

End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco PIX 501 Security Appliance

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Cisco® announces the end-of-sale and end-of life dates for the Cisco PIX 501 Security Appliance. The last day to order the affected product(s) is July 28, 2008. 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 until the termination date of the contract, even if this date exceeds the Last Date of Support shown in Table 1.

Cisco PIX Security Appliance customers are encouraged to migrate to Cisco ASA 5500 Series Adaptive Security Appliances. In addition to providing many more firewall and IPsec VPN capabilities than Cisco PIX 501 Security Appliances, the Cisco ASA 5500 Series offers significantly better performance and scalability, a next-generation graphical user interface, SSL VPN support, advanced Unified Communications (voice/video) security, and a modular design that allows customers to add features such as intrusion prevention (IPS), antivirus, antispam, antiphishing, URL filtering, and more. Migration to the Cisco ASA 5500 Series is straightforward, as consistent management and monitoring interfaces are provided, allowing customers to take advantage of their knowledge and investment in Cisco PIX Security Appliances.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco PIX 501 Security Appliance

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.	January 28, 2008
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.	July 28, 2008
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.	October 26, 2008
End of Routine Failure Analysis Date: HW	The last-possible date a routine failure analysis may be performed to determine the cause of product failure or defect.	July 28, 2009
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.	July 28, 2009
End of Service Contract Renewal Date: HW	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	October 23, 2012
Last Date of Support: HW	The last date to receive service and support for the product. After this date, all support services for the product are unavailable, and the product becomes obsolete.	July 27, 2013

HW = Hardware

OS SW = Operating System Software

App. SW = Application Software

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Replacement Product Part Number	Replacement Product Description
PIX-501	PIX 501 Chassis (Chassis, Software, 1 FE+4 FE Port Switch)	See the Product Migration Options section below for detailed information on replacing this product.	
PIX-501-50-BUN-K8	PIX 501-50 DES Bundle (Chassis, SW, 50 Users, DES)	See the Product Migration Options section below for detailed information on replacing this product.	
PIX-501-50-BUN-K9	PIX 501-50 3DES/AES Bundle (Chassis, SW, 50 Users, 3DES/AES)	See the Product Migration Options section below for detailed information on replacing this product.	
PIX-501-BUN-K8	PIX 501-10 DES Bundle (Chassis, SW, 10 Users, DES)	See the Product Migration Options section below for detailed information on replacing this product.	
PIX-501-BUN-K9	PIX 501-10 3DES/AES Bundle (Chassis, SW, 10 Users, 3DES/AES)	See the Product Migration Options section below for detailed information on replacing this product.	
PIX-501-UL-BUN-K9	PIX 501-UL Bundle (Chassis, SW, Unlimited Users, 3DES/AES)	See the Product Migration Options section below for detailed information on replacing this product.	

Product Migration Options

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the Cisco ASA 5505 Adaptive Security Appliance, which provides significantly higher firewall and VPN performance, advanced security features for greater network protection, SSL VPN support, 8-port Fast Ethernet switch with integrated Power over Ethernet support, and a modular design for future expandability.

Table 3. Product Comparisons

Feature	Cisco PIX 501 Security Appliance	Cisco ASA 5505 Adaptive Security Appliance
Maximum Firewall Throughput	60 Mbps	150 Mbps
Maximum 3DES/AES IPsec VPN Throughput	3 Mbps	100 Mbps
Maximum Connections	7,500	10,000
Connections/Second	650	4,000
Maximum IPsec VPN Sessions	10	10 or 25* (25 IPsec Sessions Requires Security Plus License)
Maximum SSL VPN Sessions	Not Supported	25
Interfaces	4-port Fast Ethernet Switch	8-port Fast Ethernet Switch
Power over Ethernet	Not Supported	2 Ports
VLANs	Not Supported	3 or 20* (20 VLANs and VLAN Trunking Support Require Security Plus License)
Modular Design	Not Supported	Yes, Security Services Card (SSC) Slot for Future Expandability
High Availability	Not Supported	Stateless Active/Standby Failover, Redundant ISP Support (Both Require Security Plus License)

Customers can use the Cisco Technology Migration Plan (TMP) to trade in products and receive credit toward the purchase of new Cisco equipment. For more information about Cisco TMP, go to <http://www.cisco.com/go/tradein/>. The Cisco TMP application requires all users to have a Cisco.com user ID.

Customers may be able to continue to purchase the Cisco PIX 501 Security Appliance 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 <http://www.cisco.com/go/eos>.

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

For More Information

For more information about the Cisco ASA 5505 Adaptive Security Appliance, visit <http://www.cisco.com/go/asa>, or contact your local account representative.

For more information about the Cisco End-of-Life Policy, go to http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod_end_of_life.html.

To subscribe to receive end-of-life/end-of-sale information, go to <http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/FieldNoticeTool/field-notice>.



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