

End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco 2-Port Multichannel T3 Port Adapter

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Cisco® announces the end-of-sale and end-of life dates for the Cisco 2-Port Multichannel T3 Port Adapter. The last day to order the affected product(s) is December 29, 2007. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) as shown in Table 1 of the EoL bulletin. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the affected product(s). Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement. For customers with active and paid service and support contracts, support will be available until the termination date of the contract, even if this date exceeds the Last Date of Support shown in Table 1.

The recommended replacements for the affected products are the Cisco 1- and 2-Port Multichannel T3 Port Adapters for the Cisco 7200 Series Routers and Cisco 7301 Router with enhanced capability. The enhanced port adapters address specific scalability challenges by increasing performance and lowering CPU utilization. They offload advanced capabilities and features from the CPU, delivering them directly to meet enterprise and service provider WAN link-aggregation service requirements. This announcement is applicable to all Cisco routers that support these products. The platforms that support these port adapters are the Cisco 7200 Series Routers; 7201, 7301, and 7304 Routers; 7500 Series Routers; 7600 Series Routers; and the Catalyst 6500 Series Switch. The 7200, 7201, and 7301 Routers support the new port adapters with part numbers PA-MC-T3-EC and PA-MC-2T3-EC. Customers of the Cisco 7304 Router and Cisco 7500 Series Router should migrate from the port adapter with part number PA-MC-2T3+ to the adapter with part number PA-MC-T3. Customers of the Cisco 7600 Series and Catalyst 6500 Series should migrate to the port adapter with part number SPA-2XCT3/DS0. This end of sale announcement does not affect the PA-MC-T3 Multichannel T3 Synchronous Serial Port Adapter, which will continue shipping for all supported platforms mentioned above.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco 2-Port Multichannel T3 Port Adapter

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 29, 2006
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 29, 2007
Last Ship Date: HW	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 29, 2008
End of Routine Failure Analysis Date: HW	The last-possible date a routine failure analysis may be performed to determine the cause of product failure or defect.	December 28, 2008
End of New Service Attachment Date: HW	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 28, 2008

Milestone	Definition	Date
End of Service Contract Renewal Date: HW	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	March 28, 2014
Last Date of Support: HW	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 27, 2014

HW = Hardware OS SW = Operating System Software App. SW = Application Software

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-MC-2T3+	2 port multichannel T3 port adapter	PA-MC-2T3-EC	2 Port Multichannel T3 Enhanced Capability
PA-MC-2T3+≡	2 port multichannel T3 port adapter	PA-MC-2T3-EC≡	2 Port Multichannel T3 Enhanced Capability

Product Migration Options

Depending on their current products, customers are encouraged to migrate to the Cisco 2-Port Multichannel T3 Enhanced Capability Port Adapter (part number PA-MC-2T3-EC), Multichannel T3 Synchronous Serial Port Adapter (PA-MC-T3), or 2-Port Channelized T3 (DS0) Shared Port Adapter (SPA-2XCT3/DS0).

Table 3. Product Comparisons

Feature	Cisco 2-Port Multichannel T3 Port Adapter	Cisco T3 Enhanced Capability Port Adapter, Synchronous Serial Port Adapter, or Channelized Shared Port Adapter
Offload of MLPPP	Not supported on the PA but only in the main system CPU	Offload support on the PA
Offload of MLFR	Not supported on the PA but only in the main system CPU	Offload support on the PA
Offload of LFI	Not supported on the PA but only in the main system CPU	Offload support on the PA
Offload of FRF.12	Not supported on the PA but only in the main system CPU	Offload support on the PA
CPU efficiency	Higher CPU utilization while not performing at line rate	Lower CPU utilization while performing at T3 line rate
T3 line rate	Does not perform at T3 line rate	Performs at T3 line rate while offloading features.

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.

Customers may be able to continue to purchase the end-of-sale product through the Cisco Certified Refurbished Equipment program. Refurbished units of the end-of-sale product are available in limited supply for sale in certain countries on a first-come, first-served basis. For information about the refurbished equipment program, go to: <http://cisco.com/go/remarketing>

For More Information

For more information about the Cisco T3 Enhanced Capability Port Adapter, Synchronous Serial Port Adapter, or Channelized Shared Port Adapter, visit

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/modules/ps2033/prod_module_series_home.html, or

contact your local account representative.

For more information about the Cisco End-of-Life Policy, go to:

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To subscribe to receive end-of-life/end-of-sale information, go to:

<http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/FieldNoticeTool/field-notice>



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