

## End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco MDS 9120 20-Port Multilayer Fabric Switch

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Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of life dates for the Cisco MDS 9120 20-Port Multilayer Fabric Switch. The last day to order the Cisco MDS 9120 20-Port Multilayer Fabric Switch is September 27, 2007. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) as shown in Table 1 of the EoL bulletin. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the Cisco MDS 9120 20-Port Multilayer Fabric Switch. Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the Cisco MDS 9124 1/2/4-Gbps 24-Port Multilayer Fabric Switch. With its flexibility to expand from 8 to 24 ports in 8-port increments, the Cisco MDS 9124 offers the densities required for both departmental storage area network (SAN) switches and edge switches in enterprise SANs.

**Table 1.** End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco MDS 9120 20-Port Multilayer Fabric Switch

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 29, 2007
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 27, 2007
Last Ship Date: HW	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 26, 2007
End of Routine Failure Analysis Date: HW	The last-possible date a routine failure analysis may be performed to determine the cause of product failure or defect.	September 26, 2008
End of New Service Attachment Date: HW	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 26, 2008
End of Service Contract Renewal Date: HW	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	December 23, 2011
Last Date of Support: HW	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.	September 25, 2012

- HW = Hardware
- OS SW = Operating System Software
- App. SW = Application Software

**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-C9120-K9	MDS 9120 20-Port Fibre Channel Fabric Switch	DS-C9124-K9	MDS 9124 24-port 4Gbps FC switch (8-port base config)

## Product Migration Options

The recommended replacement for the Cisco MDS 9120 20-Port Multilayer Fabric Switch is the Cisco MDS 9124 1/2/4-Gbps 24-Port Multilayer Fabric Switch. The Cisco MDS 9124 is compatible with Cisco MDS 9500 Series multilayer directors and Cisco MDS 9200 Series multilayer fabric switches, providing transparent, end-to-end service delivery in core-edge deployments. Further information can be found at

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/prod/collateral/ps4159/ps6409/ps5987/ps7079/product\\_data\\_sheet0900aecd8057451f.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/prod/collateral/ps4159/ps6409/ps5987/ps7079/product_data_sheet0900aecd8057451f.html).

**Table 3.** Product Comparisons

Feature	Cisco MDS 9120 1/2-Gbps 20-Port Multilayer Fabric Switch	Cisco MDS 9124 1/2/4-Gbps 24-Port Multilayer Fabric Switch
<b>Max Interface Speed</b>	2-Gbps	4-Gbps
<b>Autosensing FC Interfaces</b>	20 1/2-Gbps FC Ports	24 1/2/4-Gbps FC Ports
<b>On-Demand Port Activation</b>	No	Yes
<b>Intelligent Network Services—Integrated Support for VSAN, ACLs, QOS</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>QuickConfig Wizard</b>	No	Yes
<b>Comprehensive Security Services</b>	Yes	Yes

Customers may purchase the Cisco MDS 9124 1/2/4-Gbps 24-Port Multilayer Fabric Switch from EMC Corporation, IBM Corporation, Hitachi Data Systems, Hewlett Packard, Xiotech, Sun, Network Appliance, Dell, NEC, Fujitsu all of whom are designated Original Storage Manufacturer (OSM) or Solutions Technology Integrator (STI) partners, or from any of these companies' resellers. Cisco does not offer trade-in credits or a trade-in program.

## For More Information

For more information about the Cisco MDS 9124 24-Port Multilayer Fabric Switch, visit <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps7079/index.html>, or contact your local account representative.

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