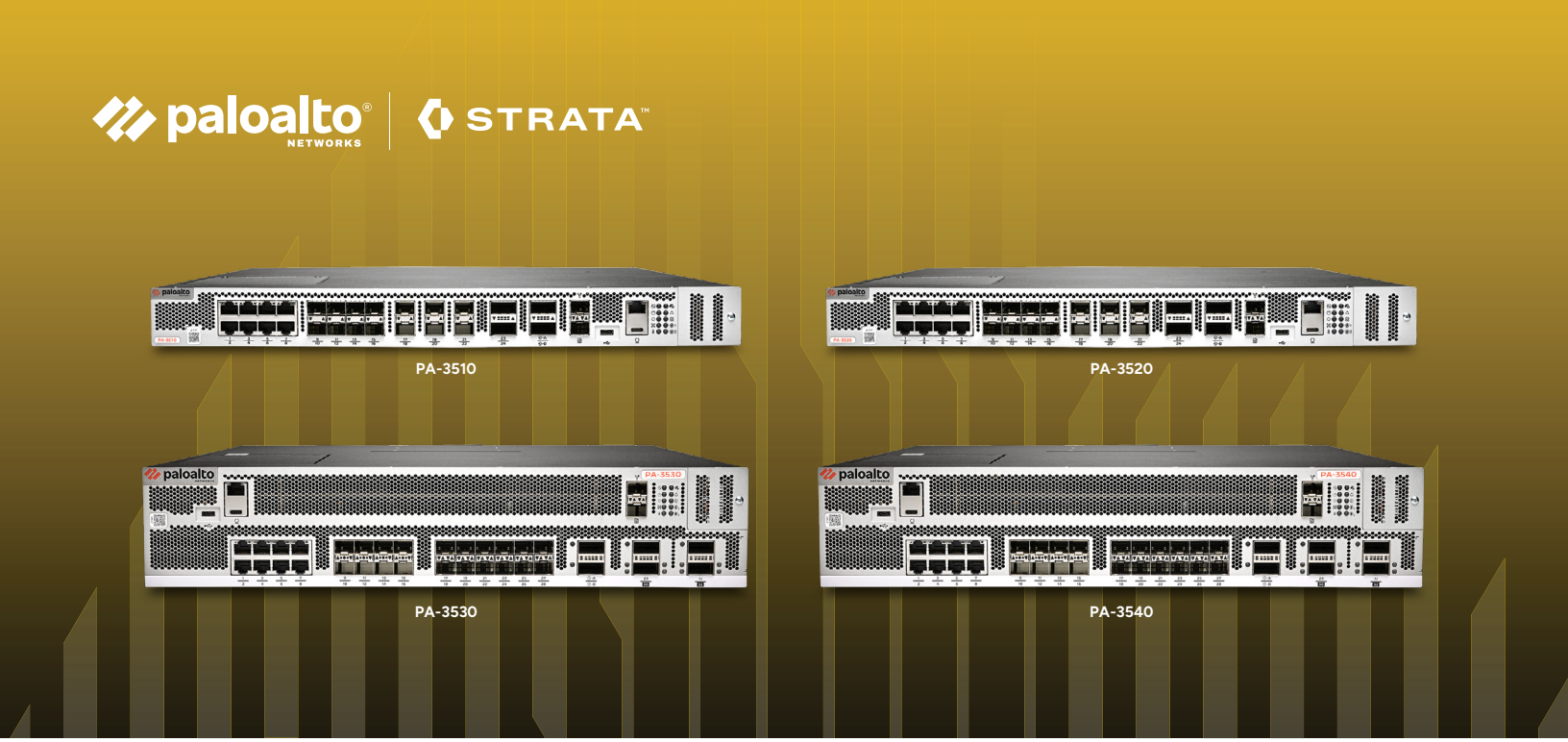


PA-3500 Series Quantum-Optimized NGFWs

Palo Alto Networks PA-3500 Series Quantum-Optimized NGFWs comprise the PA-3510, PA-3520, PA-3530, and PA-3540 models. This scalable series targets enterprise and high-speed internet gateway deployments. It provides complete visibility into and secures all traffic across your network, including post-quantum encrypted traffic.

PAN-OS®, the operating system of the PA-3500 Series NGFWs, runs all Palo Alto Networks NGFWs. PAN-OS natively classifies all traffic—including applications, threats, and content—and then ties this traffic that runs your organization to the user regardless of location or device type. This traffic serves as the basis of your security policies, resulting in an improved security posture and reduced incident response time. PAN-OS embeds AI in the firewall core to provide inline signatureless attack prevention for file-based attacks while identifying and immediately stopping never-before-seen phishing attempts.

