

PRODUCT END-OF-LIFE NOTICE

Gen 5 8Gb/s Enhanced FC blades and Associated Field Replaceable Units

Brocade is initiating the End-of-Life (EOL) process for the Gen 5 8Gb/s Enhanced FC Blades.

Brocade will continue to offer and provide support for the EOL products five (5) years from the Last Customer Ship (LCS) announced below for those customers with a valid support contract subject to Brocade support policies.

The objective of the Brocade account management team is to assist you to make your final purchases of product subject to EOL and to smoothly transition to the new products by planning to the following milestones:

Gen 5 8G Enhanced FC Blades	Date
EOL Notification Date	May 14, 2014
Last Time Order (LTO) Final, Non-Cancelable, Non-Returnable Order Due Date (Subject to lead time and availability)	September 15, 2014
Last Customer Ship (LCS) Date	November 14, 2014
End of Support (EOS) Date	November 14, 2019

Note: These products will be supported in the upcoming FOS releases.

Brocade Part Number	Description	Recommended Alternative Solution
BR-DCX8510-2048	48 port enhanced port blade FC8-48E bundled with 48 8G SWL SFPs	BR-DCX8510-0148 / BR-DCX8510-2148
BR-DCX8510-0048	48 port enhanced port blade FC8-48E with 0 SFPs	BR-DCX8510-0148 / BR-DCX8510-2148
XBR-DCX8510-0048	48 port enhanced port blade FC8-48E FRU (with 0 SFPs)	XBR-DCX8510-0148
BR-DCX8510-2032	32 port enhanced port blade FC8-32E bundled with 32 8G SWL SFPs	BR-DCX8510-0102/ BR-DCX8510-2102
BR-DCX8510-0032	32 port enhanced port blade FC8-32E bundled with 0 SFPs	BR-DCX8510-0102/ BR-DCX8510-2102
XBR-DCX8510-0032	32 port enhanced port blade FC8-32E FRU with 0 SFPs	XBR-DCX8510-0102

Replacement Products

Brocade recommends evaluating the Gen 5 16Gb/s FC blades as a replacement for the Gen 5 8Gb/s Enhanced FC blades.

Note

- All software features qualified for use under supported configurations of the Gen 5 8Gb/s Enhanced FC blades will continue to be available after LCS of the Gen 5 8Gb/s Enhanced FC blades.

Support Pricing

Subject to the provisions of your support agreement with Brocade, support and access to software for the product will be available through Brocade's 7x24 Technical Assistance Center (TAC) or on-line via the Brocade MySupport portal*. Beginning one (1) year after LCS (November 14, 2014), and until the EOS date (November 14, 2019), there will be a 10% annual price increase for end-user service and support.

**Additional restrictions and limitations apply to support for software and such support may be cancelled or changed without notice. Contact your sales representative for more information.*

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