

END-OF-SALE AND END-OF-LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CISCO BPX 8600 SERIES BROADBAND MULTICAST ENGINE PACKAGE

Cisco Systems® announces the end of life of the Cisco® BPX® 8600 Series Broadband Multicast Engine (BME) Package, including back card and cables. The last day to order these cards is November 1, 2004. Customers will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until November 1, 2009.

Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the affected cards. Table 2 lists the product part numbers that are affected by this announcement. There are no replacements for these cards.

Table 1 Key End-of-Life Milestones and Dates

Milestone	Description	Date
End-of-life announcement date	The date the document announces the end of sale and end of life of a product is distributed to the general public.	May 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.	November 1, 2004
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.	February 1, 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.	November 1, 2005
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.	November 1, 2005
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.	November 1, 2005
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.	August 1, 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.	November 1, 2009

Table 2 Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description
BPX-BME	Broadband Multicast Engine Package, includes back card and cables
BPX-BME=	Broadband Multicast Engine Package, includes back card and cables, Spare
BPX-BME-R	Redundant Broadcast Multicast Engine Package, includes back cards and cables
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

For additional information about the Cisco End-of-Life Policy and milestones, go to:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/products_end-of-life_policy.html

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