

Internal Structure of Industrial Switches



Summary of Content

Industrial-grade switches are ruggedized network devices designed with reinforced hardware, redundant power inputs, and specialized circuitry to ensure reliable data transmission in harsh industrial environments.

Ruggedized Hardware and Enclosure

Industrial switches are built with metal housings that protect internal components from dust, moisture, and physical impacts. Many are DIN-rail or rack-mountable, allowing secure installation in control cabinets or industrial racks. The enclosures often meet IP ratings for ingress protection and are designed to withstand extreme temperatures (-40°C to +85°C), vibration, and shock conditions, which are common in manufacturing plants, railways, and oil/gas facilities .

Power Supply and Redundancy

Internally, industrial switches feature dual power inputs with wide voltage ranges (e.g., 12-57 V DC) to ensure continuous operation even if one power source fails. Some models include failover mechanisms and surge/ESD/lightning protection circuits to safeguard sensitive electronics from transient voltage spikes .

Switching and Processing Components

The core of an industrial switch consists of high-performance switching ASICs (Application-Specific Integrated Circuits) that handle packet forwarding. Depending on the type:

- Layer 2 switches forward frames based on MAC addresses, providing low-latency connectivity within a LAN.

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Overview of Basic Switches Technical Guide for Basic Switches

The following Basic Switch structure is shown as an example. Basic Switches are mainly comprised of five components.

CSM_MicroSwitch_TG_E_3_2

A Basic Switch is a small switch with a very small contact gap and snap-action mechanism and with a contact structure that switches

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In short, poles indicate how many circuits a single switch can control. Throws, on the other hand, indicate how many contacts the

Switches Function in Industrial Automation

plied to the build at the structure level. PCs, programmable logic con-trollers (PLCs), distributed control systems (DCS), and

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