

## Sourcefire Garners NSS Labs' "Recommend" Rating

*Source: Sourcefire, Inc*

*Dated: Feb 25, 2010*

### *Sourcefire IPS Achieves Highest Security Effectiveness Score in Independent NSS Labs Test*

Sourcefire, Inc. (Nasdaq: FIRE), the creators of SNORT(R) and a leader in intelligent Cybersecurity solutions, today announced its Sourcefire 3D4500 Sensor, part of the Sourcefire 3D(R) System intrusion prevention family, achieved a "Recommend" rating in the latest Network Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) Comparative Test Report from NSS Labs, Inc., published in December 2009. Sourcefire is one of only three vendors recommended by NSS Labs, based on its testing of 15 products.

"Of all products tested, the Sourcefire 3D4500 provided the greatest protection against our attacks," said Rick Moy, president, NSS Labs, Inc. "Sourcefire deserves strong consideration from organizations looking for a network IPS to use in multi-gigabit environments. Sourcefire's IPS posted the highest block rate of any product, stopping 89.5 percent of all attacks after tuning."

NSS Labs found that when tuned the Sourcefire 3D System blocked more attacks than any other IPS tested. NSS Labs also determined that the 3D4500 Sensor performed closest to its advertised performance. Promoted as a 2Gbps box, it achieved 1.9Gbps running its default policy within NSS Labs' rigorous testing environment, delivering 95 percent of the advertised performance using a real-world traffic mix -- far exceeding the vendor average.

"The difference between the least and most effective products that NSS Labs tested was 72.2 percent, ranging from 17.3 percent to 89.5 percent, which drives home the fact that intrusion prevention systems are not commodities, and organizations should choose wisely," said Steve Piper, Sr. Director of Products at Sourcefire. "Enterprises need to do their homework and make sure that their vendor is actually investing to deliver the protection and performance that customers require. NSS Labs has objectively determined what Sourcefire customers already know - that the Sourcefire 3D System delivers premier performance and industry-leading value."

Designed to address the challenges faced by IT professionals in selecting and managing security products, NSS Labs reports offer unbiased, actionable information based on real-world test data. Using its real-world testing methodology, NSS Labs compared all 15 products against 1,159 live exploits in the industry's most comprehensive test to date. Ratings were then awarded based on the product's security effectiveness, performance and total cost of ownership (TCO). Each product earned a rating of either "Recommend," "Neutral," or "Caution" based on its composite test results. Only the top technical products earned a Recommend rating, regardless of their market share, brand recognition, or the company's size.

Executive Summary Available Now

An Executive Summary of the NSS Labs Network IPS Comparative Test Report can be found at: [http://now.sourcefire.com?elqPURLPage=1&elqformname=nss\\_labs](http://now.sourcefire.com?elqPURLPage=1&elqformname=nss_labs)

Joint Webcast on March 10th at 11am EST / 4pm GMT

A joint webcast featuring Rick Moy, President of NSS Labs and Matt Watchinski, Sr. Director of Sourcefire's Vulnerability Research Team, will take place on Wednesday, March 10th at 11am EST / 4:00pm GMT. The webcast is entitled "Best Practices for IPS Tuning." Interested participants may register

or learn more by connecting to: <https://sourcefire.webex.com/sourcefire/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=794801971>

#### About NSS Labs, Inc.

NSS Labs, Inc. is the world's leading independent, information security research and testing organization. Its expert analyses provide information technology professionals with the unbiased data they need to select the right product for their organizations. Pioneering intrusion detection and prevention system testing with the publication of the first such test criteria in 1999, NSS Labs has also evaluated firewall, unified threat management, anti-malware, encryption, web application firewall, and other technologies on a regular basis. The firm's real-world test methodology is the only one to assess security products against live Internet threats. As such, NSS Labs tests are considered the most aggressive in the industry and its recommendations and certifications highly coveted by vendors. Founded in 1999, the company has offices in Carlsbad, California and Austin, Texas. For more information, visit [www.nsslabs.com](http://www.nsslabs.com).

#### About Sourcefire

Sourcefire, Inc. (Nasdaq:FIRE) is a world leader in intelligent Cybersecurity solutions. Sourcefire is transforming the way Global 2000 organizations and government agencies manage and minimize network security risks. Sourcefire's IPS and Real-time Adaptive Security solution equips customers with an efficient and effective layered security defense - protecting network assets before, during and after an attack. Through the years, Sourcefire has been consistently recognized for its innovation and industry leadership by customers, media and industry analysts alike - with more than 50 awards and accolades. Today, the names Sourcefire and founder Martin Roesch have grown synonymous with innovation and network security intelligence. For more information about Sourcefire, please visit <http://www.sourcefire.com>.

Category	Security, Technology
Tags	cybersecurity, nss labs, ips report, ips testing, nss reports
Email	<a href="#">Click to contact author</a>
Link	<a href="http://prlog.org/10549280">http://prlog.org/10549280</a>



Scan this QR Code with your SmartPhone to-

- \* Read this news online
- \* Contact author
- \* Bookmark or share online