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1 General

1.1 Overview

This document is the non-proprietary FIPS 140-3 Security Policy for Hardware version 3.3.2 of the Nuvoton Cryptographic Library 3.3. It has a one-to-one mapping to the [SP 800-140Br1] starting with section B.2.1 named “General” that maps to section 1 in this document and ending with section B.2.12 named “Mitigation of other attacks” that maps to section 12 in this document. This document also contains the security rules under which the module must operate and describes how this module meets the requirements as specified in FIPS PUB 140-3 (Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 140-3) for a Security Level 1 module.

1.2 Security Levels

Table 1 describes the individual security areas of FIPS 140-3, as well as the Security Levels of those individual areas:

Section	Title	Security Level
1	General	1
2	Cryptographic module specification	1
3	Cryptographic module interfaces	1
4	Roles, services, and authentication	1
5	Software/Firmware security	N/A
6	Operational environment	1
7	Physical security	1
8	Non-invasive security	N/A
9	Sensitive security parameter management	1
10	Self-tests	1
11	Life-cycle assurance	1
12	Mitigation of other attacks	N/A
	Overall Level	1

Table 1: Security Levels

2 Cryptographic Module Specification

2.1 Description

Purpose and Use:

The Nuvoton Cryptographic Library 3.3 cryptographic module (hereafter referred to as “the module”) is a Hardware Single Chip cryptographic module. More specifically, the module is considered a sub-chip cryptographic subsystem as defined in IG 2.3.B.

Module Type: Hardware

Module Embodiment: Single Chip

Module Characteristics: SubChip

Cryptographic Boundary:

The block diagram below shows the cryptographic boundary of the module (shown by the blue dotted outline), and its interfaces with the operational environment.

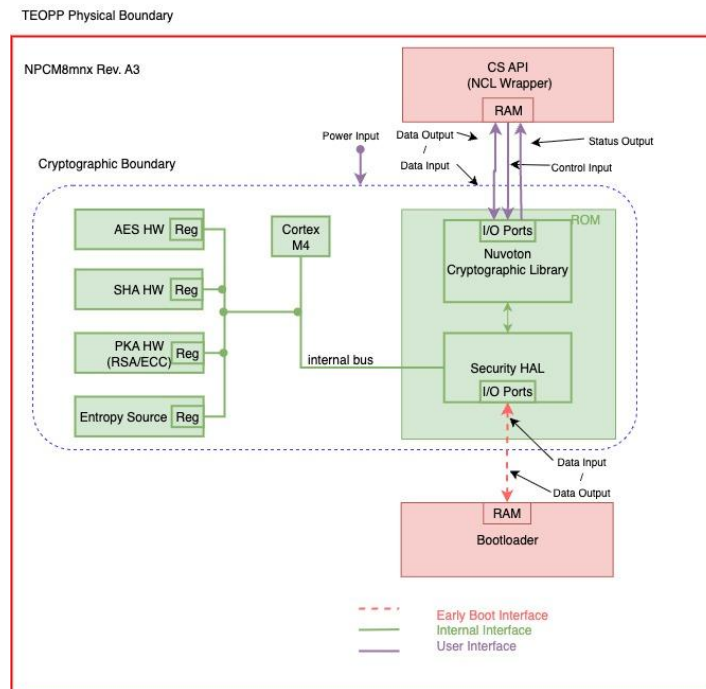


Figure 1: Block Diagram

Tested Operational Environment's Physical Perimeter (TOEPP):

The red outline in Figure 1 above indicates the Tested Operational Environment's Physical Perimeter (TOEPP).



Figure 2: Nuvoton NPCM8mnx Rev. A3

2.2 Tested and Vendor Affirmed Module Version and Identification

Tested Module Identification – Hardware:

Model and/or Part Number	Hardware Version	Firmware Version	Processors	Features
Nuvoton NPCM8mnx Rev. A3	3.3.2	N/A	ARM Cortex M4	Arbel Baseboard Management Controller (BMC)

Table 2: Tested Module Identification – Hardware

2.3 Excluded Components

There are no components within the cryptographic boundary excluded from the FIPS 140-3 requirements.

2.4 Modes of Operation

Modes List and Description:

The module supports approved services in the approved mode of operation. There are no non-approved services supported by the module.

Mode Name	Description	Type	Status Indicator
Approved Mode	Only approved algorithms are used	Approved	NCL_STATUS_OK

Table 3: Modes List and Description

2.5 Algorithms

Approved Algorithms:

The table below lists all security functions of the module, including specific key strengths employed for approved services, and implemented modes of operation.

Algorithm	CAVP Cert	Properties	Reference
AES-CBC	A7343	Direction - Decrypt, Encrypt Key Length - 128, 192, 256	SP 800-38A
AES-CCM	A7343	Key Length - 128, 192, 256	SP 800-38C
AES-CFB128	A7343	Direction - Decrypt, Encrypt Key Length - 128, 192, 256	SP 800-38A
AES-CMAC	A7343	Direction - Generation, Verification Key Length - 128, 192, 256	SP 800-38B
AES-CTR	A7343	Direction - Decrypt, Encrypt Key Length - 128, 192, 256	SP 800-38A
AES-ECB	A7343	Direction - Decrypt, Encrypt Key Length - 128, 192, 256	SP 800-38A
AES-GCM	A7343	Direction - Decrypt, Encrypt IV Generation - Internal IV Generation Mode - 8.2.2 Key Length - 128, 192, 256	SP 800-38D
AES-GMAC	A7343	Direction - Decrypt, Encrypt IV Generation - Internal IV Generation Mode - 8.2.2 Key Length - 128, 192, 256	SP 800-38D
AES-OFB	A7343	Direction - Decrypt, Encrypt Key Length - 128, 192, 256	SP 800-38A
ECDSA KeyGen (FIPS186-5)	A7343	Curve - P-256, P-384, P-521 Secret Generation Mode - testing candidates	FIPS 186-5
ECDSA KeyVer (FIPS186-5)	A7343	Curve - P-256, P-384, P-521	FIPS 186-5
ECDSA SigGen (FIPS186-5)	A7343	Curve - P-256, P-384, P-521 Hash Algorithm - SHA2-256, SHA2-384, SHA2-512 Component - No, Yes	FIPS 186-5
ECDSA SigVer (FIPS186-5)	A7343	Curve - P-256, P-384, P-521 Hash Algorithm - SHA2-256, SHA2-384, SHA2-512	FIPS 186-5
Hash DRBG	A7343	Prediction Resistance - No, Yes Mode - SHA2-512	SP 800-90A Rev. 1
HMAC-SHA2-256	A7343	Key Length - Key Length: 8-524288 Increment 8	FIPS 198-1

