

Information about the ASA 5500-X

This chapter describes the Cisco ASA 5512-X, 5515-X, 5525-X, 5545-X, and 5555-X models. We recommend that you read this entire guide before beginning any of the procedures contained herein.



Only trained and qualified personnel should install, replace, or service this equipment. Statement 49



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Read the safety warnings in the Regulatory Compliance and Safety Information document for the Cisco ASA 5500-X, and follow proper safety procedures when performing any tasks in this guide. See http://www.cisco.com/go/asadocs for links to the RCSI and other ASA documents.

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Cisco ASA 5500-X Series Chassis Overview

This guide supports the Cisco ASA 5500-X series models, which includes the ASA 5512-X, ASA 5515-X, ASA 5525-X, ASA 5545-X, and ASA 5555-X.

The Cisco ASA 5500-X series is a family of next-generation mid-range ASAs that are built on the same security platform as the rest of the ASA family. These next-generation ASAs provide more firewall throughput (4X firewall throughput), better scaling, more Ethernet ports (up to 14 GE ports), optional ASA CX SSP or ASA IPS SSP software modules, and redundant power supplies on the 5545-X and 5555-X models.

For More Information

- For information about ASA 5500-X performance, see the "Hardware Specifications" section on page 1-15.
- For information about ASA IPS functionality, see Cisco Intrusion Prevention System documentation:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/vpndevc/ps4077/products_documentation_roadmaps_lis t.html

• For information about ASA CX functionality, see:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/security/asacx/roadmap/asacxprsmroadmap.html

Internal and External USB Flash Drives

The Cisco ASA 5500-X series chassis have internal and (optional) external USB drives.

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Internal USB Drive

An embedded USB (eUSB) device is used as the internal flash (disk0). See the "Hardware Specifications" section on page 1-15 for the size shipped with each model.

(Optional) External USB Drives

The ASA 5500-X series supports external USB flash drives for data storage. The ASA 5500-X series use *disk1* as the external USB flash drive identifier. When the ASA is powered on, an inserted USB flash drive is mounted to disk1 and available for you to use. Additionally, the file system commands that are available to disk0 are also available to disk1, including **copy**, **format**, **delete**, **mkdir**, **pwd**, **cd**, and so on. When you remove the USB flash drive, the system unmounts disk1, and disk1 becomes an invalid file system label that you can no longer access.

If you insert a USB drive with more than one partition, only the first partition is mounted.

Online Insertion and Removal Support

While the ASA back panel has two USB slots, only one is supported for Online Insertion and Removal (OIR), with priority given to the USB drive that was inserted first. For example, based on the time sequence, the first inserted USB flash drive is mounted to disk1, regardless of the slot in which you insert it. When you insert a second USB device, an error message displays on the console to notify you that an extra, unsupported USB flash drive exists. Removing either one of the USB devices does not change the priority that you just established. To change the priority you must safely remove the USB device and begin again to establish the desired priority.

FAT 32 File System

The ASA 5500-X series supports only FAT32 formatted file systems for the eUSB and external USB drives. If you insert an external USB drive that is not in FAT 32 format, the system mounting process fails, and you receive an error message. You can enter the **format disk1**: command to format the partition to FAT 32 and mount the partition to disk1 again; however, data might be lost.

Viewing Flash Memory

Check the amount of free flash memory on the ASA by doing the following:

- ASDM—Choose **Tools > File Management**. The amount of available memory appears on the bottom left in the pane.
- CLI—In privileged EXEC mode, enter the **dir** command. The amount of available memory appears at the bottom of the output.

Solid State Drives

You must install a Cisco Solid State Drive (SSDs) for use with the ASA CX SSP. Only Cisco SSDs are supported. Currently, the ASA CX SSP is the only process that can use the SSD for storage. You can install one SSD in the ASA 5512-X, ASA 5515-X, and ASA 5525-X. You can install two SSDs in a RAID 1 configuration in the ASA 5545-X and ASA 5555-X.



When you install an SSD for the first time, you must reload the ASA and then reimage the ASA CX SSP.

