

QUANTUM QLS250 LIGHTSPEED FIREWALL



Check Point Quantum Lightspeed Next Generation Firewalls redefine security price performance — enabling enterprises to deploy network security that performs at the speed of business to accelerate large file transfers, provide low latency for high frequency applications, and dynamically scale as their business grows.



Secure Hi-speed Data Transfers

250 Gbps line-rate in a single firewall



Protect Hi-frequency Trading Apps

3 μ Sec ultra low latency



Scalable Throughput for Hyper-growth

Scale up to 3 Tbps of firewall throughput



QLS250

QUANTUM SECURITY PLATFORM

QLS250 LIGHTSPEED FIREWALL



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| 1. RJ45 and USB Type-C console ports | 5. ESD grounding point |
| 2. 2x USB 3.0 ports | 6. 2x 960GB SSD RAID1 |
| 3. Lights-out Management port | 7. 1x double-wide ConnectX NIC |
| 4. Sync and Management 10/100/1000 Base-T ports | 8. 2x 4 port 10G network cards |
- 2x redundant power supplies (back view not shown)

Low Latency, High Throughput Firewall

Quantum QLS250 firewalls are equipped with one NVIDIA ConnectX network interface card (NIC), with 2x 100G QSFP28 ports. NVIDIA ConnectX NICs offload network processing from the host CPUs, providing substantial performance gains of up to 200 Gbps for trusted firewall traffic. In addition firewall latency is significantly reduced, to a low 3µSec at nearly line rate ensuring access to data and higher throughput with minimal delay.

All-inclusive, Resilient Security

Check Point QLS250 firewalls include the Check Point stateful inspection firewall and are also available in all-inclusive security packages such as NGFW (Application Control with IPS), NGTP (NGFW with URL filtering, antivirus and anti-bot) or SandBlast (NGTP with sandboxing and Threat Extraction, a Content Disarm & Reconstruction technology). In addition the QLS250 has redundancy built-in with two SSD drives in a RAID1 array and hot-swappable redundant power supplies, ensuring continuity when one unit fails.

Maestro Hyperscale Lightspeed

Check Point Maestro brings scale, agility and elasticity of the cloud on premise with efficient N+1 clustering based on Check Point HyperSync technology, maximizing the capabilities of Lightspeed firewalls. Create your own virtualized private-cloud premise by stacking multiple Check Point security gateways together. Group them by security feature set, policy or the assets they protect and further virtualize them with virtual systems technology.

When a gateway is added to the system, it gets all the configurations, the policy, even the software version, updated and aligned with the existing deployment, and is ready to go within 6 minutes.

Remote Management and Monitoring

A Lights-Out-Management (LOM) card provides out-of-band remote management to remotely diagnose, start, restart and manage the appliance from a remote location. Also use LOM for remote installs of the GAiA OS.



More is demanded of today's network devices. There are simply more connected devices. Apps and connected applications are more content-heavy. For instance, workloads and data sets move from on-premises data centers to the cloud and back again, encapsulated in VXLAN, GRE and VPN packets. Furthermore, some apps require pure speed. For High Frequency Trading apps, profit or loss is determined by nanosecond differences in network latency. Check Point Quantum Lightspeed firewalls deliver on these demands for high throughput with low latency by securely offloading network processing to NVIDIA ConnectX NICs.

NVIDIA ConnectX

The 4 single-width slots in the QLS250 supports one NVIDIA ConnectX dual-width network card, with 2x 100G QSFP28 ports, supporting an aggregate throughput of 200G of firewall throughput through the ConnectX. The dual-width card maximizes the PCIe bandwidth beyond a single slot limit. With the ConnectX in the QLS250, access to data and higher throughput with minimal delay is ensured for trusted traffic.

How it Works

The first packet of a connection is validated by the firewall to decide if the connection is allowed by policy based upon port and IP address. If allowed, the firewall uses a Data Plane Development Kit (DPDK) API to instruct the ConnectX to allow a bidirectional connection between the client and server. Subsequent packets are processed on the ConnectX. This includes doing stateful inspection checks such as full header validation of TCP state and sequence number validation. In addition, the ConnectX supports Network Address Translation (NAT) and encapsulates and decapsulates packets in VXLAN and GRE tunnels. Furthermore long duration sessions of large data transfers of up to 100G that occur within a single connection, also called elephant flows, are securely offloaded to the ConnectX NIC.