Algorithm	CAVP Cert	Properties	Reference
HMAC-SHA2-384	A7343	Key Length - Key Length: 8-524288 Increment 8	FIPS 198-1
HMAC-SHA2-512	A7343	Key Length - Key Length: 8-524288 Increment 8	FIPS 198-1
KAS-ECC-SSC Sp800-56Ar3	A7343	Domain Parameter Generation Methods - P-256, P-384, P-521 Scheme - ephemeralUnified - KAS Role - initiator, responder	SP 800-56A Rev. 3
KDF SP800-108	A7343	KDF Mode - Counter, Double Pipeline Iteration, Feedback Supported Lengths - Supported Lengths: 8-4096 Increment 8	SP 800-108 Rev. 1
KTS-IFC	A7343	Modulo - 2048, 3072 Key Generation Methods - rsakpg1-basic, rsakpg2-basic Scheme - KTS-OAEP-basic - KAS Role - initiator, responder Key Transport Method - Key Length - 1024	SP 800-56B Rev. 2
LMS SigVer	A7343	LMS Modes - LMS_SHA256_M32_H10, LMS_SHA256_M32_H15, LMS_SHA256_M32_H20, LMS_SHA256_M32_H25, LMS_SHA256_M32_H5	SP 800-208
RSA SigGen (FIPS186-5)	A7343	Modulo - 2048, 3072 Signature Type - pkcs1v1.5, pss	FIPS 186-5
RSA SigVer (FIPS186-5)	A7343	Modulo - 2048, 3072 Signature Type - pkcs1v1.5, pss	FIPS 186-5
SHA2-256	A7343	Message Length - Message Length: 0-65536 Increment 8	FIPS 180-4
SHA2-384	A7343	Message Length - Message Length: 0-65536 Increment 8	FIPS 180-4
SHA2-512	A7343	Message Length - Message Length: 0-65536 Increment 8	FIPS 180-4

Table 4: Approved Algorithms

Vendor-Affirmed Algorithms

Name	Properties	Implementation	Reference
HSS SigVer	Key Size:256 bits	Nuvoton Cryptographic Library 3.3 for Trusted Integrated Processor (NCL)	The LMS operations used by the HSS implementation were CAVP tested in accordance with IG C.O with Certs A7343

Name	Properties	Implementation	Reference
CKG (ECDSA/ECDH)	Type:Asymmetric	N/A	CKG for asymmetric keys as per SP 800-133Rev2 section 4 example 1 with no post processing on the U value

Table 5: Vendor-Affirmed Algorithms

Non-Approved, Allowed Algorithms:

N/A for this module.

Non-Approved, Allowed Algorithms with No Security Claimed:

N/A for this module.

Non-Approved, Not Allowed Algorithms:

N/A for this module.

2.6 Security Function Implementations

Name	Type	Description	Properties	Algorithms
AES-CBC	BC-UnAuth	AES Encryption and AES Decryption	Key Size:128, 192, 256 bits Key Strength:128, 192, 256 bits	AES-CBC: (A7343)
AES-CCM	BC-Auth	Authenticated AES Encryption and AES Decryption	Key Size:128, 192, 256 bits Key Strength:128, 192, 256 bits	AES-CCM: (A7343)
AES-CFB128	BC-UnAuth	AES Encryption and AES Decryption	Key Size:128, 192, 256 bits Key Strength:128, 192, 256 bits	AES-CFB128: (A7343)
AES-CMAC	MAC	CMAC Message Authentication Code Generation and CMAC Message Authentication Code Verification	Key Size:128, 192, 256 bits	AES-CMAC: (A7343)
AES-CTR	BC-UnAuth	AES Encryption and AES Decryption	Key Size:128, 192, 256 bits Key Strength:128, 192, 256 bits	AES-CTR: (A7343)
AES-ECB	BC-UnAuth	AES Encryption and AES Decryption	Key Size:128, 192, 256 bits Key Strength:128, 192, 256 bits	AES-ECB: (A7343)

Name	Type	Description	Properties	Algorithms
AES-GCM	BC-Auth	Authenticated AES Encryption and AES Decryption	Key Size:128, 192, 256 bits Key Strength:128, 192, 256 bits	AES-GCM: (A7343)
AES-GMAC	MAC	GMAC Message Authentication Code Generation and GMAC Message Authentication Code Verification	Key Size:128, 192, 256 bits Key Strength:128, 192, 256 bits	AES-GMAC: (A7343)
AES-OFB	BC-UnAuth	AES Encryption and AES Decryption	Key Size:128, 192, 256 bits Key Strength:128, 192, 256 bits	AES-OFB: (A7343)
HMAC	MAC	HMAC Message Authentication Code Generation	Key Size:256, 384, 512 bits Key Strength:256, 384, 512 bits	HMAC-SHA2-256: (A7343) HMAC-SHA2-384: (A7343) HMAC-SHA2-512: (A7343)
RSA SigGen	DigSig-SigGen	RSA Signature Generation	Signature Types:PKCS#1 v1.5, RSA-PSS Message Digest:SHA2-256, SHA2-384, SHA2-512 Modulus Size:2048, 3072	RSA SigGen (FIPS186-5): (A7343)
RSA SigVer	DigSig-SigVer	RSA Signature Verification	Signature Types:PKCS#1 v1.5, RSA-PSS Message Digest:SHA2-256, SHA2-384, SHA2-512 Modulus Size:2048, 3072	RSA SigVer (FIPS186-5): (A7343)
RSA encapsulation	AsymKeyPair-Encap	RSA encapsulation of arbitrary data	Scheme:OAEP-basic Modulus Size:2048, 3072 Standard:SP800-56Brev2	KTS-IFC: (A7343)
RSA decapsulation	AsymKeyPair-Decap	RSA decapsulation of arbitrary data	Scheme:OAEP-basic Modulus Size:2048, 3072 Standard:SP800-56Brev2	KTS-IFC: (A7343)
ECDSA KeyGen	AsymKeyPair-KeyGen CKG	ECDSA Key Generation	Generation Method:B.4.2 Testing Candidates Curves:P-256, P-384, P-521	ECDSA KeyGen (FIPS186-5): (A7343) CKG

