



## **Cisco ASA and ISA Cryptographic Modules**

**FIPS 140-2 Non-Proprietary Security Policy  
Level 2 Validation**

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose

This is a non-proprietary Cryptographic Module Security Policy for the Cisco ASA and ISA Cryptographic Modules running firmware version 9.12. This security policy describes how the module meet the security requirements of FIPS 140-2 Level 2 and how to run the modules in a FIPS 140-2 mode of operation and may be freely distributed.

FIPS 140-2 (Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 140-2 — *Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules*) details the U.S. Government requirements for cryptographic modules. More information about the FIPS 140-2 standard and validation program is available on the NIST website at <https://csrc.nist.gov/groups/computer-security-division/security-testing-validation-and-measurement>.

## 1.2 Module Validation Level

The following table lists the level of validation for each area in the FIPS PUB 140-2.

No.	Area Title	Level
1	Cryptographic Module Specification	2
2	Cryptographic Module Ports and Interfaces	2
3	Roles, Services, and Authentication	3
4	Finite State Model	2
5	Physical Security	2
6	Operational Environment	N/A
7	Cryptographic Key management	2
8	Electromagnetic Interface/Electromagnetic Compatibility	2
9	Self-Tests	2
10	Design Assurance	2
11	Mitigation of Other Attacks	N/A
	<b>Overall module validation level</b>	<b>2</b>

**Table 1 Module Validation Level**

## 1.3 References

This document deals with the specification of the security rules listed in Table 1 above, under which the Cisco ASA and ISA Cryptographic Modules will operate, including the rules derived from the requirements of FIPS 140-2, FIPS 140-2IG and additional rules imposed by Cisco Systems, Inc. More information is available on the modules from the following sources:

The Cisco Systems website contains information on the full line of Cisco Systems security.

Please refer to the following websites:

<http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/index.html>

<http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6120/index.html>

For answers to technical or sales related questions please refer to the contacts listed on the Cisco Systems website at [www.cisco.com](http://www.cisco.com).

The NIST Validated Modules website (<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/validated-modules>) contains contact information for answers to technical or sales-related questions for the modules.

## 1.4 Terminology

In this document, the Cisco ASA and ISA Cryptographic Modules identified are referred to as ASA Cryptographic Module, ISA Cryptographic Module, ASA, ISA or Module.

## 1.5 Document Organization

The Security Policy document is part of the FIPS 140-2 Submission Package. In addition to this document, the Submission Package contains:

- Vendor Evidence document
- Finite State Machine
- Other supporting documentation as additional references

This document provides an overview of the Cisco ASA 5500 series and ISA 3000 series running Cisco ASA and ISA Cryptographic Module identified in section 1.2 above and explains the secure configuration and operation of the module. This introduction section is followed by Section 2, which details the general features and functionality of the appliances. Section 3 specifically addresses the required configuration for the FIPS-mode of operation.

With the exception of this Non-Proprietary Security Policy, the FIPS 140-2 Validation Submission Documentation is Cisco-proprietary and is releasable only under appropriate non-disclosure agreements. For access to these documents, please contact Cisco Systems.

## 2 Cisco ASA and ISA Cryptographic Modules

Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) firmware is the core operating system for the Cisco ASA and ISA Family. It delivers enterprise-class firewall capabilities for the ASA devices in an array of form factors - standalone appliances tailor-made for small and midsize businesses, midsize appliances for businesses improving security at the Internet edge, high performance and throughput appliances for demanding enterprise data centers and virtual instances to provide enterprise-class security for private and public clouds.

The ASA firmware runs on both the ASA series and ISA series which provides cryptographic services as part of the Cisco ASA and ISA Cryptographic Module to a solution which offers the combination of the industry's most deployed stateful firewall with a comprehensive range of next-generation network security services, intrusion prevention system (IPS), content security, secure unified communications, TLSv1.2, SSHv2, IPSec/IKEv2, and Cryptographic Cipher Suite B.

Cisco® ASA and ISA Cryptographic Module runs on the following platforms:

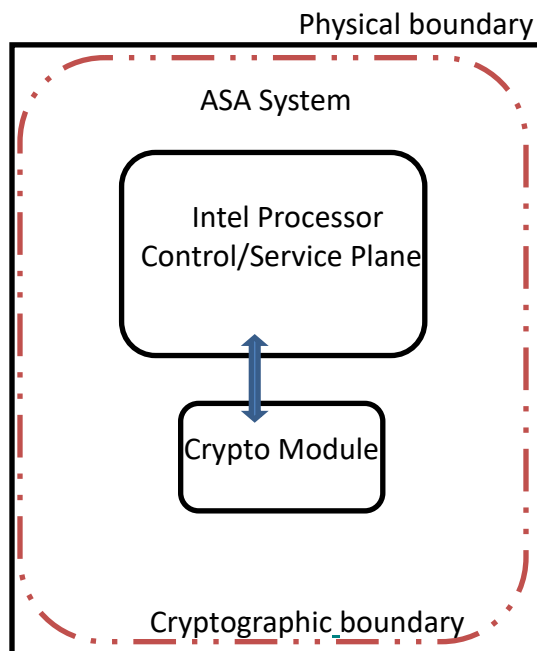
ASA 5506-X	ASA 5525-X
ASA 5506H-X	ASA 5545-X
ASA 5506W-X	ASA 5555-X
ASA 5508-X	ISA 3000-4C
ASA 5516-X	ISA 3000-2C2F

### 2.1 Cryptographic Module Physical Characteristics

The Cisco ASA 5500-X Series and Cisco ISA 3000 Series Security Appliances deliver enterprise-class security for business-to-enterprise networks in a modular, purpose-built appliance. The versatile one-rack unit (1RU, ASA 5506-X, ASA 5506H-X, ASA 5506W-X, ASA 5508-X, ASA 5516-X, ASA 5525-X, ASA 5545-X, 5555-X, ISA 3000-4C and ISA 3000-2C2F) houses the firmware image running on each module.

### 2.2 Cryptographic Boundary

The module is a multiple-chip standalone cryptographic module. The cryptographic boundary is defined as the entire chassis unit encompassing the "top," "front," "left," "right," "rear" and "bottom" surfaces of the case along with associated opacity shields.



**Diagram 1 ASA and ISA Block Diagram**

### 2.3 Module Interfaces

The module provides a number of physical and logical interfaces to the device, and the physical interfaces provided by the module are mapped to the following FIPS 140-2 defined logical interfaces: data input, data output, control input, status output, and power. The module provides no power to external devices and takes in its power through normal power input/cord. The logical interfaces and their mapping are described in the following tables.

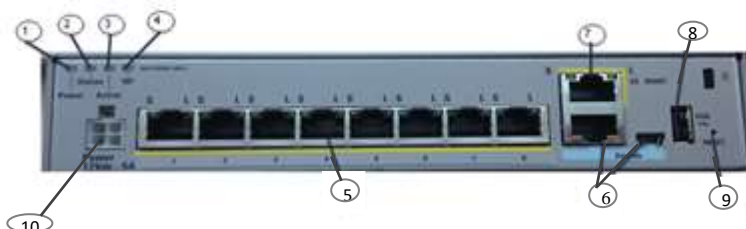
FIPS 140-FIPS 140-2 Logical Interfaces	ASA 5506-X, ASA 5506W-X, ASA 5506H-X, ASA 5508-X, ASA 5516-X, ASA 5525-X, ASA 5545-X, ASA 5555-X, ISA 3000-4C and ISA 3000-2C2F Physical Interfaces
<b>Data Input Interface</b>	SFP Ports (ISA3000 2C2F only) Ethernet ports MGMT Port Console Port
<b>Data Output Interface</b>	SFP Ports (ISA3000 2C2F only) Ethernet ports MGMT Port Console Port
<b>Control Input Interface</b>	SFP Ports (ISA3000 2C2F only) Ethernet ports MGMT Port Console Port Reset Pin/Switch/Button (only on 5506-X, 5506H-X, 5506W-X, 5508-X, 5516-X, 5525-X)
<b>Status Output Interface</b>	SFP Ports (ISA3000 2C2F only) Ethernet ports MGMT Port Console Port LEDs
<b>Power Interface</b>	Power Plug
<b>Unused Interface</b>	USB Port (USB Type A port and mini-USB Type B Console port)

**Table 2 Module Physical/Logical Interfaces**

## Cisco ASA 5506-X and Cisco ASA 5506W-X



**Figure 1 Cisco ASA 5506-X and Cisco ASA 5506W-X Appliance Front Panel**



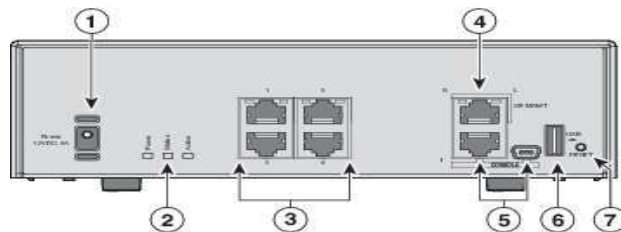
**Figure 2 Cisco ASA 5506-X and Cisco ASA 5506W-X Appliance Rear Panel**