Post-Quantum Cryptography Optimizations

PA-3500 Series is a post-quantum cryptography (PQC)-optimized device that helps you achieve quantum-safe security in hardware and software with PAN-OS 12.2. PA-3500 Series NGFWs support:

- **PQC** for PQC TLS decryption, PQC VPN site-to-site, PQC-Classical TLS Cipher Translation Proxy, and PQC TLS Service Profile for management access to the firewall. Also PQC GlobalProtect® for end-user remote access VPN.
- **PQC algorithms,** including NIST standards, like ML-KEM, ML-DSA, and SLH-DSA, as well as emerging and experimental PQCs like Classic McEliece, BIKE, HQC, Frodo-KEM, and NTRU-Prime. Support also for hybrid PQ-classical and pure PQC algorithms.
- **An additional PCIe slot** for future post-quantum capabilities.

For more information, see Support for Post-Quantum Features in TechDocs.

Prevention of Malicious Activity Concealed in Encrypted Traffic

PA-3500 Series NGFWs provide the ability to:

- **Inspect and apply policies** to SSL/TLS-encrypted traffic (both inbound and outbound), traffic that uses SSLv3, TLSv1.1, TLSv1.2, and TLSv1.3, as well as application protocols SMTP, WebSocket, gRPC, HTTP/1.0, HTTP/1.1, and HTTP/2, and QUIC/HTTP3.
- **Decrypt and inspect SSL/TLS sessions** with the classical key exchange algorithms RSA, ECDHE, DHE, and post-quantum key exchange standards ML-KEM, HQC, as well as experimental BIKE and Frodo-KEM.
- **Enable or disable decryption flexibly**—based on the URL category, source and destination zone, address, user, user group, device, and port—for privacy and regulatory compliance purposes.

Read the *Decryption: Why, Where and How* whitepaper to learn about decryption to prevent threats and secure your organization.

Key Highlights

- **The world's first quantum-optimized NGFW:** Engineered to secure post-quantum encrypted traffic and protect long-life data against future decryption threats.
- **Built with FE100X ASICs:** Custom silicon hardware that delivers consistent high throughput, massive session scale, and ultralow latency across the entire model lineup.
- **Powered by Precision AI®:** A groundbreaking AI-driven engine that analyzes, classifies, and prevents zero-day and evasive threats inline and in real time.
- **Built with a single-pass architecture:** Conducts networking, policy enforcement, decryption, and threat inspection in a single pass to deliver predictable performance under heavy loads.
- **Scalable deployment flexibility:** Offers a broad hardware portfolio that spans midtier enterprise perimeters in two different form factors (PA-3510 to PA-3540).
- **Palo Alto Networks 5G-Native Security:** Features 5G identifier-based visibility, traffic correlation, and security enforcement capabilities.
- **High availability with NGFW clustering:** Provides active/active clustering and active/passive HA to ensure resilient, uninterrupted uptime. NGFW clustering will be offered later.
- **Managed with Strata™ Cloud Manager:** The industry's first AI-powered unified management and operations solution for end-to-end network security.
- **Leader in the 2025 Gartner® Magic Quadrant™** for Hybrid Mesh Firewalls.
- **Leader in The Forrester® Wave:** Enterprise Firewall Solutions, Q4 2024.

Application Identification and Categorization with Full Layer 7 Inspection

App-ID™ identifies and categorizes applications on all ports, all the time, with full Layer 7 inspection, supporting the following capabilities:

- Uses advanced techniques, such as protocol decoding, heuristics, and signature matching, to accurately identify applications across the network, regardless of the port, protocol, or encryption methods used. The optional App-ID Cloud Engine (ACE) service provides on-demand App-IDs for SaaS applications.
- Allows for the effective enforcement of security policies tailored to specific applications, by centralizing the identification and control of applications at the firewall level.
- Uses cutting-edge AI techniques to enhance precision in identifying and categorizing AI-powered applications. These techniques ensure that the most advanced and dynamic applications are accurately recognized and appropriately managed within the network.

For more information, see the *App-ID* tech brief.

