

End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco ASA 5550 Adaptive Security Appliances

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Cisco announces the end-of-sale and end-of life dates for the Cisco ASA 5550 Adaptive Security Appliances. The last day to order the affected product(s) is September 16, 2013. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) as shown in Table 1 of the EoL bulletin. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the affected product(s). Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement. For customers with active and paid service and support contracts, support will be available under the terms and conditions of customers' service contract.

This end-of-sale notice is part of a broader end-of-sale announcement for the Cisco ASA 5500 Series appliances that covers ASA 5510, ASA 5520, ASA 5540, and ASA 5550, including hardware accessories. Please refer to the respective end-of-sale notices for more detail. Software licenses on the Cisco ASA 5550 have not reached their end-of-sale date. The Cisco ASA 9.1 is the last software release that will be supported on ASA 5550 and other ASA 5500 appliances that have reached their end-of-sale date. Customers are encouraged to migrate to the newer ASA 5500-X Series of next-generation firewalls (NGFW), which includes the ASA 5512-X, ASA 5515-X, ASA 5525-X, ASA 5545-X, and ASA 5555-X.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco ASA 5550 Adaptive Security Appliances

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-Life Announcement Date	The date the document that announces the end of sale and end of life of a product is distributed to the general public.	March 18, 2013
End-of-Sale Date	The last date to order the product through Cisco point-of-sale mechanisms. The product is no longer for sale after this date.	September 16, 2013
Last Ship Date: HW	The last-possible ship date that can be requested of Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers. Actual ship date is dependent on lead time.	December 15, 2013
End of Routine Failure Analysis Date: HW	The last-possible date a routine failure analysis may be performed to determine the cause of hardware product failure or defect.	September 16, 2014
End of New Service Attachment Date: HW	For equipment and software that is not covered by a service-and-support contract, this is the last date to order a new service-and-support contract or add the equipment and/or software to an existing service-and-support contract.	September 16, 2014
End of Service Contract Renewal Date: HW	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	December 12, 2017
Last Date of Support: HW	The last date to receive applicable service and support for the product as entitled by active service contracts or by warranty terms and conditions. After this date, all support services for the product are unavailable, and the product becomes obsolete.	September 30, 2018

HW = Hardware OS SW = Operating System Software App. SW = Application Software

Note that the ASA 5500 appliances (including the ASA 5550) do NOT support NGFW services (Application Visibility and Control and Web Security Essentials), whereas all ASA 5500-X appliances (including the ASA 5555-X) have been designed ground-up to run multiple services, including NGFW services, without sacrificing performance. Moreover, unlike the ASA 5500, the ASA 5555-X now offers IPS capability.

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Replacement Product Part Number	Replacement Product Description	Additional Information
ASA5550-BUN-K9	ASA 5550 Appliance with SW, HA, 8GE+1FE, 3DES/AES	ASA5555-2SSD120-K9	ASA 5555-X with SW, 8GE Data, 1GE Mgmt, AC, 3DES/AES, 2 SSD 120G	—
ASA5550-DC-K8	ASA 5550 Appliance with DC power, SW, HA, 8GE+1FE, DES	ASA5555-DC-K8	ASA 5555-X with SW, 8GE Data, 1GE Mgmt, DC, DES	—
ASA5550-K8	ASA 5550 Appliance with SW, HA, 8GE+1FE, DES	ASA5555-2SSD120-K8	ASA 5555-X with SW, 8GE Data, 1GE Mgmt, AC, DES, 2 SSD 120G	—
ASA5550-SSL2500-K9	ASA 5550 VPN Edition w/ 2500 SSL User License, HA, 3DES/AES	ASA5555VPN-PM25HK9	ASA 5555-X w/2500 AnyConnect Premium and Mobile	—
ASA5550-SSL5000-K9	ASA 5550 VPN Edition w/ 5000 SSL User License, HA, 3DES/AES	ASA5555VPN-PM5KK9	ASA 5555-X w/5000 AnyConnect Premium and Mobile	—
ASA5550-UC-BUN-K8	ASA 5550 UC Bundle With 3000 UC Proxy Sessions, DES	See Product Migration Options section for details.	ASA5555-2SSD120-K8 with ASA-UC-3000 License	
ASA5550-UC-BUN-K9	ASA 5550 UC Bundle With 3000 UC Proxy Sessions, 3DES/AES	See Product Migration Options section for details.	ASA5555-2SSD120-K8 with ASA-UC-3000 License	

Product Migration Options

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the newer Cisco ASA 5500-X Series, specifically the Cisco ASA 5545-X, which offers increased throughput, better interface density, dual power supplies, and the ability to run services like IPS, AVC (Application Visibility and Control), WSE (Web Security Essentials). Refer to the table below for a detailed comparison between the ASA 5550 and ASA 5555-X.

Table 3. Product Comparisons

Feature	Cisco ASA 5550 Adaptive Security Appliance	Cisco ASA 5555-X Adaptive Security Appliance
Next-Generation Firewall	No	Yes
Application Visibility and Control Service	No	Yes
Web Security Service	No	Yes
IPS Service	No	Yes (Does not require separate hardware module)
Content Security Service	No	Similar functionality available through Cloud Web Security (formerly known as ScanSafe)
Firewall Throughput (Max)	1.2 Gbps	4 Gbps
IPS Throughput (Max)	Not Applicable	1.3 Gbps
VPN Throughput (Max)	425 Mbps	700 Mbps
Connections (Max)	600,000	1,000,000
Connections Per Second	33,000	50,000

Feature	Cisco ASA 5550 Adaptive Security Appliance	Cisco ASA 5555-X Adaptive Security Appliance
Integrated I/O	8 GE Copper and 1 FE	8 GE Copper + Dedicated GE Copper Management Port
Expansion I/O	Not Available	6-port GE Copper, or 6-port GE SFP
CPU	Single Core	Multiple Cores
Memory	4 GB	16 GB
Dual Power Supplies	No	Yes
IPS Accelerator hardware	No	In-built hardware accelerator for both default and custom signatures
Hardware support for 2048-bit certificates	No	Yes

Customers may be able to use the Cisco Technology Migration Program (TMP) where applicable to trade-in eligible products and receive credit toward the purchase of new Cisco equipment. For more information about Cisco TMP, customers should work with their Cisco Partner or Cisco account team. Cisco Partners can find additional TMP information on Partner Central at

http://www.cisco.com/web/partners/incentives_and_promotions/tmp.html

Customers may be able to continue to purchase the Cisco ASA 5550 Adaptive Security Appliances through the Cisco Certified Refurbished Equipment program. Refurbished units may be available in limited supply for sale in certain countries on a first-come, first-served basis until the Last Date of Support has been reached. For information about the Cisco Certified Refurbished Equipment program, go to: www.cisco.com/go/eos

Service prices for Cisco products are subject to change after the product End of Sale date.

The Cisco Takeback and Recycle program helps businesses dispose properly of surplus products that have reached their end of useful life. The program is open to all business users of Cisco equipment and its associated brands and subsidiaries. For more information, go to:

http://www.cisco.com/web/about/ac227/ac228/ac231/about_cisco_takeback_recycling.html

For More Information

For more information about the Cisco ASA 5555-X Adaptive Security Appliances, visit

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/prod/collateral/vpndevc/ps6032/ps6094/ps6120/at_a_glance_c45-701635.pdf, or contact your local account representative.

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