

# Identify Counterfeit and Pirated Products



Cisco invests in state-of-the-art security features of the class found in currencies, passports, and other security documents. You will find security labels on many Cisco® products tailored to give you peace of mind.

## Carton security label



Cisco uses carton security labels on most packaging. They are often found overlapping the edge of the carton's white label to help identify genuine articles.

## PCBA security label



Cisco uses holographic and other security features on most line cards and modules' Printed Circuit Board Assemblies (PCBA).

## Module security label



Cisco uses holographic security indicators on most optical transceivers and high-speed cable assemblies to help identify genuine products.



### Buy genuine

Quality and authenticity should be your top consideration when buying products.



### Counterfeit risks

Counterfeit products can cause serious risks to network quality, performance, safety, and reliability.



### Use only Cisco authorized channels

Products sourced from outside Cisco authorized channels may pass through many hands before they reach you.



### Counterfeit products

Counterfeit products can contain components that have been tampered with, including illegal software. Counterfeit products may not perform to standards.



### Types of unauthorized products

Unauthorized products may include secondhand, third-party, or even stolen products.

## Report counterfeit products

Share information on suspected counterfeit products.

Cisco may use the information you provide to investigate and take action against counterfeit manufacturers and traffickers.

If you suspect illegal or unauthorized activity that affects Cisco's brand, please send a tip (anonymously if you wish) to [brandprotection@cisco.com](mailto:brandprotection@cisco.com).

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