User Security Enforcement

PA-3500 Series NGFWs enforce security for users at any location, on any device, while adapting policies based on their activity. They include the ability to:

- **Unify identity and policy enforcement:** Bridge on-premises and cloud identity stores to enforce consistent user-based policies everywhere via the Cloud Identity Engine, and block malicious traffic sources automatically by using IP geolocation.
- **Automate dynamic risk control:** Apply dynamic security actions based on user behavior and risk scores using Cloud Dynamic User Groups (CDUGs)—without depending on directory updates. Also, leverage automated policy recommendations to save time and reduce human error when restricting suspicious activity.
- **Secure credentials:** Prevent credential theft and abuse by enforcing multifactor authentication (MFA) at the network layer for any application, including legacy and non-web apps, without requiring application changes.

For more information, see the *Cloud Identity Engine* solution brief.

Single-Pass Architecture

PA-3500 Series NGFWs process packets by using a single-pass architecture, enabling the NGFWs to:

- Perform networking, policy lookup, application decoding, and signature matching—for all threats and content—in a single pass. This approach significantly reduces the amount of processing overhead required to perform multiple functions in one security device.
- Avoid introducing latency by scanning traffic for all signatures in a single pass, using stream-based, uniform signature matching.
- Produce consistent and predictable performance when security subscriptions are enabled.

For more information, see the *Single-Pass Architecture* whitepaper.

AI-Powered Unified Management and Operations with Strata Cloud Manager

Manage your PA-3500 Series NGFWs with Strata Cloud Manager, which enables you to:

- **Gain complete visibility across your network security estate:** Achieve real-time, comprehensive visibility of your entire network security landscape, including all users, applications, devices, and the most critical threats that need attention through a unified interface.
- **Enable simple and consistent network security lifecycle management:** Manage configuration and policy management across all enforcement points, including SASE, hardware and software firewalls, as well as all security services to ensure consistency and reduce operational overhead.
- **Strengthen security posture in real time:** Use AI-powered analysis to detect, resolve, and optimize policy anomalies like shadow and redundant policies and overly permissive or unused rules. Improve your security posture with integrated best practice recommendations and maintain compliance with industry and InfoSec standards.

For more information, see the *Strata Cloud Manager* datasheet.

Combined NGFW Clustering and High Availability Elements

NGFW clustering optimizes resource usage and increases throughput while maintaining a highly redundant and resilient solution. This solution enables efficient horizontal scaling for highly available networks.

For more information, see the *Migrating to NGFW Clustering* whitepaper.

Best-in-Class Cloud-Delivered Security Services Powered by Precision AI

PA-3500 Series NGFWs provide best-in-class security with Cloud-Delivered Security Services (CDSS). At the heart of our CDSS is Precision AI. Unlike traditional reactive tools, Precision AI fortifies your defenses with proactive threat detection, inline prevention, and automated response—stopping the most evasive, never-before-seen attacks before they cause damage. Backed by threat intelligence from our over 75,000 customers globally, our cloud-delivered services continuously learn, adapt, and evolve. Integrated seamlessly with our NGFW and SASE platforms, CDSS delivers unified protection across applications, DNS, email, IP infrastructure, web, and more—no matter where your users or data reside.

Whether you're navigating hybrid work, embracing cloud transformation, or defending against sophisticated adversaries, CDSS gives you the visibility, automation, and confidence to stay ahead.

Advanced Threat Prevention

Advanced Threat Prevention is the first intrusion prevention system (IPS) that stops zero-day command-and-control (C2) attacks and unknown exploits inline. In addition to traditional IPS capabilities, it delivers industry-leading protection against known and unknown threats.

For more information, see the *Advanced Threat Prevention* datasheet.

Advanced WildFire

Advanced WildFire® is the industry's largest cloud-based malware prevention engine. It protects organizations from highly evasive threats by using patented ML detection engines, enabling automated protections across networks, cloud, and customer application endpoints.

For more information, see the *Advanced WildFire* datasheet.

Advanced URL Filtering

Advanced URL Filtering analyzes URL strings and web content in real time and classifies them into benign or malicious categories, which teams can build into NGFW policies to control web traffic. It protects against phishing, malware, ransomware, C2 communications, and evasive web-based attacks.

For more information, see the *Advanced URL Filtering* datasheet.

Advanced DNS Security

Advanced DNS Security delivers real-time protection that instantly blocks sophisticated DNS request and response-based threats—including DNS hijacking, domain generation algorithms (DGA), DNS tunneling, and C2 callbacks. It uses inline, AI-powered detection models to analyze every DNS request and response in real time. These models enable precise identification of never-before-seen malicious domains, DNS tunneling, C2 activity, and network-level DNS hijacking. This powerful first line of defense identifies and stops threats at the DNS layer—whether they originate outside or inside the network.

