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Subject: Re: Microsoft Has Really Done It  
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There is something called planned obsolescence. This is where manufacturers make parts that are only designed to last for a set amount of time. In most cases it happens just when the warranty has expired and is a way to make more money. They work out which is most economic for them. If the parts of the product fail too soon it will cost them money because it is in warranty but if they last for too long the production costs will be much greater (cost to the end user too). Manufacturers have been doing this for years and a typical example would be a washing machine designed to break down very soon after the warranty expires. They will know perfectly well that this power brick is a weak link but the cost to replace it and possibly recall consoles will be far too much. It is just another way for businesses to make money which at the end of the day is what they are there to do. This isn't at all good news for the consumer though unfortunately.

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