



Mellanox SwitchX® Firmware Release Notes

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1 Overview

These are the release notes for the SwitchX® and SwitchX-2 firmware, 9.3.6000. This firmware complements the SwitchX silicon architecture with a set of advanced features, allowing easy and remote management of the switch.



Firmware 9.3.6000 is compatible with MFT tools v2.7.1 and above. Using older versions of MFT tools causes failure during image creation.

1.1 Supported Systems in 9.3.6000

This firmware supports the devices and protocols listed in Table 1. For the most updated list of switches supported, visit the firmware download pages via <http://www.mellanox.com>.

Table 1 - Supported PSIDs

Device Part Number	PSID	Device Description
MSX6015F-xxxS	MT_1260110020	SwitchX®-2 based FDR InfiniBand Switch, 18 QSFP ports, externally managed
MSX6015T-xxxS	MT_1260110029	SwitchX®-2 based FDR10 InfiniBand Switch, 18 QSFP ports, externally managed
MSX6025F-xxxR	MT_1010210021	SwitchX® based FDR InfiniBand Switch; 36 QSFP; externally managed
MSX6025F-xxxS	MT_1010310021	SwitchX®-2 based FDR InfiniBand Switch; 36 QSFP; externally managed
MSX6025T-xxxR	MT_1010210026	SwitchX® based FDR10 InfiniBand Switch; 36 QSFP; externally managed
MSX6025T-xxxS	MT_1010310026	SwitchX®-2 based FDR10 InfiniBand Switch; 36 QSFP; externally managed
MSX6005F-xxxS	MT_1260110021	SwitchX®-2 based FDR InfiniBand Switch; 12 QSFP ports.
MSX6005T-xxxS	MT_1260110026	SwitchX®-2 based FDR10 InfiniBand Switch; 12 QSFP ports.

1.2 Supported Cables and Modules

Please refer to the interconnect overview page on the Mellanox website:

http://www.mellanox.com/page/cables?mtag=cable_overview

1.3 Firmware Upgrade

Firmware upgrade may be performed directly from any previous version to this version. To upgrade firmware, please refer to the Mellanox Firmware Tools (MFT) package at:

http://www.mellanox.com/page/management_tools

1.4 PRM Revision Compatibility

Firmware 9.3.6000 complies with the following programmer's reference manual:

- *SwitchX® Programmer's Reference Manual (PRM), Rev 1.05* or later

2 Changes and Major New Features

2.1 Changes in Rev 9.3.6000 from Rev 9.3.4000

- Added support for bandwidth monitoring according to Performance histogram in Vendor Specific MAD spec

2.2 Changes in Rev 9.3.4000 from Rev 9.3.2000

- Added support for fan-out-of-range event (FORE) according to PRM section “FORE – Fan Out of Range Event”
- Added LLR max retransmission rate as specified in Vendor Specific MAD V1.1, Table 110 – PortLLRStatistics MAD Description

2.3 Changes in Rev 9.3.2000 from Rev 9.3.1200

- Lowered the externally managed switches default fan speed from 80% to 60%
- Added congestion control attribute “PORT_VL_XMIT_TIME_CONG” according to 3.23 CounterGroupInfo in Vendor Specific MADs version 1.1
- Added support for adaptive routing per L4 transport layer

2.4 Changes in Rev 9.3.1200 from Rev 9.3.0000

- Added GA support for MFA1A00-Exxx EDR 100Gb/s AOCs over SwitchX® based systems

2.5 Changes in Rev 9.3.0000 from Rev 9.2.8000

- Added support for SX6710 and SX1710 switch systems
- Added support for timestamp in mirrored packages
- Added support for MCP1600-E001/MCP1600-E002 EDR cables
- Added support for FDR 2.5m (MC2207128-0A2)

2.6 Changes in Rev 9.2.8000 from Rev 9.2.6100

- Added power optimizations when ports are disabled
- Added TuneX support
- Bug fixes

2.7 Changes in Rev 9.2.6100 from Rev 9.2.4002

- Added LLR capability indication as part of extended port info MAD according to Vendor Specific MADs document version 1.1
- 3rd party FDR cables are allowed to raise link at FDR (56Gb/s)
- Added support for fan and power supply monitor MAD according to section 2.12 in Vendor Specific MADs document version 1.1 and section 2.17 in Mellanox PRM version 1.0