The SSD is hot-swappable. The SSD resides in a carrier, which you install into the drive bay. You can use the SSD with an AC or DC power supply.

Figure 1-1 shows the SSD in the carrier that it is shipped in.



Management 0/0 Interface

You manage the ASA through the Management 0/0 interface. The Management 0/0 interface has the following characteristics:

- No through traffic support
- No subinterface support
- No priority queue support
- No multicast MAC support
- The IPS or CX SSP software module and the ASA share the Management 0/0 interface; however, each has its own separate MAC address and IP address. You must configure the module IP address within the module operating system. However, you configure physical characteristics (such as enabling the interface) on the ASA.

The Management 0/0 interface is configured for management-only traffic, and you cannot disable management-only for the Management interface. Also, because the ASA 5500-X models do not allow subinterfaces on the Management interface, for per-context management, you must connect to a data interface for management.

The Management 0/0 interface is configured for ASDM access as part of the default factory configuration.

For More Information

For more information, see the "Rear Panel Ports" section on page 1-11.

Alarm LED

The ASA 5500-X series chassis perform autonomous environment monitoring to poll all external sensors and monitor operating conditions. In the event of damage to certain internal components or surpassed temperature thresholds, the system activates an alarm LED to notify you of a critical condition. For example, the alarm LED is activated by firmware in the event of various critical over-voltage and over-temperature conditions, as well as when the ASA has missing or unrecognized internal chip components. When the alarm LED lights, you can find details about the system condition from the system message that appears on the console or by entering the **show environment** or **show controller pci** command.

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ASA 5500-X I/O Cards

The Cisco ASA 5500-X Series 6-port Gigabit Ethernet interface cards extend the I/O capabilities of the ASA 5525-X, ASA 5545-X, and ASA 5555-X models by providing additional Gigabit Ethernet ports.

The I/O cards provide the following benefits:

- Segmentation of network traffic into separate security zones
- Fiber optic cable connectivity for communicating over long distances
- Load sharing of traffic and protection against link failure by using EtherChannel
- Support for Jumbo Ethernet frames of up to 9000 bytes
- Protection for Active/Active failover and of full-mesh firewall deployments against cable failure

For More Information

For information about installing an I/O card in your ASA, see Chapter 4, "Maintenance and Upgrade Procedures for the ASA 5500-X."

SFP Modules

The ASA uses a field-replaceable SFP module to establish Gigabit Ethernet connections. Table 1-1 lists the supported SFP modules.

Table 1-1Supported SFP Modules

SFP Module	Type of Connection	Cisco Part Number
1000BASE-LX/LH	Fiber-optic	GLC-LH-SM=
1000BASE-SX	Fiber-optic	GLC-SX-MM=

The 1000BASE-LX/LH and 1000BASE-SX SFP modules are used to establish fiber-optic connections. Use fiber-optic cables with LC connectors to connect to an SFP module. The SFP modules support 850 to 1550 nm nominal wavelengths. The cables must not exceed the required cable length for reliable communications. Table 1-2 lists the cable length requirements.

Table 1-2 Cabling Requirements for Fiber-Optic SFP Modules

SFP Module	62.5/125 micron Multimode 850 nm Fiber	50/125 micron Multimode 850 nm Fiber	62.5/125 micron Multimode 1310 nm Fiber	50/125 micron Multimode 1310 nm Fiber	9/125 micron Single-mode 1310 nm Fiber
LX/LH	—	—	550 m at 500 Mhz-km	550 m at 400 Mhz-km	10 km
SX	275 m at 200 Mhz-km	550 m at 500 Mhz-km	_		—

Use only Cisco certified SFP modules on the ASA. Each SFP module has an internal serial EEPROM that is encoded with security information. This encoding provides a way for Cisco to identify and validate that the SFP module meets the requirements for the ASA.



Only SFP modules certified by Cisco are supported on the ASA.

ASA Chassis Panels

This section describes the front and rear ASA panels, and it includes the following topics:

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Front Panel LEDs

This section describes the front panel LEDs for the Cisco ASA 5500-X series chassis.

