Ruckus Wireless Standard End of Life (EOL) Policy

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The following EOL policy applies to all Ruckus Wireless standard products. Figure 1 illustrates Ruckus Wireless Standard EOL Policy timeframe. Detailed dates outlining the timeframes set forth in this policy will be clearly outlined in each product’s EOL notification.

Hardware

Ruckus Wireless will publish an end-of-life (EOL) notification to customers to give them advanced notice of a planned end-of-sale (EOS) event on a specific product. Customers will be provided an opportunity for last-time purchases of products prior to end-of-sale.

Standard policy requires the end-of-sale (EOS) date to occur 6 months after the EOL notification is published on the Ruckus Wireless support site (support.ruckuswireless.com). At the EOS date, the discontinued product is removed from the price list and is no longer available for purchase. All accessories, kits and bundles uniquely applicable to the discontinued product may also be removed from the price list and may no longer available for purchase.

The last ship date for a discontinued product may extend to 6 months after the EOS date. The last ship date excludes transportation considerations.

The last hardware repair/replace and support for advanced hardware replacement date for discontinued products is 5 years after the EOS date. The replacement or advanced hardware replacement of discontinued product after the EOS may be product of a like-kind.

Software

Standard policy requires software development for the discontinued product to continue until the end-of-development (EOD) date, which occurs 1 year after the product EOS date. The end-of-life product will be supported in all software upgrades until the EOD date. (A software upgrade is defined as the release of a new minor version of software, for example 9.4.x.x to 9.5.x.x. A software update by contrast is defined to be a maintenance release, bug fix release or patch, for example 9.5.1.019 to 9.5.2.12.)

The discontinued product is supported in all software updates including maintenance releases, bug fixes, and patches up until 1 year after the EOD date, at which point the product reaches end-of-maintenance (EOM).

After the EOM date, the discontinued product remains operational but may not support new software, including upgrades and updates, which is released subsequent to the EOM date.

This EOL policy does not ensure that software development or maintenance for a discontinued product will always follow an EOL announcement. Mature products may use software for which no active development has occurred for some time and for which no further active development or maintenance is planned. While typically the exception, Ruckus reserves the right to establish an end of development date for products prior to the EOL announcement.
Support & Upgrades

Ruckus Support and AP license upgrades are available for discontinued products for up to 5 years after the EOS date. End-of-sale dates for 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year Support packages are timed such that Support shall not extend beyond 5 years after the EOS date of the discontinued product. The end-of-sale date for AP license upgrades for a discontinued controller is 5 years after the EOS date of the controller. Support package and license upgrade EOS dates are clearly defined in the discontinued product’s EOL notification.

Support extending beyond the discontinued product’s EOM date is limited in nature. Ruckus Support is unable to provide software fixes or upgrades which may be required to resolve support cases after the EOM date. Ruckus will continue to provide all other aspects of support. The customer accepts that a Support Contract for product is limited in terms of software fixes and upgrades beyond that product’s EOM date. Note that the window of limited support for a discontinued product may be 3 years in duration, starting 2 years after the product’s EOS date and ending 5 years after the EOS date.

Figure 1. Ruckus Standard End of Life Policy Timeline