Product Change Notification

Change Notification #:	20130501M-01
Change Title:	AX742 V1H2 Stacking Kit: silent transition and version change to V1H3
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Key Characteristics of the Change:

Product Material - internal hardware version number (V1H3) with new hardware platform: now standard IEEE 802.3ak 10GBASE-CX4 infiniband modules – without previous CX4 connectors mounting screws. Possible retro-compatibility with previous version. The Name (I/O modules overlay) of the Product Material changes from AX742 to AX744; when 24G stacking speed, performance and ordering SKU number of the Product Material don't change for customers.

Forecasted Key Milestones:

Date of First Availability and Customers' Receipt of Post Conversion Materials	June 1st, 2013
Date Post-Conversion Material Should be the Only Remaining Alternative for Customers	October 1st, 2013

The "Date of First Availability and Customers' Receipt of Post-Conversion Materials" is the projected date that customers may expect to first receive the Post-Conversion Materials. The "Date Post-Conversion Material should be the Only Remaining Alternative for Customers" is the projected date all existing current version material inventory should be depleted in all regions. The dates are only approximate and are determined by the projected transition plan between the current version material inventory and Post-Conversion Materials, sales trends in NETGEAR distribution, and the inventory levels in different regions. The dates above ultimately may vary for different customers, and customers may continue to receive current version materials until existing inventory has been depleted.

Description of Change to the Customer:

	Current Version Material V1H2	**Post-Conversion Material V1H3**
Product Name – Front (I/O Module Overlay)	AX742 ProSafe 24 Gigabit Stacking Kit	AX744 ProSafe 10 Gigabit Ethernet CX4 Module
Serial Number prefix (Stacking Kit Label)	1DDxxxxxxxxxx	39Cxxxxxxxxxx
CX4 Connector on each I/O module	Proprietary CX4 connector with mounting screws	Standard IEEE 802.3ak 10GBASE-CX4 connector
Stacking Cable	Proprietary CX4 connectors with surrounding screws	Standard IEEE 802.3ak 10GBASE-CX4 cable

Customer Impact of Change and Recommended Action:

For mixed operation between previous and new version, customer can remove mounting screws around each previous AX742 I/O module CX4 connector. Except CX4 connector mounting screws difference, previous AX742 I/O module and new AX744 I/O module are identical.

Products Affected / NETGEAR Ordering SKU Numbers:

Region	SKU	Designation	Previous Hardware Version Number	New Hardware Version Number
Worldwide	AX742	24-Gigabit Stacking Kit	V1H2	V1H3

NETGEAR ProSafe 24-Gigabit Stacking Kit

Previous V1H2 Hardware Version
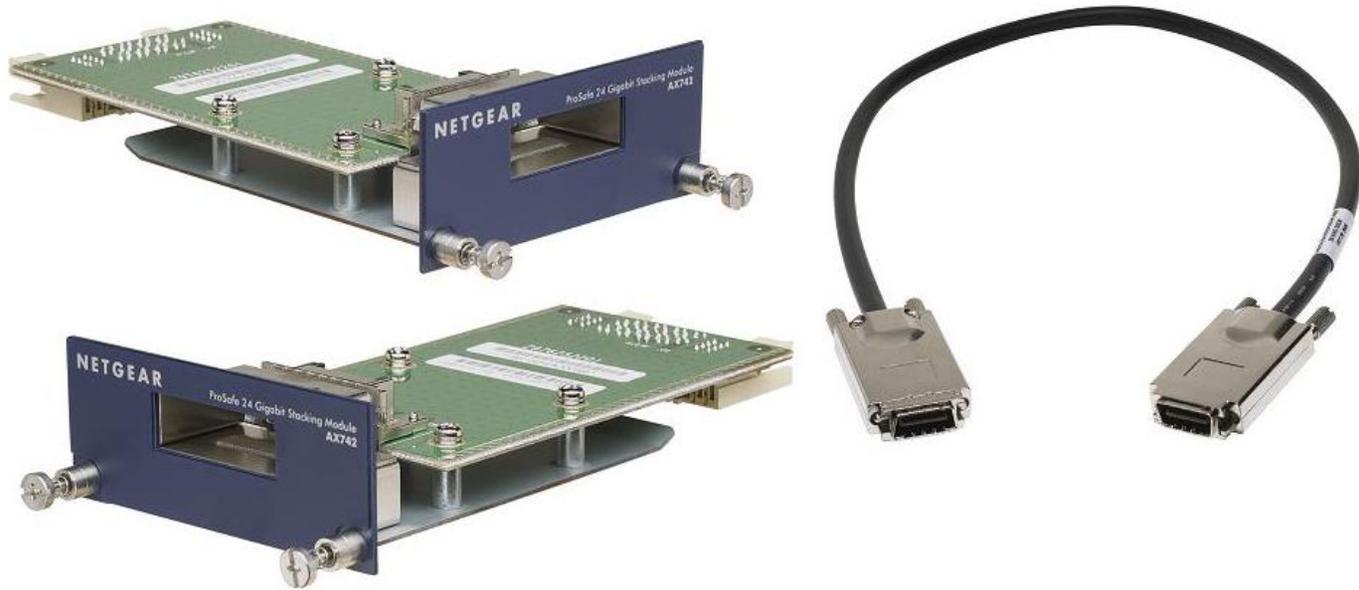
New V1H3 Hardware Version