Figure 1-2 shows the front panel LEDs for the ASA 5512-X, ASA 5515-X, and ASA 5525-X models.

Figure 1-2 Front Panel LEDs for the Cisco ASA 5512-X, ASA 5515-X, and ASA 5525-X



	LED	Description
1	Power button	A soft switch that turns the system on and off. Once depressed, the button stays in the "on" position:
		• On—The power symbol on the button illuminates.
		• Off—The power symbol on the button is dark.
		For information about the power state, see the "Power Supply Considerations" section on page 2-4.
2	Hard disk release button	Releases the hard disk from the device.

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3	Alarm	Indicates system operating status:
		• Off—Normal operating system function.
		• Flashing amber—Critical Alarm indicating one or more of the following:
		- a major failure of a hardware or software component.
		- an over-temperature condition.
		 power voltage is outside of the tolerance range.
4	VPN	Indicates VPN tunnel status:
		• Solid green—VPN tunnel is established.
		• Off—No VPN tunnel is established.
5	HD	Indicates Hard Disk Drive status:
		• Flashing green—Proportioned to read/write activity.
		• Solid amber—Hard disk drive failure.
		• Off—No hard disk drive present.
6	PS	Indicates the power supply status
7	Active	Indicates the status of the failover pair:
		• Solid green—Failover pair is operating normally.
		• Off—Failover is not operational.
8	Boot	Indicates power-up diagnostics:
		• Flashing green—Power-up diagnostics are running, or system is booting.
		• Solid green—System has passed power-up diagnostics.
		• Off—Power-up diagnostics are not operational.

Figure 1-3 shows the front panel LEDs for the ASA 5545-X and ASA 5555-X models.



	LED	Description		
1	Power button	A soft switch that turns the system on and off. Once depressed, the button stays in the "on" position:		
		• On—The power symbol on the button illuminates.		
		• Off—The power symbol on the button is dark.		
		For information about the power state, see the "Power Supply Considerations" section on page 2-4.		
2	Hard disk slot	Indicates the slot for hard disk 1.		
3	Hard disk release button	Releases hard disk 1 from the device.		
4	Hard disk release button	Releases hard disk 0 from the device.		
5	Hard disk slot	Indicates the slot for hard disk 0.		
6	Alarm	Indicates system operating status:		
		• Off—Normal operating system function		
		• Flashing amber—Critical Alarm indicating one or more of the following:		
		- a major failure of a hardware or software component.		
		- an over-temperature condition.		
		- power voltage is outside of the tolerance range.		
7	VPN	Indicates VPN tunnel status:		
		• Solid green—VPN tunnel is established.		
		• Off—No VPN tunnel is established.		

Figure 1-3 Front Panel LEDs for Cisco ASA 5545-X and ASA 5555-X

8	HD1	Indicates Hard Disk Drive 1 status:
		• Flashing green—Proportioned to read/write activity.
		• Solid amber—Hard disk drive failure.
		• Off—No hard disk drive present.
9	HD0	Indicates Hard Disk Drive 0 status:
		• Flashing green—Proportioned to read/write activity.
		• Solid amber—Hard disk drive failure.
		• Off—No hard disk drive present.
10	PS1	Indicates the status of the optional redundant power supply.
11	PS0	Indicates the status of the primary power supply that ships with the product.
12	Active	Indicates the status of the failover pair:
		• Solid green—Failover pair is operating normally.
		• Off—Failover pair is not operational.
13	Boot	Indicates power-up diagnostics:
		• Flashing green—Power-up diagnostics are running, or system is booting.
		• Solid green—System has passed power-up diagnostics.
		• Off—Power-up diagnostics are not operational.

Rear Panel LEDs

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Figure 1-4 shows the rear panel LEDs for the ASA 5500-X series chassis.