Name	Type	Description	Properties	Algorithms
				(ECDSA/ECDH): ()
ECDSA KeyVer	AsymKeyPair-KeyVer	ECDSA Key Verification	Curves:P-256, P-384, P-521	ECDSA KeyVer (FIPS186-5): (A7343)
ECDSA SigGen	DigSig-SigGen	ECDSA Signature Generation	Message Digest:SHA2-256, SHA2-384, SHA2-512 Curves:P-256, P-384, P-521	ECDSA SigGen (FIPS186-5): (A7343)
ECDSA SigVer	DigSig-SigVer	ECDSA Signature Verification	Message Digest:SHA2-256, SHA2-384, SHA2-512 Curves:P-256, P-384, P-521	ECDSA SigVer (FIPS186-5): (A7343)
ECDSA SigGen Component	DigSig-SigGen	ECDSA Signature Generation Component	Curves:P-256, P-384, P-521	ECDSA SigGen (FIPS186-5): (A7343)
SHS	SHA	Message Digest Generation		SHA2-256: (A7343) SHA2-384: (A7343) SHA2-512: (A7343)
KAS-ECC-SSC	KAS-SSC	EC Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret Computation	Scheme:ephemeralUnified Curves:P-256, P-384, P-521	KAS-ECC-SSC Sp800-56Ar3: (A7343)
Hash_DRBG	DRBG	Random Number Generation	Mode:SHA2-512	Hash DRBG: (A7343)
HSS SigVer	DigSig-SigVer	HSS Signature Verification	Key Size:448 bits LMS Modes (CAVP):LMS_SHA256_M32_H10, LMS_SHA256_M32_H15, LMS_SHA256_M32_H20, LMS_SHA256_M32_H25, LMS_SHA256_M32_H5 LMOTS Modes (CAVP):LMOTS_SHA256_N32_W1, LMOTS_SHA256_N32_W2, LMOTS_SHA256_N32_W4, LMOTS_SHA256_N32_W8	LMS SigVer: (A7343) HSS SigVer: ()
LMS SigVer	DigSig-SigVer	LMS Signature Verification	Key Size:416 bits LMS Modes (CAVP):LMS_SHA256_M32_H10, LMS_SHA256_M32_H15,	LMS SigVer: (A7343)

Name	Type	Description	Properties	Algorithms
			LMS_SHA256_M32_H20, LMS_SHA256_M32_H25, LMS_SHA256_M32_H5 LMOTS Modes (CAVP):LMOTS_SHA256_N32_W1, LMOTS_SHA256_N32_W2, LMOTS_SHA256_N32_W4, LMOTS_SHA256_N32_W8	
KBKDF	KBKDF	Key Derivation Function	KDF Modes:Counter, Feedback, Double pipeline iteration MAC Modes:HMAC-SHA2- 256, HMAC-SHA2-384, HMAC-SHA2-512 Key Sizes:256, 384, 512 bits	KDF SP800-108: (A7343)

Table 6: Security Function Implementations

2.7 Algorithm Specific Information

The module's AES-GCM implementation conforms to IG C.H scenario 2. The module uses the approved Hash_DRBG to generate the IV with a length of 96-bits. The entropy source producing the DRBG seed is located inside the module's cryptographic boundary.

Steps to comply with the SP800-56Brev2 assurances can be found in section 11.3 Non-Administrator Guidance.

The module does not establish SSPs using an approved key transport scheme (KTS). However, it does offer approved authenticated algorithms that can be used by an external operator/application as part of an approved KTS.

The module does not establish SSPs using an approved key agreement scheme (KAS). However, it does offer some or all of the underlying KAS cryptographic functionality to be used by an external operator/application as part of an approved KAS.

2.8 RBG and Entropy

The module employs a Hash_DRBG using a SHA-512 PRF. Per section 10.1.1.1 of [SP800-90A], the internal state of the Hash_DRBG is the V, C, and reseed counter. The module makes use of the GetEntropy() interface of the entropy source to make two independent calls that output 512-bit each of full entropy from the SP 800-90B entropy source then concatenating them together to form 1024-bits of entropy input for the DRBG. The Hash_DRBG can generate random numbers with up to 256-bits of security strength. The DRBG internal state is not accessible by non-DRBG functions. All random values used by approved security functions, SSP generation, or SSP establishment method are provided by the Hash_DRBG.

Cert Number	Vendor Name
E94	Nuvoton

Table 7: Entropy Certificates

Name	Type	Operational Environment	Sample Size	Entropy per Sample	Conditioning Component
Nuvoton NTCES01	Physical	Nuvoton NPCM8mnx Rev. A3	512 bits	full entropy	The entropy pool is filled with random bits provided by an SP800-90B compliant entropy source whose noise source is from Ring Oscillators in hardware. SHA2-512 is used as the conditioning component with CAVP certs# A7343.

Table 8: Entropy Sources

2.9 Key Generation

The module generates Keys and SSPs in accordance with FIPS 140-3 IG D.H. The cryptographic module performs Cryptographic Key Generation (CKG) for asymmetric keys as per [SP800-133rev2] (vendor affirmed), compliant with [FIPS186-5] and using DRBG compliant with [SP800-90Arev1]. A seed (i.e., the random value) used in asymmetric key generation is obtained from [SP800-90Arev1] DRBG as described in Section 4 example 1 of [SP800-133rev2], where V is a string of binary zeroes, meaning B = U (i.e., the output of an approved RBG). The key generation service for ECDSA, as well as the [SP 800-90Arev1] DRBG have been ACVT tested with algorithm certificates found in Table 3.

The module provides key derivation service using SP800-108 KBKDF.

2.10 Key Establishment

The module implements KAS-ECC-SSC EC Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret Computation compliant to [SP800-56Arev3] and IG D.F Scenario (2) path (1).

- The shared secret computation provides between 128 and 256 bits of encryption strength.

3 Cryptographic Module Interfaces

3.1 Ports and Interfaces

The underlying logical interfaces of the module are the module's C language Application Programming Interfaces (APIs). All data input and data output, status ports and control ports are directed through the interface of the module's logical component, which are the APIs while the physical interface is considered the I/O ports of the sub-chip module through which the data input and data output, status output and control input traverse.

Physical Port	Logical Interface(s)	Data That Passes
I/O Ports	Data Input	Data inputs are provided in the variables passed in the API and callable service invocations, generally through caller-supplied buffers.
I/O Ports	Data Output	Data outputs are provided in the variables passed in the API and callable service invocations, generally through caller-supplied buffers.
I/O Ports	Control Input	Control inputs which control the operation of the module are provided through dedicated parameters.
I/O Ports	Status Output	Status output is provided in return codes and through messages. Documentation for each API lists possible return codes. A complete list of all return codes returned by the C language APIs within the module is provided in the header files and the API documentation. Messages are documented also in the API documentation.
Power Port	Power	Power interface is provided internally by TEOPP in which the cryptographic module is embedded.

Table 9: Ports and Interfaces

The module does not implement a Control Output Interface.

4 Roles, Services, and Authentication

4.1 Authentication Methods

FIPS 140-3 does not require authentication mechanism for level 1 modules. Therefore, the module does not implement an authentication mechanism.

N/A for this module.

4.2 Roles

The module supports two authorized roles: A Crypto Officer Role and a User Role. No support is provided for a Maintenance operator. The module does not implement a bypass mode nor concurrent operators.

