

SonicWall® SonicOS 5.9.2.14

Release Notes

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These document provide information about the SonicWall® SonicOS 5.9.2.14 release.

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About SonicOS 5.9.2.14

The SonicWall SonicOS 5.9.2.14 release documents fixed issues found in prior releases. See the Resolved Issues section for more information.

SonicOS 5.9.2.14 provides all the features and resolved issues that were included in previous releases of SonicOS 5.9.2 and is a unified web post release with support for SOHO. For more information about other releases, see the previous release notes, available on MySonicWall at: https://www.mysonicwall.com/.

(i) IMPORTANT: SonicWall strongly advises that customers using Gen5 firewalls with SSL VPN users who have locally manged accounts immediately update their passwords to enhance security and prevent unauthorized access. Users can change their passwords if the User must change password option is enabled on their account. Administrators must manually enable the User must change password option for each local account to ensure this critical security measure is enforced.

To set the **User must change password** option, navigate to **Users > Local Users**. For details refer to "Managing Users and Authentication Settins," a section in the **SonicOS 5.9 Administrators Guide**.

Additionally, SonicWall recommends enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA), either TOTP or Email-based OTP, for all SSL VPN users. Refer to How Do I Configure 2FA for SSL VPN with TOTP? for more information.

Supported Platforms

SonicOS 5.9.2.14 is supported on the SonicWall SOHO network security platforms:

See the tables in the following sections for supported feature information:

- Supported Key Features by Platform
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- Supported and Unsupported IPv6 Features

Supported Key Features by Platform

The following table shows which key features in SonicOS 5.9 are supported on the SOHO Series.

Feature / Enhancement	SOHO Series
Active-Active Clustering	N
Amazon VPC ^a	Y
App Rules Enhancement	Y
AppFlow Reports	N
ArcSight Syslog Format Support	Υ
Bandwidth Management Enhancement	Υ
BGP Advanced Routing	N
CLI Enhancements	Υ
Client CFS Enforcement	Υ
Common Access Card Support	Υ
Guest Admin Support	Υ
IKE Dead Peer Detection	Υ
IKEv2 Configuration Payload Support	Υ
IPv6	Υ
IPv6 6rd	Υ
IPv6 BGP	Υ
IPv6 DHCP PD	Υ
IPv6 for Backend Servers	Υ
LDAP User Group Monitoring	Υ
LDAP User Group Monitoring	Υ
Log Monitor Filter Input Box	Υ
Logging Enhancement	Υ
MOBIKE	Υ
NetExtender WXAC Integration	Υ
Network Device Protection Profile (NDPP Mode)	Y
Numbered Tunnel Interfaces for Route Based VPN	N
One-Touch Configuration Overrides	Υ

Feature / Enhancement	SOHO Series
OpenSSH Vulnerability Security Enhancements	Υ
Path MTU Discovery	Υ
Proxied Users Identification and Login	Υ
Reassembly-Free Regular Expression for DPI Engine	Υ
SHA-2 in IPsec	Υ
SNMPv3	Υ
SSL VPN Mobile Connect Bookmark	Υ
SSL VPN Multi-Core Scalability	Υ
SSO RADIUS Accounting	N
TSR Enhancements	Υ
UDP/ICMP Flood Protection	Υ
Wire Mode 2.0	N
WWAN 4G Support	Y
XD Lookup for Access Rules	Υ

a.Amazon VPC VPN connection using static routing is supported for all platforms. Amazon VPC VPN connection using dynamic routed is supported only on platforms that support BGP.

Supported SonicPoint and Wireless Features by Platform

The following table lists the SonicPoint and wireless features in SonicOS 5.9 that are supported on The SOHO Series.

Feature / Enhancement	SOHO Series
External Guest Service Apache / PHP Support	Υ
External Guides Service FQDN Support	Υ
Guest Admin Support	Υ
Internal Radio IDS Scan Scheduling ^a	Υ
SonicPoint 802.11e (WMM) OoS	Υ
SonicPoint Auto Provisioning	Υ
SonicPoint Retain Custom Configuration	Υ
SonicPoint DFS Support	Υ
SonicPoint Diagnostics Enhancement	Υ
SonicPoint FairNet Support	Υ
SonicPoint RADIUS Server Failover	Υ
SoniPoint WPA TKIP Countermeasures and MIC Failure Flooding Detection and Protecton	Υ
SonicPoint Layer 3 Management	N
Traffic Quota-Based Guest Svc Policy	Υ
Virtual Access Point ACL Support	Υ
Virtual Access Point ACL Support	Υ
Virtual Access Point Scheduling	Υ
Wireless Client Bridge Support ^b	Υ
Wireless PCI Rogue Detect Prevention	Υ
Wireless Radio Built-In Scan Sched ^c	

a.Only supported on platforms with internal wireless radio.

