



End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco Catalyst 2948G-GE-TX Switch

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of life dates for the Cisco Catalyst 2948G-GE-TX Switch. The last day to order the affected product is January 30, 2007. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until January 29, 2012. 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 Catalyst 3560G-48TS and Catalyst 2960G-48TC Switches. Table 2 provides relevant information for migrating to the replacement products.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco Catalyst 2948G-GE-TX Switch.

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.	August 1, 2006
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.	January 30, 2007
Last Ship 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.	April 30, 2007
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.	January 30, 2008
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.	January 30, 2008
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.	January 30, 2008
End of Service Contract Renewal Date	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	April 27, 2011
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.	January 29, 2012

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-C2948G-GE-TX	Catalyst 2948G-GE-TX, 48 10/100/1000 ports + 4 SFP ports	WS-C2960G-48TC-L	Catalyst 2960 48 10/100/1000, 4 T/SFP LAN Base Image
WS-C2948G-GE-TX	Catalyst 2948G-GE-TX, 48 10/100/1000 ports + 4 SFP ports	WS-C3560G-48TS-S	Catalyst 3560 48 10/100/1000T + 4 SFP Standard Image

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacements for the Cisco Catalyst 2948G-GE-TX Switch are the Cisco Catalyst 3560G-48TS and Catalyst 2960G-48TC Switches.

Information about these products can be found at: <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/switches/ps5528/index.html> and <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6406/index.html>

Table 3. Product Comparisons

Feature	Cisco Catalyst 2948G-GE-TX Switch	Cisco Catalyst 3560G-48TS Switch	Cisco Catalyst 2960G-48TC Switch
Port Configuration	48 10/100/1000 ports and 4 SFP ports	48 10/100/1000 ports and 4 SFP ports	44 10/100/1000 ports and 4 dual-purpose 10/100/1000 and SFP ports
Performance	20 Gigabit Maximum Forwarding Bandwidth	32 Gigabit Switching Fabric	32 Gigabit Switching Fabric
Software	CatOS, Basic Layer 2 Switching	IOS, Intelligent Layer 3 Switching	IOS, Intelligent Layer 2+ Switching
Security	PVLAN, SSH, Basic 802.1x	PVLAN, ACLs, IPSG, DAI, SSH, SSL, Enhanced 802.1x	ACLs, SSH, SSL, Enhanced 802.1x
Management	CiscoWorks	CiscoWorks, Cisco Network Assistant, Smartports	CiscoWorks, Cisco Network Assistant, Smartports
QoS	CoS Classification, two egress Queues per port	CoS and DSCP Marking/Classification, Four egress Queues per port, SRR	CoS and DSCP Marking/Classification, Four egress Queues per port, SRR

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 Cisco's 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 Catalyst 2948G-GE-TX Switch, visit http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/switches/ps606/prod_eol_notices_list.html, 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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