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Product EOL Notice

Brocade® 6520 Switch End-of-Life Notice

Version 1.1

Brocade, a Broadcom company, is announcing End-of-Life (EOL) for the Brocade 6520 Switch. The Last Customer Ship (LCS) date will be September 21, 2022. Support will continue to be offered and provided for the EOL product for five (5) years from the LCS date announced below for customers with a valid support contract, subject to support policies for Brocade products.

New Brocade Fabric OS® (FOS) releases will be made available for two (2) years from the LCS for the Brocade 6520 Switch with a valid support contract. After FOS End-of-Availability (EOA), at least one Target Path FOS release will continue to be made available for use on the Brocade 6520 until End-of-Support (EOS).

Licenses for software features qualified for use with supported configurations of the Brocade 6520 Switch that are not listed as EOL in this document will continue to be available for sale after the LCS of the Brocade 6520 for a period of two years.

Broadcom recommends evaluation of the Brocade G730 Switch or the Brocade G630 Switch, which both provide up to 128 ports, as a replacement for the Brocade 6520 platform. In addition to the increased scalability and performance, these switches also provide a significantly updated feature set, support for newer versions of FOS, and a much longer available supported life.

Broadcom is no longer accepting orders for the Brocade 6520 Switch.

Brocade 6520 Switch	Date
End-of-Life Notification Date	March 17, 2022
Last Customer Ship Date	September 21, 2022
FOS End-of-Availability (EOA) (FOS releases that GA after this date will not be made available for the Brocade 6520.)	September 21, 2024
End-of-Support Date	September 21, 2027

Brocade Part Number	Description	Replacement Part Numbers
BR-6520-48-16G-R	6520,48P,16G,SWL SFP,AC,PORT EXH	BR-G730-48-64G-R BR-G730-48-64G-F BR-G630-48-32G-F-1 BR-G630-48-32G-R-1
BR-6520-96-16G-R	6520,96P 16G,SWL SFP,AC,ENT BUN,PORT EXH	BR-G730-48-64G-R* BR-G730-48-64G-F* BR-G630-96-32G-R-1
XBR-6520-48-F	FRU 6520 48P, BR,AC,NONPORT SIDE EXHAUST	XBR-G730-48-R XBR-G630-48-F-1
XBR-6520-48-R	FRU 6520 48P, BR,AC,PORT SIDE EXHAUST	XBR-G730-48-F XBR-G630-48-R-1
XBR-6520-96-R	FRU 6520 96P, BR,AC,PORT SIDE EXHAUST	XBR-G630-96-R-1

* For an equivalent 96-port configuration of the Brocade G730 Switch, you would order the 48-port base, plus 2 × 24 port Port-on-Demand (POD) licenses (part number: XBR-MENT24G7POD-64G).

Revision History

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