



END-OF-SALE AND END-OF-LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CISCO 6-PORT T3 LINE CARD FOR THE CISCO 7304 WITH DSU AND THE 6-PORT E3 LINE CARD FOR THE CISCO 7300 WITH DSU

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life dates for the Cisco® 6-port T3 line card for the Cisco 7304 with data service unit (DSU) and the 6-port E3 line card for the Cisco 7300 with DSU. The last day to order the affected product is April 30, 2006. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until April 30, 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.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to either the 2-port Clear Channel T3/E3 shared port adapter (SPA) or the 4-port Clear Channel T3/E3 SPA, which provide investment protection, as well as higher interface densities and flexibility. Information about the replacement product can be found at: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6267/prod_module_series_home.html. Table 3 provides relevant information for migrating to the replacement product.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for 6-Port T3 Line Card for Cisco 7304 with DSU and 6-Port E3 Line Card for Cisco 7300 with DSU

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.	October 30, 2005
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.	April 30, 2006
Last shipment 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.	July 30, 2006
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.	April 30, 2007
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.	April 30, 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.	April 30, 2007
End of service contract renewal date	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	October 30, 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.	April 30, 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
7300-6T3	6-port T3 line card for Cisco 7304 with DSU	SPA-2XT3/E3 or SPA-4XT3/E3	2-port Clear Channel T3/E3 SPA or 4-port Clear Channel T3/E3 SPA
7300-6T3=	6-port T3 line card for Cisco 7304 with DSU	SPA-2XT3/E3= or SPA-4XT3/E3=	2-port Clear Channel T3/E3 SPA or 4-port Clear Channel T3/E3 shared port adapter
7300-6E3	6-port E3 line card for Cisco 7300 with DSU	SPA-2XT3/E3 or SPA-4XT3/E3	2-port Clear Channel T3/E3 SPA or 4-port Clear Channel T3/E3 shared port adapter
7300-6E3=	6-port E3 line card for Cisco 7300 with DSU	SPA-2XT3/E3= or SPA-4XT3/E3=	2-port Clear Channel T3/E3 SPA or 4-port Clear Channel T3/E3 SPA

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacement for the 6-port T3 line card for the Cisco 7304 with DSU and 6-port E3 line card for the Cisco 7300 with DSU are the 2-port Clear Channel T3/E3 SPA or the 4-port Clear Channel T3/E3 SPA (Table 3). The Cisco Clear Channel T3/E3 SPAs for the Cisco 7304 Router and the Cisco 7600 and 12000 series routers offer high-density, highly manageable T3/E3 line connectivity and termination. With integrated line-interface DSUs that allow T3/E3 lines to be directly terminated on a Cisco Systems router, the Cisco Clear Channel T3/E3 SPAs simplify T3/E3 line management, reduce provisioning costs, and make valuable rack space available.

Table 3. Product Comparisons

Feature	6-Port T3 Line Card for Cisco 7304 with DSU or Cisco 6-Port E3 Line Card for Cisco 7300 with DSU	2-Port Clear Channel T3/E3 SPA or 4-Port Clear Channel T3/E3 SPA
Number of interface ports per line card	6	2 or 4
Number of line cards per chassis slot	1	2
Interface mode (T3/E3) configurable	No	Yes

Customers can use the Cisco Technology Migration Plan (TMP) to trade in products and receive credit toward the purchase of new Cisco equipment. For more information about Cisco TMP, go to: <http://www.cisco.com/go/tradein/>. The Cisco TMP application requires all users to have a Cisco.com user ID.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- For more information about the Cisco 7304 routers, visit <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/routers/ps352/index.html> or contact your local Cisco 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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