 $b. Only \ Supported \ on \ platforms \ with \ internal \ wireless \ radio.$

c.Only Supported on platforms with internal wireless radio.

Supported and Unsupported IPv6 Features

The table in this section summarizes the key SonicOS 5.9 features that support IPv6.

Features Available with IPv6

- 6to4 tunnel (allows IPv6 nodes to connect to outside IPv6 services over an IPv4 network)
- Access Rules
- Address Objects
- Anti-Spyware
- Application Firewall
- Attack prevention:
 - Land Attack
 - Ping of Death
 - Smurf
 - SYN Flood
- Connection Cache
- Connection Limiting for IPv6 connections
- Connection Monitor
- Content Filtering Service
- DHCP
- DNS client
- DNS lookup and reverse name lookup
- Dynamic Routing (RIPng and OSPFv3)
- EPRT
- EPSV
- FTP
- Gateway Anti-Virus
- High Availability:
 - Connection Cache
 - FTP
 - IPv6 management IP address
 - NDP
 - SonicPoint
- HTTP/HTTPS management over IPv6
- ICMP
- IKFv2
- Intrusion Prevention Service
- IP Spoof Protection
- IPv4 Syslog messages, including messages with IPv6 addresses
- IPv6 BGP
- IPv6 for Backend Servers
- Layer 2 Bridge Mode

Features Not Available with IPv6

- Anti-Spam
- Command Line Interface
- DHCP over VPN
- DHCP Relay
- Dynamic Address Objects for IPv6 addresses
- Dynamic DNS
- FQDN
- Global VPN Client (GVC)
- GMS
- H.323
- High Availability:
 - Multicast
 - Oracle SQL/Net
 - RTSP
 - VolP
- IKEv1
- IPv6 Syslog messages
- L2TP
- LDAP
- MAC-IP Anti-Spoof
- NAT between IPv6 and IPv4 addresses
- NAT High Availability probing
- NetBIOS over VPN
- NTP
- QoS Mapping
- RADIUS
- RAS Multicast Forwarding
- Route-based VPNs
- Single Sign On
- SIP
- SMTP Real-Time Black List (RBL) Filtering
- SSH
- Transparent Mode
- ViewPoint
- Virtual Assistant
- Web proxy
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- Logging IPv6 events
- Login uniqueness
- Multicast Routing with Multicast Listener Discovery
- NAT
- NAT load balancing
- Neighbor Discovery Protocol
- NetExtender connections for users with IPv6 addresses
- Packet Capture
- Ping
- Policy Based Routing
- PPPoE
- Remote management
- Security services for IPv6 traffic with DPI
- Site-to-site IPv6 tunnel with IPsec for security
- SonicPoint IPv6 support
- SNMP
- SSL VPN
- Stateful inspection of IPv6 traffic
- User status
- Visualization
- VLAN interfaces with IPv6 addresses
- VPN policies
- Wireless
- WireMode

Resolved Issues

This section provides a list of resolved issues in this release.

System

Resolved issue	Issue ID	
SonicOS improper access control vulnerability (SNWLD-	-2024-0015). GEN5-73	

Known Issues

This section provides a list of known issues in this release.

AppFlow

Known issue	Issue ID
The Create Rule option on the Users tab in Dashboard > AppFlow Monitor does not work correctly, and log messages are displayed on the console.	167772
Occurs when attempting to create a rule for a RADIUS user to block LAN to WAN access, when the user already belongs to a group that has LAN to WAN access.	
SSL VPN users are not displayed in Dashboard > AppFlow Monitor on the Users tab, only "unknown" users are shown.	167149
Occurs when several (10) SSL VPN users are connected to the firewall and AppFlow Reporting is enabled. $$	

Application Control

Known issue	Issue ID
The App Rule Match Object cannot match a filename.	135634
Occurs during an FTP download or upload and the Match Type of the Firewall > Match Object is set to Prefix Match, the Input Representation is set to Hexadecimal Representation, and the Enable Negative Matching option is selected.	
Workaround: Do not enable the Negative Matching option with the Prefix Match option.	
App Control policies do not block IPv6 traffic unless Intrusion Prevention Service is enabled.	128410
Occurs when IPS is disabled and an App Control policy is created from Firewall > App Control Advanced to block FTP traffic. A computer on the LAN side can still use an IPv6 IP address to connect to an FTP server.	
Workaround: Enable IPS. With IPS enabled, the App Control policy blocks the FTP connection.	