- Improved FDR systems link-up time after reboot

2.8 Changes in Rev 9.2.4002 from Rev 9.2.3000

- Added support for 12-port SX6005 switch system
- Added ability to Set Node Description according to errata proposal #9109
- Updated SMP and GMP CapabilityMask as appear in VS Mad Specification document version 0.56
- Added support for temperature sensor MAD according to section 2.12 in Vendor Specific MADs document version 1.1 and section 2.17 in Mellanox PRM version 1.0
- Added support for voltage sensor MAD
- Added a port disable power-saving feature
- Added support for reading VPD from flash (supported with systems coming out of factory with FW 9.2.4002 or higher only)
- Added support for alternate source of the following fiber cable P/Ns: MC2207310-XXX-F-A2, MC2210310-XXX-F-A2, MC2206310-XXX-F-A2 (See PCN MLNX-15-838)
- Added support for the MC2207312-XXX 56Gb/s active fiber cables.
- Added support for MC2207310-XXX-F-A2, MC2207310-XXX-F-A2, MC2206310-XXX-F-A2 active fiber cables
- Added support for MC2207411-SR4 56Gb/s active optical module

2.9 Changes in Rev 9.2.3000 from Rev 9.2.0000

- Improved FDR and FDR10 link stability
- Port mirroring bug fixes
- Added best-effort mirroring capability
- Fixing FDR10 switch link issue discovered in 9.2.0000

2.10 Changes in Rev 9.2.0000 from Rev 9.1.7000

- Added support for SwitchX®-2 SX6015
- Added support for Congestion Control Class
- Added support for InfiniBand multi-swid
- Enabled MultiCastFDBTop=0xBFFF to discard MC traffic
- Added a new INI field for the `NodeInfo` and `DeviceID` parameters

2.11 Changes in Rev 9.1.7000 from Rev 9.1.5000

- Enabled LLR by default
- Added Mellanox Proprietary Link negotiation (MLPN) support
- Added support for MC2207312-XXX FDR optical cables up to 300m
- Added support for SwitchX®-2 based FDR and FDR10 edge switch systems
- Improved Eye Opener Machine

2.12 Changes in Rev 9.1.5000 from Rev 9.1.3000

- Added InfiniBand Port Mirroring support
- Reduced port PLLs jitter
- Enabled Gradient Decent (GDS) in MSX6025T and MSX6025F systems
- Added optimize SL2VL support
- Improved link negotiation process

2.13 Changes in Rev 9.1.3000 from Rev 9.1.2000

- Link negotiation protocols improvements

2.14 Changes in Rev 9.1.2000 from Rev 9.1.0000

- Added PKEY enforcement on external ports

2.15 New Features and Changes in Rev 9.1.0000

- InfiniBand switch supported speed:
 - FDR v1.3
 - FDR10 - Mellanox Technologies propriety
 - QDR/DDR/SDR v1.2.1
- 36 FDR (56Gb/s) ports in a 1U switch
- FDR10 supports 20% more bandwidth over QDR using the same cables/connectors

3 Known Issues

Table 2 describes known issues in this firmware release and possible workarounds.

Table 2 - Known Issues

Index	Category	Description	Workaround
1.	Counters	The SampleCounter mechanism is not supported.	N/A
2.	Counters	Resetting the counters of port receive packets and port receive unicast packets using “Performance class MAD” or the VL15 received packets and data counters using Mellanox Vendor Specific MAD resets all of the above counters.	N/A
3.	Network Interfaces	FDR link may raise as FDR10 when plugged in near an FDR10 cable.	N/A
4.	Network Interfaces	Link width negotiation is not supported.	N/A
5.	Network Interfaces	Link up negotiation may take up to 70 seconds.	N/A
6.	Network Interfaces	DDR link may rise with errors or at SDR speed when connecting to ConnectX®-3 version 2.30.3000 or earlier, Connect-IB™ version 10.10.1000 or earlier, or previous releases of SwitchX®.	N/A
7.	Switch Capabilities	QDR capabilities at the INI must be enabled when working in FDR mode.	N/A
8.	General	Downgrading to firmware version 9.2.0000 requires power cycling the switch for the firmware to load.	N/A
9.	Cables	Loopback modules are not supported and do not link up.	N/A

4 Bug Fixes History

Table 3 lists the bugs fixed in this release.

