

Leading Intrusion Detection System Providers (2006)

Company	Product	IPS/IDS Architecture	Usability: 1=Low 10=High	Endpoint Product Available	Strengths	Weaknesses	Predefined Compliance Configurations
AirDefense	AirDefense Enterprise	✓ Distributed ✓ Integrated	3	Yes: AirDefense Personal	Scalability	Uncertainty due to intellectual property issue with AirTight Networks	No
AirMagnet	AirMagnet Enterprise	✓ Distributed ✓ Integrated	7	No	Easy-to-use compliance reporting	No default policies	Yes
AirTight Networks	SpectraGuard Enterprise	✓ Centralized ✓ Integrated	10	Yes: SpectraGuard SAFE	Most user friendly	Uncertainty due to intellectual property issue with AirDefense	No
Aruba Networks	Aruba Wireless Intrusion Prevention	✓ Centralized ✓ Integrated	5	No	Strong rogue confirmation	Primary focus is general WLAN hardware; IPS focus is secondary	No
BlueSocket	BlueSecure	Integrated	5	No	Centralized sensor option can be cost effective	Use of central sensor could leave "dead" areas	No
Cisco Systems	Cisco Unified Wireless Network, Self-Defending Network	Integrated	7	No	High market penetration and product variety; network access control forces policy compliance on attached devices	System favors dual-use sensor / access point, lack of reporting templates	No
Network Chemistry	RFprotect	✓ Distributed ✓ Integrated	5	Yes: RFProtect Endpoint	Academic/open source background, wirelessve.org	Only recently began supplying directly; used to be OEM provider	No
WildPackets	AiroPeek/ OmniPeek	Distributed	6	No	Easy deployment, long-established company	Primary focus is WLAN management; IPS focus is secondary	No