

Palo Alto Networks ML-Powered Next-Generation Firewall Specifications and Features Summary

Table 1: Firewall Performance and Capacities¹

Performance and Capacities	PA-7080 ²	PA-7050 ²	PA-5280	PA-5260	PA-5250	PA-5220
Firewall throughput (App-ID, appmix)	700 Gbps	416 Gbps	65 Gbps	65 Gbps	37 Gbps	18 Gbps
Threat Prevention throughput (appmix)	430 Gbps	258 Gbps	36 Gbps	36 Gbps	24 Gbps	10 Gbps
IPsec VPN throughput	328 Gbps	200 Gbps	28 Gbps	28 Gbps	19 Gbps	11 Gbps
New sessions per second	6,000,000	4,000,000	600,000	600,000	382,000	180,000
Maximum sessions	416,000,000	245,000,000	64,000,000	32,000,000	8,000,000	4,000,000
Virtual systems (base/max ³)	25/225	25/225	25/225	25/225	25/125	10/20
Hardware Specifications	PA-7080	PA-7050	PA-5280	PA-5260	PA-5250	PA-5220
Interfaces supported ⁴	10/100/1000 (up to 120), SFP/ SFP+ (up to 80), QSFP+/QSFP28 (up to 40)	10/100/1000 (up to 72), SFP/ SFP+ (up to 48), QSFP+/QSFP28 (up to 24)	100/1000/10G Cu (4), 1G/10G SFP/SFP+ (16), 40G/100G QSFP28 (4)			100/1000/10G Cu (4), 1G/10G SFP/SFP+ (16), 40G QSFP+ (4)
Management I/O	SFP/SFP+ MGT (2), SFP/SFP+ HA1 (2), HSCI HA2/HA3 QSFP+/QSFP28 (2), RJ45 serial console (1), Micro USB serial console (1)		10/100/1000 Cu (2), 10/100/1000 out-of-band management (1), RJ45 console (1)			(1) 40G QSFP+ HA
Size	19U, 19" standard rack (33.22 H" x 24.66" D x 17.5" W)	9U, 19" standard rack (15.75" H x 23.75" D x 17.5" W) or 14U, 19" standard rack with optional PAN-AIRDUCT kit (24.5" H x 23.75" D x 17.5" W)	3U, 19" standard rack (5.25" H x 20.5" D x 17.25" W)			
Power supply	2500 W AC (2400 W / 2700 W) (4; expandable to 8)	2500 W AC (2400 W / 2700 W) (4)	1200 W AC or DC (1:1 fully redundant) (2)			
Redundant power supply	Yes		Yes			
Disk drives	240 GB SSD system drive, RAID1 (2)		System: 240 GB SSD, RAID1 Log: 2 TB HDD, RAID1			
Hot-swappable fans	Yes		Yes			
Performance and Capacities	PA-3260		PA-3250		PA-3220	
Firewall throughput (App-ID, appmix)	9.2 Gbps		6.2 Gbps		5 Gbps	
Threat Prevention throughput (appmix)	5 Gbps		3.4 Gbps		2.8 Gbps	
IPsec VPN throughput	5 Gbps		3.2 Gbps		2.8 Gbps	
New sessions per second	105,000		73,000		57,000	
Maximum sessions	3,000,000		2,000,000		1,000,000	
Virtual systems (base/max ³)	1/6		1/6		1/6	
Hardware Specifications	PA-3260		PA-3250		PA-3220	
Interfaces supported ⁴	10/100/1000 (12), 1G/10G SFP/SFP+ (8), 40G QSFP+ (4)		10/100/1000 (12), 1G/10G SFP/SFP+ (8)		10/100/1000 (12), 1G SFP (4), 1G/10G SFP/SFP+ (4)	
Management I/O	10/100/1000 out-of-band management port (1), 10/100/1000 high availability (2), 10G SFP+ high availability (1), RJ-45 console port (1), Micro USB (1)					
Size	2U, 19" standard rack (3.5" H x 20.53" D x 17.34" W)					
Power supply	650 W AC or DC (180/240)					
Redundant power supply	Yes					
Disk drives	240 GB SSD					
Hot-swappable fans	Yes					

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Table 1: Firewall Performance and Capacities (continued)