Command Line Interface

Known issue	Issue ID
The CLI incorrectly indicates that Gateway Anti-Virus is not licensed.	160800
Occurs when using the show status CLI command while GAV is licensed on the appliance.	
Access Rules are not removed on the Backup device of an HA pair and further configuration is not synchronized with the Backup device.	141949
Occurs when the access-rule restore-defaults CLI command is issued.	

DPI-SSL

Known issue	Issue ID
When visiting certain websites, the browser displays a CA certificate error and the user must agree to the risk in order to continue to the website.	220615
Occurs when Client DPI-SSL presents a self-signed CA certificate generated using Go Daddy Class 2 Certification Authority to the client computer for certain websites. However, the Go Daddy Class 2 Certification Authority was removed from the list of Trusted CAs due to a weak signing algorithm.	
The SSL proxied connection count cannot be cleared from the cache.	159332
Occurs when Client DPI-SSL is enabled and HTTPS traffic is passed through X0 and X2 which are configured in Layer 2 Bridge mode, and then X0 and X2 are changed to unassigned mode.	
The certificate from a secure website, such as https://mail.google.com, is not changed to a SonicWall DPI-SSL certificate as it should be, and traffic cannot be inspected.	123097
Occurs when the Enable SSL Client Inspection option is set on the DPI-SSL > Client SSL page, a SonicPoint-NDR is connected to the appliance, Guest Services are enabled on the WLAN zone, a wireless client connects to the SonicPoint, and the user logs into the guest account.	
Firmware	
Known issue	Issue ID
Restore defaults button on Access not work.	182149

GVC Advanced Settings

Known issue	Issue ID
The address group cannot be added successfully.	182239
Occurs when configuring VPN policy, especially if Gateway Setup Destination Network obtains IP	
address using DHCP through a VPN Tunnel.	

High Availability

Known issue	Issue ID
The route polices added by OSPF/BGP/RIP route can't be deleted.	182931
Occurs when failover takes place.	

IPv6

Known issue	Issue ID
A 6rd tunnel (IPv6 rapid deployment tunnel) is unexpectedly reported as UP although there is no available 6rd prefix.	157034
Occurs when the tunnel was previously UP and using DHCP mode, and then the DHCP server is disabled and the firewall is rebooted.	
IPv6 traffic that is sent over a 6rd interface is not forwarded.	143079
Occurs after rebooting the firewall.	
Workaround: Go to the Network > Interfaces page, open the Edit Interface dialog for the 6rd interface, and click OK without making any changes. Traffic will be forwarded after that.	

IPv6

Known issue	Issue ID
IPv6 packets exceeding the Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) are dropped instead of being fragmented.	139108
Occurs when setting the MTU for an interface, and then sending IPv6 packets that exceed the MTU.	
An IPv6 Address Object in the Exclusion Address list of an App Rule policy is still blocked by that App Rule policy.	128363
Occurs when a computer on the LAN with an IPv6 address that is in the Exclusion Address list of an App Rule policy tries to connect to an IPv6 website that is blocked by that policy.	

