



Cisco IPS Signature Service End-of-Service FAQ

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End-of-Signature-Support Dates

Q&A

Q: What are the currently supported sensor software versions?

A: Right now, signature updates are tested on the following sensor software releases according to the terms defined in the [End-of-Sale Policy for Signature File Release on Intrusion Detection and Prevention \(IDS/IPS\) Sensors](#):

- 7.1(11) (Released December 7, 2015)
- 7.1(11p1) (Released April 11, 2016)
- 7.2(2) (Released February 5, 2014)
- 7.3(5) (Released February 15, 2016)

Please upgrade to the latest sensor software versions to ensure correct sensor operation and effective signature coverage.

Q: When will my IPS product reach end of support?

A: The end-of-support date is documented in each product's individual end-of-life notice. To determine the end-of-life milestones for a particular product, locate the product's end-of-life notice in the table in this document.

Q: When will my IPS product reach end of signature support?

A: The end-of-signature-support date is documented in each product's end-of-life notice. Most, but not all, product end-of-life notices include an end-of-signature-support milestone. If it is not specifically stated, end of signature support ends 3 years after the end-of-sale date as documented in the [End-of-Sale Policy for Signature File Release on Intrusion Detection and Prevention \(IDS/IPS\) Sensors](#).

Q: What if the product end-of-life notice does not define an end-of-signature-support date?

A: End of signature support ends 3 years after the end-of-sale date as documented in the [End-of-Sale Policy for Signature File Release on Intrusion Detection and Prevention \(IDS/IPS\) Sensors](#).

Q: Which end-of-life notice applies to my product?

A: Each end-of-life notice lists the affected products.

Q: Can I still obtain signatures past the end-of-signature-support date?

A: When a platform reaches the end of signature support, signature updates will no longer be posted for that platform. Although signature updates will not be available for the platform, they will be available for each IPS Sensor Software version. Because each IPS Sensor Software version is used by multiple platforms, it is possible to obtain a signature update for a platform that is past the end of signature support. The signatures will work, but they are unsupported.

Q: I thought signature support ended for all products on April 26, 2018.

A: The end-of-signature-support date of April 26, 2018 applies only to the products listed in [End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco Intrusion Prevention System](#). By April 26, 2018, all other products will have already reached their end-of-signature-support milestone. Refer to each product's end-of-life notice to determine its end-of-signature-support date.

Q: Why does signature support not extend until the end of support?

A: As determined by the Cisco [End-of-Life Policy](#), software maintenance ends in advance of hardware support. Signatures are a component of the product's software.

Q: What does end of signature support mean?

A: When end of signature support is reached, Cisco will no longer release signature updates. Customers can continue to run existing, licensed Cisco signatures on the device, modify the signature configuration, and create custom signatures.

Q: What happens when the End of New Service Attach date is reached?

A: After the End of New Service Attach date is reached, the line(s) for new Cisco Services for IPS in contracts will be automatically terminated and a credit processed. See the [Cisco Intrusion Prevention System \(CIPS\) Migration Path Awareness Communication for End-of-Life/End-of-Sale ASA/IPS Product Lines](#) for more details.

Q: What migration options are available?

A: Full details about migration paths from legacy IPS hardware to the Cisco Firepower NGIPS are in [Cisco Firepower NGIPS Series Migration Options](#).

End-of-Signature-Support Dates

The following table provides the end-of-signature-support dates for the Cisco IPS Signature Service. Refer to the end-of-life notices for the affected product part numbers and to confirm the end-of-sale dates.

End-of-Life Notice	End-of-Sale Date	End-of-Signature-Support Date
ASA-IPS-10	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
ASA-IPS-20	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018

End-of-Life Notice	End-of-Sale Date	End-of-Signature-Support Date
ASA-IPS-40	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
ASA-IPS-60	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
ASA-SSP-10	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
ASA-SSP-20	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
ASA-SSP-40	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
ASA-SSP-60	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
ASA5512	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
ASA5515	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
ASA5525	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
ASA5545	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
ASA5555	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
ASA5585	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
IPS-4520	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
IPS-4510	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
IPS-4360	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
IPS-4345	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
7.1 Sensor Software	April 26, 2015	April 26, 2018
7.0 Sensor Software	January 30, 2014	January 30, 2017
ASA5510	September 16, 2013	September 16, 2016
ASA5520	September 16, 2013	September 16, 2016
ASA5540	September 16, 2013	September 16, 2016
ASA5550	September 16, 2013	September 16, 2016
ASA-AIP-(SSM-)10	September 16, 2013	September 16, 2016
ASA-AIP-(SSM-)20	September 16, 2013	September 16, 2016
ASA-AIP-(SSM-)40	September 16, 2013	September 16, 2016
6.2 Sensor Software	July 18, 2013	July 18, 2016
IDSM2	May 3, 2013	May 3, 2016
IPS-4270	April 30, 2013	April 30, 2016
IPS-4260	April 30, 2013	April 30, 2016
IPS-4255	April 30, 2013	April 30, 2016
IPS-4240	April 30, 2013	April 30, 2016
AIP SSC for the Cisco ASA 5505	January 16, 2013	March 31, 2016
ASA5580	November 15, 2011	November 15, 2014
6.0 Sensor Software	December 29, 2010	December 29, 2013
IDS-4215	July 29, 2008	July 29, 2011
NM-CIDS	May 2, 2008	May 2, 2011
6.1 Sensor Software	December 14, 2009	December 14, 2009
5.1 Sensor Software	October 24, 2008	October 24, 2009
IPS-4250 SX/LX	May 24, 2006	May 24, 2009
IDS-4210	December 6, 2003	December 6, 2006

End-of-Life Notice	End-of-Sale Date	End-of-Signature-Support Date
5.0 Sensor Software	July 17, 2006	September 30, 2006
IDS-4220	July 31, 2002	July 31, 2005
IDS-4230	July 31, 2002	July 31, 2005

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