



The End...Or a New Beginning?

What is End-of-Life?



End-of-Life (EOL) is a term the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) uses to indicate it will no longer market, sell or update equipment after a certain date.

-  The equipment is in a stable release.
-  No additional firmware, patches or upgrades will be made available.
-  The OEM continues to offer post-warranty support.
-  Third-party maintenance (TPM) is available for most OEM equipment that is EOL.

End-of-Life may also be referred to as End-of-Development or End-of-Code.

What is End-of-Service Life?

End-of-Service-Life (EOSL) or End-of-Support-Life are terms the OEM uses to indicate that services and updates for equipment are no longer available from the OEM.

-  In certain cases, the OEM may continue to provide support, but only through the use of a TPM provider.
-  TPM providers offer direct support for most OEM equipment that is EOSL.

What does EOL or EOSL mean for your data center?

These "End-of-X" stages mean a parting of ways between the equipment and the OEM. But for you, it can trigger the start of a new service "lease on life" for your working gear with third-party maintenance.



Is there an end of the line for parts?

Parts are available long after the OEM turns off the light. TPM providers have access to high-quality OEM parts from trusted channels to maintain full functionality of your EOL and EOSL equipment.



To sign or not to sign?

If you find yourself being maneuvered into a new purchase, take a moment to review your immediate and future needs. You can pocket major savings by keeping your EOL and EOSL gear running another year or two.

Useful Life of Hardware is 7-10 Years - Gartner