



END-OF-SALE AND END-OF-LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CISCO UNITY IBM DIGITAL AUDIO TAPE DRIVE

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life dates for the Cisco Unity™ IBM Digital Audio Tape (DAT) Drive. The last day to order this product is February 16, 2005. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until February 16, 2010. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the Cisco Unity IBM DAT Drive. Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for Cisco Unity IBM DAT Drive

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.	November 16, 2004
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.	February 16, 2005
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.	May 16, 2005
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.	February 16, 2006
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.	February 16, 2006
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.	February 16, 2006
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.	November 16, 2009
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.	February 16, 2010

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description
UNITY-IBM-DAT	20 or 40GB digital audio tape drive for Cisco MCS 7855I and MCS 7865I Media Convergence Servers
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PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacement for the Cisco Unity IBM DAT Drive is the Cisco Media Convergence Server (MCS) internal non-hot-plug IBM DAT Drive or the Cisco External Super Digital Linear Tape (SDLT) Drive.

The Cisco MCS internal non-hot-plug IBM DAT Drive plugs into an available drive bay on Cisco Media Convergence Servers and offers 36 GB (uncompressed) or 72 GB (compressed) of backup storage capacity. The Cisco External SDLT Drive connects to an external Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) port on a Cisco MCS and offers 160GB (uncompressed) or 320GB (compressed) high-capacity, high-speed backup storage. (Refer to Table 3.)

Table 3. Product Comparisons

Feature	Current MCS Product Part Number	Replacement MCS Product Part Number
Backup Tape Drive for Cisco MCS 7835-I1	UNITY-IBM-DAT	DAT-7835-I1
Backup Tape Drive for Cisco MCS 7845-I1 Servers	UNITY-IBM-DAT	DAT-7845-I1 or MCS-EXT-SDLT

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 media convergence servers, contact your local Cisco account representative or visit:

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/voiceapp/ps378/index.html>

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:

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