1	Power LED: Green -> power applied OK	6	Console Ports: RJ-45 Console port and mini-USB Type B Console port. The mini USB Type B Console port is disallowed in FIPS mode.
2	Status LED: Green blinking -> system is booting up Green solid -> successful boot Orange -> error during boot-up	7	GE Management Port
3	Active LED: Green -> unit is Active in failover pair Orange -> unit is Standby in failover pair Off -> not part of a failover pair	8	USB port is disallowed in FIPS mode
4	WLAN Module Only lit for 5506W-X Controlled by AP module, same color/blink behavior as existing AP702i Access Point	9	Reset Pin
5	GE ports: Left-side LED Green -> link Right-side LED blinking -> network activity	10	Power Supply

## Cisco ASA 5506H-X



**Figure 3 Cisco ASA 5506H-X Appliance Front Panel**



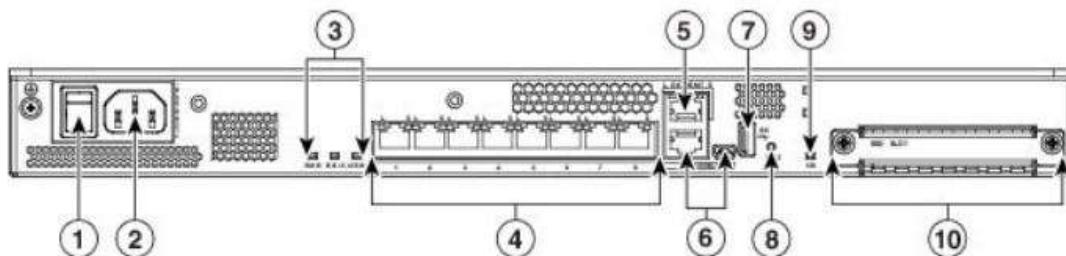
**Figure 4 Cisco ASA 5506H-X Appliance Rear Panel**

1	Power cord socket.	The chassis power-supply socket. See Power Supply for more information about the chassis power supply.  <b>Note</b> The ASA is powered on when you plug in the AC power supply.
2	Status LEDs	The locations and meanings of the status LEDs are described in Status Lights.
3	Network data ports	Four Gigabit Ethernet RJ-45 (8P8C) network I/O interfaces. The ports are numbered (from top to bottom) 1, 2, 3, 4. Each port includes a pair of LEDs, one each for connection status and link status. The ports are named and numbered Gigabit Ethernet 1/1 through Gigabit Ethernet 1/4. See Network Ports for additional information.
4	Management port	A Gigabit Ethernet interface restricted to network management access only. Connect with an RJ-45 cable.
5	Console ports	Two serial ports, a mini USB Type B and a standard RJ-45 (8P8C), are provided for management access via an external system. The mini USB Type B Console port is disallowed in FIPS mode.
6	USB port	A standard USB Type A port is disallowed in FIPS mode
7	Reset button	A small recessed button that if pressed for longer than three seconds resets the ASA to its default “as-shipped” state following the next reboot. Configuration variables are reset to factory default. However, the flash is not erased and no files are removed.  <b>Note</b> You can use the <code>service sw-reset-button</code> to disable the reset button. The default is enabled.

## Cisco ASA 5508-X and Cisco ASA 5516-X



**Figure 5 Cisco ASA 5508-X and Cisco ASA 5516-X Appliances Front Panel**



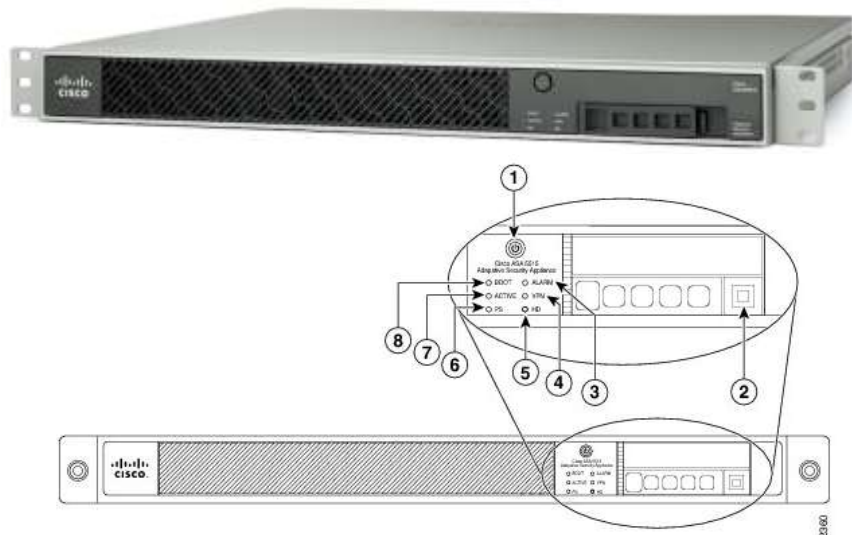
**Figure 6 Cisco ASA 5508-X and Cisco ASA 5516-X Appliances Rear Panel**

1	Power switch	Standard rocker-type power on/off switch
2	Power cord socket	The chassis power supply socket
3	Status LEDs	Status LEDs
4	Network data ports	Eight Gigabit Ethernet RJ-45 (8P8C) network I/O interfaces. The ports are numbered (from left to right) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Each port includes a pair of LEDs, one each for connection status and link status. The ports are named and numbered Gigabit Ethernet 1/1 through Gigabit Ethernet 1/8.
5	Management port	A Gigabit Ethernet interface restricted to network management access only. Connect with an RJ-45 cable.
6	Console ports	Two serial ports, a mini USB Type B, and a standard RJ-45 (8P8C), are provided for management access via an external system.
7	USB port	A standard USB Type A port is provided, allowing attachment of an external device such as mass storage.
8	Reset Button	A small recessed button that if pressed for longer than three seconds resets the ASA to its default “as-shipped” state following the next reboot. Configuration variables are reset to factory default. However, the flash is not erased, and no files are removed.
9	SSD LED	Status light for installed solid-state drive (SSD).
10	SSD Bay	Covered slot in which the SSD is installed. You can replace this drive if it fails.

Note:

Both USB port and mini USB Type B Console port are disallowed in FIPS mode. Please refer to section “Physical Security” for more details.

### Cisco ASA 5525-X

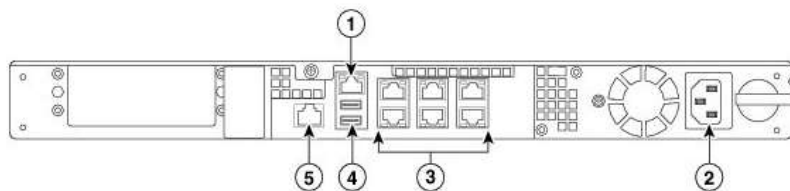


**Figure 7 Cisco ASA 5525-X Appliances Front Panel**

	LED	Description
1	Power Button	A hard switch that turns the system on and off. Once depressed, the button stays in the "on" position: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On—The power symbol on the button illuminates.</li> <li>Off—The power symbol on the button is dark.</li> </ul>
2	Hard disk release button	Releases the hard disk from the device.
3	Alarm	Indicates system operating status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Off—Normal operating system function.</li> <li>Flashing amber—Critical Alarm indicating one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a major failure of a hardware or software component.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



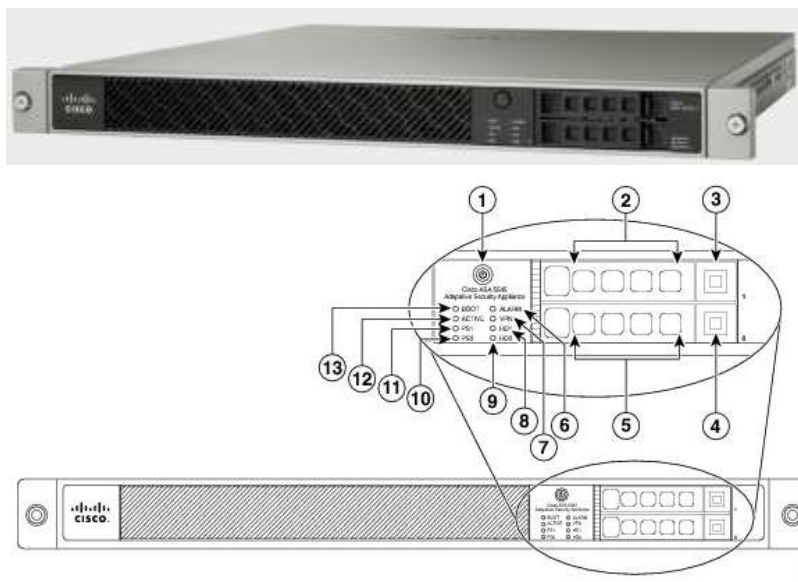
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- an over-temperature condition.</li> <li>- power voltage is outside of the tolerance range.</li> </ul>
4	VPN	Indicates VPN tunnel status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid green–VPN tunnel is established.</li> <li>• Off–No VPN tunnel is established.</li> </ul>
5	HD	Indicates Hard Disk Drive status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flashing green–Proportioned to read/write activity.</li> <li>• Solid amber–Hard disk drive failure.</li> <li>• Off–The power symbol on the button is dark.</li> </ul>
6	PS	Indicates the power supply status.
7	Active	Indicates the status of the failover pair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid green–Failover pair is operating normally.</li> <li>• Off– Failover is not operational.</li> </ul>
8	Boot	Indicates power-up diagnostics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flashing green–Power-up diagnostics are running, or system is booting.</li> <li>• Solid amber–System has passed power-up diagnostics.</li> <li>• Off– Power-up diagnostics are not operational.</li> </ul>



