

June 1st, 2007

SUBJECT: End-of-Sale/End-of-Life Announcement

This notice serves as an End-of-Sale (EOS) announcement for the following products:

- DataDirect Networks S2A8500 Controller Family
- DataDirect Networks S2A3000 Controller Family
- DataDirect Networks SFB6016 Disk Enclosures
- DataDirect Networks disk drive modules containing 10K RPM Seagate 146GB and 300GB Fibre Channel drives

The following part numbers are affected:

S2A8500 Controllers, Upgrades, and Spares

S2A8500 Silicon Storage Appliance, Blue (New Cooling Unit)	
XB8510S-2-R	S2A8500 Singlet 2 FC-2 host ports, 2.5GB cache, ROHS
XB8510S-4-R	S2A8500 Singlet 4 FC-2 host ports, 2.5GB cache, ROHS
XB8510D-4-R	S2A8500 Couplet 4 FC-2 host ports, 5.0GB cache, ROHS
XB8510D-8-R	S2A8500 Couplet 8 FC-2 host ports, 5.0GB cache, ROHS
S2A8500 Upgrade from SDD/S2A6000/S2A8000	
X8500-UPG-84D	S2A8500 Couplet Upgrade from Dual S2A8000, includes equivalent cache and retains port and software licensing. Requires return of S2A8000
X8500-UPG-84S	S2A8500 Singlet Upgrade from Singlet S2A8000, includes equivalent cache and retains port and software licensing. Requires return of S2A8000
X8500-UPG-62D	S2A8500 Couplet Upgrade from dual-HSTD SDD or S2A6000, includes equivalent cache and retains port and software licensing. Requires return of SDD/S2A6000
S2A8500 Spares	
A-310-PSU	S2A3000/8000/8500/95x0 Power Supply, spare, ROHS
A-300-X8510-R	S2A8500 Cooling Unit, spare (for XB8510x-0xG-x New Cooling Unit systems), ROHS
A-300-X8400	S2A8x00 Cooling Unit, spare (Original Cooling Unit)
C-IAL-S2A1-R	Inter-Appliance Cable Kit for Singlet-to-Couplet Upgrade. Includes Serial and Ethernet Interconnect Cables, ROHS

S2A8x00 Accessories/Options	
PORT-8400S-2	2 Additional Ports for S2A8x00 Singlet
PORT-8400D-4	4 Additional Ports for S2A8x00 Couplet
CH-02G-8400	S2A8x00 Cache Upgrade, additional 2.5GB (Factory Upgrade)

S2A3000 Controllers, Upgrades, and Spares

S2A3000 Silicon Storage Appliance, Blue (New Cooling Unit)	
VB3210S-2-R	S2A3000 Singlet 2 FC-1 host ports, 1.5GB cache, ROHS
VB3210S-4-R	S2A3000 Singlet 4 FC-1 host ports, 1.5GB cache, ROHS
VB3210D-4-R	S2A3000 Couplet 4 FC-1 host ports, 3.0GB cache, ROHS
VB3210D-8-R	S2A3000 Couplet 8 FC-1 host ports, 3.0GB cache, ROHS
S2A3000 Spares	
A-310-PSU	S2A3000/8000/8500/95x0 Power Supply, spare, ROHS
A-300-V3210-R	S2A3000 Cooling Unit, spare (for VB3210x-0xG-x New Cooling Unit systems), ROHS
C-IAL-S2A1-R	Inter-Appliance Cable Kit for Singlet-to-Couplet Upgrade. Includes Serial and Ethernet Interconnect Cables, ROHS

S2A3000 Accessories/Options	
PORT-3200S-2	2 Additional Ports for S2A3000 Singlet
PORT-3200D-4	4 Additional Ports for S2A3000 Couplet
CH-03G-3200	S2A 3000 Cache Upgrade, 3.0GB (Factory Upgrade)