For more information, see the *Advanced DNS Security* datasheet.

Device Security

Secure your entire attack surface with a unified, AI-first solution that provides comprehensive protection and monitoring. It discovers all connected devices and then identifies and mitigates hidden risks that would otherwise remain invisible or elusive to the most seasoned InfoSec professionals.

For more information, see the *Device Security* solution brief.

SaaS Security

SaaS Security delivers broad visibility and real-time control over all SaaS applications, including GenAI apps. Moreover, SaaS Security provides robust data protection by monitoring and securing the unapproved movement and storage of sensitive data across various SaaS platforms.

For more information, see the *SaaS Security* solution brief.

AI Access Security

AI Access Security™ enables organizations to monitor the adoption and usage of sanctioned and unsanctioned GenAI apps. It proactively prevents sensitive data leakage and provides continuous risk monitoring so organizations can safely adopt and use third-party GenAI tools.

For more information, see the *AI Access Security* datasheet.

Advanced SD-WAN

Easily adopt SD-WAN by simply enabling it on your existing firewalls with integrated security. Get an exceptional end-user experience and ensure SLAs by using SD-WAN path measurements and application steering capabilities to intelligently direct applications to the best performing paths.

For more information, see the SD-WAN documentation in TechDocs.

PA-3500 Series Specifications

Table 1. Performance and Capacities of PA-3500 Series Quantum Optimized NGFWs				
	PA-3510	**PA-3520**	**PA-3530**	**PA-3540**
Firewall throughput (appmix)*	30 Gbps	35 Gbps	45 Gbps	55 Gbps
Threat Prevention throughput (appmix)†	15 Gbps	20 Gbps	25 Gbps	35 Gbps
IPsec VPN throughput‡	13 Gbps	15 Gbps	22 Gbps	36 Gbps
Max. concurrent sessions§	2M	4M	5M	6M
New sessions per second‖	325,000	350,000	500,000	550,000
Virtual systems (base/max)#	5/15	5/15	5/20	5/20

Note: Results were measured on PAN-OS 12.2.

* Firewall throughput is measured with App-ID and logging enabled, using appmix transactions.

† Threat Prevention throughput is measured with App-ID, IPS, antivirus, antispyware, WildFire, file blocking, and logging enabled, by using appmix transactions.

‡ IPsec VPN throughput is measured with 64 KB HTTP transactions and logging enabled.

§ Maximum concurrent sessions are measured using HTTP transactions.

|| New sessions per second is measured with application override, using 1 byte HTTP transactions.

Adding virtual systems over the base quantity requires a separately purchased license. An active/active NGFW cluster supports a maximum of 25 virtual systems.

Table 2. PA-3500 Series Networking Features
Interface Modes
L2 mode (not available on MC-LAG aggregate interfaces), L3 mode, tap, and virtual wire (transparent mode).
Routing
The advanced routing engine is the only supported routing engine.
OSPFv2/v3 and MP-BGP with graceful restart, RIP, and static routing.
Policy-based forwarding.
PPPoE and the DHCP client are supported for dynamic address assignment for both IPv4 and IPv6.
DHCPv4 server and DHCPv4 relay.
Multicast: PIM-SM, PIM-SSM, IGMPv2, and v3.
Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD) and multihop BFD.
Advanced SD-WAN
Path quality measurement (jitter, packet loss, and latency).
Bandwidth monitoring.
Key exchange: Manual key, IKEv1,* and IKEv2 (pre-shared key and certificate-based authentication).
Post-quantum PPK.
Multi-VR and LR support over the SD-WAN overlay.
Prisma® Access Hub (hybrid SASE).
Autonomous Digital Experience Management (ADEM) for NGFW support.
IPv6
IPv6 inspection in L2, L3, tap, and virtual wire mode (transparent mode).
Support for dual-stack and IPv6-only networks.
Features: IPv6 geolocalization, OSPFv3, MP-BGP, NAT64, and NPTv6.
DHCPv6 client with prefix delegation (PD) support. Stateless address autoconfiguration (SLAAC) server support.