**Figure 8 Cisco ASA 5525-X Appliances Rear Panel**

		Description
1	Management 0/0 interface	Indicates the Gigabit Ethernet Interface that is restricted to management use only. Connect with an RJ-45 cable.
2	Power supply	Indicates the chassis power supply.
3	RJ-45 Ethernet ports	Indicates the Gigabit Ethernet customer data interfaces. The top row port numbers are (from left to right) 5, 3, 1. The bottom row port numbers are (from left to right) 4, 2, 0.
4	USB ports	Disallowed in FIPS mode
5	Console port	Indicates the console port that directly connects a computer to the ASA.

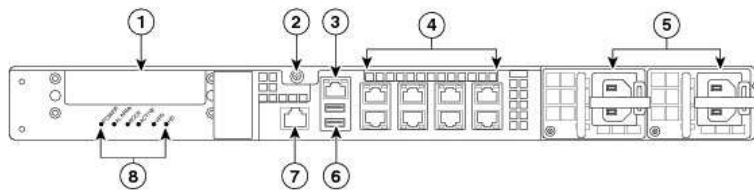
## Cisco ASA 5545-X and Cisco ASA 5555-X



**Figure 9 Cisco ASA 5545-X and Cisco ASA 5555-X Appliances Front Panel**

	LED	Description
1	Power Button	A soft switch that turns the system on and off. Once depressed, the button stays in the “on” position: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•On—The power symbol on the button illuminates.</li> <li>•Off—The power symbol on the button is dark.</li> </ul>
2	Hard disk slot	Indicates the slot for hard disk 1.
3	Hard disk release button	Releases hard disk 1 from the device.
4	Hard disk release button	Releases hard disk 0 from the device.
5	Hard disk slot	Indicates the slot for hard disk 0.
6	Alarm	Indicates system operating status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Off—Normal operating system function</li> <li>•Flashing amber—Critical Alarm indicating one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–a major failure of a hardware or software component.</li> <li>–an over-temperature condition.</li> <li>–power voltage is outside of the tolerance range</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7	VPN	Indicates VPN tunnel status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Solid green—VPN tunnel is established.</li> <li>•Off—No VPN tunnel is established.</li> </ul>
8	HDI	Indicates Hard Disk Drive 1 status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Flashing green—Proportioned to read/write activity.</li> <li>•Solid amber—Hard disk drive failure.</li> <li>•Off—No hard disk drive present.</li> </ul>
9	HD0	Indicates Hard Disk Drive 0 status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Flashing green—Proportioned to read/write activity.</li> <li>•Solid amber—Hard disk drive failure.</li> <li>•Off—No hard disk drive present.</li> </ul>
10	PS 1	Indicates the status of the optional redundant power supply
11	PS 0	Indicates the status of the primary power supply that ships with the product

12	Active	Indicates the status of the failover pair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Solid green—Failover pair is operating normally.</li> <li>•Off—Failover pair is not operational</li> </ul>
13	Boot	Indicates power-up diagnostics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Flashing green—Power-up diagnostics are running, or system is booting.</li> <li>•Solid green—System has passed power-up diagnostics.</li> <li>•Off—Power-up diagnostics are not operational.</li> </ul>

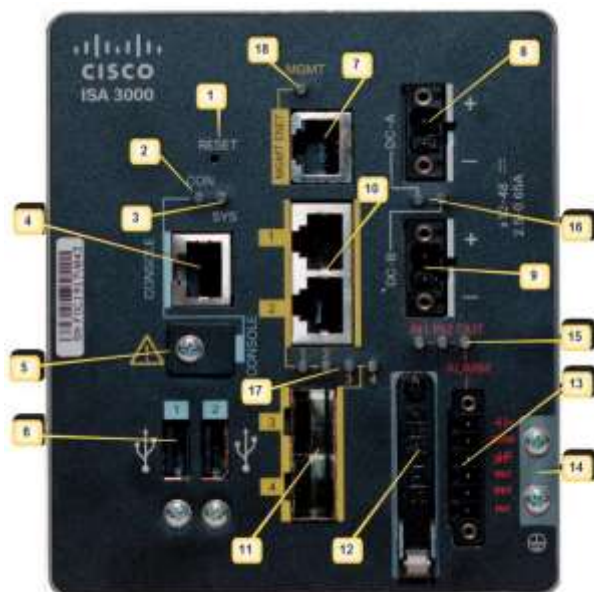


**Figure 10 Cisco ASA 5545-X and Cisco ASA 5555-X Appliances Rear Panel**

	LED	Description
1	I/O Slot	Slot for the optional I/O Card. If you have a fiber I/O card, use SFP modules to connect (not included)
2	Thumbscrew	The screw that tightens and loosens the chassis cover.
3	Management O/O port	Indicates the Gigabit Ethernet interface that is restricted to management use only. Connect with an RJ-45 cable.
4	RJ-45 Port	Indicates the Gigabit Ethernet customer data interfaces.
5	Power Supplies	Slots for the primary power supply that ships with the device and the optional redundant power supply.
6	USB port	two USB standard ports
7	Console port	Indicates the console port that directly connects a computer to the ASA
8	Rear Panel LEDs	Shows the rear panel LEDs

Note: The USB ports are disallowed in FIPS mode.

## Cisco ISA 3000-2C2F and Cisco ISA 3000-4C



**Figure 11** ISA 3000-2C2F/ISA 3000-4C Front Panel

1	Reset Pinhole Access	10	RJ45 10/100/100 BaseT Connectors 1&2
2	Console LED	11	On the ISA-3000-2C2F SKU, these are the SFP ports; On the ISA-3000-4C SKU, these are RJ45 10/100/100 BaseT Connectors 3&4,
3	System LED	12	1GB removable SD flash memory card slot
4	Console connector RJ-45	13	Alarm Connectors
5	Console Connector mini-USB	14	Grounding Point
6	USB	15	Alarm LEDs
7	Management Interface	16	DC Power LEDs
8	DC power connection A	17	Gig Ethernet LEDs
9	DC Power connection B	18	Management LED

Note: Item 11 above details the sole difference between the ISA 3000 2C2F and ISA 3000 4C units.



**Figure 12** ISA 3000-2C2F (left) and ISA 3000-4C(right)

## 2.4 Roles and Services

The security appliances can be accessed in one of the following ways:

- Console Port
- Telnet over IPsec
- SSH v2
- HTTPS/TLSv1.2

Authentication is identity-based. Each operator is authenticated by the module upon initial access to the module. As required by FIPS 140-2, there are two roles in the security appliances that operators may assume: Crypto Officer role and User role. The administrator of the security appliances assumes the Crypto Officer role in order to configure and maintain the module using Crypto Officer services, while the Users exercise only the basic User services. The module also supports RADIUS and TACACS+ as another means of authentication, allowing the storage of usernames and passwords on an external server as opposed to using the module's internal database for storage.

The User and Crypto Officer passwords and all other shared secrets must each be at least eight (8) characters long, including at least one six (6) alphabetic characters, (1) integer number and one (1) special character in length (enforced procedurally). See the Secure Operation section for more information. Given these restrictions, the probability of randomly guessing the correct sequence is one (1) in 6,326,595,092,480 (this calculation is based on the assumption that the typical standard American QWERTY computer keyboard has 10 Integer digits, 52 alphabetic characters, and 32 special characters providing 94 characters to choose from in total). The calculation should be  $52 \times 52 \times 52 \times 52 \times 52 \times 52 \times 32 \times 10 = 6,326,595,092,480$ . Therefore, the associated probability of a successful random attempt is approximately 1 in 6,326,595,092,480, which is less than the 1 in 1,000,000 required by FIPS 140-2.

In addition, for multiple attempts to use the authentication mechanism during a one-minute period, under the optimal modern network condition, if an attacker would only get 60,000 guesses per minute. Therefore, the associated probability of a successful random attempt during a one-minute period is  $60,000 / 6,326,595,092,480 = 1/105,443,251$ , which is less than 1 in 100,000 required by FIPS 140-2.

