



# Product Change Notification

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## Key Characteristics of the Change:

Product Discontinuance

## Forecasted Key Milestones:

<b>Product Discontinuance Program Support Begins:</b>	Jan 01, 2010
<b>Orders for Discontinued Products Become Non-Cancelable:</b>	Mar 01, 2010
<b>Last Product Discontinuance Order Date:</b>	Jun 01, 2010
<b>Last Product Discontinuance Shipment Date:</b>	Aug 15, 2010
<b>Last Product Return Date:</b>	Mar 01, 2010

## Description of Change to the Customer:

To support the next generation of Intel(R) Xeon(R) Processors, Intel will be "refreshing" (new product codes and new MM#'s) all of its current products based on the Intel® 5520 and Intel® 5500 Chipsets.

An "R" identifier has been added to the end of the product order code - S5500BCR. The "R" product code is used to identify boards/systems that include a BIOS that is aware of the next generation Intel® Xeon® Processors, preventing them from locking up during POST when these processors are installed. Using the "R" identified products will eliminate several integration steps that are required to support next generation Intel® Xeon® processors on current non-"R" products.

Note: Products with the "R" identifier will still require a future BIOS update to fully support the next generation Intel® Xeon® processors. The integrated BIOS merely prevents a POST hang when these processors are installed. BIOS updates that fully support next generation Intel® Xeon® processors can be downloaded from Intel's support web site when available.

- BIOS Revision Change - A new BIOS is being loaded at the factory for the new "R" product codes. The BIOS revision is changing from 38 to 45. The major change to this BIOS is to make it aware of next generation Intel® Xeon® Processors, allowing the system to boot when one or more of these processors are installed. For a complete list of BIOS changes, please refer to the BIOS release notes when they are made available from Intel.

- Chipset stepping change - The chipset stepping is changing from a B3 step to a C2 step. The changes to the chipset are classified as minor and do not affect form/fit/function of the product. For a complete list of chipset stepping changes, please refer to the Intel® 5520 and Intel® 5500 Chipset Specification Update.

### **Customer Impact of Change and Recommended Action:**

Intel recommends performing a standard level of evaluation when these boards become available. Customers should evaluate the server chipset and software changes when available.

Note:

- Product Discontinuance Program Support Begins: January 1, 2010
- Orders are Non-Cancelable and Non-Returnable After: March 1, 2010
- Last Return Date for Negotiated & Stock Rotation: March 1, 2010
- Last Product Discontinuance Order Date: June 1, 2010
- Last Product Discontinuance Shipment Date: August 15, 2010

Final purchase orders for the affected products must be placed by June 1, 2010 (Final Day to Place Orders)

- Orders placed by February 15, 2010 will be supported.
- Orders placed between February 16, 2010 - June 1, 2010 will be subject to supply availability on a first come first serve basis.

### **Products Affected / Intel Ordering Codes:**

<b>Product Code</b>	<b>Pre Change Affected MM#</b>	<b>Recommended Replacement Product Code</b>	<b>Recommended Replacement MM#</b>
S5500BC	900774	S5500BCR	905459
BB5500BC	900775	BB5500BCR	905460
SC5650BCDP	904588	SC5650BCDPR	907333
SC5650BCDPNA	903805	SC5650BCDPRNA	905768

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