

End of Sale Announcement: PA-A1 on Cisco 7200 Series VXR Platforms Only

Introduction

With the availability of the PA-A3 Enhanced ATM port adapter for Cisco 7200 and 7500 systems, the existing PA-A1 ATM port adapter for Cisco 7200 is entering end-of-sales status (EOS) as follows for the following platforms effective July 30, 2000:

Cisco 7200

NPE	End Of Sale Status
NPE-150	End of sale July 30, 2000
NPE-175	End of sale July 30, 2000
NPE-200	No end of sale
NPE-225	End of sale July 30, 2000
NPE-300	End of sale July 30, 2000

This does not affect Cisco 7500 platforms.

All the features of the PA-A1 are incorporated into PA-A3 with the exception of MPLS/QoS support, which will be fully supported in 12.1(3)T. The PA-A3 is supported in the 11.3 and 12.0 mainline releases, as well as other releases as described below.

Specific Products Affected:

Products that are affected by this End of Sale notice include:

Table 1 Port Adapters Entering End of Sale

PA-A1-OC3SM	1 Port ATM OC3 Single-Mode, Intermediate-Reach Port Adapter
PA-A1-OC3MM	1-Port ATM OC3 Multimode Port Adapter

Rationale

The enhanced ATM port adapter (ATM PA-A3) is a new generation of single-wide, single-port ATM port adapters for the Cisco 7200 and 7500 high-end routers.

The PA-A3 enhanced ATM port adapter introduces many new ATM hardware and software features. Its comprehensive ATM feature set includes per-VC traffic shaping, support for many ATM Services Classes (nrt-VBR, ABR, and UBR), a new high-performance SAR architecture and support for a very large number of ATM virtual connections (VC). All of these features are based on industry specifications and standards.

The PA-A3 enhanced ATM port adapter is supported on the following platforms:

Cisco 7200

NPE-150	NPE-175
NPE-200	NPE-225
NPE-300	

Cisco 7500

VIP2-40	VIP2-50
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The PA-A3 enhanced ATM port adapter does not support the NPE-100 and VIP2-15.

Support

End of sale refers to the time when certain products are no longer available for new purchases. It does not apply to the service and support programs for those products. Cisco will continue to support the PA-A1 ATM port adapter through our SMARTnet™ and comprehensive maintenance programs. Customers with either of these service contracts are entitled to free software updates, 24-hour phone support through the Technical Assistance Center, and advanced replacement of hardware for repairs. Comprehensive maintenance customers also receive onsite service. Customers who do not have a maintenance contract can purchase software updates and hardware repair services from Cisco to meet specific requirements rather than full-service coverage. Cisco is committed to providing software support for a minimum of two (2) years and providing hardware support for a period of five (5) years after the EOS date.

Key Program Dates

Table 2 PA-A1 for 7200VXR EOS Program Dates

End of Life Announcement	March 15, 2000
End of Sale on Cisco 7200VXR Platform	July 30, 2000
End of Shipment	August 30, 2000 (estimate)
End of Software Maintenance	July 30, 2002
End of Hardware Maintenance	July 30, 2005

After July 30, 2005, no hardware repairs or exchanges will be available for the PA-A1 ATM port adapter listed in this notice.

Product Substitution

The Cisco Technology Migration Program (TMP) incorporates generous trade-in credits for the ATM port adapter (PA-A1) toward the enhanced ATM port adapter (PA-A3).

Table 3 is a listing of PA-A1 port adapters and the appropriate replacement.

Table 3 Port Adapter Substitutions

If you have one of these port adapters going to End of Sale status, then:

Select this replacement port adapter.

PA-A1-OC3SM	PA-A3-OC3SMI PA-A3-OC3SML
PA-A1-OC3MM	PA-A3-OC3MM

The minimum required Cisco IOS[®] Release for the PA-A3 port adapters are:

- 11.1(22)CC, 12.0(1), 12.0(3)T, 12.0(5)S
- 12.1(3)T for full MPLS support

For Further Assistance

Datasheet http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/cc/cisco/mkt/core/adap/atm/prodlit/porte_ds.htm

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