Name	Type	Operator Type	Authentication Methods
Crypto Officer	Role	CO	None
User	Role	User	None

Table 10: Roles

When a device is delivered, the Crypto Officer is responsible for initializing the module i.e., configure the device by properly setting up key registers for storage of keys/CSPs. The Crypto Officer is implicitly assumed. The User can perform services from Table 11 only after the Crypto Officer takes possession by initializing the module, thus creating data to be protected is generated. The Users of the module are software applications that implicitly assume the User Role when requesting any cryptographic services provided by the module.

4.3 Approved Services

The module only implements Approved security functions in an Approved mode. The Table 5 below lists services available. The module provides an approved service indicator by receiving a return code of "NCL_STATUS_OK" to indicate that the service executed an approved security function.

NOTE: The module does not implement any non-Approved Algorithms in the Approved Mode of Operation (neither with nor without security claim). The module does not implement any non-approved security functions.

The abbreviations of the access rights to keys and SSPs have the following interpretation:

G = Generate: The module generates or derives the SSP.

R = Read: The SSP is read from the module (e.g., the SSP is output).

W = Write: The SSP is updated, imported, or written to the module.

E = Execute: The module uses the SSP in performing a cryptographic operation.

Z = Zeroise: The module zeroises the SSP.

Name	Description	Indicator	Inputs	Outputs	Security Functions	SSP Access
AES Encryption	Data Encryption	NCL STATUS OK	AES key, plain text	cipher text	AES-CBC AES-CCM AES-CFB128 AES-CTR	User - AES key: W,E

Name	Description	Indicator	Inputs	Outputs	Security Functions	SSP Access
					AES-ECB AES-GCM AES-OFB	- AES-GCM IV: G,R,E
AES Decryption	AES Decryption	NCL STATUS OK	AES key, cipher text	plain text	AES-CBC AES-CCM AES-CFB128 AES-CTR AES-ECB AES-GCM AES-OFB	User - AES key: W,E - AES-GCM IV: W,E
CMAC Message Authentication Code Generation	Message Authentication Code Generation	NCL STATUS OK	AES key, message	MAC	AES-CMAC	User - AES key: W,E
CMAC Message Authentication Code Verification	Message Authentication Code Verification	NCL STATUS OK	MAC, Message	"VALID" or "INVALID"	AES-CMAC	User - AES key: W,E
GMAC Message Authentication Code Generation	Message Authentication Code Generation	NCL STATUS OK	AES key, AAD	authentication tag	AES-GMAC	User - AES key: W,E - AES-GCM IV: G,R,E
GMAC Message Authentication Code Verification	Message Authentication Code Verification	NCL STATUS OK	AES key, AAD, IV, tag	"PASS" or "FAIL"	AES-GMAC	User - AES key: W,E - AES-GCM IV: W,E
HMAC Message Authentication Code Generation	Message Authentication Code Generation	NCL STATUS OK	HMAC key, message	MAC	HMAC	User - HMAC Key: W,E
Message Digest Generation	SHS Message Digest Generation	NCL STATUS OK	message	digest (hash value)	SHS	User
RSA Decapsulation	RSA Decapsulation	NCL STATUS OK	RSA private key,	decapsulated data	RSA decapsulation	User - RSA

Name	Description	Indicator	Inputs	Outputs	Security Functions	SSP Access
	using KTS-OAEP-basic		encapsulated data			Decapsulation Key: W,E
RSA Encapsulation	RSA Encapsulation using KTS-OAEP-basic	NCL STATUS OK	RSA public key, data to be encapsulated	encapsulated data	RSA encapsulation	User - RSA Encapsulation Key: W,E
RSA Digital Signature Generation	Digital Signature Generation	NCL STATUS OK	RSA public key, message, hash algorithm	signature	RSA SigGen Hash_DRBG	User - RSA Sig private key: W,E
RSA Digital Signature Verification	Digital Signature Verification	NCL STATUS OK	RSA public key, signature, message, hash algorithm	True or False	RSA SigVer	User - RSA Sig public key: W,E
ECDSA Digital Signature Generation	Digital Signature Generation	NCL STATUS OK	ECDSA private key, message, hash algorithm	signature	ECDSA SigGen Hash_DRBG	User - ECDSA private key: W,E - DRBG internal state (i.e., Hash_DRBG V and C values): W
ECDSA Digital Signature Generation Component	Digital Signature Generation Component	NCL STATUS OK	ECDSA private key, message, message digest	signature	ECDSA SigGen Component Hash_DRBG	User - ECDSA private key: W,E - DRBG internal state (i.e., Hash_DRBG V and C values): W
ECDSA Digital Signature Verification	Digital Signature Verification	NCL STATUS OK	ECDSA public key, signature, message, hash algorithm	True or False	ECDSA SigVer	User - ECDSA public key: W,E
ECDSA Key Generation	Asymmetric Key Pair Generation	NCL STATUS OK	Curve size	generated private and public key pair	ECDSA KeyGen Hash_DRBG	User - ECDSA private key: G,R - ECDSA public key: G,R - ECDH private

Name	Description	Indicator	Inputs	Outputs	Security Functions	SSP Access
						key: G,R - ECDH public key: G,R - DRBG internal state (i.e., Hash_DRBG V and C values): W - ECDSA intermediate key generation values: G,Z - ECDH intermediate key generation values: G,Z
ECDSA Key Verification	Asymmetric Public Key Verification	NCL STATUS OK	Public Key	True or False	ECDSA KeyVer	User - ECDSA public key: W,E - ECDH public key: W,E
EC Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret Computation	Shared Secret Computation using Elliptic Curve Cryptography	NCL STATUS OK	received public key, possessed private key	shared secret	KAS-ECC-SSC	User - ECDH public key: W,E - ECDH private key: W,E - ECC Shared Secret: G,R
Random Number Generation	Deterministic Random Number Generation	NCL STATUS OK	Seed	random numbers	Hash_DRBG	User - Entropy Input String: G,E - DRBG Seed: G,E - DRBG internal state (i.e., Hash_DRBG V and C values): W,G,E
Show Module Version Info	Outputs Module Name + Version Number	N/A	None	Module Name + Module Version Number	None	User

Name	Description	Indicator	Inputs	Outputs	Security Functions	SSP Access
SSP Zeroisation	zeroizes crypto function context and releases memory space	N/A	handle of crypto function context	zeroized and released memory space	None	User - AES key: Z - AES-GCM IV: Z - RSA Encapsulation Key: Z - RSA Decapsulation Key: Z - RSA Sig private key: Z - RSA Sig public key: Z - ECDSA private key: Z - ECDSA public key: Z - HMAC Key: Z - ECDH private key: Z - ECDH public key: Z - ECC Shared Secret: Z - Entropy Input String: Z - DRBG Seed: Z - DRBG internal state (i.e., Hash_DRBG V and C values): Z - HSS public key: Z - LMS public key: Z - Derived key: Z - Key Derivation Key: Z
Show-Status	Outputs Operational/Error status of the module	N/A	None	Operational/Error status	None	User