Accelerating connections by offloading connections to a lower OSI layer device is not a new Check Point technology. Check Point SecureXL technology was developed over a decade ago to offload network processing to a lower level device to accelerate packet rates. As a stateful firewall, once a connection is allowed by policy, an entry is created in the firewall's connections table. The firewall then updates lower level devices so that bidirectional connections can be checked and allowed by the device. The device and the firewall update connection tables as the state changes. With NVIDIA, this is done using the industry standard DPDK API. When the connection ends, responsibility for handling the connection teardown is shifted back to the firewall.

Focused, Parallel Processing

For advanced inspection such as IPS that requires pattern matching, connections are distributed to the multiple cores of the QLS250. In a nutshell this is how Check Point delivers a network security architecture that offers true threat prevention, not just threat detection. It does this without delay in one session, scales across multiple sessions, and is agile enough for deployment wherever you need security — on premises and in the cloud.

LIGHTSPEED SECURITY USE CASES

Any Enterprise with a Data Center, Hybrid Cloud or Distributed Data Centers

Secure High Speed Transfers of Large Data Sets: Networks converge at the data center core and in high speed interconnects between data centers and the hybrid cloud. Businesses routinely transfer large data sets across these networks for data analysis, disaster recovery planning and workload migration.

Quantum Lightspeed 100 gigabit network interfaces enables enterprises to accelerate these transfers of large data sets across data center core and data center interconnects — supporting up to 250, 450, 650 and 800 Gbps of single firewall throughput in the QLS250, QLS450, QLS650 and QLS800 respectively. Add redundancy and scale even higher using the unique Maestro Active-Active load sharing solution where multiple Quantum Lightspeed firewalls scale throughput nearly linearly with each additional firewall added to the cluster.

Banking and Financial Services

Secure Financial Transactions with Micro-second Latency: In the world of finance where trading and cryptocurrency algorithms generate millions of transactions, a fraction of a second makes a huge difference. In some reports 80% of trading on the stock market is done via algorithmic-based automated programs that execute software programs to buy, sell or hold assets.

High frequency trading firms need network security technology that does not introduce latency and satisfies regulatory and compliance security mandates. The Quantum Lightspeed NGFW series enables banking, insurance and investment firms to securely increase transaction capacity for high frequency applications by deploying network security that performs at the speed of business — with low 3µSec latency.

The 100 gigabit QSFP28 network interfaces in the Quantum Lightspeed firewalls comfortably handle initial transfers of large data sets at the start of the trading day. They also support up to 100G elephant flows. These are characterized by a large, continuous flow that stays open and occupies a disproportionate share of the total bandwidth of a network link for a long duration.

Any Enterprise Requiring Investment Security

Support Hyper-growth with Scalable Security Throughput: Some businesses such as ecommerce see wide and seasonal requirements in online traffic. In 2020 all businesses saw a boost in traffic as workers moved to a work from home model. Other scenarios requiring scalable security are business mergers, data center consolidation and migrations to cloud, hybrid cloud and hybrid data center models.

When used in the unique Maestro Hyperscale Network Security solution, enterprises can scale to up to 3 Tbps of firewall throughput. Each additional firewall added to the Maestro Active-Active load sharing cluster, scales throughput nearly linearly. Furthermore customers can group multiple firewalls into Security Groups and move firewalls manually or dynamically as needed from one group to another as needed to meet changes in traffic demands. Security Groups are logical groups of appliances where each Security Group has dedicated internal and external interfaces and may have a different configuration set and policy. The Maestro Orchestrator MH0175 has a total fabric capacity of 3.2 Tbps with 400 nsec port to port latency and supports up to 32x 100GbE or 128x 10GbE network interfaces.

