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Don’t Delay. Upgrade Before Support Ends.

It’s Time to Say Farewell to Gen 5 Fibre Channel



Brocade® Gen 5 Products Have Passed FOS End-of-Availability (EOA) and Have Passed or Are Nearing End-of-Support (EOS).

Running unsupported products in your data center heightens your risk of downtime and security vulnerabilities, and retaining EOS Gen 5 products can delay support of your Gen 6 or Gen 7 products that are still under contract.

Don’t let EOS Gen 5 products jeopardize your support. Now is the time to refresh your aging storage networking infrastructure to minimize downtime risks and security vulnerabilities while ensuring fast, continuous support when issues arise.

What Does End-of-Support (EOS) Mean?

Broadcom will no longer support or troubleshoot any Brocade product that is EOS.

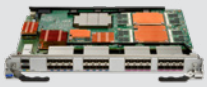
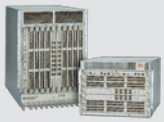
For customers running a multiple-device fabric, if the Brocade Technical Assistance Center (TAC) confirms that there is an EOS Brocade product in the fabric, TAC may not troubleshoot the fabric until the EOS Brocade product has been removed from the fabric. Additionally, EOS products are no longer entitled to access software updates, bug fixes, or patches on the Brocade software portal.

What Is at Risk If You Delay?

Beyond jeopardizing TAC support for your Gen 6 and Gen 7 products, there are other critical considerations. Cybersecurity threats are on the rise, and not running the latest cutting-edge security features leaves you vulnerable. EOS infrastructure is a common target for opportunistic threat actors. With hundreds of new security vulnerabilities uncovered each year, the longer you operate with legacy technology, the greater your exposure to cybersecurity risks—and the financial, operational, and legal consequences that often follow.

Are You Affected by EOS?

If you are running any of the following hardware as part of your storage network architecture, it's time to upgrade your infrastructure. For access to Brocade end-of-life (EOL) notices and Brocade upgrade solutions, see the following table.

Product EOL Notice	FOS EOA	EOS	Upgrade Solutions
Brocade 300 Switch	April 16, 2023	April 16, 2024	 Brocade G710 Switch
Brocade 6505 Switch	April 30, 2023	April 30, 2025	 Brocade G710 Switch
Brocade 6510 Switch	June 17, 2023	June 17, 2025	 Brocade G720 Switch
Brocade 7800 Extension Switch	October 31, 2023	October 31, 2024	 Brocade 7810 Extension Switch
Brocade FX8-24 Extension Blade	April 30, 2023	October 31, 2024	 Brocade SX6 Extension Blade
Brocade 8510 Director	April 30, 2023	April 30, 2025	 Brocade X7 Director

Modernize and Safeguard Your Storage Network

When you upgrade your storage network to Brocade Gen 7 hardware, your organization reaps the benefits of a faster, more secure, more efficient SAN. With higher port density and higher bandwidth per port, you can reduce overall network costs by using fewer devices and cables, eliminate complex interconnects, and simplify management. In addition, Brocade Gen 7 implements many security measures to protect against vulnerabilities and ensure business continuity.

Security

Integrated security protects your network and data against vulnerabilities and reduces risk.

Speed

Bandwidth increases with 64G links and 50% lower latency to maximize performance.

Simplicity

Automated processes simplify management and enable intervention-free issue resolution.

Reliability

A self-healing network and hardware congestion signaling support always-on delivery.

Reap the Rewards of Brocade Gen 7

Get **More**



Next-gen levels of security and reliability.



Self-learning, self-optimizing, and self-healing.



Increased capacity, greater throughput.



Rapidly scale environments.



Greater data integrity.

Get **Less**



Fewer capital and operating expenses.



Less time spent optimizing performance and troubleshooting issues.



Eradicate the pain of managing your data center.



Take the guesswork out of protecting and managing your data.



Lower risk to EOL vulnerabilities.

Reduce Risk and Ensure Longevity

If your enterprise is running any EOS infrastructure, now is the time to upgrade to the cyber-resilient Gen 7 hardware, which maximizes performance, simplifies management, ensures continuous availability, and strengthens your security. Discover how the powerful analytics and advanced automation capabilities of Brocade Gen 7 can unleash the performance and ROI of your server and storage investments.

Learn more about Brocade Gen 7 in our interactive guide.

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