Table 2. PA-3500 Series Networking Features (continued)
IPsec and SSL VPN
Key exchange: Manual key, IKEv1,* and IKEv2 (pre-shared key and certificate-based authentication).
Encryption: 3DES, AES (128-bit, 192-bit, and 256-bit).
Authentication: MD5, SHA-1, SHA-256, SHA-384, and SHA-512.
GlobalProtect Large Scale VPN for simplified configuration and management.†
Secure access over IPsec and SSL VPN tunnels using GlobalProtect gateway and portals.†
VLANs
802.1Q VLAN tags per device or per interface: 4,094/4,094.
Aggregate interfaces (802.3ad) and LACP.
Network Address Translation
NAT modes (IPv4): Static IP, dynamic IP, and port (port address translation).
NAT64 and NPTv6.
Additional NAT features: Dynamic IP reservation, tunable dynamic IP, and port oversubscription.
High Availability and Clustering
HA active/passive, NGFW clustering with active/active.‡ NGFW clustering maintains a dual-active data plane with a single control plane, with support for MC-LAG. Aggregate Ethernet interfaces with members on both systems.
Mobile Network Infrastructure§
5G Security.

* Not supported with NGFW clustering.

† Requires a GlobalProtect license.

‡ Future release.

§ For more information, see the ML-Powered NGFWs for 5G datasheet.

Table 3. PA-3500 Series Hardware Specifications
I/O
PA-3510, PA-3520: 10G mGig Cu (8), 1G/10G SFP+ (8), 10G/25G SFP28 (6), 40G/100G QSFP28 (2)
PA-3530, PA-3540: 10G mGig Cu (8), 1G/10G SFP+ (12), 10G/25G SFP28 (6), 40G/100G QSFP28 (4)
Management I/O
Out-of-band management: 1G/10G SFP+
Console: RJ-45 console port (1)
Console: USB-C
Bootstrap: USB-C
HSCI: 40G/100G (2)
Log: 10G SFP+
Storage Capacity
960 GB SSD for system and log storage supported as cold swap
Trusted Platform Module (TPM)
Integrated with TPM 2.0 for secure boot and Hardware Root of Trust.
Power Supply (Avg/Max Power Consumption)
1,200W power supply; 1,066W (max)

Table 3. PA-3500 Series Hardware Specifications (continued)
Max BTU/hr
3430
Power Supplies
1+1 redundant for 220V and DC
1+1 redundant for 110V
Input Voltage
AC: 100–240 VAC (50–60 Hz)
DC: -48 VDC to -60 VDC
Max Current Consumption
AC: 9.33 A (120V AC) 4.67 A (240V AC)
DC: 30 A @ -48 VDC to -60 VDC
Max Inrush Current
AC: 50 A @ 230 VAC and 50 A @ 120 VAC
DC: 25 A @ 54 VDC
Mean Time Between Failure (MTBF)
PA-3510, PA-3520: 8.1 years
PA-3530, PA-3540: 6.3 years
Rack Mount Dimensions
2U, 19" standard rack (5.2" H x 29.8" D x 17.3" W) with power supply inserted
1U, 19" standard rack (5.2" H x 29.8" D x 17.3" W) with power supply inserted
Weight (Standalone Device and As Shipped)
70 lbs/116 lbs (includes accessory kit, rack kit, packaging, and pallet)
Safety
cTUVus and CB
EMI
FCC Class A, CE Class A, and VCCI Class A
Certifications
See our Compliance page.
Environment
Operating temperature: 32°F to 104°F, 0°C to 40°C
Nonoperating temperature: -4°F to 158°F, -20°C to 70°C
Humidity tolerance: 10%–90%
Maximum altitude: 10,000 ft/3,048 m
Airflow: Front to back (port side to power supply side)

PA-3500 Series Ordering Information

The following table lists key SKUs for the PA-3500 Series. For detailed information about the complete SKU list, including LAB bundles, spares, software subscriptions, and support, work with your Palo Alto Networks account team and NextWave Partners.

Table 4. PA-3500 Series

Part Number	Details
PAN-PA-3510 PAN-PA-3520 PAN-PA-3530 PAN-PA-3540	Includes: 2 PAN-PWR-1200W-AC-A 1 PAN-PA-3500-5500-ACC-A 1 PAN-PA-1RU-RACK-KIT (3510-20) 1 PAN-PA-2RU-RACK4 (3530-40) 1 PAN-SFP-CG
PAN-PA-3500A-SSD-960G-IMG	Spare replacement drive for PA-3510 and PA-3520
PAN-PA-3500B-SSD-960G-IMG	Spare replacement drive for PA-3530 and PA-3540
PAN-PA-3500-5500-ACC-A	A spare accessory kit includes 2 PAN-PWR-CORD-C15-US cables, 1 USB Type C to Type C cable, and 1 CAT6 cable.

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