Additionally, when using RSA based authentication, RSA key pair has modulus size of 2048 bits, thus providing 112 bits of strength, which means an attacker would have a 1 in  $2^{112}$  chance of randomly obtaining the key, which is much stronger than the one in a million chances required by FIPS 140-2. To exceed a one in 100,000 probability of a successful random key guess in one minute, an attacker would have to be capable of approximately  $8.65 \times 10^{31}$  ( $2^{112} / 60 = 8.65 \times 10^{31}$ ) attempts per second, which far exceeds the operational capabilities of the module to support.

## 2.5 User Services

A User enters the system by either Console port, SSHv2 or HTTPS/TLSv1.2. The User role can be authenticated via either Username/Password or RSA based authentication method. The module prompts the User for username and password. If the password is correct, the User is allowed entry to the module management functionality. The other means of accessing the console is via an IPsec/IKEv2 session. This session is authenticated either using a shared secret

or RSA digital signature authentication mechanism. The services available to the User role accessing the CSPs, the type of access – read (r), write (w) and zeroized/delete (d) – and which role accesses the CSPs are listed below:

Services and Access	Description	Keys and CSPs
Status Functions	View state of interfaces and protocols, version of IOS currently running.	N/A
Terminal Functions	Adjust the terminal session (e.g., lock the terminal, adjust flow control).	N/A
Directory Services	Display directory of files kept in flash memory.	N/A
Self-Tests	Physically cycle the power.	N/A
IPSec VPN	Negotiation and encrypted data transport via IPSec VPN.	Operator password, keyid, keyid_d, SKEYSEED, IKE session encryption key, IKE session authentication key, ISAKMP preshared, IKE authentication private Key, IKE authentication public key, IPsec encryption key, IPsec authentication key, DRBG entropy input, DRBG seed, DRBG V, DRBG C and DRBG key (r, w, d)
SSHv2 Functions	Negotiation and encrypted data transport via SSH.	Operator password, SSHv2 private key, SSHv2 public key, SSHv2 session key, SSHv2 integrity key, DRBG entropy input, DRBG seed, DRBG V, DRBG C and DRBG key (r, w, d)
HTTPS Functions (TLSv1.2)	Negotiation and encrypted data transport via HTTPS/TLS (TLSv1.2).	Operator password, ECDSA private key, ECDSA public key, TLS RSA private key, TLS RSA public key, TLS pre-master secret, TLS master secret, TLS encryption keys and TLS integrity key, DRBG entropy input, DRBG seed, DRBG V, DRBG C and DRBG key (r, w, d)

**Table 3 User Services**

## 2.6 Crypto Officer Services

A Crypto Officer (CO) enters the system by accessing the Console port or SSH v2, HTTPS/TLSv1.2. The CO role can be authenticated via either Username/Password or RSA based authentication method. The other means of accessing the console is via an IPSec/IKEv2 session. This session is authenticated either using a shared secret or RSA digital signature authentication mechanism. A Crypto Officer may assign permission to access the Crypto Officer role to additional accounts, thereby creating additional Crypto Officers.

The Crypto Officer role is responsible for the configuration of the module. The services available to the Crypto Officer role accessing the CSPs, the type of access – read (r), write (w) and zeroized/delete (d) – and which role accesses the CSPs are listed below:

Services and Access	Description	Keys and CSPs
Configure the Security	Define network interfaces and settings, create command aliases, set the protocols the module will support, enable interfaces and network services, set system date and time, and load authentication information.	DRBG entropy input, DRBG seed, DRBG V, DRBG key, DRBG C, Diffie-Hellman private key, Diffie-Hellman public key, Diffie-Hellman shared secret, EC Diffie-Hellman private key, EC Diffie-Hellman public key, EC Diffie-Hellman shared secret, SSHv2 private key, SSHv2 public key, SSHv2 session key, SSHv2 integrity key, ECDSA private key, ECDSA public key, TLS RSA private key, TLS RSA public key, TLS pre-master secret, TLS master secret, TLS

		encryption keys, TLS integrity key, ISAKMP preshared, skeyid, skeyid_d, SKEYSEED, IKE session encryption key, IKE session authentication key, IKE authentication private Key, IKE authentication public key, IPsec encryption key and IPsec authentication key (r, w, d)
Firmware Integrity	Execute firmware integrity verification	Integrity test key (r, w, d)
RADIUS / TACACS+ functions	Provide entry of shared secret CSP	RADIUS secret, TACACS+ secret (r, w, d)
Define Rules and Filters	Create packet Filters that are applied to User data streams on each interface. Each Filter consists of a set of Rules, which define a set of packets to permit or deny based on characteristics such as protocol ID, addresses, ports, TCP connection establishment, or packet direction.	Operator password, Enable password (r, w, d)
View Status Functions	View the module configuration, routing tables, active sessions health, temperature, memory status, voltage, packet statistics, review accounting logs, and view physical interface status.	N/A
Configure Encryption/Bypass	Configure Encryption or Bypass service	ISAKMP preshared, Operator password, Enable password, IKE session encrypt key, IKE session authentication key, IKE authentication private Key, IKE authentication public key, IPsec encryption key, IPsec authentication key, DRBG entropy input, DRBG seed, DRBG V, DRBG C and DRBG key (r, w, d)
HTTPS Functions (TLSv1.2)	Configure HTTPS/TLSv1.2 parameters, provide entry and output of CSPs.	ECDSA private key, ECDSA public key, TLS RSA private key, TLS RSA public key, TLS pre-master secret, TLS master secret, TLS encryption keys and TLS integrity key, DRBG entropy input, DRBG seed, DRBG V, DRBG C and DRBG key (r, w, d)
SSH v2 Functions	Configure SSH v2 parameter, provide entry and output of CSPs.	SSHv2 Private Key, SSHv2 Public Key and SSHv2 session key (r, w, d)
IPsec VPN Functions	Configure IPsec VPN parameters, provide entry and output of CSPs.	ISAKMP preshared, skeyid, skeyid_d, SKEYSEED, IKE session encryption key, IKE session authentication key, IKE authentication private Key, IKE authentication public key, IPsec encryption key, IPsec authentication key, DRBG entropy input, DRBG seed, DRBG V, DRBG C and DRBG key (r, w, d)
Self-Tests	Execute the FIPS 140 start-up tests on demand or physically cycle the power.	N/A
User services	The Crypto Officer has access to all User services.	Operator password (r, w, d)
Zeroization	Zeroize cryptographic keys/CSPs by running the zeroization methods classified in table 6, Zeroization column.	All CSPs (d)

**Table 4 Crypto Officer Services**

## 2.7 Non-FIPS Mode Services

The cryptographic module in addition to the above listed FIPS mode of operation can operate in a non-FIPS mode of operation. This is not a recommended operational mode but because the associated RFC's for the following protocols allow for non-approved algorithms and non-approved key sizes, a non-approved mode of operation exist. So those services listed above with their FIPS approved algorithms in addition to the following services with their non-approved algorithms and non-approved keys sizes are available to the User and the Crypto Officer. Prior to using any of the Non-Approved services in Section 2.7, the Crypto Officer must zeroize all

CSPs which places the module into the non-FIPS mode of operation. Neither the User nor the Crypto Officer are allowed to operate any of these services while in FIPS mode of operation.

Services <sup>1</sup>	Non-Approved Algorithms
IPSec	Hashing: MD5 MACing: HMAC MD5 Symmetric: DES, RC4 Asymmetric: 768-bit/1024-bit RSA (key transport), 1024-bit Diffie-Hellman
SSH	Hashing: MD5 MACing: HMAC MD5 Symmetric: DES Asymmetric: 768-bit/1024-bit RSA (key transport), 1024-bit Diffie-Hellman
TLS	Symmetric: DES, RC4 Asymmetric: 768-bit/1024-bit RSA (key transport), 1024-bit Diffie-Hellman

**Table 5 Non-approved algorithms in the Non-FIPS mode of service**

To put the module back into the FIPS mode from the non-FIPS mode, the CO must zeroize all Keys/CSPs used in non-FIPS mode, and then strictly follow up the steps in section 3 of this document to put the module into the FIPS mode.

All services available can be found at CLI Book 1: Cisco ASA Series General Operations CLI Configuration Guide, 9.12. Updated: June 25, 2020.

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/security/asa/asa912/configuration/general/asa-912-general-config.html>. This site lists all configuration guides for the ASA and ISA systems.

## 2.8 Unauthenticated Services

The services for someone without an authorized role are to view the status output from the module's LED pins and cycle power.

## 2.9 Cryptographic Key/CSP Management

The module administers both cryptographic keys and other critical security parameters such as passwords. All keys and CSPs are protected by the password-protection of the Crypto Officer role login, and can be zeroized by the Crypto Officer. Zeroization consists of overwriting the memory that stored the key or refreshing the volatile memory. Keys are both manually and electronically distributed but entered electronically. Persistent keys with manual distribution are used for pre-shared keys whereas protocols such as IKE, TLS and SSH are used for electronic distribution.