Telco 5G Networks

Support Hyper-growth with Scalable Security Throughput: The demand for improved speeds, low latency, and connecting a larger number of devices has paved the path to 5G, fifth generation digital cellular networks. Telco mobile operator 5G networks are also expected to be widely used for private networks with applications in industrial IoT, enterprise networking, and critical communications. The network topology will be sliced with logical networks riding on top of the core infrastructure and previously unimaginable services will be created. These use cases require the ability for mobile operators to scale security functions with elasticity using Quantum Maestro in order to guarantee service continuity and availability.

SPECIFICATIONS

QLS250	
Firewall System Performance	
Firewall 1518B UDP (Gbps)	250
Firewall Latency (avg)	3µSec
Connections/sec	430,800
Concurrent Connections	32M
Accelerated 100GbE Ports	2
Additional System Performance	
Firewall (Gbps) ¹	79.9
IPS (Gbps) ¹	79.8
NGFW (Gbps) ¹	53.2
NGTP (Gbps) ¹	16.65
VPN-AES 128 (Gbps)	22
Virtual Systems (max)	250
Additional Features	
CPU Cores	2x 24 physical, 48 virtual
Storage	2x 960GB SSD RAID1 array
Redundant Power	2x AC (DC option)
Memory (RAM) Default/Max	128 GB
LOM	✓
Console and USB Ports	RJ-45 and 1x USB-C Console, 2x USB 3.0 ports
Network Connectivity	
Network Ports	2x 10/100/1000Base-T RJ-45 ports, 8x SFP+ 10G ports, 2x accelerated QSFP28 100G ports
VLAN Maximums	1024 single gateway, 4096 with virtual systems
802.3ad link Aggregation	✓
Deployments	Layer 2 (transparent), Layer 3 (routing)
High Availability	Active-Passive
Unicast and Multicast Routing	OSPFv2 and v3, BGP, RIP, PIM-SM, PIM-SSM, PIM-DM, IGMP v2, and v3
Policy-based Routing	✓
User-based Policy	Microsoft AD, LDAP, RADIUS, Cisco pxGrid, Terminal Servers and with 3 rd parties via a Web API
Physical	
Enclosure	2RU
Dimensions (W x D x H)	17.4 x 24 x 3.5 in., (442 x 610 x 88mm)
Weight	39.7 lbs. (18 kg)
Power, Environments	
Dual, Hot-Swappable	✓
Power Input	AC:(100 to 240VAC, 47-63Hz), DC 40--72VDC
Power Supply Rating	1300W
Power Consumption (avg/max)	265W/461W
Thermal Output (max)	1573 BTU/hr.
Operating Environment	Operating (0° to 40°C, humidity 5% to 95%), Storage (-20° to 70°C, humidity 5% to 95% at 60°C)
Certifications	
Safety/Emissions/Environment	UL, CB, CE, TUV GS / FCC, CE, VCCI, RCM/C-Tick / RoHS, WEEE, REACH ¹ , ISO14001

1. Performance measured with enterprise testing conditions with logging enabled. NGFW: FW, App Control and IPS, NGTP: FW, App Control, URL Filtering, IPS, Antivirus, Anti-Bot and SandBlast Zero-Day Protection.

ORDERING QUANTUM QLS250

DEFAULT CONFIGURATION ¹	SKU
QLS250 includes 2x100G QSFP28 ConnectX ports, 8x 10GbE SFP+ ports with 8x SR transceivers, 128 GB RAM, 2x 960GB SSD, 2x AC PSUs, LOM, telescopic rails and 5 Virtual Systems	CPAC-SG-QLS250

The default package includes 5 virtual system (VS) licenses which are additive when adding additional VS licenses.

¹ NGFW, NGTP and SandBlast (SNBT) packages and renewals are available in the online product catalog.

