

SnapGear vs WatchGuard, SonicWALL, NetScreen, Cisco 501

Features and price make SnapGear the first choice every time. See how SnapGear comes through with some compelling advantages that save you time and money.

	SnapGear					Other - listed as 10 user / 50 user				
Features	LITE	LITE+	SOHO+	PRO	PRO+	Sonic WALL TELE3	Sonic WALL SOHO3	Watch Guard SOHO∣tc	Net Screen 5XP/Elite	Cisco PIX 501
Stateful Firewall	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Broadband Interface	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Lan Ports	1	4 switched	1	1	1	1	1	4 hub	1	4 switched
PPPoE (required for ADSL)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Q1 2002
Internet Sharing	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
DHCP Leases	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	32
Web Manageme nt	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
VPN - IPSec	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
VPN - PPTP	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	no
RS-232 Ports	1	1	2	2	1	no	no	no	no	1
PPTP Tunnels	5	5	20	30	33	no	no	no	no	no
IPSec Tunnels	10	10	35	70	100	5/NA	10/10	10/10	10/10	5/5
User Restrictions	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	10/NA	10/50	10/50	10/ No limit	10/50
Warranty	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year
Updatable Firmware	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
Free Firmware Upgrades	Lifetime	Lifetime	Lifetime	Lifetime	Lifetime	90 days	90 days	1st year	90 days	NA
Initial Support	90 days	90 days	90 days	90 days	90 days	90 days	90 days	1st year, USD\$500 for VPN help	30 days	NA

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Feature Glossary of Terms

PPTP - Did you know that all Microsoft Windows operating systems already come with inbuilt PPTP clients? That means that only SnapGear offers VPN technology that is usable by "every man". In the past PPTP has been criticized for security weakness but Microsoft has long since corrected any problems, making PPTP "good enough" technology. SnapGear includes both client and server PPTP software so that any combination of computers and SnapGear units is possible to solve your secure communication needs. That means you can connect to an office remotely from your laptop just as securely from someone else's office as when you're on the road. Or you can combine two remote SnapGear units to form a VPN bridge to securely link two offices or more and all their network services. Our engineers are the experts when it comes to PPTP - we even wrote the definitive PPTP implementation that is now used by hundreds of companies around the world.

IPSec - SnapGear knows IPSec as well as anyone. All IPSec software is fully standards compliant and will inter-operate with all major commercial VPN software - whether that be another Internet Appliance or the largest of corporate VPN servers.

RS-232 Serial Ports - SnapGear routers have serial ports allowing you to attach additional peripherals such as modems. When it's essential to keep your Internet connection going it's time to use SnapGear. Suppose that your broadband Cable or ADSL provider has an outage - a SnapGear can dial-on-demand via a modem to keep essential data flowing. Or, with SnapGear RAS it's possible to dial directly into a SnapGear for Internet access.

User Restrictions - unlike our competitors we find it easier *not* to put in inherent limitations on how many users or computers that can connect through a SnapGear. All sizings that we give for networks of computers are based upon reasonable experience that you'll get the best performance - not because we limit you to extract more money from your pocket. A SnapGear will grow with your business, not stifle it!

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