60 Hz
Maximum power consumption	Brocade VDX 6740: 110 W Brocade VDX 6740T: 460 W Brocade VDX 6740T-1G: 276 W (Base SKU)

Safety Compliance

• CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 60950-1-07 including A1 / UL 60950-1-07, Ed. 2 including A1	• EN 60950-1 Second Edition +A1/A12	• GB 4943.1-2011 and GB9254-2008
• CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60950-1 Second Edition	• IEC 60950-1 Second Edition +A1	• CNS14336-1(99)

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† Hardware supported.

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| • FCC Class A | • CE | • GOST |
| • ICES-003 Class A | • C-Tick | • KCC Class A |
| • VCCI-Class A | • BSMI | • CCC |

Immunity

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| • ANSI C63.4 | • CISPR22 | • 51318.22-99 and 51318.24-99 |
| • ICES-003 Class A | • AS/NZS CISPR22 | • KN22 and KN24 |
| • CISPR22 and JEIDA (Harmonics) | • CNS 13438(95) | • GB17625.1-2003 |
| • EN55022 Class A and EN55024 | | |

Environmental Regulatory Compliance

RoHS-6 (with lead exemption) Directive 2002/95/EC

Standards Compliance

Brocade VDX 6740 products conform to the following Ethernet standards:

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| • IEEE 802.1D Spanning Tree Protocol | • IEEE 802.3ae 10G Ethernet | • IEEE 802.1AB Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) |
| • IEEE 802.1s Multiple Spanning Tree | • IEEE 802.1Q VLAN Tagging | • IEEE 802.3x Flow Control (Pause Frames) |
| • IEEE 802.1w Rapid Reconfiguration of Spanning Tree Protocol | • IEEE 802.1p Class of Service Prioritization and Tagging | • IEEE 802.3ab 1000BASE-T |
| • IEEE 802.3 Ethernet | • IEEE 802.1v VLAN Classification by Protocol and Port | • IEEE 802.3z 1000BASE-X |
| • IEEE 802.3ad Link Aggregation with LACP | | |

The following draft versions of the Data Center Bridging (DCB) and Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) standards are also supported on the Brocade VDX 6740:

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| • IEEE 802.1Qbb Priority-based Flow Control | • IEEE 802.1 DCB Capability Exchange Protocol (Proposed under the DCB Task Group of IEEE 802.1 Working Group) | • FC-BB-5 FCoE (Rev 2.0) |
| • IEEE 802.1Qaz Enhanced Transmission Selection | | |

The Brocade VDX 6740 products conform to the following Fibre Channel standards:

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| • FC-GS-5 ANSI INCITS 427:2007 (includes the following)
- FC-GS-4 ANSI INCITS 387: 2004 | • FC-DA INCITS TR-36: 2004 (includes the following)
- FC-FLA INCITS TR-20: 1998
- FC-PLDA INCITS TR-19: 1998 | • FC-PI-4 INCITS 1647-D, revision 7.1 (under development) |
| • FC-SP-2 INCITS 496-2012 (AUTH-A, AUTH-B1 only) | • FC-MI-2 ANSI/INCITS TR-39-2005 | • FC-FS-2 ANSI/INCITS 424:2006 (includes the following)
- FC-FS INCITS 373: 2003 |
| | • FC-PI INCITS 352: 2002 | • FC-LS INCITS 433: 2007 |
| | • FC-PI-2 INCITS 404: 2005 | • MIB-FA INCITS TR-32: 2003 |

RFC Support

RFC 768	User Datagram Protocol (UDP)
RFC 783	TFTP Protocol (revision 2)
RFC 791	Internet Protocol (IP)
RFC 792	Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)
RFC 793	Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)
RFC 826	ARP
RFC 854	Telnet Protocol Specification
RFC 894	A Standard for the Transmission of IP Datagram over Ethernet Networks
RFC 959	FTP
RFC 1027	Using ARP to Implement Transparent Subnet Gateways (Proxy ARP)