QLS250 Accessories

QLS250 INTERFACE CARDS AND TRANSCEIVERS	SKU
2 Port 100G QSFP28 ConnectX Transceivers	
QSFP28 transceiver module for 100G fiber ports - short range (100GBase-SR4)	CPAC-TR-100SR
QSFP28 transceiver module for 100G fiber ports - long range (100GBase-LR4)	CPAC-TR-100LR
100G SWDM4, LC connector, 75m/OM3 fiber	CPAC-TR-100SWDM4
100G CWDM4, LC connector, 2Km/ single mode fiber	CPAC-TR-100CWDM4
QSFP+ transceiver module for 40G fiber ports - short range (40GBase-SR)	CPAC-TR-40SR-QSFP-300m
QSFP+ transceiver module for 40G fiber ports - long range (40GBase-LR)	CPAC-TR-40LR-QSFP-10Km
Bi-directional QSFP transceiver for 40G fiber ports - short range (40GBase-SR-BD)	CPAC-TR-40SR-QSFP-BIDI
QSFP28 to SFP28 Adapter - 10G/25G fiber adaptor	CPAC-TR-QSFP28-SFP28
SFP28 transceiver module for 25G fiber ports with QSFP28 adaptor - short range (25GBase-SR)	CPAC-TR-25SR-ADP
SFP28 transceiver module for 25G fiber ports with QSFP28 adaptor - long range (25GBase-LR)	CPAC-TR-25LR-ADP
SFP+ transceiver module for 10G fiber with QSFP28 adaptor - for links up to 40km (10GBASE-ER)	CPAC-TR-10ER-ADP
SFP+ transceiver module for 10G fiber with QSFP28 adaptor - long range up to 10km (10GBase-LR)	CPAC-TR-10LR-ADP
SFP+ transceiver module for 10G fiber with QSFP28 adaptor - short range (10GBase-SR)	CPAC-TR-10SR-ADP
SFP+ transceiver 10GBASE-T RJ45 (Copper) with QSFP28 adaptor - for links up to 30m over CAT6a/CAT7	CPAC-TR-10T-ADP
100G Direct Attach Copper cable (QSFP28), 3 meters	CPAC-DAC-100G-3M
40G Direct Attach Copper cable (QSFP28), 3 meters	CPAC-DAC-40G-3M
25G Direct Attach Copper cable (QSFP28), 3 meters	CPAC-DAC-25G-3M
10G Direct Attach Copper cable, (10BASE-CU) 3 meters	CPAC-DAC-10G-3M
4 Port 10GBase-F SFP+ Interface Card	CPAC-4-10F-C
SFP+ transceiver module for 10G fiber ports - for links up to 40km (10GBASE-ER)	CPAC-TR-10ER-C
SFP+ transceiver module for 10G fiber ports - long range up to 10km (10GBase-LR)	CPAC-TR-10LR-C
SFP+ transceiver module for 10G fiber ports - short range (10GBase-SR)	CPAC-TR-10SR-C
SFP+ transceiver 10GBASE-T RJ45 (Copper) - for links up to 30m over CAT6a/CAT7	CPAC-TR-10T-C
10G Direct Attach Copper cable, (10BASE-CU) 3 meters	CPAC-DAC-10G-3M

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QLS250 SPARES AND MISCELLANEOUS	SKU
960GB SSD for Lightspeed Security Gateways	CPAC-SSD-960G-C
AC power supply for 16000 Security Gateways	CPAC-PSU-AC-16000
Dual DC power supplies for 16000 and 26000 Security Gateways	CPAC-PSU-DC-Dual-16000/26000/28000
DC power supply for 16000 and 26000 Security Gateways	CPAC-PSU-DC-16000/26000
Replacement Lights-Out Management Module	CPAC-NLDM-C
Replacement Fan	CPAC-FAN-16200
Slide rails for 16000 Security Gateways (22" - 32")	CPAC-RAIL-L
Extended slide rails for 16000 Security Gateways (24" - 36")	CPAC-RAIL-EXT-L

All-inclusive Security

	FW	NGFW	NGTP	SNBT (SandBlast)
	Firewall	Basic access control plus IPS	Prevent known threats	Prevent known and zero-day attacks
Firewall	✓	✓	✓	✓
VPN (IPsec)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Content Awareness	✓	✓	✓	✓
Application Control		✓	✓	✓
IPS		✓	✓	✓
URL Filtering			✓	✓
Anti-Bot			✓	✓
Anti-Virus			✓	✓
Anti-Spam			✓	✓
DNS Security			✓	✓
SandBlast Threat Emulation				✓
SandBlast Threat Extraction				✓
Zero Phishing				✓

The base includes the firewall. Security subscription NGFW, NGTP and SNBT extensions and renewals for subsequent years are also available.