Figure 1-4 Rear Panel LEDs for ASA 5500-X Series Chassis



	LED	Description
1	Power	Indicates power supply status:
		• Off—Power supply off.
		• Solid green—Power supply on.
2	Alarm	Indicates system operating status:
		Off—Normal operating system function
		• Flashing amber—Critical Alarm indicating one or more of the following:
		- a major failure of a hardware or software component.
		– an over-temperature condition.
		 power voltage is outside of the tolerance range.
3	Boot	Indicates power-up diagnostics:
		• Flashing green—Power-up diagnostics are running, or system is booting.
		• Solid green—System has passed power-up diagnostics.
		• Off—Power-up diagnostics are not operational.
4	Active	Indicates the status of the failover pair:
		• Solid green—Failover pair is operating normally.
		• Off—Failover pair is not operational.
5	VPN	Indicates VPN tunnel status:
		• Solid green—VPN tunnel is established.
		• Off—No VPN tunnel is established.
6	HD0	Indicates Hard Disk Drive 0 status:
		• Flashing green—Proportioned to read/write activity.
		• Solid amber—Hard disk drive failure.
		• Off—No hard disk drive present.
7	HD1	Indicates Hard Disk Drive 1 status:
		• Flashing green—Proportioned to read/write activity.
		• Solid amber—Hard disk drive failure.
		• Off—No hard disk drive present.

Rear Panel Ports

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Figure 1-5 shows the ports for the ASA 5512-X and ASA 5515-X models.

Figure 1-5 Rear Panel Ports for the ASA 5512-X and ASA 5515-X



	LED	Description
1	Management 0/0 interface	Indicates the Gigabit Ethernet interface that is restricted to management use only. Connect with an RJ-45 cable.
		(See the "Management 0/0 Interface" section on page 1-4.)
2	Power supply	Indicates the chassis power supply.
3	RJ-45 ports	Indicates the Gigabit Ethernet customer data interfaces. The top row port numbers are (from left to right) 5, 3, 1. The bottom row port numbers are (from left to right) 4, 2, 0.
4	USB Ports	Indicates the two USB standard ports.
		(See the "Internal and External USB Flash Drives" section on page 1-2.)
5	Console port	Indicates the console port that directly connects a computer to the ASA.

Figure 1-6 shows the ports for the ASA 5525-X.

Figure 1-6 Rear Panel Ports for the ASA 5525-X



	LED	Description
1	Management 0/0 interface	Indicates the Gigabit Ethernet interface that is restricted to management use only. Connect with an RJ-45 cable.
		(See the "Management 0/0 Interface" section on page 1-4.)
2	Power supply	Indicates the chassis power supply.
3	RJ-45 ports	Indicates the Gigabit Ethernet customer data interfaces. The top row port numbers are (from left to right) 7, 5, 3, 1. The bottom row port numbers are (from left to right) 6, 4, 2, 0.
4	USB Ports	Indicates the two USB standard ports. (See the "Internal and External USB Flash Drives" section on page 1-2.)
5	Console port	Indicates the console port that directly connects a computer to the ASA.

Figure 1-7 shows the rear panel ports for the ASA 5545-X and ASA 5555-X.

Figure 1-7 Rear Panel Ports for the ASA 5545-X and ASA 5555-X



	LED	Description
1	I/O slot	Slot for the optional I/O Card. If you have a fiber I/O card, use SFP modules to connect (not included).
2	Thumbscrew	The screw that tightens and loosens the chassis cover.
3	Management 0/0 port	Indicates the Gigabit Ethernet interface that is restricted to management use only. Connect with an RJ-45 cable.
		(See the "Management 0/0 Interface" section on page 1-4.)
4	RJ-45 ports	Indicates the Gigabit Ethernet customer data interfaces. The top row port numbers are (from left to right) 7, 5, 3, 1. The bottom row port numbers are (from left to right) 6, 4, 2, 0.
5	Power supplies	Slots for the primary power supply that ships with the device and the optional redundant power supply.
6	USB ports	Indicates the two USB standard ports. (See the "Internal and External USB Flash Drives" section on page 1-2.)

7	Console port	Indicates the console port that directly connects a computer to the ASA.
8	1	Shows the rear panel LEDs. (See the "Rear Panel LEDs for ASA 5500-X Series Chassis" for more information.)

