

Brocade 6505 Switch Product End-of-Life Notice

Version 1.1

Brocade, a Broadcom company, is initiating the End-of-Life (EOL) process for the Brocade 6505 Switch.

Support will continue to be offered and provided for the EOL products for five (5) years from the Last Customer Ship (LCS) announced below for those customers with a valid support contract subject to support policies for Brocade products. New Brocade Fabric OS[®] (FOS) releases will be made available for three (3) years from the LCS for the Brocade 6505 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 6505 until End-of-Support (EOS).

The objective of the 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.

Brocade 6505 Switch	Date
End-of-Life Notification Date	October 31, 2019
Last Time Order (LTO) Final, Non-Cancelable, Non-Returnable Order Due Date (Subject to lead time and availability)	February 28, 2020
Last Customer Ship (LCS) Date (While supply lasts)	April 30, 2020
FOS End-of-Availability (EOA) (FOS releases that GA after this date will not be made available for the Brocade 6505.)	April 30, 2023
End-of-Support (EOS) Date	April 30, 2025

Brocade Part Number	Description	Recommended Solution Alternative
BR-6505-12-16G-0R	BR 6505,12P,16 GB SFPS,BR,AC, 1 PSU	BR-G610-8-16G-0
BR-6505-24-16G-1R	BR 6505,24P,16 Gb SFPS,ENT,BR,AC,1 PSU	BR-G610 PSU-24-16G-1
XBR-6505-12-0R	FRU,BR6505,12P,0 SFPS,BR,AC,1 PSU	XBR-G610-8
XBR-6505-24-0R	FRU,BR6505,24P,0 SFPS,BR,AC,1 PSU	XBR-G610-24
XBR-000051	FRU,POWERCORD,6-FT,ROHS,BR	N/A
BR-SMEDAN-01	SOFTWARE FEATURE LICENSE TO ENABLE ADAPTIVE NETWORKING (AN) ON ENTRY LEVEL FIBRE CHANNEL SWITCHES	N/A
BR-SMEDFWH-01	FABRIC WATCH (FW) FEATURE LICENSE ON ENTRY LEVEL FIBRE CHANNEL SWITCHES	N/A
BR-SMEDSAO-01	SERVER APPLICATION OPTIMIZATION (SAO) FEATURE LICENSE ON ENTRY LEVEL FIBRE CHANNEL SWITCHES	N/A

Replacement Products

Broadcom recommends evaluation of the Brocade G610 Switch as a replacement for the Brocade 6505 platform.

NOTE: Licenses for software features qualified for use with supported configurations of the Brocade 6505 Switch that is not listed as EOL in this document will continue to be available for sale after LCS of the Brocade 6505 for a period of two years.

Brocade Fabric OS (FOS) will support declared EOL products using at least one Target Path release version.

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

Revision History

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Updated with the FOS EOA date.

Version 1.0; October 31, 2019

Initial version.

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