10 Reasons Why Customers Love Our Smart Managed Plus Gigabit Switches

Business networks are growing rapidly. With the use of Voice-over-IP phones, wireless access points, IP cameras for surveillance and applications like Internet of Things (IoT), networks need to provide businesses with more control, security and easy management. With the deployment of these applications, an all-in-one solution providing management and power to these applications would be ideal. To address the industry’s need for an integrated solution, NETGEAR has created Smart Managed Plus switches with PoE+ and management capabilities. These Smart Managed Plus Gigabit switches come at a tiny additional cost above Unmanaged switches for budget aware SMBs and offer fundamental and advanced network management.

We asked our users why they are a great choice. Summarized, here are the 10 reasons why customers love our Smart Managed Plus Gigabit switches. You can also check out our high-speed 10 Gigabit Smart Plus switches.

01 Easy Management
Discover the easiest management with the Smart Managed Plus switch fundamental network management features. No need for an IT expert or a complicated user manual, just configure your network with the user-friendly NETGEAR Smart Managed Web GUI.

“Small simple managed switch. This switch just works. If you wanted to extend your network b/c you ran out of jacks on your router. This does the trick and works unmanaged for the most part. But if you need some specific steering of devices on your network, this switch can do that with VLAN tagging.” (Robert Shane Stookey)

02 Best value for a managed switch
Businesses do not necessarily have budget or advanced network training to deal with complex managed switches, the Smart Managed Plus switches offer affordable management features for a small additional cost above an Unmanaged switch.

“Plug and play. For anyone that just needs for a robust office switch; this is great. Has the bandwidth for VoIP, and zippy fast LAN speed for everything else. Perfect for my application and I couldn’t find a better price on a comparable switch.” (OC Birder Trish)

“These quotes come from tens of thousands of online customer reviews, who rated them 4.5 out of 5!”

The NETGEAR Smart Managed Plus Gigabit series include the following models GS105E, GS105PE, GS108E, GS108PE, GS116E, GS305E, GS308E, JGS516E, JGS516PE, JGS524PE, GS750E, and the latest models GS305EP, GS305EPP, GS308EP, GS308EPP that launch in November 2020.
**Ideal for home or office use**

These switches are ideal for all uses to add ports to your existing network, wherever it is, at home or in the office. They range from 5 port to 16, 24 or even 50 ports for all deployment needs. In addition, PoE capabilities, QoS and VLAN allows for increased control and security for any network. Ideal for VoIP phones, IP camera set up, WiFi and any converged audio/video network applications.

“Got this switch for working with equipment at work, and so far it has been great. I needed the Gigabit speed, along with IGMP snooping and multicast features, without having to deal with a fully managed switch. This is great.”

(OC Birder Trish)

“I purchased this switch for the house to consolidate a few smaller and older switches that were in use. This has worked out well for me and I do recommend this switch for home or small business use.”

(R Close)

“I am an IT professional and I use this for home. Purchased because it was a different brand than we use at work. I was really surprised at the quality and capability. Love it.”

(Gary Donson)

**PoE+ (up to 30W per port) and powerful PoE offerings**

Either all or half of the ports are PoE+ enabling powering of all types of PoE devices. A single wire deployment enables power and network connectivity to PoE+ devices such as wireless AP, IP cameras, VoIP phones, access-controlled security door locks or any other IoT PoE-powered devices.

“I connect all the wire ethernet cables that go to all the rooms of the house through this switch. Also, I connect all the security cameras to the POE connectors on this switch. It runs 24/7 with full gigabit speed.”

(Black Knight)

**Consumer and business-friendly local web browser-based GUI with full access**

The latest released Smart Plus switches (starting November 2020) come with a very graphical and intuitive User Interface that allows easy configuration of all features such as VLANs, PoE features and QoS among many others. Simply access the GUI to see all the features. It is a key update from the previous generation GUI, still simple to use but revamped in these later models.

“I am happy with this switch so far and it is working as intended. Its interface is easy to use and has quite a few capabilities that are clearly laid out.”

(Michael)

“This is perfect for someone that needs that extra management ability because of VoIP or other networking needs but doesn’t need or want to get into full layer 3 switching. The web interface is easily learned and accessible.”

(Amithus)

**Advanced PoE features with uninterrupted PoE on latest models**

Power management of the PoE connected devices by enabling and disabling PoE power per port, PoE prioritization, PoE power limit per port and more. The latest released Smart Managed Plus switches also include the Uninterrupted PoE feature that keeps PoE power on even when the switch is updating firmware or performing a software reboot.

“Placed it, forgot about it. Functions without issues. Throughput hasn’t had any issues. PoE was powerful enough for 8 cameras.”

(Allen)
07 Fundamental Management with QoS, VLAN, IGMP and more

Smart Managed Plus switches provide VLANs for more secure and efficient use of network resources, QoS for optimized network performance and better delivery of mission-critical traffic, port mirroring for troubleshooting, and IGMP Snooping for improved network efficiency on delivering multicast traffic.

“As a fully managed switch, you get to control things at the port level if you desire. It also includes capabilities like VLANs, QoS, Port Mirroring, Port Rate Limiting, and more.”

(Amanda Hubbard)

“I decided I would go with Smart Managed vs Managed or Unmanaged Switches and these ended up paying off really well! Since this is smart managed I can setup VLANs, which I didn’t know what that was before I got these and have ended up using many VLANs for the sake of routing PoE connections to other switches to keep my IP Cameras on a separate network and all internet connections on a separate network.”

(CoreyTheFro)

“The VLAN functionality is awesome and seems to work as designed. I feel like my network speed has increased (using the same router) due to the VLAN functionality. I like that I can segregate the wireless traffic so it can’t access my LAN.”

(Xebra)

08 Fanless or quiet, and versatile mounting for easy deployment

Smart Managed Plus switches provide completely silent operation on most models within a desktop small form factor, together with wall-mounting capabilities. Large port-count models can also be rack mounted. Easily set up these switches in any type of environment, even noise-sensitive.

“Silent PoE switch. Well, it’s really a silent POE switch with rackmount and the max output power of 100W, I’ve tested the working noise in 46dB with my smartphone stand aside the switch, the noise level is really fit for regular home use.”

(Chun Lun Lau)

“Very happy with this device. PLUS it’s whisper quiet. Super bonus.”

(OC Birder Trish)

09 Easy troubleshooting capabilities with port mirroring and cable testing

No need for expensive troubleshooting tools with the Smart Managed Plus switches. Simply use port mirroring and cable testing integrated features to easily troubleshoot your network.

“Another great feature I have been able to use is under Maintenance and that’s being able to test the cables already plugged in. I have 34 IP Cameras installed at my mini storage facility and this switch had a handful of cameras plugged into it and the garage door installers drilled directly into the hole within the block that I had for an IP Camera. I was able to run the cable tester and it showed in meters how far away when it terminated, which happened to be right where they severed the line. I added a jack to the end of the line and added an extension, drilled a new hole, and I was on my way! The cable tester has been a life saver for sure!”

(CoreyTheFro)

10 High reliability backed by a segment-leading hardware warranty with Next Business Day replacement

Enjoy NETGEAR’s 25 years’ experience with trusted networking and reliability with every switch you purchase. Get either 5-year or even Limited Lifetime warranty on your Smart Plus switches.

“5 stars product and 5 stars customer service. I have had this switch since 2016. Suddenly, the switch stopped working and all the lights went amber color. I called the customer service and we walked through several solutions but none were successful. I told them that this device has a life-time warranty. They issued RMA number for me and they send me a new one next business day. I returned the damaged one to them. Hands down to Netgear products and their customer services.”

(Black Knight)