



## END-OF-SALE AND END-OF-LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CISCO CATALYST 2950 LRE 997 SWITCH

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life dates for the Cisco® Catalyst® 2950 LRE 997 Switch. The last day to order the Cisco Catalyst 2950 LRE 997 Switch will be January 25, 2005. Customers with active service contracts may continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until January 25, 2010. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the Cisco Catalyst 2950 LRE 997 switches.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the Cisco Catalyst 2950 LRE Series switches, which provide advanced Layer 2–4 intelligent services. Customers can deploy advanced quality of service (QoS), granular rate-limiting, enhanced network security, and multicast management networkwide—while maintaining the simplicity of traditional LAN switching.

Information about the Cisco Catalyst 2950 LRE Series can be found at: <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/switches/ps4916/index.html>

**Table 1.** End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco Catalyst 2900 LRE XL 997 Switches and Modules

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-sale and end-of-life announcement	The date the document that announces the end of sale and end of life of a product is distributed to the general public.	October 25, 2004
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.	January 25, 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.	April 25, 2005
End of software maintenance releases	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.	January 25, 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.	January 25, 2006
End of new service attachment	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.	January 25, 2006
End of service contract renewal	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.	October 25, 2009
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.	January 25, 2010

**Table 2.** Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Numbers	Product Description
WS-C2950LRE-24-997	24-port LRE switch DC power Plan 997
CISCO576-LRE997	LRE CPE Plan 997
CISCO576-LRE997-6	LRE CPE Plan 997—6 pack
CISCO576-LRE997-24	LRE CPE Plan 997—24 pack

## PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacement products for the Cisco Catalyst 2950 LRE 997 switches are listed in Table 3.

**Table 3.** Product Migration Options

End-of-Sale Part Number	Recommended Replacement Part Number	Replacement Product Description
WS-C2950LRE-24-997	WS-C2950ST-24-LRE	24 LRE Ports + 2 10/100/1000BASE-T ports + 2 SFP Enhanced Software Image
CISCO576-LRE997	CISCO575-LRE	Long Reach Ethernet CPE
CISCO576-LRE997-6	CISCO575-LRE-6P	Long Reach Ethernet CPE—6 pack
CISCO576-LRE997-24	CISCO575-LRE-24P	Long Reach Ethernet CPE—24 pack

Customers can use the Cisco Technology Migration Plan (TMP) to trade in products and receive credit toward the purchase of new Cisco equipment.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Frequently asked questions about the Cisco Catalyst 2950 LRE Series can be found at:

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/switches/ps4916/prod\\_qandas\\_list.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/switches/ps4916/prod_qandas_list.html)

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