



Cisco Port Adapters Extension Notification End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco 7200, 7500, and 7600 PA-A3 Series Enhanced ATM Port Adapters

Cisco Systems® announces the extension to the end-of-sale and end-of-life dates for the Cisco® 7200, 7500, and 7600 series routers enhanced ATM port adapters (with part numbers starting PA-A3). Previously, the last day to order the Cisco enhanced ATM port adapters was March 30, 2006. The new date for this end of sale action is December 31, 2006. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until December 31, 2011.

Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the Cisco enhanced ATM port adapters. Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the Cisco Enhanced ATM Port Adapter (with part numbers starting PA-A6) for the Cisco 7200 Series, 7301, 7400 Series, 7500 Series, and 7600 Series routers, which supports advanced ATM hardware features such as per-virtual-circuit and per-virtual-path traffic shaping, as well as all ATM service classes such as real-time variable bit rate (VBR-rt), constant bit rate (CBR), non-real-time variable bit rate (VBR-nrt), available bit rate (ABR), and unspecified bit rate (UBR). The Cisco replacement enhanced ATM port adapter also supports 8191 ATM virtual circuits-twice as many as the end-of-life enhanced ATM port adapter. Information about the replacement port adapters can be found at http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/routers/ps354/products_data_sheet09186a008014a9be.html.

Table 3 provides relevant information for migrating from the end-of-life (PA-A3) to the replacement port adapters (PA-A6).

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco 7200, 7500, and 7600 Series Enhanced ATM Port Adapters

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-Life Announcement Date	The date the document that announces the end of sale and end of life of a product is distributed to the general public.	December 30, 2005
End-of-Sale Date	The last date to order the product through Cisco point-of-sale mechanisms. The product is no longer for sale after this date.	December 31, 2006
Last Shipment Date	The last-possible ship date that can be requested of Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers. Actual ship date is dependent on lead time.	March 30, 2007
End of Software Maintenance Releases Date	The last date that Cisco Engineering may release any final software maintenance releases or bug fixes. After this date, Cisco Engineering will no longer develop, repair, maintain, or test the product software.	December 30, 2007
End of Routine Failure Analysis Date	The last-possible date a routine failure analysis may be performed to determine the cause of product failure or defect.	December 30, 2007
End of New Service Attachment Date	For equipment and software that is not covered by a service-and-support contract, this is the last date to order a new service-and-support contract or add the equipment and/or software to an existing service-and-support contract.	December 30, 2007

Milestone	Definition	Date
End of Service Contract Renewal Date	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product. The extension or renewal period cannot extend beyond the last date of support.	March 30, 2011
Last Date of Support	The last date to receive service and support for the product. After this date, all support services for the product are unavailable, and the product becomes obsolete.	December 29, 2011

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Replacement Product Part Number	Replacement Product Description
PA-A3-E3	1-Port ATM Enhanced E3 Port Adapter	PA-A6-E3	1Port Enh ATM E3 Port Adapter (8k VCs)
PA-A3-OC3MM	1-Port ATM Enhanced OC3c/STM1 Multimode Port Adapter	PA-A6-OC3MM	1 Port Enh ATM OC3c/STM1 Multimode Port Adapter (8k VCs)
PA-A3-OC3SMI	1-Port ATM Enhanced OC3c/STM1 Singlemode (IR) Port Adapter	PA-A6-OC3SMI	1 Port Enh ATM OC3c/STM1 Singlemode (IR) Port Adapter
PA-A3-OC3SML	1-Port ATM Enhanced OC3c/STM1 Singlemode (LR) Port Adapter	PA-A6-OC3SML	1 Port Enh ATM OC3c/STM1 Singlemode (LR) Port Adapter
PA-A3-T3	1-Port ATM Enhanced DS3 Port Adapter	PA-A6-T3	1Port Enh ATM DS3 Port Adapter (8kVCs)

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacement for the Cisco enhanced ATM port adapters (PA-A3) is the Cisco enhanced ATM port adapters (PA-A6) (Table 3). The replacement enhanced ATM port adapters (PA-A6) support advanced ATM features and up to 8000 virtual circuits per line card.

Table 3. Product Comparisons

Feature	Cisco Enhanced ATM Port Adapters (PA-A3)	Cisco Enhanced ATM Port Adapters (PA-A6)
Single-Interface ATM Port Adapter	4000 virtual circuits	8000 virtual circuits
Advanced Traffic Management per Virtual Circuit	-	Yes
Dynamic Bandwidth Selection	-	Yes
Cisco ATM Port Adapter Service Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VBR-nrt • UBR and UBR+ • ABR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VBR-nrt • UBR • ABR • VBR-rt • CBR

Customers can use the Cisco Technology Migration Plan (TMP) to trade in products and receive credit toward the purchase of new Cisco equipment. For more information about Cisco TMP, go to <http://www.cisco.com/go/tradein/>. The Cisco TMP application requires all users to have a Cisco.com user ID.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Cisco enhanced ATM port adapters (PA-A6) visit

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/routers/ps354/products_data_sheet09186a008014a9be.html or contact your local account representative or ask-pa-pm@cisco.com.

For more information about the Cisco End-of-Life Policy, go to: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod_end_of_life.html

To subscribe to receive end-of-life/end-of-sale information, go to: <http://www.cisco.com/pegi-bin/Support/FieldNoticeTool/field-notice>



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