The module supports Electronic Distribution (Establishment) and Electronic Entry (Input / Output) to manage the keys input and output. All pre-shared keys are associated with the CO role that created the keys, and the CO role is protected by a password. Therefore, the CO password is associated with all the pre-shared keys. The Crypto Officer needs to be authenticated to store keys. Only an authenticated Crypto Officer can view the keys. All Diffie-Hellman (DH) keys

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<sup>1</sup> These approved services become non-approved when using any non-approved algorithms or non-approved key or curve sizes. When using approved algorithms and key sizes these services are approved.



agreed upon for individual tunnels are directly associated with that specific tunnel only via the IKE protocol. ECDSA and RSA Public keys are entered into the modules using digital certificates which contain relevant data such as the name of the public key's owner, which associates the key with the correct entity. All other keys are associated with the user/role that entered them. The entropy source falls into IG 7.14, Scenario #1a: A hardware module with an entropy-generating NDRNG inside the module's cryptographic boundary. The entropy source provides at least 256 bits of entropy to seed SP800-90a DRBG for the use of key generation.

Name	CSP Type	Size	Description/Generation	Storage	Zeroization
DRBG entropy input	SP800-90A CTR_DRBG (AES-256) or HASH_DRBG (SHA-512)	384-bits/512-bits	This is the entropy for SP 800-90A CTR_DRBG and HASH_DRBG, used to construct seed.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
DRBG seed	SP800-90A CTR_DRBG (AES-256) or HASH_DRBG (SHA-512)	384-bits/888-bits	Input to the DRBG that determines the internal state of the DRBG. Generated using DRBG derivation function that includes the entropy input from hardware-based entropy source.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
DRBG V	SP800-90A CTR_DRBG (AES-256) or HASH_DRBG (SHA-512)	128-bits/888-bits	The DRBG V is one of the critical values of the internal state upon which the security of this DRBG mechanism depends. Generated first during DRBG instantiation and then subsequently updated using the DRBG update function.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
DRBG key	SP800-90A CTR_DRBG (using AES-256)	256-bits	Internal critical value used as part of SP 800-90A CTR_DRBG. Established per SP 800-90A CTR_DRBG.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
DRBG C	SP800-90A HASH_DRBG (SHA-512)	888-bits	Internal critical value used as part of SP 800-90A HASH_DRBG. Established per SP 800-90A HASH_DRBG.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
Diffie-Hellman shared secret	DH	2048 – 4096 bits	The shared secret used in Diffie-Hellman (DH) exchange. Established per the Diffie-Hellman key agreement.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
Diffie-Hellman private key	DH	224-379 bits	The private key used in Diffie-Hellman (DH) exchange (as part of SSH, IKE/IPSec, and TLS). This key is generated by calling SP800-90A DRBG.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device

Name	CSP Type	Size	Description/Generation	Storage	Zeroization
Diffie Hellman public key	DH	2048 – 4096 bits	The public key used in Diffie-Hellman (DH) exchange (as part of SSH, IKE/IPSec, and TLS). This key is derived per the Diffie-Hellman key agreement.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
skeyid	Keying material	160 bits	A shared secret known only to IKE peers. It was established via key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF and it will be used for deriving other keys in IKE protocol implementation.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
skeyid_d	Keying material	160 bits	A shared secret known only to IKE peers. It was derived via key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF (IKEv2) and it will be used for deriving IKE session authentication key.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
SKEYSEED	Keying material	160 bits	A shared secret known only to IKE peers. It was derived via key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF (IKEv2) and it will be used for deriving IKE session authentication key.	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
IKE session encryption key	Triple-DES/AES	192 bits Triple-DES or 128/192/256 bits AES	The IKE session (IKE Phase I) encrypt key. This key is derived via key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF (IKEv2).	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
IKE session authentication key	HMAC SHA-1	160 bits	The IKE session (IKE Phase I) authentication key. This key is derived via key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF (IKEv2).	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
ISAKMP preshared	Pre-shared secret	Variable 8 plus characters	The secret used to derive IKE skeyid when using preshared secret authentication. This CSP is entered by the Crypto Officer.	NVRAM (plaintext)	Overwrite with new secret
IKE authentication private Key	RSA/ECDSA	RSA (2048 bits) or ECDSA (Curves: P-256/P-384)	RSA/ECDSA private key used in IKE authentication. This key is generated by calling SP800-90A DRBG.	NVRAM (plaintext)	Zeroized by RSA/ECDSA keypair deletion command
IKE authentication public key	RSA/ECDSA	RSA (2048 bits) or ECDSA (Curves: P-256/P-384)	RSA/ECDSA public key used in IKE authentication. The key is derived in compliance with FIPS 186-4 RSA/ECDSA key pair generation method in the module.	NVRAM (plaintext)	Zeroized by RSA/ECDSA keypair deletion command

Name	CSP Type	Size	Description/Generation	Storage	Zeroization
IPSec encryption key	Triple-DES, AES or AES-GCM	192 bits Triple-DES or 128/192/256 bits AES	The IPSec (IKE phase II) encryption key. This key is derived via a key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF (IKEv2).	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
IPSec authentication key	HMAC-SHA-1/256/384/512	160-512 bits	The IPSec (IKE Phase II) authentication key. This key is derived via a key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF (IKEv2).	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device
Operator password	Password	8 plus characters	The password of the User role. This CSP is entered by the User.	NVRAM (plaintext)	Overwrite with new password
Enable password	Password	8 plus characters	The password of the CO role. This CSP is entered by the Crypto Officer.	NVRAM (plaintext)	Overwrite with new password
RADIUS secret	Shared Secret	16 characters	The RADIUS shared secret. Used for RADIUS Client/Server authentication. This CSP is entered by the Crypto Officer.	NVRAM (plaintext)	Overwrite with new secret
TACACS+ secret	Shared Secret	16 characters	The TACACS+ shared secret. Used for TACACS+ Client/Server authentication. This CSP is entered by the Crypto Officer.	NVRAM (plaintext)	Overwrite with new secret
SSHv2 private key	RSA	2048 bits modulus	The SSHv2 private key used in SSHv2 connection. This key is generated by calling SP 800-90A DRBG.	NVRAM (plaintext)	Zeroized by RSA keypair deletion command
SSHv2 public key	RSA	2048 bits modulus	The SSHv2 public key used in SSHv2 connection. This key is derived in compliance with FIPS 186-4 RSA key pair generation method in the module.	NVRAM (plaintext)	Zeroized by RSA keypair deletion command.
SSHv2 integrity key	HMAC-SHA-1	160 bits	Used for SSHv2 connections integrity to assure the traffic integrity. This key was derived in the module.	DRAM (plaintext)	Automatically when SSH session is terminated
SSHv2 session key	Triple-DES/AES	192 bits Triple-DES or 128/192/256 bits AES	This is the SSHv2 session key. It is used to encrypt all SSHv2 data traffics traversing between the SSHv2 Client and SSHv2 Server. This key is derived via key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF (SSH).	DRAM (plaintext)	Power cycle the device

Name	CSP Type	Size	Description/Generation	Storage	Zeroization
ECDSA private key	ECDSA	Curves: P-256, 384, 521	Key pair generation, signature generation/Verification. The seed used in generating ECDSA parameters is generated by calling SP 800-90A DRBG.	DRAM (plaintext)	Zeroized by ECDSA keypair deletion command.
ECDSA public key	ECDSA	Curves: P-256, 384, 521	Key pair generation, signature generation/Verification. The seed used in generating ECDSA parameters is generated by calling SP 800-90A DRBG.	DRAM (plaintext)	Zeroized by ECDSA keypair deletion command.
TLS RSA private key	RSA	2048 bits	Identity certificates for the security appliance itself and also used in TLSv1.2 negotiations. This key was generated by calling FIPS approved DRBG.	NVRAM (plaintext)	Zeroized by RSA keypair deletion command
TLS RSA public key	RSA	2048 bits	Identity certificates for the security appliance itself and also used in TLSv1.2 negotiations. This key is derived in compliance with FIPS 186-4 RSA key pair generation method in the module.	NVRAM (plaintext)	Zeroized by RSA keypair deletion command
TLS pre-master secret	keying material	At least eight characters	Keying material used to derive TLSv1.2 master key during the TLSv1.2 session establishment. This key entered into the module in cipher text form, encrypted by RSA public key.	DRAM (plaintext)	Automatically when TLS session is terminated
TLS master secret	keying material	48 Bytes	Keying material used to derive other TLSv1.2 keys. This key was derived from TLS pre-master secret during the TLS session establishment.	DRAM (plaintext)	Automatically when TLS session is terminated
TLS Encryption keys	Triple-DES/AES/AES-GCM	Triple-DES 192 bits or AES 128/192/256 bits	TLSv1.2 encryption keys. Used to protect the data traversing between the TLSv1.2 Client and Server. This key is derived via key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF (TLSv1.2).	DRAM (plaintext)	Automatically when TLS session is terminated
TLS Integrity Key	HMAC-SHA256/384	256-384 bits	TLSv1.2 integrity key. Used to ensure the data integrity traversing between the TLSv1.2 Client and Server. This key is derived via key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF (TLSv1.2).	DRAM (plaintext)	Automatically when TLS session is terminated

Name	CSP Type	Size	Description/Generation	Storage	Zeroization
Integrity test key	RSA-2048 Public key	2048 bits	A hard coded key used for firmware integrity verification.	Hard coded for firmware integrity testing	Zeroized by erasing the firmware image.