Name	Description	Indicator	Inputs	Outputs	Security Functions	SSP Access
Self-test	Executes on-demand self-test and outputs Pass/Fail status	NCL STATUS OK	None	Pass/Fail status	AES-CBC AES-CCM HMAC RSA SigGen RSA SigVer RSA encapsulation RSA decapsulation ECDSA SigGen ECDSA SigVer SHS KAS-ECC-SSC Hash_DRBG HSS SigVer KDKDF	User
HSS Signature Verification	Digital Signature Verification	NCL STATUS OK	HSS Public Key, Digital Signature, message	True or False	HSS SigVer	User - HSS public key: W,E
LMS Signature Verification	Digital Signature Verification	NCL STATUS OK	LMS Public Key, Digital Signature, message	True or False	LMS SigVer	User - LMS public key: W,E
Key derivation	Perform key derivation	NCL STATUS OK	Key Derivation Key	Derived key	KDKDF	User - Derived key: G,R - Key Derivation Key: W,E

Table 11: Approved Services

5 Software/Firmware Security

5.1 Integrity Techniques

The memory technology is non reconfigurable memory as defined in IG 5.A, which will not have any change or degradation of data for a minimum of 10 years after manufactured date. As such, it is considered a hardware only module with a non-modifiable operational environment. The requirements of this area are not applicable to the module.

6 Operational Environment

6.1 Operational Environment Type and Requirements

The Nuvoton Cryptographic Library 3.3 operates in a non-modifiable operational environment. The module is programmed by the manufacturer during the silicon manufacturing (rather than by the user). It maintains its own memory region which can only be accessed by the module. There is no additional application present within the operating environment. The module does not spawn any cryptographic processes.

Type of Operational Environment: Non-Modifiable

7 Physical Security

7.1 Mechanisms and Actions Required

The Nuvoton Cryptographic Library 3.3 cryptographic module is a Hardware cryptographic module in a single chip embodiment. More specifically, the module is considered a sub-chip cryptographic subsystem.

The module consists of production-grade components that include standard passivation techniques (e.g., a conformal coating applied over the module’s circuitry to protect against environmental or other physical damage). The module does not implement a maintenance role and has no maintenance access interface.

Mechanism	Inspection Frequency	Inspection Guidance
Hard tamper-evident coating	Determined by the operator	Observe the coating surrounding the chip for any signs of damage

Table 12: Mechanisms and Actions Required

8 Non-Invasive Security

Currently, the non-invasive security is not required by FIPS 140-3 (see NIST SP 800-140F). The requirements of this area are not applicable to the module.

9 Sensitive Security Parameters Management

9.1 Storage Areas

The module does not provide persistent storage for keys/SSPs. Keys/SSPs are stored in memory only and are received for use by the module only at the request of the User firmware.

Storage Area Name	Description	Persistence Type
RAM	Stored in volatile memory	Dynamic

Table 13: Storage Areas

9.2 SSP Input-Output Methods

Keys/SSPs entered or output the module are electronically entered in plaintext form from the invoking User firmware running on the same device. No Keys/SSPs are entered into or output from the module from outside of the TOEPP. According to IG 2.3.B, transferring SSPs including the entropy input between a sub-chip cryptographic subsystem and an intervening functional subsystem for Security Levels 1 and 2 on the same single chip is considered as not having Sensitive Security Parameter Establishment crossing the HMI of the sub-chip module per IG 9.5.A. Entropy input remains within the module's sub-chip boundary.

Name	From	To	Format Type	Distribution Type	Entry Type	SFI or Algorithm
API input	Within the TOEPP	RAM	Plaintext	N/A	N/A	
API output	RAM	Within the TOEPP	Plaintext	N/A	N/A	

Table 14: SSP Input-Output Methods

9.3 SSP Zeroization Methods

Keys and SSPs are explicitly zeroized automatically prior to the structure associated with the cipher being deallocated or implicitly when the device is powered down thereby rendering the data irretrievable. Input and output interfaces are inhibited while zeroization is being performed. For Keys and SSPs explicitly zeroized automatically the successful completion of a requested service suffices as the implicit indicator that zeroisation has completed. Keys and SSPs may be zeroized explicitly by calling the respective NCL_<alg>_Clear API listed in the table below which immediately zeroizes all sensitive data.

Zeroization Method	Description	Rationale	Operator Initiation
Module Reset	Power cycles the module	All SSPs in memory are overwritten by zeros	Initiated by operator
Automatic zeroization	Automatic zeroization when when no longer needed	Overwrites the targeted SSP's contents in memory with zeros using memset/memset_s for any contents in RAM and REG_WRITE for any contents in hardware registers	Automatically by the module

Zeroization Method	Description	Rationale	Operator Initiation
NCL_SHA_Clear	Clears existing SHA, HMAC, KBKDF contexts	Overwrites the targeted SSP's contents in memory with zeros using memset/memset_s for any contents in RAM and REG_WRITE for any contents in hardware registers	Initiated by operator
NCL_DRBG_Clear	Clears existing DRBG contexts	Overwrites the targeted SSP's contents in memory with zeros using memset/memset_s for any contents in RAM and REG_WRITE for any contents in hardware registers	Initiated by operator
NCL_AES_Clear	Clears existing AES contexts	Overwrites the targeted SSP's contents in memory with zeros using memset/memset_s for any contents in RAM and REG_WRITE for any contents in hardware registers	Initiated by operator
NCL_RSA_Clear	Clears existing RSA contexts	Overwrites the targeted SSP's contents in memory with zeros using memset/memset_s for any contents in RAM and REG_WRITE for any contents in hardware registers	Initiated by operator
NCL_ECC_Clear	Clears existing ECDSA and ECDH contexts	Overwrites the targeted SSP's contents in memory with zeros using memset/memset_s for any contents in RAM and REG_WRITE for any contents in hardware registers	Initiated by operator
NCL_HSS_Clear	Clears existing HSS contexts	Overwrites the targeted SSP's contents in memory with zeros using memset/memset_s for any contents in RAM and REG_WRITE for any contents in hardware registers	Initiated by operator
NCL_LMS_Clear	Clears existing LMS contexts	Overwrites the targeted SSP's contents in memory with zeros using memset/memset_s for any contents in RAM and REG_WRITE for any contents in hardware registers	Initiated by operator

Table 15: SSP Zeroization Methods

9.4 SSPs

The following summarizes the keys and Sensitive Security Parameters (SSPs) that are used by the cryptographic services implemented in the module. Modification of PSPs by unauthorized operators is prohibited.

