



## Retirement Bulletin

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## Nortel (Alteon) Link Optimizer Products

### Manufacture Discontinue Notice

Last Time Order Date:	Aug 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2005
Last Ship Date:	Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2005
Manufacture Discontinue (MD) Date:	July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2005
End of Life (EOL) Date:	July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2010
Last Supported Software Release:	TBD
Market Regions Affected:	Global

#### **Introduction**

This bulletin serves as the official notice that Nortel will be discontinuing the manufacture of the Nortel (Alteon) Link Optimizer products, including the Link Optimizer 143 and Link Optimizer 150 models, as well as all associated software. The specific part numbers associated with this MD and the equivalent replacement products are documented below.

#### **Manufacture Discontinue (MD)**

This notice serves as formal communication of Nortel Networks' intent to MD the Nortel Link Optimizer products specified below. No further orders will be accepted as of the Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 2005 as shown above and no further shipments made after the product has been discontinued. The last ship date for these products is Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 2005. The MD of these products should not be interpreted as the discontinuance of any Nortel Networks agreements to support the existing field population. Services to the existing product base will continue to be provided until the End of Life (EOL) July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.

#### **Products Affected**

The products affected and their replacements for hardware are listed in the table below. The replacement is a software license available on the Nortel (Alteon) Application Switch products.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Product Engineering Code (PEC)</b>	<b>Replacement Products / Alternatives (Application Switch)</b>	<b>Replacement Product Engineering Code (PEC)</b>
Alteon Link Optimizer 143 with AC Power - 8 10/100BASE-T ports, 1 1000BASE-SX port and Link Optimizer software.	EB1404041	Alteon Link Optimizer license for Alteon Application Switch. License includes a key to enable Alteon Link Optimizer software on the designated platform.	EB1411013
Alteon Link Optimizer 150 with AC power - 8 10/100/1000 Mbps ports plus 1 1000BASE-SX port and Link Optimizer software.	EB1404042	Alteon Link Optimizer license for Alteon Application Switch. License includes a key to enable Alteon Link Optimizer software on the designated platform.	EB1411013

## **Software Dependencies**

The current shipping version of the software on the Nortel (Alteon) Link Optimizer is V1.1. Nortel recommends that existing customers take steps to upgrade to this version or the previous version of the software if they have not already done so.

## **Customer Actions**

Nortel recommends customers to evaluate the Application Switch replacement platforms (e.g., Application Switch 2208, 2216, 2424 and 3408) to take advantage of the advanced features available on these products. For further information on Nortel (Alteon) Application Switches, please contact your local Nortel sales representative or authorized Nortel business partner. If you are unsure of your contact please call 1-800-4NORTEL. Nortel also recommends that existing customers take steps to upgrade to the latest production version of the Link Optimizer software. This will ensure best service coverage over the life of the Link Optimizer.

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