**Table 6 Cryptographic Keys and CSPs**

## 2.10 Cryptographic Algorithms

The module implements a variety of approved and non-approved algorithms.

### Approved Cryptographic Algorithms

The modules support the following FIPS 140-2 approved algorithm implementations:

Algorithm	Cisco Security Crypto (Firmware) on each ASA and ISA	ASA CN70XX or CN71XX Cavium Octeon III (On-board ASA 5506-X, 5506H-X, 5506W-X, 5508-X, 5516-X)	ASA CN1610 Cavium Nitrox PX (On-board ASA 5525-X)	ASA CN1620 Cavium Nitrox PX (On-board ASA 5545-X, 5555-X)
AES (128/192/256 CBC, GCM)	4905	3301	2472	2050 and 2444 Note: AES #2050 (AES-CBC) is the prerequisite algorithm for AES #2444 (AES-GCM)
Triple-DES (CBC, 3-key)	2559	1881	1513	1321
SHS (SHA-1/256/384/512)	4012	2737	2091	1794
HMAC (SHA-1/256/384/512)	3272	2095	1514	1247
RSA (PKCS1_V1_5; SigGen and SigVer: 2048 bits)	2678			
ECDSA (KeyGen, SigGen and SigVer, P-256, P-384, P-521)	1254			
CTR_DRBG (AES-256)	1735	819		
SHA_DRBG (SHA-512)			336	332
CVL Component (IKEv2, TLS, SSH)	1521			
CKG (vendor affirmed)				

**Table 7 Approved Cryptographic Algorithms and Associated Certificate Number**

Notes:

- There are some algorithm modes that were tested but not implemented by the modules. Only the algorithms, modes, and key sizes that are implemented by the modules are shown in this table.
- The module's AES-GCM implementation conforms to IG A.5 scenario #1 following RFC 5288 for TLS and RFC 7296 for IPsec/IKEv2. The module is compatible with TLSv1.2 and provides support for the acceptable GCM cipher suites from SP 800-52 Rev1, Section 3.3.1. The operations of one of the two parties involved in the TLS key establishment scheme were performed entirely within the cryptographic boundary of the module being validated. The counter portion of the IV is set by the module within its cryptographic boundary. When the IV

exhausts the maximum number of possible values for a given session key, the first party, client or server, to encounter this condition will trigger a handshake to establish a new encryption key. In case the module's power is lost and then restored, a new key for use with the AES GCM encryption/decryption shall be established. The module uses RFC 7296 compliant IKEv2 to establish the shared secret SKEYSEED from which the AES GCM encryption keys are derived. The operations of one of the two parties involved in the IKE key establishment scheme shall be performed entirely within the cryptographic boundary of the module being validated. When the IV exhausts the maximum number of possible values for a given session key, the first party, client or server, to encounter this condition will trigger a handshake to establish a new encryption key. In case the module's power is lost and then restored, a new key for use with the AES GCM encryption/decryption shall be established

- Each of TLS, SSH and IPsec protocols governs the generation of the respective Triple-DES keys. Refer to RFC 5246 (TLS), RFC 4253 (SSH) and RFC 6071 (IPsec) for details relevant to the generation of the individual Triple-DES encryption keys. The user is responsible for ensuring the module limits the number of encryptions with the same key to  $2^{20}$ .
- No parts of the SSH, TLS and IPsec protocols, other than the KDFs, have been tested by the CAVP and CMVP.
- In accordance with FIPS 140-2 IG D.12, the cryptographic module performs Cryptographic Key Generation as per scenario 1 of section 5 in SP800-133. The resulting generated seed used in the asymmetric key generation is the unmodified output from SP800-90A DRBG.

### **Non-FIPS Approved Algorithms Allowed in FIPS Mode**

The module supports the following non-FIPS approved algorithms which are permitted for use in the FIPS approved mode:

- Diffie-Hellman (CVL Cert. #1521, key agreement; key establishment methodology provides between 112 and 150 bits of encryption strength)
- NDRNG
- RSA (RSA PKCS#1-v1.5, 2048 bits, key wrapping; key establishment methodology provides 112 bits of encryption strength).

### **Non-Approved Cryptographic Algorithms**

The module supports the following non-approved cryptographic algorithms that shall not be used in FIPS mode of operation:

- DES
- Diffie-Hellman (key agreement; key establishment methodology less than 112 bits of encryption strength; non-compliant)
- HMAC MD5
- MD5
- RC4
- RSA (key wrapping; key establishment methodology less than 112 bits of encryption strength; non-compliant)
- HMAC-SHA1 is not allowed with key size under 112-bits

## 2.11 Self-Tests

The module includes an array of self-tests that are run during startup and periodically during operations to prevent any secure data from being released and to ensure all components are functioning correctly.

### *Self-tests performed*

- POSTs – Cisco Security Crypto (Firmware)
  - AES-CBC Encrypt/Decrypt KATs
  - AES-GCM KAT
  - DRBG KAT (Note: DRBG Health Tests as specified in SP800-90A Section 11.3 are performed)
  - ECDSA (sign and verify) Pairwise Consistency Test
  - Firmware Integrity Test (RSA 2048 with SHA-512)
  - HMAC (SHA-1/256/384/512) Known Answer Tests
  - RSA KATs (separate KAT for signing; separate KAT for verification)
  - SHA-1/256/384/512 KATs
  - Triple-DES-CBC Encrypt/Decrypt KATs
- POSTs – Hardware On-board
  - AES-CBC Encrypt/Decrypt KATs
  - AES-GCM KAT
  - DRBG KAT (Note: DRBG Health Tests as specified in SP800-90A Section 11.3 are performed)
  - HMAC (SHA-1/256/384/512) Known Answer Tests
  - SHA-1/256/384/512 KATs
  - Triple-DES-CBC Encrypt/Decrypt KATs
- Conditional tests - Cisco Security Crypto (Firmware)
  - RSA PWCT
  - ECDSA PWCT
  - Conditional Bypass test
  - CRNGT for SP800-90A DRBG
  - CRNGT for NDRNG
- Conditional tests – Hardware On-board
  - CRNGT for SP800-90A DRBG
  - CRNGT for NDRNG

Note: DRBGs will not be available should the NDRNG become unavailable. This will in turn make the associated security service/CSP outlined above in Table 6 non-available.

The security appliances perform all power-on self-tests automatically when the power is applied. All power-on self-tests must be passed before a User/Crypto Officer can perform services. The power-on self-tests are performed after the cryptographic systems are initialized but prior to the initialization of the LAN's interfaces; this prevents the security appliances from passing any data during a power-on self-test failure. In the unlikely event that a Power-On Self-Test or Conditional Test fails, an error message is displayed on the console CLI followed by a security appliance reboot.

## 2.12 Physical Security

The FIPS 140-2 level 2 physical security requirements for the modules are met by the use of both opacity shields covering the front panels of modules to provide the required opacity and tamper evident seals to provide the required tamper evidence.

### Opacity Shield Security

The following table shows the tamper labels and opacity shields that shall be installed on the modules to operate in a FIPS approved mode of operation. The CO is responsible for using, securing and having control at all times of any unused tamper evident labels. Actions to be taken when any evidence of tampering exists should be addressed within site security programs.

ASA Models	Number Tamper labels	Tamper Evident Labels	Number Opacity Shields	Opacity Shields
ASA 5506-X	4	AIR-AP-FIPSKIT=	1	ASA5506-FIPS-KIT=
ASA 5506H-X	4	AIR-AP-FIPSKIT=	1	ASA5506-FIPS-KIT=
ASA 5506W-X	4	AIR-AP-FIPSKIT=	1	ASA5506-FIPS-KIT=
ASA 5508-X	5	AIR-AP-FIPSKIT=	1	ASA5508-FIPS-KIT=
ASA 5516-X	5	AIR-AP-FIPSKIT=	1	ASA5516-FIPS-KIT=
ASA 5525-X, ASA 5545-X, ASA 5555-X	4	AIR-AP-FIPSKIT=	0	None
ISA 3000-4C and ISA 3000-2C2F	4	AIR-AP-FIPSKIT=	0	None

**Table 8 Tamper Labels and Opacity Shield Quantities**

### ASA 5506-X, 5506H-X and 5506W-X Opacity Shield

To install an opacity shield on the ASA 5506-X, 5506H-X and 5506W-X, follow these steps:

Step 1: Remove the three screws from the bottom of the Cisco ASA 5506-X, 5506H-X and 5506W-X.

