



## End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco ME 6524-GS and 6524-GT Ethernet Switches

### EOL8192

Cisco announces the end-of-sale and end-of life dates for the Cisco ME 6524-GS and 6524-GT Ethernet Switches. The last day to order the affected product(s) is March 31, 2012. 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 affected product(s). Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement. For customers with active and paid service and support contracts, support will be available until the termination date of the contract, even if this date exceeds the Last Date of Support shown in Table 1.

This announcement replaces Cisco6524 product portions of the EoL7791

**Table 1.** End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco ME 6524-GS and 6524-GT Ethernet Switches

Milestone	Definition	Date
<b>End-of-Life Announcement Date</b>	The date the document that announces the end of sale and end of life of a product is distributed to the general public.	August 5, 2011
<b>End-of-Sale Date</b>	The last date to order the product through Cisco point-of-sale mechanisms. The product is no longer for sale after this date.	March 31, 2012
<b>Last Ship Date: HW</b>	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 29, 2012
<b>End of SW Maintenance Releases Date: HW</b>	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.	March 31, 2013
<b>End of Routine Failure Analysis Date: HW</b>	The last-possible date a routine failure analysis may be performed to determine the cause of hardware product failure or defect.	March 31, 2013
<b>End of New Service Attachment Date: HW</b>	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.	March 31, 2013
<b>End of Service Contract Renewal Date: HW</b>	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	June 26, 2016
<b>Last Date of Support: HW</b>	The last date to receive applicable service and support for the product as entitled by active service contracts or by warranty terms and conditions. After this date, all support services for the product are unavailable, and the product becomes obsolete.	March 31, 2017

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	Additional Information
<b>ME-C6524GS-8S</b>	Cisco ME6524 Switch - 24 GE SFP + 8GE SFP, Fan tray	See Product Migration Options section for details.	Cisco ME 3600X/3800X or VS-C6504E-S720-10G + WS-X6724-SFP	
<b>ME-C6524GS-8S=</b>	Cisco ME6524 Switch - 24 GE SFP + 8GE SFP, Fan tray	See Product Migration Options section for details.	Cisco ME 3600X/3800X or VS-C6504E-S720-10G + WS-X6724-SFP	
<b>ME-C6524GT-8S</b>	Cisco ME6524 Switch - 24 10/100/1000 + 8GE SFP, Fan tray	See Product Migration Options section for details.	Cisco ME 3600X or VS-C6504E-S720-10G + WS-X6724-SFP + WS-X6748-GE-TX / WS-X6148A-GE-TX	
<b>ME-C6524GT-8S=</b>	Cisco ME6524 Switch - 24 10/100/1000 + 8GE SFP, Fan tray	See Product Migration Options section for details.	Cisco ME 3600X or VS-C6504E-S720-10G + WS-X6724-SFP + WS-X6748-GE-TX / WS-X6148A-GE-TX	

## Product Migration Options

The recommended replacement for the Cisco ME 6524 Ethernet Switch is the Cisco ME 3600X Series Ethernet Access Switches, 3800X Carrier Ethernet Switch Routers or the VS-C6504E-S720-10G bundle with the corresponding modules. Information about these products can be found at:

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/switches/index.html>.

Customers may be able to use the Cisco Technology Migration Program (TMP) where applicable to trade-in eligible products and receive credit toward the purchase of new Cisco equipment. For more information about Cisco TMP, customers should work with their Cisco Partner or Cisco account team. Cisco Partners can find additional TMP information on Partner Central at

[http://www.cisco.com/web/partners/incentives\\_and\\_promotions/tmp.html](http://www.cisco.com/web/partners/incentives_and_promotions/tmp.html)

Customers may be able to continue to purchase the Cisco ME 6524-GS and 6524-GT Ethernet Switches through the Cisco Certified Refurbished Equipment program. Refurbished units may be available in limited supply for sale in certain countries on a first-come, first-served basis until the Last Date of Support has been reached. For information about the Cisco Certified Refurbished Equipment program, go to: <http://www.cisco.com/go/eos>

Service prices for Cisco products are subject to change after the product End of Sale date.

The Cisco Takeback and Recycle program helps businesses dispose properly of surplus products that have reached their end of useful life. The program is open to all business users of Cisco equipment and its associated brands and subsidiaries. For more information, go to:

[http://www.cisco.com/web/about/ac227/ac228/ac231/about\\_cisco\\_takeback\\_recycling.html](http://www.cisco.com/web/about/ac227/ac228/ac231/about_cisco_takeback_recycling.html)

## For More Information

For more information about the ME 3800X Series Switches and Cisco ME 3600X Series Switches, visit <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/switches/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/products\\_end-of-life\\_policy.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/products_end-of-life_policy.html)

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For more information about the Cisco Product Warranties, go to:  
[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod\\_warranties\\_listing.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod_warranties_listing.html)

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