SFB6016 Disk Enclosure

BLUE 2Gb/s Fibre-Channel SFBx016 Disk Enclosures (Drives not included)	
SFB6016	SF6016 Blue 16-Slot Six Dual-Loop (5x3+1) 2Gb/s Fibre-Channel JBOD. Order in quantities of 5, 10, or 20 only for S2A8500 and S2A9550

Drive Modules

DataDirect Networks has been notified by Seagate that their 10,000 RPM Cheetah 7 146GB & 300GB product family will be phased-out over the coming months. DataDirect part numbers affected are:

FLB146GC7R – Blue 146GB 10K for 16-slot FC disk enclosure
FLB300GC7R – Blue 300GB 10K for 16-slot FC disk enclosure
FLB146GC7-9 – Blue 146GB 10K for 16-slot FC disk enclosure – 9 pack
FLB146GC7-5 – Blue 146GB 10K for 16-slot FC disk enclosure – 5 pack
FLB300GC7-9 – Blue 300GB 10K for 16-slot FC disk enclosure – 9 pack
FLB300GC7-5 – Blue 300GB 10K for 16-slot FC disk enclosure – 5 pack

FSB146GC7R – 146GB 10K for EF2915 RAID
FSB300GC7R – 300GB 10K for EF2915 RAID

Recommended Transitions

S2A8500 → S2A9550. Customers may still order available JBODs and drives to expand existing systems. However, no new controllers are available after the EOS date.

S2A3000 → S2A9550. Customers may still order available JBODs and drives to expand existing systems. However, no new controllers are available after the EOS date.

Seagate Drives:

From:	To:	Description
FLB146GC7R	FLB146GZ5R	10K RPM Seagate to 15K RPM Seagate
FLB146GC7R	FLBF146R	10K RPM Seagate to 10K RPM Fujitsu
FLB300GC7R	FLB300GZ5R	10K RPM Seagate to 15K RPM Seagate
FLB300GC7R	FLBF300R	10K RPM Seagate to 10K RPM Fujitsu
FSB146GC7R	FSBH146GZR	10K RPM Seagate to 15K RPM Seagate
FSB300GC7R	FSBH300GZR	10K RPM Seagate to 15K RPM Seagate

Milestone Dates

End-of-Sale Announcement: June 1st, 2007

End-of-Sale Date: August 1st, 2007

End-of-Life Date: August 1st, 2008

Any concerns you may have regarding this product announcement and phase-out dates should be forwarded to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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End-of-Life: EOL Policy

Key Dates

There are three dates associated with the End of Life process of DataDirect Networks products, defined as follows:

EOS Announcement (End of Sale Announcement) - This is the date DataDirect Networks announces it intends to discontinue sales of a product. Customers may order the designated product until the End of Sale (EOS) date.

EOS (End of Sale) - This is the last date a customer may order a product for which an EOS Announcement has been made. After this date, DataDirect Networks order management will no longer accept orders. The EOS date will be at least 2 months after the EOS Announcement date.

EOL (End of Life) - This is the last date DataDirect Networks will provide hardware/software support and RMA processing on the product. The EOL date will be at least 1 year after the EOS date.

DataDirect Networks End of Life Guidelines

1. DataDirect Networks may place any product into the End of Life (EOL) process. The EOS Announcement, EOS, and EOL dates will be stated at that time. However, EOL will happen no sooner than 2 years after the first GA availability of the product.
 2. Customers may order product until the End of Sale date, which will be at least 2 months from the End of Sale Announcement date.
 3. Following the EOS dates, DataDirect Networks, at its discretion, will no longer accept orders for the EOS product(s). The EOL date will be at least 1 year from the EOS date. All application features supported on product at the time of the EOS announcement will continue to be supported with bug fixes until the EOL. New application features that are released after the EOS announcement will only be supported at DataDirect Networks' discretion.
 4. DataDirect Networks will continue to sell maintenance options on products in the EOL process until the EOL date. When applicable, charges will be pro-rated so that maintenance ends on the EOL date.
 5. At its discretion, DataDirect Networks may provide a warranty option for TAC and RMA service for up to 7 additional years after EOL.
 6. DataDirect Networks is under no obligation to provide future software releases for EOL products.
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