Performance and Capacities	PA-850	PA-820	PA-220	PA-220R		
Firewall throughput (App-ID, appmix)	2.1 Gbps	1.6 Gbps	540 Mbps	540 Mbps		
Threat Prevention throughput (appmix)	1.2 Gbps	900 Mbps	320 Mbps	320 Mbps		
IPsec VPN throughput	1.6 Gbps	1.3 Gbps	540 Mbps	540 Mbps		
New sessions per second	13,000	8,600	4,300	4,300		
Maximum sessions	192,000	128,000	64,000	64,000		
Virtual systems (base)	1	1	1	1		
Hardware Specifications	PA-850	PA-820	PA-220	PA-220R		
Interfaces supported ⁴	10/100/1000 (4), SFP (4), 10 SFP+ (4)	10/100/1000 (4), SFP (8)	10/100/1000 (8)	10/100/1000 (6), SFP (2)		
Management I/O	10/100/1000 out-of-band management (1), 10/100/1000 high availability (2), RJ-45 console (1), USB (1), Micro USB console (1)		10/100/1000 out-of-band management (1), RJ-45 console (1), USB (1), Micro USB console (1)	10/100/1000 out-of-band management (1), RJ-45 console (1), USB (1), Micro USB console (1)		
Size	1U, 19" standard rack (1.75" H x 14.5" D x 17.125" W)	1U, 19" standard rack (1.75" H x 14" D x 17.125" W)	1.62" H x 6.29" D x 8.07" W	2.0" H x 8.66" D x 9.25" W		
Power supply	450 W AC (2; one is redundant)	200 W	Dual redundant 40 W	None		
Redundant power supply	Yes	No	Yes (optional)	None		
Disk drives	240 GB SSD		32 GB EMMC	32 GB EMMC		
Hot-swappable fans	No		No	No		
Performance and Capacities	CN-Series	VM-50/VM-50 Lite	VM-100/VM-200	VM-300/VM-1000-HV	VM-500	VM-700
Firewall throughput (App-ID)	500 Mbps	200 Mbps	2 Gbps	4 Gbps	8 Gbps	16 Gbps
Threat Prevention throughput	250 Mbps	100 Mbps	1 Gbps	2 Gbps	4 Gbps	8 Gbps
IPsec VPN throughput	N/A	100 Mbps	1 Gbps	1.8 Gbps	4 Gbps	6 Gbps
New sessions per second ¹	N/A	3,000	15,000	30,000	60,000	120,000
Max Sessions	20,000	64,000/50,000	250,000	819,200	2,000,000	10,000,000
CPUs supported	2 (CN-MGMT) + 1 (CN-NGFW)	2 ⁵	2	2, 4	2, 4, 8	2, 4, 8, 16
Dedicated memory (minimum)	2 GB (CN-MGMT) + 2 GB (CN-NGFW)	4.08/4.5 GB	6.5 GB	9 GB	16 GB	56 GB
Dedicated disk drive capacity (minimum)	50 GB	32 GB ⁶	60 GB	60 GB	60 GB	60 GB
VM-Series Supported Environments	—	VM-50/VM-50 Lite	VM-100/VM-200	VM-300/VM-1000-HV	VM-500	VM-700
Private Cloud						
1. VMware NSX-V	—	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
2. VMware NSX-T	—	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Cisco ACI	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4. OpenStack	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5. Nutanix AOS	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hypervisor						
1. VMware ESXi	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2. KVM on CentOS/RHEL and Ubuntu LTS	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. Microsoft Hyper-V	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Public Cloud						
1. Amazon Web Services (AWS)	—	No	BYOL ⁷ or VM-Series ELA	PAYG ⁸ (VM-300), BYOL or VM-Series ELA	BYOL or VM-Series ELA	BYOL or VM-Series ELA
2. Microsoft Azure	—	No	BYOL or VM-Series ELA	PAYG (VM-300), BYOL or VM-Series ELA	BYOL or VM-Series ELA	BYOL or VM-Series ELA
3. Google Cloud Platform (GCP)	—	No	BYOL or VM-Series ELA	PAYG (VM-300), BYOL or VM-Series ELA	BYOL or VM-Series ELA	BYOL or VM-Series ELA
4. Oracle Cloud	—	No	BYOL or VM-Series ELA	BYOL or VM-Series ELA	BYOL or VM-Series ELA	BYOL or VM-Series ELA
5. Alibaba Cloud	—	No	BYOL or VM-Series ELA	BYOL or VM-Series ELA	BYOL or VM-Series ELA	BYOL or VM-Series ELA

(1) VM-Series performance will vary based on underlying virtualization infrastructure (hypervisor/cloud). Refer to the individual datasheets for detailed performance and testing information. (2) Each result in this column is for an optimum combination of PA-7000-DPC-A and PA-7000-100G-NPC-A cards populated in all available slots. (3) Adding virtual systems to the base quantity requires a separately purchased license. (4) Optical/Copper transceivers are sold separately. (5) CPU oversubscription supported with up to five instances running on a two-CPU configuration. (6) 60 GB required at initial boot. VM-Series will use 32 GB after license activation. (7) "Bring your own license" deployment option. (8) "Pay as you go" deployment option.

