Welcome

This document contains critical and release-specific information.

Release Dates

Sometimes Cisco releases updated builds. In most cases, only the latest build for each platform is available on the Cisco Support & Download site. We *strongly* recommend you use the latest build. If you downloaded an earlier build, do not use it.

Table 1: Version 6.5.0 Dates

Version	Build	Date	Platforms: Upgrade	Platforms: Reimage
6.5.0	123	2020-02-03	FMC/FMCv	FMC/FMCv
6.5.0	120	2019-10-08	—	—
6.5.0	115	2019-09-26	All devices	All devices

Table 2: Version 6.5.0 Patch Dates

Version	Build	Date	Platforms
6.5.0.5	95	2021-02-09	All
6.5.0.4	57	2020-03-02	All
6.5.0.3	30	2020-02-03	No longer available.
6.5.0.2	57	2019-12-19	All
6.5.0.1	35	2019-11-20	No longer available.

Suggested Release

To take advantage of new features and resolved issues, we recommend you upgrade all eligible appliances to at least the suggested release. On the Cisco Support & Download site, the suggested release is marked with a gold star.

We also list the suggested release in the new feature guides:

- Cisco Firepower Management Center New Features by Release

- Cisco Firepower Device Manager New Features by Release

Suggested Releases for Older Appliances

If an appliance is too old to run the suggested release and you do not plan to refresh the hardware right now, choose a major version then patch as far as possible. Some major versions are designated *long-term* or *extra long-term*, so consider one of those. For an explanation of these terms, see Cisco NGFW Product Line Software Release and Sustaining Bulletin.

If you are interested in a hardware refresh, contact your Cisco representative or partner contact.