Maintenance and Maintenance of 1 6T Liquid-Cooled Switch



Overview

The QFX5250-64OE-L liquid-cooled switch uses direct-to-chip cooling and meets Open Compute ORv3 standards, helping manage the power and thermal demands of 1.6T-scale networking.

Key Takeaways

Proper maintenance of a 1. 6T liquid-cooled switch focuses on cooling system integrity, power management, and remote monitoring to ensure high-performance and operational stability. Cooling System MaintenanceLiquid-cooled switches, such as those equipped with the Broadcom Tomahawk 6 chip, rely on direct liquid-cooling modules capable of removing over 1.

8 kW of heat per module. Key maintenance steps include: Regular inspection of coolant lines and connections to detect leaks or blockages. Most systems include leak detection with automatic shutdown to prevent hardware damage.

Monitoring coolant temperature and flow rates to ensure optimal heat removal. Deviations can indicate pump or block issues. Periodic replacement or topping of coolant according to manufacturer specifications to maintain thermal efficiency and prevent corrosion or microbial growth.

Power and Hardware Management1. 6T switches often use modular DC/DC power supplies to enhance flexibility and reliability. Maintenance considerations include: Checking power supply health and ensuring redundancy is functional to prevent downtime.

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Monitoring voltage and current levels via BMC (Baseboard Management Controller) for early detection of anomalies. Ensuring proper rack installation in EIA/ORv3 standard water-cooled racks to maintain airflow and cooling efficiency.

Remote Monitoring and Synchronization

Modern liquid-cooled switches support BMC remote management and 1588/PTP precision synchronization. Best practices include: Regularly reviewing system logs and alerts for temperature, power, and network performance. Testing failover and shutdown protocols to ensure automatic responses function correctly in case of leaks or overheating.

Maintaining firmware and NOS updates (e.g., SONiC distributions) to ensure compatibility with monitoring and AI-driven operational tools.

Operational Best Practices

Maintain a clean environment around the rack to prevent dust accumulation, which can affect heat exchangers and sensors. Schedule routine inspections of liquid-cooling modules, connectors, and optical interfaces (OSFP ports) to prevent degradation. Document maintenance activities and monitor performance metrics to detect trends that may indicate early hardware issues.

Safety Considerations

Always power down the switch before performing physical maintenance on liquid-cooling modules. Follow manufacturer guidelines for handling coolant and high-voltage components. Ensure emergency shutdown procedures are tested and accessible to data center personnel.

By adhering to these maintenance and operational practices, a 1. 6T liquid-cooled switch can maintain high throughput, energy efficiency, and reliability, supporting AI, HPC, and large-scale cloud workloads effectively.

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Alpha Networks Unveils 1.6T Liquid-Cooled Switch at COMPUTEX

With high-performance chips now entering the kilowatt-class era, conventional air-cooling systems face significant limitations in terms of size, cost, efficiency, and energy consumption. Alpha

Installation, Operation and Maintenance Manual

It is important, however, to ensure proper and periodical maintenance in accordance with all the procedures listed in this manual and with good practice of machines maintenance.

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