



# Welcome

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This document contains critical and release-specific information.

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## 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. For more information, see [Resolved Issues in New Builds](#).

**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.