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Spine Switch Requirements

Multi-Site requires second generation (Cloud Scale) spine switches for intersite connectivity. All Cloud Scale spine switches supported by a given ACI release are supported by Multi-Site Orchestrator.

Nexus 9000 first generation switches are not supported for Multi-Site intersite connectivity, but can still be used within a single fabric as long as that fabric is running an APIC release prior to 5.0(1).

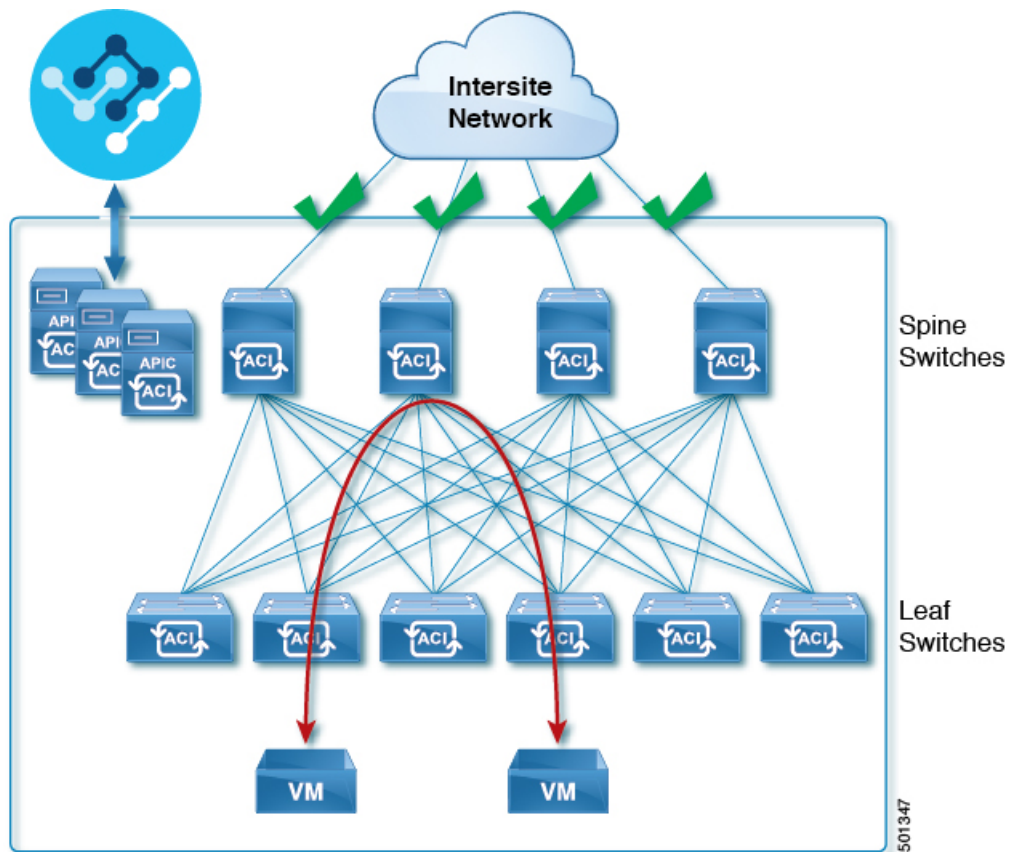
Refer to the [ACI-mode Switches Hardware Support Matrix](#) for the complete list of supported spines for each release.

Leaf Switch Requirements

Multi-Site has no dependency on the fabrics' leaf switches and as such supports the same leaf switch models as the Cisco APIC. The full list of supported hardware is available in the [ACI-mode Switches Hardware Support Matrix](#).

IPN Connectivity Across Sites

The following figure shows how spine switches supported with ACI Multi-Site are connected to the intersite network.



You can choose to mix spine switches supported by Multi-Site with switches that are not supported within the same Cisco APIC fabric, but only the supported switches can connect to the intersite network as shown in the following figure.

