



PRODUCT BULLETIN NO. 2838

ADDENDUM: END-OF-SALE AND END-OF-LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CISCO CATALYST OS RELEASE 6.X FOR THE CATALYST 5000/5500 AND CATALYST 6000/6500 SERIES SWITCHES

Milestone	Definition
Addendum Date—Note 1	August 29, 2005
Effective Date	August 29, 2005
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Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life dates for the Cisco® Catalyst® Operating System (Catalyst OS) Release 6.x for supervisor engines for Catalyst 5000/5500 and Catalyst 6000/6500 series switches. The last day to order the affected product is Dec. 31, 2005. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until Dec. 31, 2010.

Note 1—Summary of Addendum: The Cisco Catalyst 4000/4500 series, Cat OS product numbers were removed from this product bulletin as they appear in a separate product bulletin (Product Bulletin 2990).

Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the affected product. Table 2 lists the software image part numbers affected by this announcement.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco Catalyst OS Release 6.x x for Catalyst 5000/5500 and 6000/6500 Series switches

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.	June 15, 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.	Dec. 31, 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.	March 31, 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.	Dec. 31, 2006
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.	Dec. 31, 2010

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description
cat5000-sup3.6-X-X.bin	Catalyst 5000 Series Supervisor Engine 3 Flash code
cat5000-supg.6-X-X.bin	Catalyst 5000 Series Supervisor Engine G Flash code
cat5000-sup3k9.6-X-X.bin	Catalyst 5000 Series Supervisor Engine 3 Flash with SSH support
cat5000-supgk9.6-X-X.bin	Catalyst 5000 Series Supervisor G Flash with SSH support
cat5000-sup3cv.6-X-X.bin	Catalyst 5000 Series Supervisor Engine 3 Flash and CiscoView ADP Flash code
cat5000-sup3cvk9.6-X-X.bin	Catalyst 5000 Series Supervisor 3 Flash and CiscoView ADP Flash Code with SSH support
cat6000-sup.6-X-X.bin	Catalyst 6000 Series Supervisor Flash Code
cat6000-sup2.6-X-X.bin	Catalyst 6000 Series Supervisor 2 Flash Code
cat6000-supcv.6-X-X.bin	Catalyst 6000 Series Supervisor Flash and CiscoView ADP Flash Code
cat6000-sup2cv.6-X-X.bin	Catalyst 6000 Series Supervisor 2 Flash and CiscoView ADP Flash Code
cat6000-supk9.6-X-X.bin	Catalyst 6000 Series Supervisor with SSH support
cat6000-sup2k9.6-X-X.bin	Catalyst 6000 Series Supervisor 2 Flash with SSH support
cat6000-supcvk9.6-X-X.bin	Catalyst 6000 Series Supervisor Flash and CiscoView ADP Flash Code with SSH support
cat6000-sup2cvk9.6-X-X.bin	Catalyst 6000 Series Supervisor 2 Flash and CiscoView ADP Flash Code with SSH support

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

Customers are encouraged to migrate to either:

- **Cisco Catalyst OS Release 7.6 or later, which has general deployment status.** To achieve general deployment status, a release must meet rigid stability criteria, which includes defect arrival-rate thresholds and a customer feedback survey. Moving to Catalyst OS Release 7.6 adds a rich feature set—802.3ad, 802.1s, and 802.1x enhancements; Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMPv3); and support for Layer 4 to Layer 7 service blades, among others. Please refer to the release notes at http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/lan/cat6000/relnotes/ol_1982.htm for further information.
- **Cisco Catalyst OS Release 8.4 or later (Catalyst 6500 Series only).** The 8.x train is currently under development. Moving to Catalyst OS Release 8.4 or later adds a rich feature set—comprehensive Identity Based Networking Services (IBNS) Enhancements, Dynamic Host Control Protocol (DHCP) Snooping, Dynamic Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) Inspection, IP Source Guard, Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP), Gateway Load Balancing Protocol (GLBP), and GARP VLAN Registration Protocol (GVRP) among others. Please refer to the release notes at http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/lan/cat6000/relnotes/ol_4498.htm for further information.

Note: Please check the release notes for supported supervisor engines. All supervisor engines are not supported with all releases.

Customers are encouraged to migrate from the Cisco Catalyst 5000/5500 Series to the Catalyst 6500 or Catalyst 4500 series switches. For more information on Catalyst 6500 and Catalyst 4500 series switches please visit: <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/switches/index.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Cisco Catalyst OS Release 6.x, visit

http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/lan/cat6000/relnotes/78_11235.htm or contact your local account representative or e-mail:

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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