

End-of-Sale/End-of-Life Announcement

January 04, 2012

This notice serves as an End-of-Sale (EOS) announcement for 2TB 7,200 RPM 3.5" SATA Drives for the following DDN storage product families:

- S2A9900
- SFA10K(E)
- WOS (Web Object Scaler)
- S2A6620

Due to discontinuation of the product by the original equipment manufacturer, DDN must discontinue the sale of the current 2TB 7,200 RPM 3.5" SATA drive drives. Final orders for these products must be placed by March 04, 2012.

The DataDirect Networks part numbers affected are:

S2A9900 Qualified 3.5" SATA Drives for SS6000 Enclosure ONLY	
ST360-2000QXP	2TB 7,200 RPM 3.5" SATA drive module for SS6000 60-slot enclosure, with individual power cycling
S2A9900 Qualified SATA Drives for SS7000 Enclosure ONLY	
7K-2T3TX3QI	2TB 7,200 RPM 3Gb/s SATA drive module for SS7000 60-slot enclosure with SAS Interposer

SFA10000 Qualified SATA Drives for SS6000 Enclosure ONLY	
6K-2T3TX3QI	2TB 7,200 RPM 3Gb/s SATA drive module for SS6000 60-slot enclosure with SAS Interposer
SFA10000 Qualified SATA Drives for SS7000 Enclosure ONLY	
7K-2T3TX3QI	2TB 7,200 RPM 3Gb/s SATA drive module for SS6000 60-slot enclosure with SAS Interposer

S2A6620 Qualified 3.5" SATA Drives for SS6000 60-bay Drive Enclosure ONLY	
6K-2T3TX3QI	2TB 7,200 RPM 3Gb/s SATA drive module for SS6000 60-slot enclosure with SAS Interposer
ST360-2000QXP	2TB 7,200 RPM 3.5" SATA drive module for SS6000 60-slot enclosure, with individual power cycling

High Density WOS6000 (4U-60 Drives) Drives	
ST360-2000QXP	2TB 7,200 RPM 3Gb/s SATA drive module for SS6000 60-slot enclosure with SAS Interposer

Recommended Transitions for EOL Drives:

For EOS part numbers	Order current part number(s)
ST360-2000QXP	6K-2T6SX3UN 2TB 7,200 RPM 6Gb/s SAS drive module for SS6000
6K-2T3TX3QI	6K-2T6SX3UN 2TB 7,200 RPM 6Gb/s SAS drive module for SS6000
7K-2T3TX3QI	7K-2T6SX3UN 2TB 7,200 RPM 6Gb/s SAS drive module for SS7000

Milestone Dates:

End-of-Sale Announcement: January 04, 2012
End-of-Sale Date: March 04, 2012
End-of-Life Date: March 05, 2013

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 typically 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 month 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 seven additional years after EOL.
6. DataDirect Networks is under no obligation to provide future software releases for EOL products.