



END-OF-LIFE NOTICE, NO. 2805

END-OF-SALE AND END-OF-LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CISCO ONS 15501 EDFA OPTICAL AMPLIFIER

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life dates for the Cisco® ONS 15501 EDFA Optical Amplifier. The last day to order the affected product is September 18, 2005. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until September 18, 2010. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the affected product. Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the Cisco ONS 15216 EDFA Optical Amplifier which provides greater gain range and design flexibility. Information about the replacement product can be found at:

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/optical/ps1996/ps1999/index.html>. Table 3 provides relevant information for migrating to the replacement product.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco ONS 15501 EDFA Optical Amplifier

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 18, 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 18, 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.	December 18, 2005
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.	September 18, 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.	September 18, 2006
End of new service attachment date	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 18, 2006
End of service contract renewal date	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	June 18, 2010
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.	September 18, 2010

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Replacement Product Part Number	Replacement Product Description
15501-EDFA=	Cisco ONS 15501 EDFA Optical Amplifier (DC)	Cisco ONS 15216 EDFA2-A= or Cisco ONS 15216 EDFA3=	Cisco ONS 15216 EDFA Optical Amplifier
15501-EDFA-AC	Cisco ONS 15501 EDFA Optical Amplifier (AC)	If AC option is required, please contact local Cisco account representative	If AC option is required, please contact local Cisco account representative
15501-EDFA-2DC=	Cisco ONS 15501 Promotional Bundle (2x Cisco ONS 15501 EDFA DC)	—	—
15501-EDFA-2AC	Cisco ONS 15501 Promotional Bundle (2x Cisco ONS 15501 EDFA AC)	—	—

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacement for the Cisco ONS 15501 EDFA is the Cisco ONS 15216 EDFA Optical Amplifier (Table 3). The Cisco ONS 15216 EDFA Optical Amplifier allows users to optimize optical transmission performance for both metropolitan and long-haul 2.5- or 10-Gbps networks.

Table 3. Product Comparisons

Feature	Cisco ONS 15501 EDFA Optical Amplifier	Cisco ONS 15216 EDFA Optical Amplifier
Network Amplification	Yes	Yes

Customers can use the Cisco Technology Migration Plan (TMP) to trade in products and receive credit toward the purchase of new Cisco equipment. For more information about Cisco TMP, go to: <http://www.cisco.com/go/tradein/>. The Cisco TMP application requires all users to have a Cisco.com user ID.

Customers may be able to continue to purchase the end-of-sale product through the Cisco Authorized Refurbished Equipment program. Refurbished units of the end-of-sale product are available in limited supply for sale in certain countries on a first-come, first-served basis. For information about the refurbished equipment program, go to:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/ordering/or6/or17/order_refurbished_equipment_program_description.html.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Cisco ONS 15501 EDFA Optical Amplifier, visit:

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/optical/ps2011/ps2012/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/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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