

Catalyst 5000 Token Ring Switch Modules End of Sale Announcement

Introduction

Cisco Systems announces the End of Sale and End of Life for the Catalyst® 5000 Series Token Ring switch modules.

Overview

In 1997, Cisco introduced the second-generation family of Token Ring switches, including both copper and fiber modules for the Catalyst 5000 Series. These products quickly gained a high level of customer acceptance and have subsequently been installed in thousands of mission-critical Token Ring networks worldwide. However, since that time the number of customers continuing to use Token Ring has decreased dramatically, with most customers converting to networks based on Ethernet. The demand for Token Ring products is now at a very low level. Vendors that produce chips used for the production of these products are discontinuing those chips, making the continuing production impossible without expensive redesign. Considering the low level of demand, it is not practical for Cisco to undertake this redesign. Cisco is, therefore, announcing the End of Sale of the products listed in Table 1, effective February 12, 2003. There are no replacement products. Cisco is making this announcement a full year prior to actual End of Sale to give customers who have not yet completed migration to Ethernet an opportunity to adjust their plans as necessary. Table 2 describes the dates associated with this announcement.

Table 1 End of Sale Products

Product	Description
WS-X5030(=)	16-port Token Ring switch module, copper, RJ-45
WS-X5031(=)	16-port Token Ring switch module, fiber
WS-CAB01ST=	1-meter cable WS-X5031 Token Ring fiber Catalyst 5000 module
WS-CAB03ST(=)	3-meter cable WS-X5031 Token Ring fiber Catalyst 5000 module
WS-CAB08ST(=)	8-meter cable WS-X5031 Token Ring fiber Catalyst 5000 module

Table 2 Milestones for the Catalyst 5000 Token Ring Switch Modules

Milestone	Effective Date
End of Sale Announcement	February 12, 2002
End of Sale	February 12, 2003
End of Engineering	March 1, 2005
End of Support/End of Life	March 1, 2007

Definitions

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 these products after End of Sale through the SMARTnet™ and Comprehensive Maintenance programs. Customers with either of these service contracts are entitled to free software updates, 24-hour telephone support through the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC), and advance replaced 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 three years and providing hardware support for a period of five years after the End of Sale date.

The following definitions apply to these milestones:

- *End of Sale*—After this date, orders for the Catalyst 5000 Token Ring switch modules will no longer be accepted.
- *End of Engineering*—After this date, no new bug fixes will be provided for Catalyst 5000 Token Ring switch modules.
- *End of Support/End of Life*—After this date, the Catalyst 5000 Token Ring switch modules will no longer be supported by Customer Support Engineering or TAC.

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