Name	Description	Size - Strength	Type - Category	Generated By	Established By	Used By
AES key	AES Symmetric key used in Data Encryption, Data Decryption and	128, 192, 256 bits - 128, 192, 256 bits	Symmetric - CSP			AES-CBC AES-CCM AES-CFB128 AES-CMAC

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Name	Description	Size - Strength	Type - Category	Generated By	Established By	Used By
	Message Authentication Code Generation and verification					AES-CTR AES-ECB AES-GCM AES-GMAC
AES-GCM IV	Initialization Vector used by AES-GCM	96, 128 bits - N/A	Symmetric - PSP	Hash_DRBG		AES-GCM AES-GMAC
RSA Encapsulation Key	RSA OAEP private key	2048, 3072 bits - 112, 128 bits	Asymmetric - CSP			RSA encapsulation
RSA Decapsulation Key	RSA OAEP public key	2048, 3072 bits - 112, 128 bits	Asymmetric - PSP			RSA decapsulation
RSA Sig private key	Signature Generation	2048, 3072 bits - 112, 128 bits	Asymmetric - CSP			RSA SigGen
RSA Sig public key	Signature Verification	2048, 3072 bits - 112, 128 bits	Asymmetric - PSP			RSA SigVer
ECDSA private key	Signature Generation	P-256, P-384, P-521 curves - 112 to 256 bits	Asymmetric - CSP	ECDSA KeyGen Hash_DRBG		ECDSA SigGen
ECDSA intermediate key generation values	Intermediate values for ECDSA Signature Generation	P-256, P-384, P-521 curves - 112 to 256 bits	Asymmetric - CSP	ECDSA KeyGen Hash_DRBG		ECDSA SigGen
ECDSA public key	Key Verification, Signature Verification	P-256, P-384, P-521 curves - 112 to 256 bits	Asymmetric - PSP	ECDSA KeyGen Hash_DRBG		ECDSA KeyVer ECDSA SigVer
HMAC Key	Hashed Message Authentication Code Generation	112 bits or greater - 112 bits or greater	Symmetric - CSP			HMAC

Name	Description	Size - Strength	Type - Category	Generated By	Established By	Used By
ECDH private key	ECDH Shared Secret Computation	P-256, P-384, P-521 curves - 112 to 256-bits	Asymmetric - CSP	ECDSA KeyGen Hash_DRBG		KAS-ECC-SSC
ECDH intermediate key generation values	Intermediate values for ECDH Shared Secret Computation	P-256, P-384, P-521 curves - 112 to 256-bits	Asymmetric - CSP	ECDSA KeyGen Hash_DRBG		
ECDH public key	ECDH Shared Secret Computation	P-256, P-384, P-521 curves - 112 to 256-bits	Asymmetric - PSP	ECDSA KeyGen Hash_DRBG		ECDSA KeyVer KAS-ECC-SSC
ECC Shared Secret	ECDH Shared Secret Computation	P-256, P-384, P-521 curves - 112 to 256-bits	Asymmetric shared secret - CSP		KAS-ECC-SSC	
Entropy Input String	Seed DRBG	256-bits - 256-bits	DRBG - CSP			Hash_DRBG
DRBG Seed	Maintaining DRBG internal state	256-bits - 256-bits	DRBG - CSP			Hash_DRBG
DRBG internal state (i.e., Hash_DRBG V and C values)	Maintaining DRBG internal state	256-bits - 256-bits	DRBG - CSP			Hash_DRBG
HSS public key	Used by HSS signature verification	448-bits - 256-bits	Asymmetric key - PSP			HSS SigVer
LMS public key	Used by LMS signature verification	416-bits - 256-bits	Asymmetric key - CSP			LMS SigVer
Derived key	Key derived by KBKDF	256, 384, 512 bits - 256, 384, 512 bits	Symmetric - CSP	KBKDF		
Key Derivation Key	Key used by KBKDF	256, 384, 512 bits -	Symmetric - CSP			KBKDF

Name	Description	Size - Strength	Type - Category	Generated By	Established By	Used By
		256, 384, 512 bits				

Table 16: SSP Table 1

Name	Input - Output	Storage	Storage Duration	Zeroization	Related SSPs
AES key	API input	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_AES_Clear	AES-GCM IV:Paired With
AES-GCM IV	API input API output	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_AES_Clear	AES key:Paired With
RSA Encapsulation Key	API input	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_RSA_Clear	RSA Decapsulation Key:Paired With
RSA Decapsulation Key	API input	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_RSA_Clear	RSA Encapsulation Key:Paired With
RSA Sig private key	API input	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_RSA_Clear	RSA Sig public key:Paired With
RSA Sig public key	API input	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_RSA_Clear	RSA Sig private key:Paired With
ECDSA private key	API input API output	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_ECC_Clear	DRBG internal state (i.e., Hash_DRBG V and C values):Derived From ECDSA public key:Paired With ECDSA intermediate key generation values:Paired With
ECDSA intermediate key generation values		RAM:Plaintext	Until no longer needed	Automatic zeroization	DRBG internal state (i.e., Hash_DRBG V and C

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Name	Input - Output	Storage	Storage Duration	Zeroization	Related SSPs
					values):Derived From ECDSA private key:Paired With ECDSA public key:Paired With
ECDSA public key	API input API output	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_ECC_Clear	DRBG internal state (i.e., Hash_DRBG V and C values):Derived From ECDSA private key:Paired With ECDSA intermediate key generation values:Paired With
HMAC Key	API input	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_SHA_Clear	
ECDH private key	API input API output	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_ECC_Clear	DRBG internal state (i.e., Hash_DRBG V and C values):Derived From ECDH public key:Paired With ECDH intermediate key generation values:Paired With
ECDH intermediate key generation values		RAM:Plaintext	Until no longer needed	Automatic zeroization	DRBG internal state (i.e., Hash_DRBG V and C values):Derived From ECDH private key:Paired With ECDH public key:Paired With
ECDH public key	API input API output	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_ECC_Clear	DRBG internal state (i.e., Hash_DRBG V and C values):Derived From ECDH private key:Paired With ECDH intermediate key generation values:Paired With
ECC Shared Secret	API output	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic	ECDH private key:Established From

Name	Input - Output	Storage	Storage Duration	Zeroization	Related SSPs
				zeroization NCL_ECC_Clear	ECDH public key:Established From
Entropy Input String		RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_DRBG_Clear	DRBG Seed:Derives
DRBG Seed		RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_DRBG_Clear	Entropy Input String:Derived From DRBG internal state (i.e., Hash_DRBG V and C values):Derives
DRBG internal state (i.e., Hash_DRBG V and C values)		RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_DRBG_Clear	DRBG Seed:Derived From
HSS public key	API input	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_HSS_Clear	
LMS public key	API input	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_LMS_Clear	
Derived key	API output	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_SHA_Clear	Key Derivation Key:Derived From
Key Derivation Key	API input	RAM:Plaintext	Until deallocated or on module reset	Module Reset Automatic zeroization NCL_SHA_Clear	Derived key:Derives

Table 17: SSP Table 2

9.5 Transitions

The use of cryptographic keys with a security strength ≥ 112 but < 128 bits for digital signature verification, ECDH shared secret computation, and RSA OAEP are deprecated after December 31, 2030. The use of HMAC Generation using keys ≥ 112 but < 128 bits is acceptable through December 31, 2030, and disallowed thereafter.