Power Supply

The ASA 5512-X, ASA 5515-X, and ASA 5525-X ship with one fixed fan and one fixed power supply (AC or DC) installed. The ASA 5545-X and ASA 5555-X ship with one power supply (AC or DC) installed. You can add an additional power supply or you can order these appliances with two power supplies installed. Having two power supplies installed provides a redundant power option. This configuration ensures that if one power supply fails, the other power supply assumes the full load until the failed power supply is replaced. To maintain airflow, an empty bay must be covered or both bays must be populated with power supplies. If only one power supply is installed, make sure that it is installed in slot 0 (left slot) and that slot 1 (right slot) is covered with a slot cover. If only one power supply is installed, do not remove the power supply unless the appliance has been powered off. Removing the only operational power supply causes an immediate power loss.

Note

The ASA 5545-X and ASA 5555-X can support two AC or two DC power supplies. Do not mix AC and DC power supply units in the same chassis.

The power supplies each provide 400 W of output power and are used in a 1 + 1 redundant configuration. There is no input switch on the faceplate of the power supplies.

The Cisco ASA 5500-X series hardware operates on AC power and supports the ability to restore the previous power state of the system in the event that AC power is lost.

The power supply is switched from Standby to ON by way of a system chassis STANDBY/ON switch. Earlier ASAs (V01) require you to turn on the power with the power switch. Newer ASAs (V02) automatically turn on when you plug in the power cable. To determine your version, do one of the following:

- At the CLI, enter the **show inventory** command and look for V01 or V02 in the output.
- On the back of the chassis, look at the VID PID label for V01 or V02.

For the V01 chassis, see the following limitations:

- The ASA requires 50 seconds from the time that AC power is applied before the power state can be updated and stored. This means that any changes to the power state within the first 50 seconds of applying AC power will not be observed if AC power is removed within that time.
- The ASA requires 10 seconds from the time it is placed into standby mode before the power state can be updated and stored. This means any changes to the power state within the first 10 seconds of entering standby mode (including the standby mode itself) will not be observed if AC power is removed within that time.

For the V02 chassis, the above limitations to not apply.

The power supply slot numbers are on the back of the chassis to the left side of each power supply. When facing the back of the chassis, power supply slot 0 (PS0) is to the left and power supply slot 1(PS1) is to the right. By default, the factory installs a single power supply in slot 0.

The ASA supports the following power supplies:

- AC power supply—Provides 400 watt output power with two DC voltage outputs: +12 V and +5 V. The AC power supply operates between 85 and 264 VAC. The AC power supply current shares on the 12 V output and is used in a dual hot pluggable configuration. The AC power supply consumes a maximum of 471 W of input power.
- DC power supply—Provides 400 watt output power with two DC voltage outputs: +12 V and +5.0 V. The power supply operates between -40.5 and -72 VDC. The DC power supply current shares on the 12 V output and is used in a dual hot pluggable configuration. The DC power supply consumes a maximum of 500 W of input power.

Figure 1-8 shows both the removable AC (on the left) and DC (on the right) power supplies for the ASA 5545-X and ASA 5555-X.



Figure 1-8	AC Power Supply and DC Power Supply
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1	Power supply indicator	2	DC power supply positive connection
3	DC power supply neutral connection	4	DC power supply negative connection

Table 1-3 describes the power supply indicator. The function of the indicator is the same for both the AC and DC power supplies.

Indicator Color and State	Description	
Solid green	Power output is on and within the normal operating range.	
Blinking green, at the rate of one blink per second	Input power that is within the normal operating range is being supplied, but the Standby switch is in the Standby position (and not in the On position).	
Solid amber	A power supply critical event has occurred, and the power supply has shut down. The critical event can be temperature, voltage, current, or fan operating outside the normal operating range.	
Blinking amber, at the rate of one blink per second	A power supply warning event has occurred, but the power supply can continue to operate. The warning event can be temperature, voltage, current, or fan operating outside the normal operating range.	
Off	The power supply is shut down.	