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RFC 1112	IGMP v1
RFC 1157	Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) v1 and v2
RFC 1305	Network Time Protocol (NTP) Version 3
RFC 1492	TACACS+
RFC 1519	Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR)
RFC 1584	Multicast Extensions to OSPF
RFC 1765	OSPF Database Overflow
RFC 1812	Requirements for IP Version 4 Routers
RFC 1997	BGP Communities Attribute
RFC 2068	HTTP Server
RFC 2131	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)
RFC 2154	OSPF with Digital Signatures (Password, MD-5)
RFC 2236	IGMP v2
RFC 2267	Network Ingress Filtering
RFC 2328	OSPF v2
RFC 2370	OSPF Opaque Link-State Advertisement (LSA) Option—Partial Support
RFC 2375	IPv6 Multicast Address Assignments
RFC 2385	Protection of BGP Sessions with the TCP MD5 Signature Option
RFC 2439	BGP Route Flap Damping
RFC 2460	Internet Protocol, Version 6 (v6) Specification (on management interface)
RFC 2462	IPv6 Stateless Address Auto-Configuration
RFC 2464	Transmission of IPv6 Packets over Ethernet Networks (on management interface)
RFC 2474	Definition of the Differentiated Services Field in the IPv4 and IPv6 Headers
RFC 2571	An Architecture for Describing SNMP Management Frameworks
RFC 2711	IPv6 Router Alert Option
RFC 2865	Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service (RADIUS)
RFC 3101	The OSPF Not-So-Stubby Area (NSSA) Option
RFC 3176	sFlow
RFC 3137	OSPF Stub Router Advertisement
RFC 3392	Capabilities Advertisement with BGPv4
RFC 3411	An Architecture for Describing SNMP Frameworks
RFC 3412	Message Processing and Dispatching for the SNMP
RFC 3413	Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) Applications
RFC 3587	IPv6 Global Unicast Address Format
RFC 3623	Graceful OSPF Restart - IETF Tools
RFC 3768	VRRP
RFC 4271	BGPv4
RFC 4291	IPv6 Addressing Architecture

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RFC 4292	IP Forwarding MIB
RFC 4293	Management Information Base for the Internet Protocol (IP)
RFC 4443	ICMPv6 (replaces 2463)
RFC 4456	BGP Route Reflection
RFC 4510	Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP): Technical Specification Road Map
RFC 4601	Protocol Independent Multicast—Sparse Mode (PIM-SM): Protocol Specification (Revised)
RFC 4724	Graceful Restart Mechanism for BGP
RFC 4861/5942	IPv6 Neighbor Discovery
RFC 4893	BGP Support for Four-Octet AS Number Space
RFC 5880	Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD)
RFC 5881	Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD) for IPv4 and IPv6 (Single Hop)
RFC 5882	Generic Application of Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD)
RFC 5883	Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD) for Multihop Paths
IPv6 Routing	
RFC 2740	OSPFv3 for IPv6
RFC 2545	Use of BGP-MP extensions for IPv6
IPv6 Multicast	
RFC 2710	Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD) for IPv6
VRRP/VRRPe	
RFC 5798	VRRP Version 3 for IPv4 and IPv6

Brocade Network OS Software Capabilities

		VCS Fabrics	IP Fabrics
Software scalability	Maximum switches in a fabric	48	Unlimited
	Maximum ECMP paths in a fabric	32	32
	Maximum LAGs in a fabric	2,000	48
Layer 2 switching	Service Node Load Balancing BFD/ARP Optimizations	X	X
	Conversational MAC Learning	X	X
	Virtual Link Aggregation Group (vLAG) spanning	X	X
	Layer 2 Access Control Lists (ACLs)	X	X
	Edge Loop Detection (ELD)	X	X
	Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) RFC 826	X	X
	Private VLANs	X	
	Maintenance Mode/Graceful Traffic Diversion	X	
	Distributed VXLAN Gateway	X	
	Diagnostic Ports	X	
IP Maps Support	X		

