

Microsoft Windows 10 END OF LIFE

Striker Systems has many customers using older versions of our various fabrication software products. Use of Release 2020 and earlier versions is not uncommon. This is understandable as maintaining the latest software release is generally not top of mind, particularly when your current release is performing adequately. Although there are many advantages to keeping your Striker Systems software current, it is often an “event” that ultimately drives the upgrade process. One of the driving events that we commonly see is the inability to safely maintain a Windows operating system.

For nearly a decade, Windows 10 has been a mainstay of Microsoft operating systems. But just like its predecessors (Windows 8, Windows 7, Windows XP, etc.), Windows 10 will ultimately reach its End of Life. And it may be sooner than you think. According to Microsoft, support for Windows 10 will end on October 14, 2025.

So, what does this mean? It means that Microsoft will no longer provide security updates or technical support for Windows 10. According to Microsoft, if you continue to use an unsupported version of Windows, your PC will still work, but it will become more vulnerable to security risks and viruses. In today's world of accelerating cyber technology, organizations cannot open themselves up to increased cyber risk.

Striker Systems began supporting the Windows 10 operating system with the release of STRIKER 2016. We now have many, many Striker customers on Windows 10, so we wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with this Windows 10 End of Life heads-up. The good news is, with October 2025 being over a year away, there is still time to plan your technology advancements. But as we know, a year passes quickly so this process should not be delayed.

Microsoft recommends transitioning to Windows 11 before support ends for Windows 10 next year (www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/end-of-support). Striker Systems has fully supported Windows 11 since the release of STRIKER 2023, so customers on earlier Striker versions are likely on Windows 10 or prior.

If you have questions about your current Striker Systems software release and would like to discuss options for moving forward, please contact Striker Systems Sales at 800-950-7862 or sales@strikersystems.com.