Identify Counterfeit and Pirated Products

Cisco invests in state-of-the-art security features of the class found in currencies, passports, and other security documents. You will find security labels on many Cisco® products tailored to give you peace of mind.

**Carton security label**
Cisco uses carton security labels on most packaging. They are often found overlapping the edge of the carton’s white label to help identify genuine articles.

**PCBA security label**
Cisco uses holographic and other security features on most line cards and modules’ Printed Circuit Board Assemblies (PCBA).

**Module security label**
Cisco uses holographic security indicators on most optical transceivers and high-speed cable assemblies to help identify genuine products.

**Buy genuine**
Quality and authenticity should be your top consideration when buying products.

**Counterfeit risks**
Counterfeit products can cause serious risks to network quality, performance, safety, and reliability.

**Use only Cisco authorized channels**
Products sourced from outside Cisco authorized channels may pass through many hands before they reach you.

**Counterfeit products**
Counterfeit products can contain components that have been tampered with, including illegal software. Counterfeit products may not perform to standards.

**Types of unauthorized products**
Unauthorized products may include secondhand, third-party, or even stolen products.

Report counterfeit products

Share information on suspected counterfeit products. If you suspect illegal or unauthorized activity that affects Cisco’s brand, please send a tip (anonymously if you wish) to brandprotection@cisco.com.

Cisco may use the information you provide to investigate and take action against counterfeit manufacturers and traffickers.

To learn more, go to: www.cisco.com/go/identifycounterfeit