

END-OF-SALE AND END-OF-LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE EARLY DEPLOYMENT CISCO IOS SOFTWARE RELEASES 12.1EX OF THE CISCO 7304 ROUTER

Cisco Systems® announces the end of life of the Cisco IOS® Software releases 12.1EX of the Cisco® 7304 Router. The last day to order the 12.1EX releases is September 1, 2004. Customers will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until Feb 1, 2005. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates. Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to Cisco IOS Software Release 12.2(20)S or later on the Cisco 7304 platform, with new features and enhanced after-sale support. Information about Cisco IOS Software Release 12.2(20)S support can be found at:

<http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/software/ios122/122relnt/122srn.htm>

Table 3 provides relevant information for migrating from Cisco IOS Software Release 12.1EX to Cisco IOS Software Release 12.2(20)S.

Table 1 End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco [Product Name]

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.	March 1, 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.	September 1, 2004
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.	September 1, 2005
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.	September 1, 2009

Table 2 Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description
S73A-12113EX=	Cisco 7300 IOS ENTERPRISE
S73AHK2-12113EX=	Cisco 7300 IOS ENTERPRISE/FW/IDS IPSEC 3DES
S73AHL-12113EX=	Cisco 7300 IOS ENTERPRISE/FW/IDS IPSEC 56
S73AR1P-12113EX=	Cisco 7300 IOS CISCO 7300 SERIES IOS ENTERPRISE/SNASW PLUS
S73CHK2-12113EX=	Cisco 7300 IOS IP/FW/IDS IPSEC 3DES
S73CHL-12113EX=	Cisco 7300 IOS IP/FW/IDS IPSEC 56
S73CP-12113EX=	Cisco 7300 IOS IP PLUS
S73CP-12112EX=	Cisco 7300 IOS IP Plus

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacement for Cisco IOS Software Release 12.1(12)EX and Release 12.1(13)EX is Cisco IOS Software Release 12.2(20)S (Table 3). Cisco IOS Software Release 12.2S or later is the recommended release for all customers interested in new features Release 12.2S has feature parity to Release 12.1(14)E. For Cisco 7304 customers deploying Release 12.1Ex today, all features are supported in Release 12.2(20)S or later.

Table 3 Product Comparisons

	12.1(12)EX, 12.1(13)EX	12.2(20)S
Release Difference	The initial software releases based off 12.1E release, shipping with earlier features of Cisco 7304	The recommended software release for mid-range to high-end Cisco routers. It's based on 12.1E and is compatible with all features offered by Release 12.1Ex.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information about Cisco products, please contact your Cisco account manager and/or Cisco Channel Partner.

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 EOL/EOS information please go to:

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



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