Table 3 - Bug Fixes History

Index	Category	Description	Discovered in Release	Fixed in Release
1.	Network Interfaces	Cannot enable 40GbE on backplane ports	9.3.4000	9.3.6000
2.	System Management	Reset cannot be performed during I ² C operation	9.3.4000	9.3.6000
3.	Adaptive routing	Fixed case of traffic loss between node pairs	9.3.2000	9.3.4000
4.	pLFT	When activating private linear forwarding table (pLFT), last port was not mapped to 0 by default	9.3.2000	9.3.4000
5.	IB spec	MLID limit at 0xFDE8 instead of 0xFE00	9.3.2000	9.3.4000
6.	Latency	Reduced forwarding latency when Skip symbols were lost	9.3.2000	9.3.4000
7.	Links	Fixed fast FDR mechanism issue	9.3.2000	9.3.4000
8.	Latency	Fixed latency issues in SX65xx switch systems	9.3.2000	9.3.4000
9.	LEDs	Unexpected LED behavior once a LED Vendor Specific MAD configures any port LED to a blinking mode.	9.3.0000	9.3.2000
10.	Links	Fix for parts going down randomly.	9.3.0000	9.3.2000
11.	Chassis Management	Fix fan error indication when changing AC modules.	9.3.0000	9.3.2000
12.	Cables	Fix for supporting SFP+ cables in force FDR10 mode.	9.2.8000	9.3.0000
13.	VS MADs	Fix MSGI register to return data with little Endian instead of big Endian.	9.2.8000	9.3.0000
14.	Counters	Congestion control supported counters in the Sample counters option mask is missing.	9.2.8000	9.3.0000
15.	Counters	PortRcvPkts counter is miscalculated when LLR is enabled.	9.2.8000	9.3.0000
16.	Counters	Port receive packets and port receive unicast packets counters may show incorrect values when port is down.	9.2.4002	9.2.8000
17.	Health	Fixed temperature sensing MAD.	9.2.6000	9.2.8000
18.	Network Interfaces	Ports may stay at INIT state after power-cycle.	9.2.6000	9.2.6100
19.	IB Spec	Fixed Neighbor MTU default size to be 256, as defined in IB SPEC.	9.2.4002	9.2.6000

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20.	IB Spec	Set operation in MADs PortXmitWaitVL and PortXmitWaitVLExtended does not function properly when setting VL15.	9.2.4002	9.2.6000
21.	IB Spec	Wrong behavior of trap 128 when physical link is moving to “down”.	9.2.3000	9.2.4002
22.	Links	Link may have stability issues after closing a port.	9.2.3000	9.2.4002
23.	Links	Cables limited only to QDR may not rise links at all.	9.2.3000	9.2.4002
24.	LLR	Rate counters are not reset upon request.	9.2.3000	9.2.4002
25.	Cables	Cable insertion internal interrupts may be lost in rare cases resulting in the link not rising.	9.2.3000	9.2.4002
26.	Remote IB Mirroring	Packet always sent with vl=0.	9.2.0000	9.2.3000
27.	Remote IB Mirroring	Mirrored packets sent from the switch are corrupted if their size is bigger than 64 bytes.	9.2.0000	9.2.3000
28.	Port Mirroring	Truncation does not properly crop the packet.	9.2.0000	9.2.3000
29.	Cables	Link issues when working with Finisar (non-Mellanox) non-FDR AOC cables.	9.2.0000	9.2.3000
30.	Links	FDR10 switch fails to raise links when several links are disconnected at the remote side.	9.2.0000	9.2.3000
31.	Traps	SwitchX® does not send Congestion Control traps.	9.2.0000	9.2.3000
32.	Routing	SL2VL mapping issue which may render the SwitchX® unresponsive.	9.1.7000	9.2.0000
33.	Traps	Trap257 and Trap258 are not supported.	9.1.7000	9.2.0000
34.	Counters	Performance counters option mask corrupted.	9.1.7000	9.2.0000
35.	Counters	Wrong behavior of PortRcvDataSL & PortXmit-DataSL counters.	9.1.7000	9.2.0000
36.	LLR	Wrong behavior of PortUnicastRcvPkts counter when LLR is active.	9.1.7000	9.2.0000
37.	Network Interfaces	The link up is raised as SDR or is not raised when connected to the Qlogic switch.	9.1.7000	9.2.0000
38.	FRU LEDs	On all externally managed 1U switches, FRU LEDs remain OFF after boot.	9.1.5000	9.1.7000
39.	Cables	Fixed support for MFS4R12CB-XXX FDR10 optical cables up to 100m.	9.1.5000	9.1.7000

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Index	Category	Description	Discovered in Release	Fixed in Release
40.	Cables	When repeatedly plugging out and plugging in cables, the cable might not be recognized, causing the links to remain down.	9.1.2000	9.1.3000
41.	Cables	FDR10 cable P/N MFS4R12CB-XX is supported in ports 9-36 only.	9.1.0000	9.1.2000
42.	Network Interfaces	The link is raised as SDR.	9.1.0000	9.1.2000
43.	Network Interfaces	InfiniBand link vs FDR device rises as DDR.	9.1.0000	9.1.2000
44.	Network Interfaces	When sending PortInfo MAD to an Active port using the POLLING command, the link might rise as SDR.	9.1.0000	9.1.2000