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Discontinue MultiLINX Cable

Overview

Xilinx is discontinuing the MultiLINX download cable.

Product Affected

The MultiLINX download cable (ordering code HW-MULTILINX) is being discontinued. The Platform Cable USB, the Parallel Cable IV, and the MultiPRO Desktop Tool offer many of the same features and are alternatives to the MultiLINX cable.

Discontinued Part Number	OS Platform	Port	Configuration Mode	Alternative Product
HW-MULTILINX	PC	Parallel	JTAG (IEEE 1149.1)	Parallel Cable IV (p/n HW-PC4) or MultiPRO (p/n HW-MULTIPRO)
	PC	Parallel	Slave Serial	Parallel Cable IV (p/n HW-PC4) or MultiPRO (p/n HW-MULTIPRO)
	PC	Parallel	SelectMAP	Parallel Cable IV (p/n HW-PC4) or MultiPRO (p/n HW-MULTIPRO)
	PC	USB	JTAG (IEEE 1149.1)	Platform Cable USB (p/n HW-USB)
	PC	USB	Slave Serial	Platform Cable USB (p/n HW-USB)
	PC	USB	SelectMAP	Platform Cable USB (p/n HW-USB)
	PC/ Workstation	RS-232	JTAG, Slave Serial, SelectMAP	None (use ISE 7.1i or earlier for iMPACT support and stock cables via the MultiLINX last time buy)

The Platform Cable USB introduced in December 2004 has a USB2.0 interface and is compatible with USB1.1. Assistance in planning for the replacement of the MultiLINX cable is available. Please contact your Xilinx Sales Representative for more information.

Description

Xilinx is discontinuing the MultiLINX cable; due to declining customer usage, it is no longer economically feasible to continue manufacturing the part. Xilinx has introduced the Platform Cable USB, the Parallel Cable IV, and the MultiPRO Desktop Tool as high-speed, cost-effective alternatives to the MultiLINX cable. Software support for the MultiLINX cable will be removed from the future ISE releases after the ISE7.1i and ISE 7.1i Service Pack releases in 2005.

Key Dates

Final orders will be accepted until September 26, 2005.
Final deliveries must occur on or before October 3, 2005.

Response

Immediate response to this notification is not required.

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Revision History

The following table shows the revision history for this document.

Date	Version	Revision
04/25/05	1.0	Initial release.
05/03/05	1.1	Fix typographical error: change "MUTILINX" to "MULTILINX"