Networking

An administrator correctly receives an error message when attempting to delete a user defined IP-Helper protocol that is associated with an IP-Helper Policy. But if they also try to delete the policy followed by trying to add a new 'DNS' type policy, then the IP-Helper protocol and associated policy that they originally attempted to delete disappears. A DHCP ip-helper policy from ZONE VPN is not added from ZONE VPN. Decurs when a tunnel interface is added. Changing the X1 interface from PPTP mode to static mode causes X1 to become inaccessible and changes its IP address to 0.0.0.0. Ccurs when the X1 interface has obtained an IP address in PPTP mode and then the administrator reconfigures X1 in static mode and gives it a static IP address. Workaround: Restart the firewall to make X1 accessible again. The WAN interface cannot be accessed with HTTPS or ping after restarting the firewall. Occurs when X0 (LAN) has a redundant port configured and X0 physical status is "no link". The default route gateway is wrong after changing the WAN mode. Occurs when X1 is configured with IP Assignment in L2TP mode, then changed to PPTP mode, but the default route gateway is still the one learned from the L2TP server. After changing the WAN mode back to L2TP, the default route gateway is the one learned from the PPTP server. The paired interface does not go down when the other interface in the Wire Mode pair is brought down. Occurs when the Enable Link State Propagation option is enabled and a wire mode interface is brought down by performing a shutdown on the peer switch. Disabling one DHCPv6 client also disables another DHCPv6 client. Occurs when both X1 and X2 are configured to DHCPv6 automatic mode, and then X1 is changed to static mode. Packets cannot pass through the Wire mode pair. Occurs when the destination link-local IPv6 address is the same as the Wire mode interface address. The default gateway cannot be configured. 144385 Occurs when X2 is configured as a WAN interface and the IP assignment is set to	Known issue	Issue ID
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Networking

Known issue	Issue ID
The Gateway Anti-Virus (GAV) may not work in IPv6 Wiremode > Secure mode.	139250
Occurs when using Wiremode > Secure mode with GAV enabled globally and per zone.	
Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) authentication does not work with IPv6 peers.	138888
Occurs when configuring an IPv6 peer between a firewall and a router, then enabling BGP authentication on each side.	

Security Services

Known issue	Issue ID
Excluding users for an individual Intrusion Prevention signature does not work as expected.	160458
Occurs when Security Services > Intrusion Prevention is enabled for all signatures, and IPS is also enabled for the WAN and LAN zones, and then the administrator configures a user in Excluded Users/Groups for a particular signature ID. When traffic containing that signature is sent by that user from the WAN side to a computer on the LAN, the log shows that the traffic was blocked by IPS and the user's name appears in the log.	
The Gateway AV Exclusion List does not prevent some IP addresses from being blocked.	121984
Occurs when an FQDN Address Object is included in the Gateway AV Exclusion List.	

SSL VPN

Known issue	Issue ID
SSLVPN Enforcement on the WLAN zone redirects users to the SSL VPN portal logon page, but the	161300
logon page does not open.	
Occurs when browsing any HTTP website from a WLAN client machine.	

System

Known issue	Issue ID
The configuration mode on the LCD panel cannot be accessed and displays an Invalid Code error message.	130379
Occurs when the administrator selects the Configuration option on the LCD panel and enters the new PIN code that was just changed on the System > Administration page.	
SonicWall GMS does not synchronize with SonicOS after making password changes in One Touch Configuration and then rebooting the appliance.	124998
Occurs when password complexity is changed via One Touch Configuration from GMS. The One Touch Configuration options for Stateful Firewall Security require passwords containing alphabetic, numeric and symbolic characters. If the appliance has a simple password, such as the default "password", GMS cannot log in after the restart, and cannot be prompted to change the password.	

Upgrade

Known issue	Issue ID
NTP server authentication type changed from MD5 to No Auth.	183577
Occurs after upgrade from 5.8.1.15 to 5.9.1.8.	

User Interface

Known issue	Issue ID
The Latest Alerts section of the System > Status page does not display any alerts.	160868
Occurs when interfaces are enabled or disabled, or when other events occur that are known to cause alerts.	
The hyperlink in "Click here for UTM management" does not work.	157523
Occurs when logged into the IPv6 address of the SSL VPN Virtual Office portal.	

VolP

Known issue	Issue ID
SonicOS drops SIP packets from the WAN to a Layer 2 Bridged LAN interface, and cannot establish a VoIP call. Ping works across the same path. The call can be established when using the primary LAN interface.	128225
Occurs when interface X5 (LAN) is configured in L2 bridge mode and bridged to X0 (LAN). A Cisco phone is connected to X5 and is used to make a call to a phone on the WAN side, but the call cannot be established.	

