

Skywire[®] NL-SW-LTE-WM14 Product Change Notification

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1. Introduction

The NL-SW-LTE-WM14 Skwire modem is being transitioned into an End-of-Life (EOL) state, and is no longer recommended, nor will it be available for new designs. This Production Change Notice (PCN), End of Life (EOL) is going into effect immediately on the Modems based on the WNC M14A2A. Typically any EOL notification would include a Last Time Buy (LTB) timeframe. In this case both the module manufacturer and the chipset manufacturer have terminated further support for both the hardware and software supporting this technology. Further, the lead time has been extended to over 20 weeks and the minimum order quantities have been significantly increased. This withdrawal of support negates any advantages offered by providing a Last Time Buy. Shipment of further products that could be impacted by future cellular network changes, in absence of any ability to receive updates to maintain network viability is viewed as a greater risk than forcing an update to the recommended alternative modems.

NimbeLink understands that changing a major component in any design is not an optimal investment of engineering time. The lack of a last time buy is counterbalanced with the value of designing with the SKYwire Modem. Compared to a module design, the engineering effort to migrate to a new Skywire is measured in a few weeks vs. months plus the new certification effort in module based designs. This PCN is advocating the easiest migration with the least amount of risk in a difficult supply chain situation.

This EOL is due to the withdrawal of further support for the hardware and software on the WNC M14A2A cellular module and the underlying Chipset.

Affected NimbeLink part numbers now EOL:

- NL-SW-LTE-WM14
- NL-SW-LTE-WM14-B
- NL-SW-LTE-WM14-C

Recommended Replacement:

- NL-SW-LTE-S7648

2. Migration Overview

NimbeLink recommends that all customers transition to the NL-SW-LTE-S7648, which is a Skywire LTE CAT 1 modem built for the AT&T and compatible networks. More information about the NL-SW-LTE-S7648 Skywire can be found on its product page. See the link below:

<https://nimbelink.com/products/4g-lte-cat-1-att-sierra-wireless/>

Additionally, there is a migration guide for customers moving from the NL-SW-LTE-WM14 to NL-SW-LTE-S7648 available here:

https://nimbelink.com/Documentation/Skywire/4G_LTE_Cat_1_WNC/1001945_NL-SW-LTE-WM14_Migration_Overview.pdf

3. Last Time Buy Date

No Last Time Buy date is available.

4. Last Time Ship Date

Not Applicable.

5. Contact

For further information please contact NimbeLink sales team at:

<http://nimbelink.com/contact-us/>