



PRODUCT BULLETIN NO. [EOL5077](#)

END-OF-SALE AND END-OF-LIFE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE [PIX FIREWALL RELEASE 4.3](#)

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of life dates for the [PIX Firewall Release 4.3](#). The last day to order the affected product is [November 1, 1999](#). Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the [Cisco Technical Assistance Center \(TAC\)](#) as shown in [Table 1 in EoL product bulletin](#). Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the PIX Firewall Release 4.3.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the [PIX Firewall Release 4.3](#).

Milestone	Definition	Date
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.	November 1, 1999
Last Date of Support: OS SW	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.	November 1, 2002

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

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

Software release 4.3 for the PIX Firewall™ has reached its End of Life milestone. This software release is being removed from CCO, effective immediately.

This end of life serves several purposes:

1. To simplify the task of selecting software for customers and account managers by reducing the number of releases concurrently available.
2. To encourage customers to operate their firewalls with more current software releases, and
3. To improve software support by reducing the number of versions currently available.

It is recommended that all customers currently running Cisco PIX Firewall Release 4.3 upgrade their software to version 4.4(2) or 5.0(2). Cisco recommends that customers upgrade to Version 4.4(2), the general deployment release.

512KB Flash Memory RMA

Systems with only 512KB Flash memory (only "Classic" PIX Firewalls—not the PIX 10,000 or 5xx-series) need to be RMA'd through TAC to be upgraded to have 2MB Flash memory. Classic PIX Firewall units with a serial number of 06002015 or below have a 512K flash card and will need to be upgraded in order to run either the 4.2 or 4.3 software train.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the [PIX Firewall Release 4.3](#), visit

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/vpndevc/ps2030/prod_eol_notices_list.html or contact your local account representative.

For more information about the Cisco End-of-Life Policy, go to:

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