Brocade Network OS Software Capabilities *(continued)*

		VCS Fabrics	IP Fabrics
Layer 2 switching <i>(continued)</i>	L2 Loop prevention in an overlay environment		X
	High availability/In-Service Software Upgrade—hardware-enabled	X	X
	IGMP v1/v2 Snooping	X	X
	MAC Learning and Aging	X	X
	Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) IEEE 802.3ad/802.1AX	X	X
	Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs)	X	X
	VLAN Encapsulation 802.1Q	X	X
	Per-VLAN Spanning Tree (PVST+ /PVRST+)	X	X
	Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP) 802.1w	X	X
	Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol (MSTP) 802.1s	X	X
	STP PortFast, BPDU Guard, BPDU Filter	X	X
	STP Root Guard	X	X
	Pause Frames 802.3x	X	X
	Static MAC Configuration	X	X
	Uni-Directional Link Detection (UDLD)	X	X
	Transparent LAN Services	X	
	Layer 3 switching	Border Gateway Protocol (BGP4+)	X
DHCP Helper		X	X
Layer 3 ACLs		X	X
Multicast: PIM-SM, IGMPv2		X	X
OSPF v2/v3		X	X
Static routes		X	X
IPv4/v6 ACL		X	X
Policy-Based Routing (PBR)		X	X
Bidirectional Fault Detection (BFD)		X	X
32-WAY ECMP		X	X
VRF Lite		X	X
VRF-aware OSPF, BGP, VRRP, static routes		X	X
VRRP v2 and v3		X	X
Fabric Virtual Gateway		X	
IPv4/IPv6 dual stack		X	X
IPv6 ACL packet filtering		X	X
BGP Additional-Path		X	X
BGP-Allow AS	X	X	
BGP Generalized TTL Security Mechanism (GTSM)	X	X	

Brocade Network OS Software Capabilities *(continued)*

		VCS Fabrics	IP Fabrics
Layer 3 switching <i>(continued)</i>	BGP Peer Auto Shutdown	X	X
	Multicast Refactoring	X	X
	IPv6 routing	X	X
	OSPF Type-3 LSA Filter	X	X
	Wire-speed routing for IPv4 and IPv6 using any routing protocol	X	X
	BGP-EVPN Control Plane Signaling RFC 7432		X
	BGP-EVPN VXLAN Standard-based Overlay		X
	Multi-VRF	X	X
	IP Unnumbered Interface		X
	Intersubnet Routing (Symmetric and Assymmetric)		X
	IP over Port Channel		X
	VRRP-E	X	X
	Static Anycast Gateway		X
	ARP Suppression		X
Automation and programmability	OpenFlow 1.3	X	X
	REST API with YANG data model	X	X
	Puppet	X	X
	Python	X	X
	PyNOS libraries	X	X
	Ansible	X	X
	VMware vRealize plugins	X	X
	DHCP automatic fabric provisioning	X	X
	Netconf API	X	X
Multitenancy and virtualization	TRILL FGL-based VCS Virtual Fabric feature	X	
	Virtual fabric extension	X	
	VM-Aware Network Automation	X	
	BFD for virtual fabric extension	X	
	Brocade VCS Gateway for NSX	X	
	Brocade IP Fabric Gateway for NSX		X
	VMware NSX-v Certification	X	X
	Automatic Migration of Port Profiles (AMPP)	X	X

Brocade Network OS Software Capabilities *(continued)*

		VCS Fabrics	IP Fabrics
DCB	Priority-based Flow Control (PFC) 802.1Qbb	X	
	Enhanced Transmission Selection (ETS) 802.1Qaz	X	
	Manual configuration of lossless queues for protocols other than FCoE and iSCSI	X	
	Data Center Bridging eXchange (DCBX)	X	
	DCBX Application Type-Length-Value (TLV) for FCoE and iSCSI	X	
Fibre Channel/FCoE	Multi-hop Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE); requires Brocade VCS Fabric technology	X	
	FC-BB5 compliant Fibre Channel Forwarder (FCF)	X	
	Native FCoE forwarding	X	
	FCoE to Fibre Channel Bridging	X	
	FCoE on Brocade VDX 6740 and Brocade VDX 6740T	X	
	FCoE on QSFP+ port	X	
	Flex Ports, allowing direct and SAN connectivity of Fibre Channel targets	X	
	Multi-hop Access Gateway Support	X	
	End-to-end FCoE (initiator to target)	X	
	FCoE Initialization Protocol (FIP) v1 support for FCoE device login and initialization	X	
	Name Server-based zoning	X	
	Supports connectivity to FIP Snooping Bridge (FSB) device	X	
Fibre Channel/FCoE (continued)	FCoE traffic over standard LAG	X	
	Interface Binding	X	
	10 GbE CoD license needs to be activated in order to support FCoE on the Brocade VDX 6740T-1G	X	
	Dual Personality Ports	X	
	Logical SANs	X	
High availability	ISSU L2 and L3	X	X
	BFD	X	X
	OSPF3-NSR	X	X
	BGP4-GR	X	X
Quality of Service (QoS)	ACL-based QoS	X	X
	Eight priority levels for QoS	X	X
	Class of Service (CoS) IEEE 802.1p	X	X
	DSCP Trust	X	X
	DSCP to Traffic Class Mutation	X	X
	DSCP to CoS Mutation	X	X

