

The Eaton Gigabit Network Card will replace the Eaton Network Card-MS by end of year, end user recertifications may be necessary

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In Feb., Eaton [announced its intent](#) to transition from the Eaton Network Card-MS (P/N: NETWORK-MS) to the new Eaton Gigabit Network Card (P/N: NETWORK-M2). In line with that transition, Eaton will EOL the Network-MS card on Dec. 31, 2019 and formally transition existing network bundle UPS SKUs to include the new Gigabit Network Card according to the following schedule:

- UPS network bundles \leq 3kVA: **May 1**
- 9PX UPS network bundles >3kVA including 9PX3K3UN models: **July 1**

The Gigabit Network Card should be a direct replacement as it maintains the legacy SNMP MIB and core functions of the legacy Network-MS. However, customers standardized on the Network-MS are encouraged to reach out for assistance with the transition to their local Eaton partner or sales representative, who can provide additional documentation, demos and sales support as necessary. The Gigabit Network Card, which was released in 2018, brings a host of improvements listed below.

- Cybersecurity enhancements for UL 2900-2-2 certification, including stronger encryption, configurable password policy and usage of CA and PKI signed certificates
- Gigabit speed: compatible with better performing, cost effective and widely deployed gigabit network switches • Compliance with Gigabit only data center networks
- Real-time clock with battery backup and linkage to NTP (Network Time Protocol) server
- Increased memory for improved operation and larger data storage
- Modern user experience with latest web technology
- Secure SMTP for email alerts

Please note that the Eaton 9130 UPS and EATS Automatic Transfer Switch will not be compatible with the Network-M2 card until later in 2019.

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