

END-OF-SALE AND END-OF-LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CISCO MDS 9000 PORT ANALYZER ADAPTER, BASE

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life dates for the Cisco® MDS 9000 Port Analyzer Adapter, Base (PAA). The last day to order the Cisco® MDS 9000 Port Analyzer Adapter, Base is September 8, 2005. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until September 8, 2010. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and important dates for the Cisco MDS 9000 PAA, and Table 2 describes the specific part numbers affected by this announcement.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the Cisco MDS 9000 Port Analyzer Adapter, Enhanced (PAA-2), which contains all the functionality available in the Cisco MDS 9000 PAA and in addition, provides accurate performance monitoring of the network when used in conjunction with the Cisco Fabric Manager. The Enhanced Port Analyzer Adapter can record the original size of truncated Fibre Channel frames as they become encapsulated in Ethernet which allows the Cisco Fabric Manager to calculate performance data without requiring forwarding of full frames. Information about the Cisco MDS 9000 PAA-2 can be found at <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps5992/index.html>. Table 3 provides relevant information for migrating from the Cisco MDS 9000 PAA to the Cisco MDS 9000 PAA-2.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco MDS 9000 Port Analyzer Adapter, Base

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.	March 8, 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.	September 8, 2005
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.	December 8, 2005
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.	September 8, 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.	September 8, 2006
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.	September 8, 2006
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.	March 8, 2010
Last Date of Support	The last date to receive service and support for the product. After this date, all support	September 8, 2010

Milestone	Definition	Date
	services for the product are unavailable, and the product becomes obsolete.	

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description
DS-PAA	Cisco MDS 9000 Port Analyzer Adapter, Base

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacement for the Cisco MDS 9000 Port Analyzer Adapter, Base is the Cisco MDS 9000 Port Analyzer Adapter, Enhanced. A comparison of the features available in the two products is shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Product Comparisons

Feature	Cisco MDS 9000 PAA, Base	Cisco MDS 9000 PAA-2, Enhanced
Fibre Channel Ports	1	1
Gigabit Ethernet Ports	1	1
Non-Disruptive Traffic Analysis	Yes	Yes
Truncate Modes	4	4
Ability to Record the Original Size of Truncated Fibre Channel Frames	No	Yes

Customers may purchase the Cisco MDS 9000 Port Analyzer Adapter, Enhanced from EMC Corporation, IBM Corporation, Hitachi Data Systems, Hewlett Packard, Xiotech, StorageTek and Network Appliance, all of whom are designated OSM partners, or from any of these companies' resellers. Cisco does not offer trade-in credits or a trade-in program.

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