

# End-of-Sales Announcement for 4-MB Catalyst 3000 (WS-C3016 and WS-C3016A), to be Replaced by 8-MB Catalyst 3000 (WS-C3016B)

Cisco Systems is announcing the end of sales for the 4-MB memory Catalyst<sup>®</sup> 3000 switch models (WS-C3016 and WS-C3016A). These models are being replaced with the 8-MB memory Catalyst 3000 switch model (WS-C3016B), a functionally equivalent and superior model offered at an equal or better price point. Please note—this is *not* an end-of-sales announcement for the 8-MB Catalyst 3000 switch (item WS-C3016B), but only for the 4-MB models of the Catalyst 3000 family.

The replacement WS-C3016B is superior in two ways, it:

- Offers 8-MB of DRAM instead of 4-MB (supporting larger address table and code image)
- Offers enhanced software features (that is, full duplex, EtherChannel<sup>®</sup> technology and virtual LANs) instead of unenhanced software features

Cisco is taking this step in order to improve and simplify the Catalyst 3000 family solution in the following ways:

- By offering 8-MB enhanced software switches only
- By allowing Cisco to offer the latest Release 2.X software on all new switch models shipping from manufacturing (future)
- By eliminating the customer problem of needing memory upgrades on new equipment

Note that, starting with software Release 2.1 and later, 8-MB of DRAM is required in every Catalyst 3000 switch model.

Table 1 Catalyst 3000 Switch Models Affected

Models Discontinued	Replacement Model
WS-C3016	WS-C3016B
WS-C3016A	WS-C3016B

End-of-sales date: July 28, 1997

Orders placed on or after July 28, 1997, will be handled according to Customer Service standard order-handling procedures for nonorderable items.

Cisco support for the WS-C3016 and WS-C3016A will be provided for five years following end of sales (until July 28, 2002) or in accordance with Cisco's standard support procedures.

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