Brocade Network OS Software Capabilities *(continued)*

		VCS Fabrics	IP Fabrics
Quality of Service (QoS) <i>(continued)</i>	DSCP to DSCP Mutation	X	X
	Random Early Discard	X	X
	Per-port QoS configuration	X	X
	ACL-based Rate Limit	X	X
	Dual-rate, three-color token bucket	X	X
	ACL-based remarking of CoS/DSCP/Precedence	X	X
	ACL-based sFlow	X	X
	Scheduling: Strict Priority (SP), Deficit Weighted Round-Robin (DWRR), Hybrid Scheduling (Hybrid)	X	X
	Queue-based Shaping	X	X
	Flow-based QoS	X	X
Management and monitoring	Logical chassis management	X	
	Switch Beaconing	X	X
	IPv4/IPv6 management	X	X
	Industry-standard Command Line Interface (CLI)	X	X
	Netconf API	X	X
	REST API with YANG data model	X	X
	Brocade VDX Plugin for OpenStack	X	X
	Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) IEEE 802.1AB	X	X
	MIB II RFC 1213 MIB	X	X
	Management VRF	X	X
	Switched Port Analyzer (SPAN)	X	X
	Telnet	X	X
	SNMP v1, v2C, v3	X	X
	sFlow RFC 3176	X	X
	Out-of-band management	X	X
	Remote SPAN (RSPAN)	X	X
	RMON-1, RMON-2	X	X
	NTP	X	X
	Management Access Control Lists (ACLs)	X	X
	Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)	X	X
Range CLI support	X	X	
UDLD	X	X	

Brocade Network OS Software Capabilities *(continued)*

		VCS Fabrics	IP Fabrics
Management and monitoring <i>(continued)</i>	OpenStack Neutron ML2 plugin	X	X
	Python	X	X
	Puppet	X	X
	Distributed Configuration Management	X	
	Maps switch health monitoring	X	
Security	Port-based Network Access Control 802.1X	X	X
	RADIUS (AAA)	X	X
	TACACS+	X	X
	Secure Shell (SSHv2)	X	X
	BPDU Drop	X	X
	Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)	X	X
	Secure Copy Protocol	X	X
	Port Security	X	X

Brocade VDX 6740, 6740T, and 6740T-1G Hardware Ordering Information

See the Brocade VDX Transceiver Support Matrix for optics and cable ordering details.