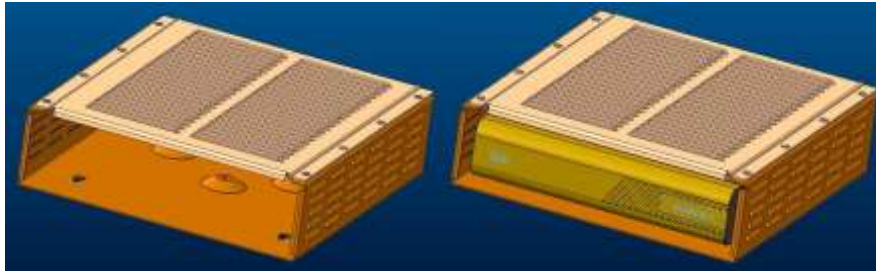
Step 2: Slide the ASA 5506-X, 5506H-X and 5506W-X into the FIPS enclosure.

Step 3: Turn the FIPS enclosure with the chassis securely inside and use the three screws removed in Step 1 to screw the FIPS enclosure to the Cisco ASA 5506-X, 5506H-X and 5506W-X. Please see Figure 13 for placement of the TEL.

Step 4: Apply the tamper evident label over the screw on the bottom.

Step 5: Apply another tamper evident label so that one half of the tamper evident label attaches to the enclosure and the other half attaches to the Cisco ASA 5506-X, 5506H-X and 5506W-X chassis.





**Figure 13 ASA 5506-X, ASA 5506H-X and ASA 5506W-X Opacity Shield Placement**

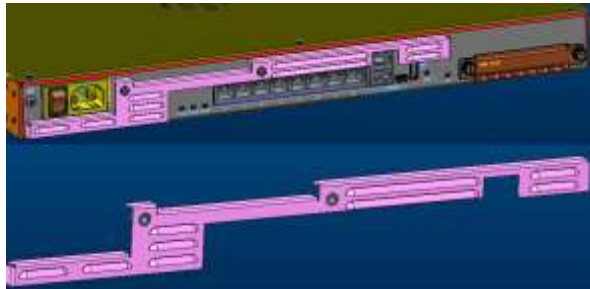
### **ASA 5508-X and ASA 5516-X Opacity Shield**

To install an opacity shield on the ASA 5508-X or ASA 5516-X rear, follow these steps:

Step 1: Power off the ASA.

Step 2: Remove the two screws.

Step 3: Place the shield over the vent areas and insert the screws.



**Figure 14 ASA 5508-X and ASA 5516-X Opacity Shield Placement**

### **Tamper Evidence Labels (TELs)**

The tamper evident seals (hereinafter referred to as tamper evident labels (TEL)) shall be installed on the security devices containing the modules prior to operating in FIPS mode. TELs shall be applied as depicted in the figures below. Any unused TELs must be securely stored, accounted for, and maintained by the CO in a protected location.

Should the CO have to remove, change or replace TELs (tamper-evidence labels) for any reason, the CO must examine the location from which the TEL was removed and ensure that no residual debris remains on the chassis or card. If residual debris remains, the CO must remove the debris using a damp cloth.

Any deviation of the TELs placement as depicted below such as tearing, misconfiguration, removal, change, replacement or any other change in the TELs from its original configuration by unauthorized operators shall mean the module is no longer in FIPS mode of operation. Returning the system back to FIPS mode of operation requires the replacement of the TEL as depicted below and any additional requirement per the site security policy which are out of scope of this Security Policy.

The Crypto Officer shall inspect the seals for evidence of tamper as determined by their deployment policies (every 30 days is recommended). If the seals show evidence of tamper, the

Crypto Officer shall assume that the modules have been compromised and contact Cisco accordingly.

To seal the system, apply tamper-evidence labels as depicted in the figures below.



**Figure 15 ASA 5506-X and ASA 5506W-X Front View**



**Figure 16 ASA 5506-X and ASA 5506W-X Right Side View**



**Figure 17 ASA 5506-X and ASA 5506W-X Left Side View**



**Figure 18 ASA 5506-X and ASA 5506W-X Rear TEL Placement**



**Figure 19 ASA 5506-X and ASA 5506W-X Top View**



**Figure 20 ASA 5506-X and ASA 5506W-X Bottom TEL Placement**



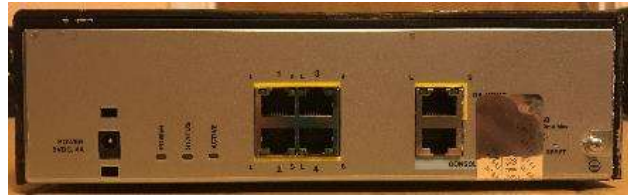
**Figure 111 ASA 5506H-X Front View**



**Figure 122 ASA 5506H-X Right Side TEL Placement**



**Figure 133 ASA 5506H-X Left Side TEL Placement**



**Figure 144 ASA 5506H-X Rear TEL Placement**



**Figure 155 ASA 5506H-X Top View**



**Figure 26 ASA 5506H-X Bottom TEL Placement**



**Figure 27 ASA 5508-X Front View**



**Figure 28 ASA 5508-X Right Side TEL Placement**



**Figure 29 ASA 5508-X Left Side TEL Placement**



**Figure 30 ASA 5508-X Rear TEL Placement**



**Figure 31 ASA 5508-X Top TEL Placement**



**Figure 32 ASA 5508-X Bottom TEL Placement**



**Figure 33 ASA 5516-X Front View**



**Figure 34 ASA 5516-X Right Side TEL Placement**



**Figure 35 ASA 5516-X Left Side TEL Placement**



**Figure 36 ASA 5516-X Rear TEL Placement**



**Figure 37 ASA 5516-X Top TEL Placement**



**Figure 38 ASA 5516-X Bottom TEL Placement**



**Figure 39 ASA 5525-X Front TEL Placement**



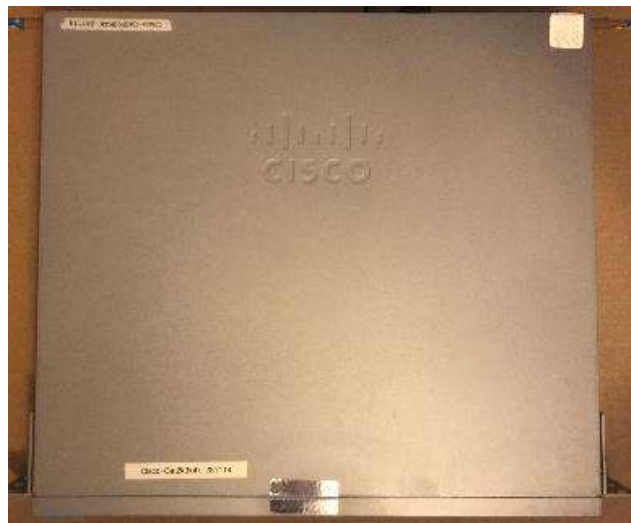
**Figure 40 ASA 5525-X Right Side View**



