

Additional information: IBM System Storage VTF Mainframe (5655-V43 and 5655-V44)

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Overview

Effective April 30, 2019, IBM^(R) announced end of service for IBM System Storage^(R) VTF Mainframe, V3.0.0 (5655-V43) and IBM System Storage VTF Mainframe S&S, V1.0.0 (5655-V44) in Software Withdrawal Announcement [JP18-0022](#), dated February 6, 2018.

See the [Description](#) section for additional maintenance and support information.

Planned availability date

June 26, 2018

Description

Effective April 30, 2019, IBM will implement end of service for the IBM System Storage VTF Mainframe, a software product which creates a virtual tape environment for z/OS^(R). The end of service notification was released in Software Withdrawal Announcement [JP18-0022](#), dated February 6, 2018.

To help protect our VTFM customers install base and current investments, IBM is pleased to announce a newly formed partnership with Log-On Software, a leader in building and maintaining tools in the IBM Mainframe market. Log-On has announced plans to enhance and maintain VTF Mainframe and to support current and new z/OS versions as they become available.

Log-On has been in the mainframe market for over thirty (30) years and have more than 550 specialists who possess a large range of skills and vast experience with IBM Mainframe software and hardware. As a development partner of IBM, Log-On Software has access to the most current versions of infrastructure software and hardware needed to maintain IBM mainframe tools. Log-On Software is well positioned in this market and their customers are gaining valuable benefits from their tools.

IBM continues to be the industry leader in the tape market. IBM's data protection solutions and technologies solidify our commitment to providing the appropriate business solutions and investment protection to our customers.

AP distribution

Country/Region	Announced
AP IOT	
ASEAN *	Yes
India/South Asia **	Yes
Australia	Yes
Hong Kong	Yes
Macao SAR of the PRC	Yes
Mongolia	Yes
New Zealand	Yes
People's Republic of China	Yes
South Korea	Yes
Taiwan	Yes
Japan IOT	
Japan	Yes

* Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam

** Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka

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Corrections

(Corrected on June 27, 2018)

Correct typo in Product name