



End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for Cisco Catalyst 2948G-L3 and 4908G-L3 Switches

Cisco Systems® announces the end of life and end of sale for the Cisco® Catalyst® 2948G-L3 and 4908G-L3 switches. The last day to order the Cisco Catalyst 2948G-L3 and 4908G-L3 products is October 31, 2003. Customers will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until October 31, 2008. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for these products.

The Cisco Catalyst 2948G-L3 and 4908G-L3 are fixed-configuration Layer 3 Ethernet switches featuring wire-speed switching for IP, Internetwork Packet Exchange (IPX), and IP Multicast. The switches support all the routing protocols used in mid-sized networks. They support additional protocols for scalable, reliable networks and features such as quality of service (QoS), security, CiscoWorks2000, and EtherChannel® technology.

Important: This bulletin does not pertain to the Cisco Catalyst 2948G, 2980G, or 4912G switches.

Table 1 End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco Catalyst 2948G-L3 and 4908G-L3

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-life announcement	The document that announces the end of sale and end of life of a product to the general public.	May 1, 2003
End of sale date	The last date to order the product through Cisco point-of-sale mechanisms. The product is no longer for sale.	October 31, 2003
Last shipment date	The last possible date that Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers ship the affected product.	January 30, 2004
End of routine failure analysis date	The last possible date a routine failure analysis may be performed to determine the cause of a product failure or defect.	October 31, 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.	October 31, 2004
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.	October 31, 2004
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.	July 31, 2008
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.	October 31, 2008



Table 2 Product Part Numbers Affected by the Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description
WS-C2948G-L3	Cisco Catalyst 2948G-L3, fixed-configuration 48 Fast Ethernet 10/100 port with 2 1000BASE-X gigabit interface converter (GBIC) ports Layer 3 switch
FR2948GL3-IP	Cisco Catalyst 2948G-L3 IP switching license
FR2948GL3-IPX	Cisco Catalyst 2948G-L3 IPX switching license
WS-C2948G-EM-LIC	Cisco Catalyst 2948G-L3 RMON agent license
WS-C4908G-L3	Cisco Catalyst 4908G-L3, fixed-configuration 8t 1000BASE-X GBIC ports Layer 3 switch
FR4908GL3-IPX	Cisco Catalyst 4908G-L3 IPX switching license
WS-C4900-EM-LIC	Cisco Catalyst 4908G-L3 RMON agent license

Replacement Product Information

The recommended replacement products for the Cisco Catalyst 2948G-L3 and 4908G-L3 are the Cisco Catalyst 3550, 4500, and 6500 switches.

Table 3 Recommended Replacement Products

Replacement Product Part Number	Product Description
WS-C3550-48-EMI	Cisco Catalyst 3550 with 48-port 10/100 and 2 GBIC ports and Enhanced Multilayer Image (EMI) Software
WS-C3550-12G	Cisco Catalyst 3550 with 10-port 1000BASE-X GBIC and 2-port 1000BASE-T with EMI software
WS-C3550-12T	Cisco Catalyst 3550 with 10-port 10/100/1000BASE-T and 2-port 1000BASE-X GBIC with EMI software
WS-C4503 WS-X4515	Cisco Catalyst 4500 3-slot chassis with Cisco Catalyst 4500 Supervisor Engine IV and Cisco IOS [®] Software Release 12.1(13)EW for IPX and AT support in software
WS-C6503 WS-X6K-S2-MSFC2	Cisco Catalyst 6500 3-slot chassis with Cisco Catalyst 6500 Supervisor Engine II with Multilayer Switch Feature Card 2, Policy Feature Card 2, and 2 gigabit Ethernet ports

Additional Information

Additional product information is available at:

http://www.cisco.com/warp/customer/cc/pd/si/casi/ca2900/prodlit/29gl3_ds.htm and

http://www.cisco.com/warp/customer/cc/pd/si/casi/ca4000/prodlit/4908g_ds.htm

Release notes for the Cisco Catalyst 2948G-L3 are available at:

http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/l3sw/2948g-l3/rel_12_0/index.htm

Release notes for the Cisco Catalyst 4908G-L3 are available at:
http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/l3sw/4908g_l3/ios_12/index.htm.

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:
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