



End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family Caching Services Module

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of life dates for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family Caching Services Module. The last day to order the affected product is May 24, 2006. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until October 1, 2011.

Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the affected product. Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family Caching Services Module

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-Life Announcement Date	The date the document that announces the end of sale and end of life of a product is distributed to the general public.	April 13, 2006
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.	May 24, 2006
Last Ship 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.	June 1, 2006
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.	October 2, 2007
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 2, 2007
End of Service Contract Renewal Date	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	December 28, 2010
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 1, 2011

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Replacement Product Part Number	Replacement Product Description
DS-X9560-SMC	MDS 9000 Family Caching Services Module	DS-X9032-SSM	MDS 9000 Family 32-Port Storage Services Module
DS-X9560-SMC=	MDS 9000 Family Caching Services Module, Spare	DS-X9032-SSM=	MDS 9000 Family 32-Port Storage Services Module, Spare
DS-X9560-SMC-KIT	IBM SAN.VC Accessory Kit	There is currently no replacement product available for this product.	
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PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacement for the Cisco MDS 9000 Family Caching Services Module is the Cisco MDS 9000 Family Storage Services Module (Table 3). The Cisco MDS 9000 Family Storage Services Module is the designed platform to run all the present and future intelligent fabric applications. The Cisco Storage Service Module enables these new solutions based on open standards such as Fabric Application Interface Standard (FAIS) or protocols such as SANTap, which deliver a common framework for implementing storage applications in storage area networks (SANs).

Information about the Storage Services Module can be found at: <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6293/index.html>

Table 3. Product Comparisons

Feature	Cisco MDS 9000 Family Caching Services Module	Cisco MDS 9000 Family Storage Services Module
8 GB of cache with dual hard disks	Yes	No
Onboard dual batteries	Yes	No
Fixed 1 / 2 Gbps Fibre Channel Ports	None	32
Distributed Architecture	No	Yes
Embedded ASICs for inline SCSI processing	No	Yes

Customers may purchase the Cisco MDS 9000 Family Caching Services Module from IBM Corporation designated OSM partner, or from any of the IBM Corporation's resellers. Cisco does not offer trade-in credits or a trade-in program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Cisco MDS 9000 Family Caching Services Module, visit <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6007/index.html>, or contact your local account representative.

For more information about the Cisco End-of-Life Policy, go to: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod_end_of_life.html

To subscribe to receive end-of-life/end-of-sale information, go to: <http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/FieldNoticeTool/field-notice>

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