Hardware SKU	Description
BR-VDX6740-24-F	Brocade VDX 6740, 24P SFP+ ports only—no optics, AC, non-port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740-24-R	Brocade VDX 6740, 24P SFP+ ports only—no optics, AC, port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740-48-F	Brocade VDX 6740, 48P SFP+ ports only—no optics, AC, non-port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740-48-R	Brocade VDX 6740, 48P SFP+ ports only—no optics, AC, port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740-64-F	Brocade VDX 6740, 64P SFP+ ports only—no optics, AC, non-port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740-64-R	Brocade VDX 6740, 64P SFP+ ports only—no optics, AC, port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740-64-ALLSW-F	Brocade VDX 6740, 64P SFP+ ports only—no optics, AC, FCoE, VCS fabric, non-port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740-64-ALLSW-R	Brocade VDX 6740, 64P SFP+ ports only—no optics, AC, FCoE, VCS fabric, port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740T-24-F	Brocade VDX 6740T, 24P 10GBASE-T ports only—no optics, AC, non-port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740T-24-R	Brocade VDX 6740T, 24P 10GBASE-T ports only—no optics, AC, port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740T-48-F	Brocade VDX 6740T, 48P 10GBASE-T ports only—no optics, AC, non-port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740T-48-R	Brocade VDX 6740T, 48P 10GBASE-T ports only—no optics, AC, port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740T-64-F	Brocade VDX 6740T, 48P 10GBASE-T and 4 SFP+ ports only—no optics, AC, non-port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740T-64-R	Brocade VDX 6740T, 48P 10GBASE-T and 4 SFP+ ports only—no optics, AC, port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740T-64-ALLSW-F	Brocade VDX 6740T, 48P 10GBASE-T and 4 SFP+ ports only—no optics, AC, FCoE, VCS fabric, non-port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740T-64-ALLSW-R	Brocade VDX 6740T, 48P 10GBASE-T and 4 SFP+ ports only—no optics, AC, FCoE, VCS fabric, port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740T-56-1G-F	Brocade VDX 6740T-1G, 48P 1000BASE-T and 2 40 GbE QSFP+ ports, upgradable to 10GBASE-T via license only—no optics, AC, non-port-side exhaust airflow

Brocade VDX 6740, 6740T, and 6740T-1G Hardware Ordering Information *(continued)*

Hardware SKU	Description
BR-VDX6740T-56-1G-R	Brocade VDX 6740T-1G, 48P 1000BASE-T and 2 40 GbE QSFP+ ports, upgradable to 10GBASE-T via license only—no optics, AC, port-side exhaust airflow
BR-VDX6740-8x10G-POD	8-port PoD license for Brocade VDX 6740 and 6740T
BR-VDX6740-2x40G-POD	2-port 40 GbE PoD license for Brocade VDX 6740 and 6740T
BR-VDX6740T-1G-16X10G-COD	16-port 1 GbE to 10 GbE Capacity on Demand (CoD) upgrade license for Brocade VDX 6740T-1G

Brocade VDX 6740, 6740T, and 6740T-1G Software License Ordering Information

Software SKU	Description
BR-VDX6740-FCoE	Software, FCoE license for Brocade VDX 6740 and 6740T
BR-VDX6740-VCS	Software, VCS license for Brocade VDX 6740 and 6740T [†]
BR-VDX6740-ALLSW	Software, VCS and FCoE license for Brocade VDX 6740 and 6740T [†]

[†] VCS license is not required when running Brocade NOS 4.1 or later releases.

Brocade VDX 6740, 6740T, and 6740T-1G FRU and Optics Ordering Information

FRU and Optics SKU	Description
XBR-250WPSAC-F	FRU 250 W AC power supply/fan, non-port-side exhaust airflow, Brocade VDX 6740
XBR-250WPSAC-R	FRU 250 W AC power supply/fan, port-side exhaust airflow, Brocade VDX 6740
XBR-500WPSAC-01-F	FRU 500 W AC power supply/fan, non-port-side exhaust airflow, Brocade VDX 6740T, 6740T-1G
XBR-500WPSAC-01-R	FRU 500 W AC power supply/fan, port-side exhaust airflow, Brocade VDX 6740T, 6740T-1G
XBR-AC-FAN-F	AC fan, non-port-side exhaust airflow, Brocade VDX 6740T, 6740T-1G
XBR-AC-FAN-R	AC fan, port-side exhaust airflow, Brocade VDX 6740T, 6740T-1G
XBR-R000291	FRU, Brocade VDX 6740 fixed rack-mount kit for 4-post racks
XBR-R000292	FRU, Brocade VDX 6740 mid-mount kit for 2-post racks
XBR-R000293	Flush-mount kit for 2-post racks for Brocade VDX 6740
XBR-R000294	FRU, universal 2-post mid-mount kit/flush-mount kit, Brocade VDX 6740T/6740T-1G
XBR-R000295	FRU, universal rack-mount kit, 4-post, 24- to 32-inch depth rack, Brocade VDX 6740T/6740T-1G

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