Table 1-3	AC and DC Power Supply Indicator
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Hardware Specifications

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Table 1-4 contains hardware specifications for the ASA 5500-X series models.

Table 1-4	Hardware S	Specifications	for the	Cisco ASA	5500-X series

	ASA 5512-X	ASA 5515-X	ASA 5525-X	ASA 5545-X	ASA 5555-X
Physical Specific	ations	1	1		
Form-factor	1RU, 19-in	1RU, 19-in	1RU, 19-in	1RU, 19-in	1RU, 19-in
Rack mountable	Yes. Brackets included, slide rails optional	Yes. Brackets included, slide rails optional	Yes. Brackets included, slide rails optional	Yes. Slide rails included.	Yes. Slide rails included.
Dimensions	1.67x16.7x15.6 in 4.24x42.9x39.5 cm	1.67x16.7x15.6 in 4.24x42.9x39.5 cm	1.67x16.7x15.6 in 4.24x42.9x39.5 cm	1.67x16.7x19.1 in 4.24x42.9x48.4 cm	1.67x16.7x19.1 in 4.24x42.9x48.4 cm
Weight—single power supply	13.39 lb.	13.39 lb.	14.92 lb.	16.82 lb.	16.82 lb.
Weight—dual power supply	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.86 lb.	18.86 lb.
Technical Specifi	cations				
DRAM Memory	4 GB	8 GB	8 GB	12 GB	16 GB
Internal Flash	4 GB	8 GB	8 GB	8 GB	8 GB
Power Supply Info	ormation				
Power supply	400 W	400W	400W	450W	450W
Redundant power supply available	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Operating Conditi	ons				

	ASA 5512-X	ASA 5515-X	ASA 5525-X	ASA 5545-X	ASA 5555-X
Temperature	-5°C to 40°C (23°F to 104°F)				
Relative humidity	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
Altitude	10,000 ft.				
Non-Operating	Conditions				
Temperature	-25°C to 70°C (-13°F to 158°F)				
Relative humidity	10% to 90%				
Altitude	15,000 ft.				

Table 1-4 Hardware Specifications for the Cisco ASA 5500-X series

For More Information

• For additional specifications on the ASA 5512-X and ASA 5515-X models, see the product data sheet at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/prod/collateral/vpndevc/ps6032/ps6094/ps6120/data_sheet_c78-7012 53.html

• For additional specifications on the ASA 5525-X ASA 5545-X and ASA 5555-X models, see the product data sheet at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/prod/collateral/vpndevc/ps6032/ps6094/ps6120/data_sheet_c78-7018 08.html

Console Cable Pinouts

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RJ-45 Console Cable

Cisco products use the following types of RJ-45 cables:

- Straight-through
- Crossover

Figure 1-9 shows the RJ 45 cable.



To identify the RJ-45 cable type, hold the two ends of the cable next to each other so that you can see the colored wires inside the ends, as shown in Figure 1-10.





Examine the sequence of colored wires to determine the type of RJ-45 cable, as follows:

- Straight-through—The colored wires are in the same sequence at both ends of the cable.
- Crossover—The first (far left) colored wire at one end of the cable is the third colored wire at the other end of the cable.

Table 1-5 lists the rolled (console) cable pinouts for RJ-45.

 Table 1-5
 RJ-45 Rolled (Console) Cable Pinouts

Signal	Pin	Pin	Pin
-	1	8	-
-	2	7	-
-	3	6	-
-	4	5	-
-	5	4	-
-	6	3	-
-	7	2	-
-	8	1	-

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RJ-45 to DB-9 Console Adapter

Table 1-6 lists the cable pinouts for RJ-45 to DB-9 or DB-25.

Table 1-6Cable Pinouts for RJ-45 to DB-9 or DB-25

Signal	RJ-45 Pin	DB-9 Pin
RTS	1	7
DTR	2	4
TxD	3	3
GND	4	5
GND	5	5
RxD	6	2
DSR	7	6
CTS	8	8