VPN

Known issue	Issue ID
A client behind the central firewall can ping a LAN device behind the remote firewall even though the device is in the "excluded LAN devices" table.	166617
Occurs when the remote firewall is configured to use DHCP over VPN and the LAN device is first configured as a "static device on LAN" on the remote firewall and then added to the "excluded LAN devices" table.	
VPN negotiation fails and the log for the Initiator does not have an entry showing "IKEv2 negotiation complete".	148167
Occurs when the VPN policy is bound to an interface other than the interface for the default route. Observed when the VPN policy is bound to an IPv6 address on both ends.	
Traffic goes to the wrong VPN tunnel.	135205
Occurs when two VPN tunnel interfaces are configured with Amazon VPC, and we add two numbered tunnel interfaces and BGP neighbors based on the Amazon VPC configuration.	
When Tunnel 1 goes down, the traffic switches to Tunnel 2. When Tunnel 1 comes back up, the traffic stays on Tunnel 2. When Tunnel 2 goes down, the traffic switches to Tunnel 1.	
But when Tunnel 2 comes back up, the traffic stops. The route table shows that packets are going through Tunnel 1, but a packet capture shows that packets are going through Tunnel 2.	
An active IPv6 VPN tunnel is not displayed in the table on the VPN > Settings page of the headend firewall.	128633
Occurs when two IPv6 VPN tunnels are created on both the head-end appliance and a remote appliance. The head-end VPN > Settings page shows "2 Currently Active IPv6 Tunnels", but it only displays one tunnel in the Currently Active VPN Tunnels table.	
An OSPF connection cannot be established between an NSA 240 and an NSA 7500.	128419
Occurs when a VPN tunnel is configured between an NSA 240 and an NSA 7500, with Advanced Routing enabled on the NSA 240. A numbered tunnel interface is created on the NSA 7500 and is bound to the VPN tunnel. A VLAN is created on the NSA 240 with an IP address in the same subnet as the Tunnel Interface on the NSA 7500. OSPF is enabled on both appliances, but the NSA 240 does not respond to the OSPF "Hello" packet, and an OSPF connection cannot be established.	

System Compatibility

This section provides additional information about hardware and software compatibility with this release.

Wireless 3G/4G Broadband Devices

SonicOS 5.9 provides support for a wide variety of PC cards, USB devices and wireless service providers. For the most recent list of supported devices, see:

https://www.sonicwall.com/en-us/support/knowledge-base/170505473051240

NOTE: When connected to a SonicWall appliance, the performance and data throughput of most 3G/4G devices will be lower than when the device is connected directly to a personal computer. SonicOS uses the PPP interface rather than the proprietary interface for these devices. The performance is comparable to that from a Linux machine or other 4G routers.

GMS Support

SonicWall Global Management System (GMS) 9.4 are required for GMS management of SonicWall appliances running SonicOS 5.9.2.14.

WAN Acceleration / WXA Support

The SonicWall WXA series appliances (WXA 6000 Software, WXA 500 Live CD, WXA 5000 Virtual Appliance, WXA 2000/4000 Appliances) are supported for use with SonicWall security appliances running SonicOS 5.9. The recommended firmware version for the WXA series appliances is WXA 1.3.2.

Browser Support

SonicWall recommends using the latest Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, or Safari browsers for administration of SonicOS. This release supports the following web browsers:

- Chrome 18.0 and higher (recommended browser for dashboard real-time graphics display)
- Firefox 16.0 and higher
- Safari 5.0 and higher running on non-Windows machines
- NOTE: On Windows machines, Safari is not supported for SonicOS management.
- **(i)** | **NOTE:** Mobile device browsers are not recommended for SonicWall appliance system administration.

Product Licensing

SonicWall network security platforms must be registered on MySonicWall to enable full functionality and the benefits of SonicWall security services, firmware updates, and technical support. Log in or register for a MySonicWall account at https://mysonicwall.com.

A number of security services are separately licensed features in SonicOS. When a service is licensed, full access to the functionality is available. SonicOS periodically checks the license status with the SonicWall License Manager. The **System > Status** page displays the license status for each security service.

Upgrading Information

For information about obtaining the latest firmware, upgrading the firmware image on your SonicWall appliance, and importing configuration settings from another appliance, see the *SonicOS 5.9 Upgrade Guide* available on the Support portal at https://www.sonicwall.com/support/technical-documentation.

i **IMPORTANT:** If VPN tunnel interfaces are configured on your appliance running SonicOS 5.9, be sure to read the "Upgrading caveats for VPN tunnel interfaces" section in the *SonicOS 5.9 Upgrade Guide* before upgrading your appliance to SonicOS 5.9.

SonicWall Support

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- View and participate in the Community forum discussions at https://community.sonicwall.com/technology-and-support
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