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1. RUGGEDIZED DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

The modern smart manufacturing environment imposes extreme operational stressors absent from conventional enterprise settings. These include sustained ambient temperatures of -40°C to $+75^{\circ}\text{C}$, electromagnetic interference (EMI) from high-power robotics, non-stop mechanical vibration, and airborne conductive particulates. The SM-S6200 Series of Industrial Ethernet Switches has been architected from the ground up to operate as the deterministic, fault-tolerant backbone of Industry 4.0 automation cells, programmable logic controller (PLC) networks, and real-time motion control loops. Every component — from the fanless thermal dissipation chassis to the conformal-coated printed circuit boards—is selected for a minimum 15-year service life in unstaffed or harsh manufacturing zones.



2. THERMAL & ELECTRICAL TOLERANCE MECHANISMS

The SM-S6200 employs a passive, finned aluminum chassis with internal cold-plate coupling to critical ASICs and power regulators. No internal fans or moving parts exist, eliminating a common point of failure due to dust or fiber clogging. The operating voltage range accepts 12–58 VDC (nominal 24/48 VDC) with transient surge protection up to ± 4 kV on power inputs per IEC 61000-4-5. Reverse polarity and overcurrent protection are integrated. For extreme high-ambient scenarios, thermal throttling begins only at junction temperatures exceeding 105°C, with graceful shutdown at 115°C. Electrical fast transients (EFT) per IEC 61000-4-4 are absorbed via common-mode chokes and TVS diode arrays on all I/O lines.

3. OPERATIONAL ADVANTAGES FOR REAL-TIME AUTOMATION

Beyond environmental resilience, the SM-S6200 series delivers time-sensitive networking (TSN) capabilities per IEEE 802.1Qbv (Time-Aware Shaper) and 802.1AS (gPTP). This guarantees sub-microsecond synchronization across distributed servo drives and vision systems. Layer 2 forwarding is non-blocking with cut-through switching as low as 1 μ s (64-byte frames). Layer 3 static routing and RIP v1/v2 are supported for segmented production cells. The switch also integrates PROFINET v2.4, EtherNet/IP (CIP Sync), and Modbus TCP application layer gateways, providing native integration with Siemens, Rockwell, and Schneider PLC ecosystems without external protocol converters.

4. CERTIFICATIONS MATRIX

All SM-S6200 models carry full certification for heavy industrial deployment.

Key approvals include:

- IEC 61850-3 (Electric power substation automation, immunity class)
- IEEE 1613 (Environmental hardening for communication in electric substations)
- EN 50121-4 (Railway EMI and EMC compatibility)
- UL 61010-1 / UL 61010-2-201 (Industrial control equipment safety)
- ATEX/IECEx Zone 2 (Gas/vapor hazardous locations, non-incendive)
- Class I Division 2 (North American hazardous locations)

- IP40 ingress protection (conduit-ready ports with optional IP67 field-attachable connectors)

5. EXACT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS – SM-S6200 SERIES

Parameter	Specification
Form Factor	1RU (19-inch rack-mount) or DIN-rail (optional bracket)
Switching Capacity	32 Gbps (8-port model) / 128 Gbps (16-port model)
Forwarding Rate	23.8 Mpps (8-port) / 95.2 Mpps (16-port)
Power Supply	Dual redundant isolated DC inputs, 12 –58 VDC, reverse polarity protected
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +75°C (fanless)
Protection Ratings	IP40 (base), IP67 with optional cable kit
MAC Address Table	16K entries
Jumbo Frame Support	Up to 9,216 bytes
Mean Time Between Failures	1,850,000 hours (Telcordia SR-332)
Safety Certifications	UL 61010-1, ATEX Zone 2, Class I Div 2
Industrial Protocols	PROFINET, EtherNet/IP (CIP Sync),

	Modbus TCP
Time Synchronization	IEEE 802.1AS (gPTP), NTP v4, SNTP

6. FIELD DEPLOYMENT SCHEMATIC AND TOPOLOGY INTEGRATION

In a representative automotive press line or electronics SMT (surface-mount technology) cell, the SM-S6200 acts as a substation aggregation switch. Downlink ports connect to individual IO-Link masters, vision cameras, and safety PLCs over up to 100 meters of Cat6a or optical fiber (100Base-FX/1000Base-SX). Uplink ports connect to a core industrial distribution switch (such as the SM-S9800 series) using dual fiber rings running ERPS (Ethernet Ring Protection Switching, ITU-T G.8032) for <50 ms failover. The switch's NTP server capability synchronizes all automation nodes to a master clock from a GPS or PTP grandmaster. Remote management is enabled through secure HTTPS, SNMPv3, and SSH with RADIUS/TACACS+ authentication, all accessible via the switch's isolated management VLAN.



7. ORDERING AND PART NUMBER REFERENCE

Base model SM-S6200-8T4X (8x 10/100/1000Base-T, 4x 1/10G SFP+). Extended model SM-S6200-16T8X (16x 10/100/1000Base-T, 8x 1/10G SFP+). Optional accessories: panel-mounting brackets (P/N: S6200-PMB), external 60 W redundant power supply (P/N: RPS-60-48), SFP modules for industrial temperature (-40°C to +85°C) in 1000Base-LX/LH and 10GBase-LR variants. All units ship with console cable, 5-year hardware warranty, and lifetime firmware updates.

8. MTBF AND LIFECYCLE ASSURANCE

Calculated per Telcordia SR-332, Issue 4, Ground Fixed, 40 ° C ambient:
SM-S6200-8T4X exhibits 1,850,000 hours MTBF (mean time between failures).

No periodic maintenance is required. Storage temperature: -40°C to $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$, humidity 5% to 95% non-condensing. Altitude operation: up to 4000 m (derate ambient by 1°C per 300 m above 2000 m).