10 Self-Tests

10.1 Pre-Operational Self-Tests

The module is solely implemented in hardware (i.e., only contains executable code that is stored in non-reconfigurable memory). As such, the module does not perform any pre-operational software/firmware integrity test, but instead performs a Cryptographic Algorithm Self-Test on the SHA2-256, HMAC-SHA2-512 and KBKDF-HMAC-SHA2-256 algorithms when the module is powered on.

Self-tests ensure that the module is not corrupted and that the cryptographic algorithms work as expected. While the module is executing the above self-tests, no services are available, and input and output are inhibited. The module will boot only after successfully passing the SHA2-256, HMAC-SHA2-512 and KBKDF-HMAC-SHA2-256 CASTs. If an error is detected in any self-test, the module will enter the Error State.

N/A for this module.

The module does not implement a pre-operational bypass test nor pre-operational critical functions test.

10.2 Conditional Self-Tests

The module conducts conditional cryptographic algorithm self-test prior to the first operational use of each cryptographic algorithm. The table below describes the conditional tests supported by the module.

Algorithm or Test	Test Properties	Test Method	Test Type	Indicator	Details	Conditions
HMAC-SHA2-512 (A7343)	HMAC-SHA2-512 MAC Generation KAT	KAT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	MAC Generation	Performed when the module is powered on
SHA2-256 (A7343)	SHA2-256 Message Digest KAT	KAT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	Message Digest	Performed when the module is powered on
AES-CCM (A7343)	AES-CCM Encryption KAT using 128-bit key	KAT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	AES Encryption	Prior to the first operational use of the algorithm
AES-CBC (A7343)	AES-CBC Decryption KAT using 128-bit key	KAT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	AES Decryption	Prior to the first operational use of the algorithm
KTS-IFC (A7343)	KTS-OAEP-basic Encryption/Decryption KAT with 2048-bit key and SHA2-256	KAT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	KTS-OAEP-basic Encryption and Decryption	Prior to the first operational use of the algorithm

Algorithm or Test	Test Properties	Test Method	Test Type	Indicator	Details	Conditions
RSA SigGen (FIPS186-5) (A7343)	RSA Signature Generation KAT with 2048-bit key and SHA2-256	KAT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	RSA Signature Generation	Prior to the first operational use of the algorithm
RSA SigVer (FIPS186-5) (A7343)	RSA Signature Verification KAT with 2048-bit key and SHA2-256	KAT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	RSA Signature Verification	Prior to the first operational use of the algorithm
ECDSA SigGen (FIPS186-5) (A7343)	ECDSA Signature Generation KAT with P-256 curve and SHA2-256	KAT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	ECDSA Signature Generation	Prior to the first operational use of the algorithm
ECDSA SigVer (FIPS186-5) (A7343)	ECDSA Signature Verification KAT with P-256 curve and SHA2-256	KAT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	ECDSA Signature Verification	Prior to the first operational use of the algorithm
KAS-ECC-SSC Sp800-56Ar3 (A7343)	ECDH shared secret computation KAT with P-256 curve	KAT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	ECDH shared secret computation	Prior to the first operational use of the algorithm
Hash DRBG (A7343)	Hash_DRBG random number generation KAT using predefined seed.	KAT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	Hash_DRBG random number generation; Performs a combination of Instantiate(), Reseed() and Generate() in accordance with IG 10.3.A Resolution 6	Prior to the first operational use of the algorithm
KDF SP800-108 (A7343)	Counter mode using HMAC-SHA2-256 using 160-bit key	KAT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	KBKDF	Performed when the module is powered on
ECDSA KeyGen (FIPS186-5) (A7343)	Pairwise consistency test	PCT	PCT	NCL STATUS OK	Pairwise consistency test	Performed upon generation of a new ECDSA key pair

Algorithm or Test	Test Properties	Test Method	Test Type	Indicator	Details	Conditions
ESV - Repetition Count Test (Startup)	Startup test with 1024 samples; Cutoff value = 35	RCT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	Entropy Health Test	Performed before seeding the DRBG
ESV - Repetition Count Test (Continuous)	Cutoff value = 35	RCT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	Entropy Health Test	Performed before seeding the DRBG
ESV - Adaptive Proportional Test (Startup)	Startup test with 1024 samples; Cutoff value = 748	APT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	Entropy Health Test	Performed before seeding the DRBG
ESV - Adaptive Proportional Test (Continuous)	Cutoff value = 748	APT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	Entropy Health Test	Performed before seeding the DRBG
HSS SigVer	HSS KAT SHA2-256	KAT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	HSS Digital Signature Verification	Prior to the first operational use of the algorithm
LMS SigVer (A7343)	LMS KAT SHA2-256	KAT	CAST	NCL STATUS OK	LMS Digital Signature Verification	Prior to the first operational use of the algorithm

Table 18: Conditional Self-Tests

The module does not implement a Software/Firmware Load Test, Manual Entry Test, Conditional Bypass Test nor Conditional Critical Functions Test.

10.3 Periodic Self-Test Information

During runtime, operators can initiate the conditional self-tests on demand by calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest and passing the algorithm as an argument.

The module's entropy source is powered on only momentarily to seed the module's SP800-90B DRBG. The module performs entropy source health tests defined in Section 4 of SP800-90B on the generated output prior to seeding the SP800-90B DRBG. After completing its execution, the entropy source powers down.

N/A for this module.

Algorithm or Test	Test Method	Test Type	Period	Periodic Method
HMAC-SHA2-512 (A7343)	KAT	CAST	On demand	By calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest and passing the algorithm as an argument
SHA2-256 (A7343)	KAT	CAST	On demand	By calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest and passing the algorithm as an argument
AES-CCM (A7343)	KAT	CAST	On demand	By calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest and passing the algorithm as an argument
AES-CBC (A7343)	KAT	CAST	On demand	By calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest and passing the algorithm as an argument
KTS-IFC (A7343)	KAT	CAST	On demand	By calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest and passing the algorithm as an argument
RSA SigGen (FIPS186-5) (A7343)	KAT	CAST	On demand	By calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest and passing the algorithm as an argument
RSA SigVer (FIPS186-5) (A7343)	KAT	CAST	On demand	By calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest and passing the algorithm as an argument
ECDSA SigGen (FIPS186-5) (A7343)	KAT	CAST	On demand	By calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest and passing the algorithm as an argument

