



END-OF-SALE AND END-OF-LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CISCO IDS 4250-TX APPLIANCE SENSOR

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life dates for the Cisco®IDS 4250-TX Appliance Sensor. The last day to order the Cisco IDS 4250-TX is May 31st, 2005. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until May 31st, 2010.

Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the Cisco IDS 4250-TX. Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the IPS 4255 which delivers improved price/performance ratio, increased number of monitoring ports, greater reliability, and reduced cost. Information about the IPS 4255 can be found at: www.cisco.com/go/ids. The Product Migration Options section, below, provides relevant information for migrating from the Cisco IDS 4250-TX to the IPS 4255.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco IDS 4250-TX Appliance Sensor

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 1st, 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	May 31st, 2005 (see note 1)
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.	August 31st, 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.	May 31st, 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.	May 31st, 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.	May 31st, 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.	Feb 28th, 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.	May 31st, 2010

Note 1: As supplies are limited, Cisco encourages customers to place their orders promptly or order the migration/replacement product. Cisco will continue to sell the IDS-4250-TX until the End of Sale date listed in Table 1 or until supplies are depleted, whichever comes first.

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description
IDS-4250-TX-K9	Cisco IDS 4250 Sensor (chassis, software, SSH, 10/100/1000BASE-T with RJ-45 connector)

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacement for the Cisco IDS 4250-TX-K9 is the IPS 4255. The Cisco IPS 4255 is a purpose built 1 RU inline ready IDS/IPS appliance that delivers increased reliability and high performance at a reduced cost. The IPS 4255 delivers four onboard monitoring interfaces (compared to the single interface that is supported on the IDS-4250-TX). In contrast to the IDS 4250-TX, the IPS 4255 will be upgradeable to support an additional four copper or four fiber interfaces to deliver a total of 8 monitoring interfaces (in a subsequent release). The IPS 4255 has also incorporated various mechanisms that offer increased reliability by virtue of the reduction of moving parts within the sensor. The delivery of flash memory in the 4255 to replace the hard drive (in the 4250-TX) is an example of such a feature.

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 IDS 4255, visit: <http://www.cisco.com/go/ids> or contact your local account representative.

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/cgi-bin/Support/FieldNoticeTool/field-notice>.



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