

Product Change Notice for EKI-5000 Normal Temperature Modes

End of Life, Last Time Buy and Replacement Announcement

Dear Valued Customers:

For immediately release, Advantech is announcing the End of Life (EOL) of EKI-5000 normal temperature models. The relative replacing models are as below list. Customers who had purchased this Part Number either to purchase any additional rules or migrate to the new replacement models if possible before the EOL's shipment date.

Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

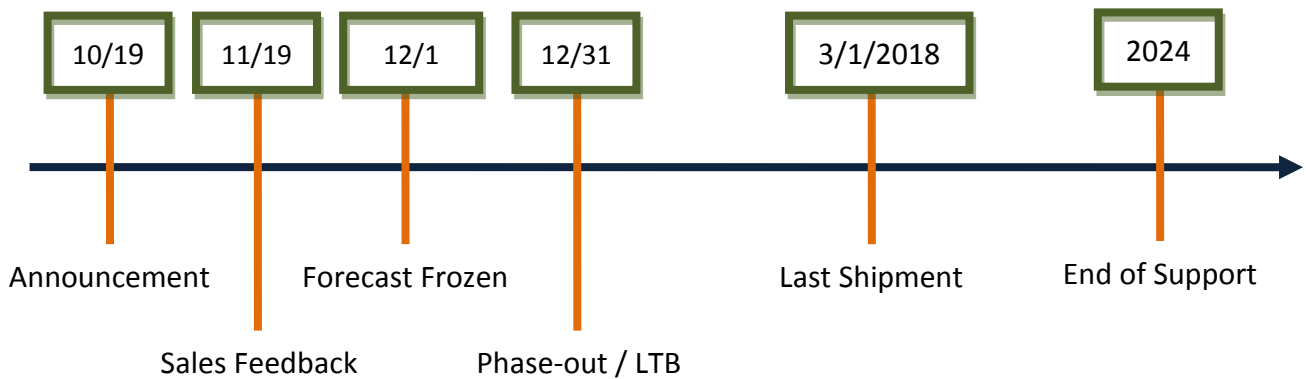
End of Life Product	Suggest Replacement Product	Sample Available Date
EKI-5524MM-AE	EKI-5524MMI-AE	Available Now
EKI-5524MM-ST-AE	EKI-5524MMI-ST-AE	Available Now
EKI-5524SS-AE	EKI-5524SSI-AE	Available Now
EKI-5524SS-ST-AE	EKI-5524SSI-ST-AE	Available Now
EKI-5525-AE	EKI-5525I-AE	Available Now
EKI-5525M-AE	EKI-5525MI-AE	Available Now
EKI-5525M-ST-AE	EKI-5525MI-ST-AE	Available Now
EKI-5525S-AE	EKI-5525SI-AE	Available Now
EKI-5525S-ST-AE	EKI-5525SI-ST-AE	Available Now
EKI-5528-AE	EKI-5528I-AE	Available Now
EKI-5526-AE	EKI-5526I-AE	Available Now
EKI-5629C-AE	EKI-5629CI-AE	Available Now
EKI-5626C-AE	EKI-5626CI-AE	Available Now
EKI-5725-AE	EKI-5725I-AE	Available Now
EKI-5728-AE	EKI-5728I-AE	Available Now
EKI-5729F-AE	EKI-5729FI-AE	Available Now
EKI-5726-AE	EKI-5726I-AE	Available Now
EKI-5726F-AE	EKI-5726FI-AE	Available Now

Reason for the Change

- To better tailor to the targeted vertical markets, we have decided to make a number of changes to our unmanaged switch product line. First of all, a new product positioning for the EKI-5000 series in the market. With the new-positioning, we will focus more on emphasizing the product hardware applicability of the EKI-5000 series for harsh environments. For instance, in Oil and Gas market, strict standards or demands always have to be adhered, , such as wide temperature requirement, C1D2, ATEX and IECEx certifications. Therefore, the wide temperature becomes the must-have feature for this vertical market. In addition, in order to better manage the product inventory and speed up the delivery lead time of EKI-5000 series, we did a product convergence of

EKI-5000 series and have decided to phase out the normal temperature models.

Key Milestones / Schedule Dates



Important Date	Description	Date
Announcement	Announcement of this document	2017/10/19
Sales Feedback	Sales feedback if customer has any problem to follow the schedule. It will be treated as special case	2017/11/19
Forecast Frozen	The forecast will be frozen for material preparation	2017/12/1
Phase-out	The product is officially phased out.	2017/12/31
LTB	Last time buy for customer order. After this date, no more order will be accepted.	2017/12/31
Last Shipment	Acceptable shipment date before LTB. The order with requesting DD after this date will not be accepted.	2018/3/1

Comparison

● Hardware Differences

All EKI-5000 series will be able to support wide temperature range instead of normal temperature models.

Frequent Asked Question

Q: What are the benefits of using EKI-5000 wide temperature range models?

A: EKI-5000 wide temperature range models are the most ruggedized Advantech's unmanaged

switch product. Certified with C1D2, ATEX and IECEx, they can be deployed in harsh environments such as Oil and Gas industry. Also, a better product delivery lead-time can be expected due to a smaller and more converged scope of the EKI-5000 series.

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