

End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco Catalyst 3508G XL Switch and Cisco IOS Software 12.0WC

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Cisco announces the end-of-sale and end-of life dates for the Cisco[®] Catalyst 3508G XL switch and Cisco IOS Software 12.0WC. The last day to order the affected product(s) is September 17, 2005. The last release for 12.0WC is Cisco IOS Release 12.0(5)WC17. 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.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the Cisco Catalyst 3750G-12S Switch. The Catalyst 3750 Series switches improve LAN operating efficiency by combining industry-leading ease of use and the highest resiliency available for stackable switches. This product series represents the next generation in desktop switches, and features Cisco StackWise technology, a 32 Gbps stack interconnect that allows customers to build a unified, highly resilient switching system—one switch at a time. Information about the Cisco Catalyst 3750G-12S can be found at <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/switches/ps5023/index.html>. Table 3 provides relevant information for migrating from the Cisco Catalyst 3508G XL to the Catalyst 3750G-12S.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco Catalyst 3508G XL Switch and Cisco IOS Software 12.0WC

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 11, 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.	September 17, 2005
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 17, 2005
End of SW Maintenance Releases Date: HW	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. The last release for 12.0WC is Cisco IOS Release 12.0(5)WC17.	September 17, 2006
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 17, 2006
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 17, 2006
End of Service Contract Renewal Date: HW	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	June 17, 2010
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 17, 2010

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

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Replacement Product Part Number	Replacement Product Description
WS-C3508G-XL-EN	Catalyst 3508G XL: 8 GBIC ports	WS-C3750G-12S-S	Catalyst 3750 12 SFP + IPB Image

Product Migration Options

The recommended replacement for the Cisco Catalyst 3508G XL is the Cisco Catalyst 3750G-12S (Table 3). The Catalyst 3750 Series eases deployment of converged applications and adapts to changing business needs by providing configuration flexibility, support for converged network patterns, and automation of intelligent network services configurations.

Table 3. Product Comparisons

	Cisco Catalyst 3508G XL	Cisco Catalyst 3750G-12S
Product part number	WS-C3508G-XL-EN	WS-C3750G-12S-S or WS-C3750G-12S-E
Stacking technology	GigaStack [®] GBIC (1 Gbps interconnect)	StackWise (32 Gbps interconnect)
Advanced QoS (4 egress queues, DSCP marking, Shaped Round Robin, Weighted Tail Drop, rate-limiting, and more)	No	Yes
Security features (ACLs, 802.1x, SSH, SNMPv3, DHCP snooping, dynamic ARP inspection, IP source guard, and more)	No	Yes
Superior manageability (Smartports, express setup, RSPAN, and more)	No	Yes
IP routing	No	Yes
IPv6 routing support in hardware	No	Yes
Forwarding rate for 64-byte packets	7 Mpps	17.9 Mpps (wire-speed)

Customers can use the Cisco Technology Migration Program (TMP) to trade-in 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/pr11/incentive/tmp/index.html>.

Customers may be able to continue to purchase the Cisco Catalyst 3508G XL Switch and Cisco IOS Software 12.0WC 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.

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