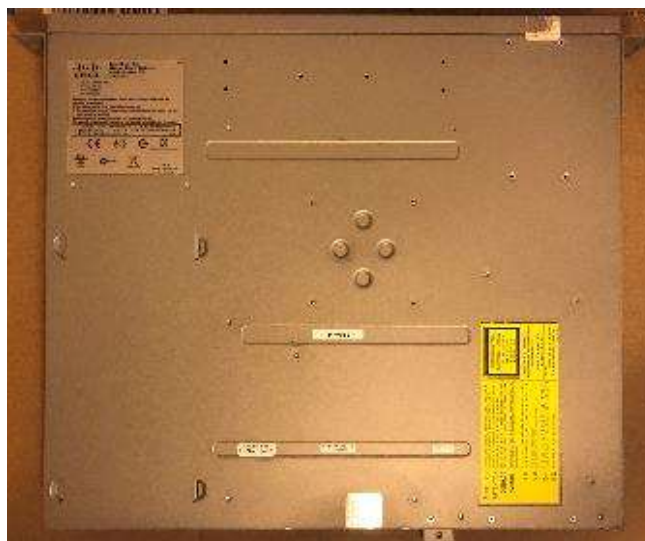
**Figure 41 ASA 5525-X Left Side View**



**Figure 42 ASA 5525-X Rear TEL Placement**



**Figure 43 ASA 5525-X Top TEL Placement**



**Figure 44 ASA 5525-X Bottom TEL Placement**





**Figure 45 ASA 5545-X Front TEL Placement**



**Figure 46 ASA 5545-X Right Side View**



**Figure 47 ASA 5545-X Left Side View**



**Figure 48 ASA 5545-X Rear TEL Placement**



**Figure 49 ASA 5545-X Top TEL Placement**



**Figure 50 ASA 5545-X Bottom TEL Placement**



**Figure 51 ASA 5555-X Front TEL Placement**



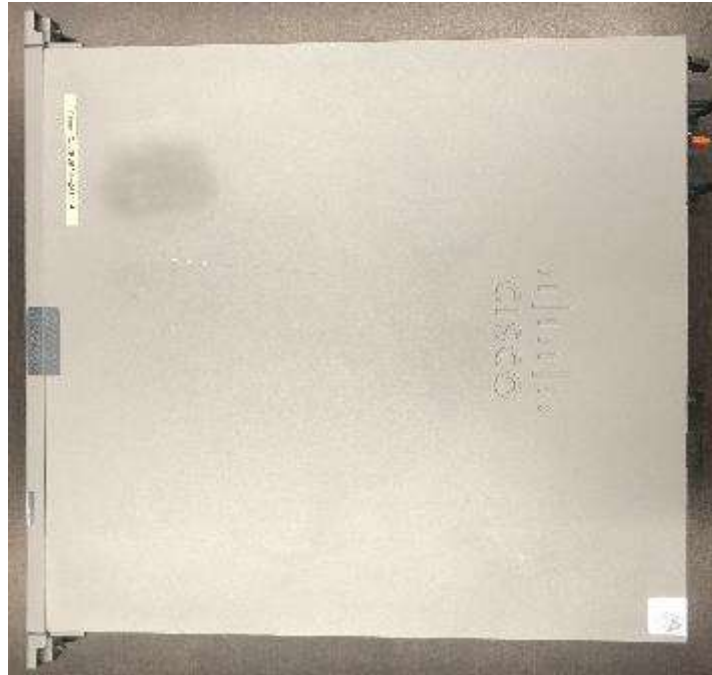
**Figure 52 ASA 5555-X Right Side View**



**Figure 53 ASA 5555-X Left Side View**



**Figure 54 ASA 5555-X Rear TEL Placement**



**Figure 55 ASA 5555-X Top TEL Placement**



**Figure 56 ASA 5555-X Bottom TEL Placement**



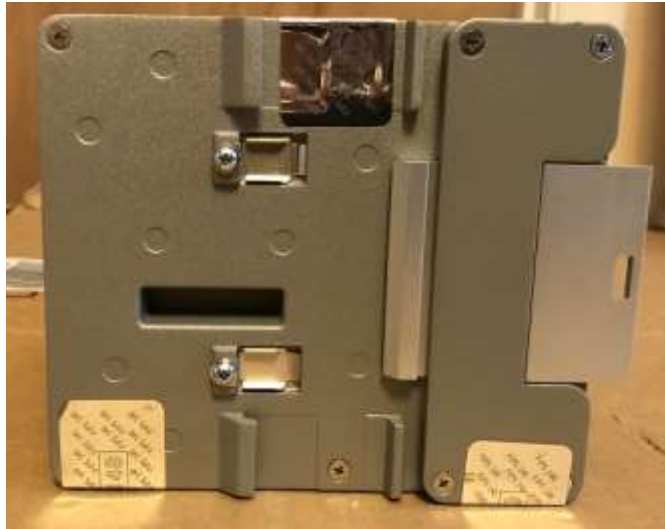
**Figure 57 ISA 3000 (both 3000-4C and 3000-2C2F) Front TEL Location**



**Figure 58 ISA 3000 (both 3000-4C and 3000-2C2F) Right Side View**



**Figure 59 ISA 3000 (both 3000-4C and 3000-2C2F) Left Side View**



**Figure 60 ISA 3000 (both 3000-4C and 3000-2C2F) Rear TEL Location**



**Figure 61 ISA 3000 (both 3000-4C and 3000-2C2F) Top TEL Location**



**Figure 62 ISA 3000 (both 3000-4C and 3000-2C2F) Bottom TEL Location**

### **Applying Tamper Evidence Labels**

Step 1: Turn off and unplug the system before cleaning the chassis and applying labels.

Step 2: Clean the chassis of any grease, dirt, or oil before applying the tamper evident labels. Alcohol-based cleaning pads are recommended for this purpose.

Step 3: Apply a label to cover the security appliance as shown in figures above.

The tamper evident seals are produced from a special thin gauge vinyl with self-adhesive backing. Any attempt to open the device will damage the tamper evident seals or the material of the security appliance cover. Because the tamper evident seals have non-repeated serial numbers, they may be inspected for damage and compared against the applied serial numbers to verify that the security appliance has not been tampered with. Tamper evident seals can also be inspected for signs of tampering, which include the following: curled corners, rips, and slices. The tamper evidence shall appear if the label was peeled back.

## **3 Secure Operation**

The module meets all the Level 2 requirements for FIPS 140-2. The module is shipped only to authorized operators by the vendor, and the module is shipped in Cisco boxes with Cisco adhesive, so if tampered with the recipient will notice. Follow the setting instructions provided below to place the module in FIPS-approved mode. Operating the module without maintaining the following settings will remove the module from the FIPS approved mode of operation.

### **3.1 Crypto Officer Guidance - System Initialization**

The Cisco ASA and ISA Cryptographic Module is validated running firmware version 9.12, which is the only allowable firmware for the current FIPS-approved mode of operation. The Crypto Officer must configure and enforce the following initialization steps:

**Step 1:** Disable the console output of system crash information, using the following command:

```
(config) #crash info console disable
```

**Step 2:** System comes with Base License. Need to install Triple-DES/AES licenses to require the security appliances to use Triple-DES and AES (for data traffic and SSH).

```
ciscoasa# activation-key (enter in key values)
```

*Note:* key is a five-element hexadecimal string with one space between each element. The leading 0x specifier is optional; all values are assumed to be hexadecimal.

**Step 3:** Using ‘fips enable’ command to enable the FIPS mode.

```
(config) # fips enable
```

**Step 4:** Disable password recovery.

```
(config) #no service password-recovery
```

**Step 5:** Set the configuration register to bypass ROMMON prompt at boot.

```
(config) # config-register 0x10011
```

**Step 6:** If using a Radius/TACACS+ server for authentication, perform the following steps (see Operator manual for specific TACACS+ commands). Otherwise, skip to step 7.

```
(config) # aaa-server radius-server protocol radius
```

```
(config) # aaa-server radius-server host <IP-address>
```

Configure an IPsec tunnel to secure traffic between the ASA and the Radius server.

The pre-shared key must be at least 8 characters long.

**Step 7:** Enable AAA authentication for the console.

```
(config) #aaa authentication serial console LOCAL
```

```
(config) #username <name> password <password>
```

**Step 8:** Enable AAA authentication for SSH.

```
(config) #aaa authentication ssh console LOCAL
```

**Step 9:** Enable AAA authentication for Enable mode.

```
(config) #aaa authentication enable console LOCAL
```

**Step 10:** Specify Privilege Level 15 for Crypto Officer and Privilege Level 1 for User and set up username/password for each role.

```
(config) #username <name> password <password> privilege 15
```

```
(config) #username <name> password <password> privilege 1
```

**Step 11:** Ensure passwords are at least 8 characters long.

**Step 12:** All default passwords, such as enable and telnet, must be replaced with new passwords.

**Step 13:** Apply tamper evident labels as described in the “Physical Security” section in this document.

**Step 14:** Reboot the security appliances.

## 3.2 Crypto Officer Guidance - System Configuration

To operate in FIPS mode, the Crypto Officer must perform the following steps:

**Step 1:** Assign users a Privilege Level of 1.

**Step 2:** Define RADIUS and TACACS+ shared secret keys that are at least 8 characters long and secure traffic between the security appliances and the RADIUS/TACACS+ server via IPsec tunnel.

**Note:** Perform this step only if RADIUS/TACACS+ is configured, otherwise proceed to step 3.

**Step 3:** Configure the TLS protocol when using HTTPS to protect administrative functions. Due to known issues relating to the use of TLS with certain versions of the Java plugin, we require that you upgrade to JRE 1.5.0\_05 or later. The following configuration settings are known to work when launching ASDM in a TLS-only environment with JRE 1.5.0\_05:

a. Configure the device to allow only TLSv1.2 packets using the following command:

```
(config)# ssl server-version tlsv1.2
```

```
(config)# ssl client-version tlsv1.2
```

b. Uncheck SSL Version 2.0 in both the web browser and JRE security settings.

c. Check TLS V1.2 in both the web browser and JRE security settings.

**Step 4:** Configure the security appliances to use SSHv2. Note that all operators must still authenticate after remote access is granted.

```
(config)# ssh version 2
```

**Step 5:** Configure the security appliances such that any remote connections via Telnet are secured through IPsec.

**Step 6:** Configure the security appliances such that only FIPS-approved algorithms are used for IPsec tunnels.

**Step 7:** