



# End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco Catalyst 2900 Series LRE XL Switch

Cisco Systems® announces the end of life of the Cisco® Catalyst® 2900 Series LRE XL Switch. The last day to order Cisco Catalyst 2900 Series LRE XL switches will be April 26, 2004. Customers with the appropriate support contract may continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until April 26, 2009. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the Cisco Catalyst 2900 Series LRE XL Switch.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to Cisco Catalyst 2950 LRE Series switches that provide advanced Layer 2 to Layer 4 intelligent services. Customers can deploy advanced quality of service (QoS), granular rate limiting, enhanced network security, and multicast management networkwide, while maintaining the simplicity of traditional LAN switching.

Information about the Catalyst 2950 LRE Series is available at:

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/switches/ps4916/>

Table 1 End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco Catalyst 2900 Series LRE XL Switch

Milestone	Definition	Date
<b>End-of-sale and end-of-life announcement</b>	The date the document that announces the end of sale and end of life of a product is distributed to the general public.	October 24, 2003
<b>End-of-sale date</b>	The last date to order the product through Cisco point-of-sale mechanisms. The product is no longer for sale after this date.	April 26, 2004
<b>Last shipment</b>	The last-possible ship date that can be requested of Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers. Actual ship date is dependent on lead time.	July 26, 2004
<b>End of software maintenance releases</b>	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.	April 26, 2005
<b>End of Routine failure analysis date</b>	The last possible date a routine failure analysis may be performed to determine the cause of product failure or defect.	April 26, 2005
<b>End of new service attachment</b>	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.	April 26, 2005
<b>End of service contract renewal</b>	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.	April 26, 2008 for hardware and OS



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Milestone	Definition	Date
<b>Last date of support</b>	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.	April 26, 2009 for hardware and OS

Table 2 Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Numbers	Product Description
<b>WS-C2912-LRE-XL</b>	12 LRE ports and 4 switched 10BASE-T/100BASE-TX ports
<b>WS-C2924-LRE-XL</b>	24 LRE ports and 4 switched 10BASE-T/100BASE-TX ports

### Product Migration Options

The recommended replacement products for the Cisco Catalyst 2900 Series LRE XL switches are listed in Table 3. These products are the most comparable products to the 2900 Series LRE XL.

Table 3 Product Comparisons

End-of-Life Part Number	Recommended Replacement Part Number	Replacement Product Description
WS-C2912-LRE-XL	WS-C2950ST-8-LRE	8 LRE ports + 2 10/100/1000BASE-T ports + 2 SFP ports (two of the four uplinks active at one time) Enhanced Software Image
WS-C2924-LRE-XL	WS-C2950ST-24-LRE	24 LRE ports + 2 10/100/1000BASE-T ports + 2 SFP ports (two of the four uplinks active at one time)

### Additional Information

For more information about the Cisco End-of-Life Policy, go to:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod\\_end\\_of\\_life.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod_end_of_life.html)

For more information about the Cisco Catalyst 2950 LRE Series, go to:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/switches/ps4916/prod\\_qandas\\_list.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/switches/ps4916/prod_qandas_list.html)

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