Algorithm or Test	Test Method	Test Type	Period	Periodic Method
ECDSA SigVer (FIPS186-5) (A7343)	KAT	CAST	On demand	By calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest and passing the algorithm as an argument
KAS-ECC-SSC Sp800-56Ar3 (A7343)	KAT	CAST	On demand	By calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest and passing the algorithm as an argument
Hash DRBG (A7343)	KAT	CAST	On demand	By calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest and passing the algorithm as an argument
KDF SP800-108 (A7343)	KAT	CAST	On demand	By calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest and passing the algorithm as an argument
ECDSA KeyGen (FIPS186-5) (A7343)	PCT	PCT	N/A	N/A
ESV - Repetition Count Test (Startup)	RCT	CAST	On demand	Powering the chip off and on
ESV - Repetition Count Test (Continuous)	RCT	CAST	On demand	Powering the chip off and on
ESV - Adaptive Proportional Test (Startup)	APT	CAST	On demand	Powering the chip off and on
ESV - Adaptive Proportional Test (Continuous)	APT	CAST	On demand	Powering the chip off and on
HSS SigVer	KAT	CAST	On demand	By calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest and passing the algorithm as an argument
LMS SigVer (A7343)	KAT	CAST	On demand	By calling NCL_MISC_SelfTest

Algorithm or Test	Test Method	Test Type	Period	Periodic Method
				and passing the algorithm as an argument

Table 19: Conditional Periodic Information

10.4 Error States

For any of the conditional self-tests, the module enters an error state upon failing the self-test. A failure in the conditional CAST or conditional PCT results in “NCL_STATUS_FAIL”. Likewise, a failure of the entropy source health tests will result in an “ENTROPY_SRC_ERROR” status returned to the user. When in the error state, no cryptographic services are provided, control and data output is prohibited. The only method to clear this error state is to power cycle the device and then successfully pass the conditional self-tests.

Name	Description	Conditions	Recovery Method	Indicator
Error State	When in this error state, no cryptographic services are provided, control and data output is prohibited.	Failure in conditional self-test (conditional CAST or conditional PCT) Failure of the ENT health test	The only method to clear this error state is to power cycle the device and then successfully pass the conditional self-tests.	Failure in conditional self-test: NCL_STATUS_FAIL; Failure of the ENT health test: ENTROPY_SRC_ERROR

Table 20: Error States

11 Life-Cycle Assurance

11.1 Installation, Initialization, and Startup Procedures

The module is delivered as part of the Nuvoton NPCM8mnx Rev. A3 platform (listed in Table 2). During manufacturing – each chip is tested to ensure the module was manufactured correctly.

During execution – As part of the device boot process, the code is verified by a dedicated hardware inside the chip that checks every byte of code compared to a known parity bit. If any byte fails, the parity test then an internal error is generated; the error is handled by the application (User) firmware.

11.2 Administrator Guidance

The module is configured to be operational by default. If the device starts up successfully and has successfully passed the SHA2-256, HMAC- SHA2-512 and KBKDF-HMAC-SHA2-256 CASTs, it is operating correctly and can begin servicing User requests.

11.3 Non-Administrator Guidance

The module does not establish any SSPs for itself. Instead, the module provides this functionality as a service for other components within the TOEPP. The entity using the IUT must obtain required assurances listed in section 6.4 of SP 800-56BRev2 by performing the following steps:

1. The entity requesting the RSA key unwrapping (un-encapsulation) service from the module, shall only use an RSA private key that was generated by an active FIPS validated module that implements FIPS 186-5 compliant RSA key generation service and performs the key pair validity and the pairwise consistency as stated in section 6.4.1.1 of the SP 800-56BRev2. Additionally, the entity shall renew these assurances over time by using any method described in section 6.4.1.5 of the SP 800-56BRev2.
2. For use of an RSA key wrapping (encapsulation) service in the context of key transport per IG D.G, the entity using the module, shall verify the validity of the peer's public key using any method specified in section 6.4.2.1 of the SP 800-56BRev2.
3. The entity using the module, shall confirm the peer's possession of private key by using any method specified in section 6.4.2.3 of the SP 800-56BRev2.

To comply with the assurances found in Section 5.6.2 of SP 800-56Ar3, the operator must use module's approved key pair generation service to generate ephemeral EC Diffie-Hellman key pair, or the key pair must be obtained from another FIPS-validated module. As part of this service, the module will internally perform the full public key validation of the generated public key. The module's shared secret computation service will internally perform the full public key validation of the peer public key, complying with Sections 5.6.2.2.1 and 5.6.2.2.2 of SP 800-56Ar3.

The ECDSA SigGen (CVL) shall only be used within the context of a FIPS 186-5 signature generation.

11.4 End of Life

Once the module reaches its end-of-life stage (End of Life (EOL) date for the Nuvoton device is 10 years from manufacturing date) or sanitation is initiated by the module's Operator, it is the Operator's responsibility to clear all existing SSPs from the module. This can be achieved by either performing a full device reset, or by explicitly invoking the following sequence of APIs to clear the data from all modules:

- NCL_SHA_Clear - For each of existing SHA, HMAC, KBKDF contexts
- NCL_DRBG_Clear - For each of existing DRBG contexts
- NCL_AES_Clear - For each of existing AES contexts
- NCL_RSA_Clear - For each of existing RSA contexts
- NCL_ECC_Clear - For each of existing ECDSA and ECDH contexts
- NCL_HSS_Clear - For each of existing HSS contexts

- NCL_LMS_Clear - For each of existing LMS contexts

12 Mitigation of Other Attacks

The module does not implement security mechanisms to mitigate other attacks.

Glossary and Abbreviations

AES	Advanced Encryption Standard
ACVP	Algorithm Certification Validation Program
CBC	Cipher Block Chaining
CAST	Cryptographic Algorithm Self-Test
CCM	Counter with Cipher Block Chaining-Message Authentication Code
CFB	Cipher Feedback
CMAC	Cipher-based Message Authentication Code
CMVP	Cryptographic Module Validation Program
CSP	Critical Security Parameter
CTR	Counter Mode
DRBG	Deterministic Random Bit Generator
ECB	Electronic Code Book
ECC	Elliptic Curve Cryptography
EOL	End Of Life
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards Publication
GCM	Galois Counter Mode
HMAC	Hash Message Authentication Code
HSS	Hierarchical Signature System
KAS	Key Agreement Scheme
KAT	Known Answer Test
LMS	Leighton-Micali Signature
MAC	Message Authentication Code
NIST	National Institute of Science and Technology
OFB	Output Feedback
PSS	Probabilistic Signature Scheme
RSA	Rivest, Shamir, Addleman
SHA	Secure Hash Algorithm
SHS	Secure Hash Standard
SSC	Shared Secret Computation
TOEPP	Tested Operational Environment's Physical Perimeter

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