

# PoE switch port surge protection



## Overview

How to Protect Your Gigabit PoE Network from Power Always choose PoE surge protectors rated for 10/100/1000Mbps (Gigabit) and compliant with PoE standards.

## Key Takeaways

PoE switch ports can be protected from surges using dedicated PoE surge protectors, proper grounding, and bi-directional protection for both indoor and outdoor devices. Why Surge Protection is Important Power over Ethernet (PoE) switches transmit both data and DC power over Ethernet cables, making them vulnerable to power surges caused by lightning, electrical faults, or switching operations in nearby equipment. Surges can travel along Ethernet cables in either direction, potentially damaging the switch or connected devices such as IP cameras and access points.

Even a nearby lightning strike can induce high voltage in copper Ethernet cables, creating a risk of costly hardware failure or network downtime.

## Types of Po

### E Surge Protection

Inline PoE Surge Protectors (SPD): These devices are installed between the PoE switch and the powered device. They limit transient overvoltage to a safe level and divert excess current to ground. Indoor and Outdoor Protectors: Outdoor protectors shield devices from surges entering from external sources, while indoor protectors protect the switch from surges traveling back from devices.

Using both ensures bi-directional protection. Switch Port Built-in Protection: Some commercial PoE switches, such as D-Link Business models, include 6kV surge protection per port, providing basic protection without additional devices.

## Installation Best Practices

**Placement:** Mount indoor surge protectors near the PoE switch and outdoor protectors near the device, ideally on a DIN rail or secure mount. **Cabling:** Use shielded, outdoor-rated Cat5e/6 cables for outdoor runs and avoid running Ethernet near high-voltage lines. **Grounding:** Connect surge protectors to a proper ground using green/yellow insulated copper wire, at least 12-14 AWG (2-4 mm<sup>2</sup>) for outdoor grounding.

Keep ground wires as short as possible for maximum effectiveness.

## Check Po

**E Pass-through:** Ensure that the surge protector allows PoE to pass through to the device and verify operation using LED indicators on the switch and device.

## Additional Considerations

**Bandwidth Compatibility:** Ensure surge protectors are rated for Gigabit Ethernet (10/100/1000 Mbps) and compliant with PoE standards (IEEE 802.3af/at/bt) to avoid data loss or reduced performance. **Environmental Durability:** Outdoor SPDs should withstand rain, dust, snow, ice, and humidity.

**Redundant Power:** For critical networks, consider PoE switches with optional redundant power supplies to maintain uptime during electrical disturbances. By combining dedicated PoE surge protectors, proper grounding, and careful installation, you can significantly reduce the risk of damage to PoE switches and connected devices, ensuring network reliability and longevity.

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## Surge Protectors for PoE Networks | Eaton

Tripp Lite PoE Surge Protectors for indoor or outdoor use protect edge network devices, including PoE cameras and LAN access points, from power surges, ESD and cable discharge events.

## Protect PoE Devices from Power Surges and Other Disruptions

Because a power surge can travel in any direction along Ethernet cable, a surge protective device (SPD) is the best way to protect outdoor PoE equipment. An electric shock only happens if there is a

## Power over Ethernet (PoE) Surge Protection per IEC 61000-4-5

Many applications are located in hostile environments and require protection against damage that can be caused by power surges, indirect lightning strikes and other transient events. This application

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