



END-OF-LIFE NOTICE, NO. 1568

END-OF-SALE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FIXED CONFIGURATION CATALYST 2900 SERIES XL

Cisco® is announcing the End-of-Sale of Fixed Configuration Catalyst® 2900 Series XL Switches, including respective Multipack units, as per the descriptions and schedule detailed below. All impacted products are being replaced by the recently launched Catalyst 2950 Series, which offer superior functionality at the same price. The last order date for the affected products is October 31, 2001. Please advise and transition all existing and potential customers of these products to the Catalyst 2950 Series, as per the replacement matrix given below.

Note: This announcement does NOT affect the Modular Configuration of the Catalyst 2900 Series XL (WS-C2924M-XL-EN, WS-C2924M-XL-EN-DC, WS-C2912MF-XL) or the Expansion Modules (WS-X2914-XL-V, WS-X2922-XL-V, WS-X2924-XL-V, WS-X2931-XL, WS-X2932-XL, WS-X2951-XL, WS-X2961-XL, WS-X2971-XL, WS-X2972-XL) for this platform. These products will continue to be manufactured, sold, and supported by Cisco until further notice.

Table 1. Affected Model Numbers and Replacement Product Summary

Affected Product	Description	Replacement Product	Description
WS-C2912-XL-EN	12-port 10/100 switch	WS-C2950-12	12-port 10/100 switch
WS-C2924-XL-EN	24-port 10/100 switch	WS-C2950-24 or WS-C2950T-24	24-port 10/100 switch, or 24-port 10/100 + 2-port 10/100/1000Base-T
WS-C2924C-XL-EN	22-port 10/100 + 2-port 100Base-FX switch	WS-C2950C-24	24-port 10/100 + 2-port 100Base-FX switch
WS-C2924-XL-EN-5P	Catalyst 2924 XL Enterprise Edition, 5-pack	None	N/A
WS-C2924C-XL-EN-5P	Catalyst 2924C XL Enterprise Edition, 5-pack	None	N/A
WS-C2924-XL-EN-A5	5 Catalyst 2924 XL Enterprise Edition for APAC	WS-C2950-24-XL-EN-A5	5-pack of Catalyst 2950-24, APAC wholesale only
WS-C2900-XL-EN-56	One Catalyst 2924M XL-EN and two Catalyst 2924 XL-EN, 56-port stack pack	None	N/A
WS-C2900-XL-EN-104	One Catalyst 2924M XL-EN and four Catalyst 2924 XL-EN, 104-port stack pack	None	N/A

KEY DATES

End-of-Sale	November 1, 2001
Last Ship Date	December 1, 2001
Last Date of Support	November 1, 2006

Please communicate this End-of-Sale information to your customers, and place your Last-Time Buys for the End-of-Sale products before orderability is turned off on November 1, 2001.

KEY BENEFITS OF THE NEW CATALYST 2950 SERIES SWITCHES VS EOS PRODUCTS

1. **More value at the same price**—The Catalyst 2950 Series switches deliver better performance and enhanced Cisco IOS® services at the same price points as comparable Catalyst 2900 Series XL products.
2. **Easy and powerful upgrade to Gigabit Ethernet (an upsell opportunity for you!)**—Midmarket customers previously deploying Fast Ethernet backbones can now move to Gigabit Ethernet in the backbone for just 10-percent incremental price/port with the Catalyst 2950T-24 (24 10/100 and two 10/100/1000 ports) using existing Category 5 wiring.
3. **Enhanced Cisco IOS Services including sophisticated QoS and IGMP Snooping**—Catalyst 2950 Series switches deliver a full Layer 2 QoS feature set with four egress queues, Weighted Round Robin (WRR) scheduling, and Strict Priority Scheduling, with an ability to classify/reclassify CoS.
4. **Performance**—The Catalyst 2950 Series is a family of wire-speed switches, with 8.8 Gbps switching fabric and maximum forwarding rate of 6.6 million packets per second.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Cisco Technology Migration Plan (CTMP)

Customers can trade in current Catalyst 2900 Series XL switches for Catalyst 2950 Series switches. For detailed trade-in information, visit: <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/partners/>.

Catalyst 2950 Product Literature

For more information on the Catalyst 2950 Series, visit: <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/switches/ps628/index.html>.

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