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Table 2: Key Features

Next-Generation Firewall	Supported Across All Models
Deep visibility and granular control for thousands of applications; ability to create custom applications; ability to manage unknown traffic based on policy	✓
User identification and control: VPNs, WLAN controllers, captive portal, proxies, Active Directory, eDirectory, Exchange, Terminal Services, syslog parsing, XML API	✓
Granular TLS/SSL decryption and inspection (inbound and outbound); includes support for TLS 1.3 and HTTP/2 protocols	✓
Networking: dynamic routing (RIP, OSPF, BGP, multiprotocol BGP), DHCP, DNS, NAT, route redistribution, ECMP, LLDP, BFD, tunnel content inspection	✓
QoS: policy-based traffic shaping (priority, guaranteed, maximum) per application, per user, per tunnel, based on DSCP classification	✓
Virtual systems: logical, separately managed firewall instances within a single physical firewall, with each virtual system's traffic kept separate	✓
Zone-based network segmentation and zone protection; DoS protection against flooding of new sessions	✓
Threat Prevention (subscription required)	
Inline malware prevention automatically enforced through payload-based signatures, updated daily	✓
Vulnerability-based protections against exploits and evasive techniques on network and application layers, including port scans, buffer overflows, packet fragmentation, and obfuscation	✓
Command-and-control (C2) activity stopped from exfiltrating data or delivering secondary malware payloads; infected hosts identified through DNS sinkholing	✓
URL Filtering (subscription required)	
Automatic prevention of web-based attacks, including phishing links in emails, phishing sites, HTTP-based C2, and pages that carry exploit kits	✓
Ability to stop in-process credential phishing	✓
Custom URL categories, alerts, and notification pages	✓
IoT Security (subscription required)	
Accurate identification and classification of all devices on a network, including never-before-seen devices	✓
Device security via ML-based anomaly detection, vulnerability assessment, risk-based policy recommendations, and enforcement* with the Device-ID policy construct *Device-based policy enforcement not available on the VM-50, VM-50 Lite, or CN-Series	✓
No additional infrastructure required to enable on Next-Generation Firewalls	✓
WildFire malware prevention (subscription required)	
Detection of zero-day malware and exploits with layered, complementary analysis techniques	✓
Automated prevention in seconds for most threats across networks, endpoints, and clouds	✓
Community-based data for protection, including more than 30,000 subscribers	✓
AutoFocus threat intelligence (subscription required)	
Contextualization and classification of attacks, including malware family, adversary, and campaign, to speed triage and response efforts	✓
Rich, globally correlated threat analysis sourced from WildFire	✓
Third-party threat intelligence for automated prevention	✓
DNS Security (subscription required)	
Automatic prevention of tens of millions of malicious domains identified with real-time analysis and continuously growing global threat intelligence	✓
Quick detection of C2 or data theft employing DNS tunneling with machine learning-powered analysis	✓
Automated dynamic response to find infected machines and quickly respond in policy	✓
File and data filtering	
Bidirectional control over the unauthorized transfer of file types and Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, and custom data patterns	✓
GlobalProtect network security for endpoints (subscription required)	
Remote access VPN (SSL, IPsec, clientless); mobile threat prevention and policy enforcement based on apps, users, content, device, and device state	✓
BYOD: app-level VPN for user privacy	✓
Panorama network security management (subscription required for managing multiple firewalls)	
Intuitive policy control with applications, users, threats, advanced malware prevention, URLs, file types, and data patterns all in the same policy	✓
Actionable insight into traffic and threats with Application Command Center (ACC); fully customizable reporting	✓
Aggregated logging and event correlation	✓
Consistent scalable management of up to 30,000 hardware and all VM-Series firewalls; role-based access control; logical and hierarchical device groups; and templates	✓
GUI, CLI, XML-based REST API	✓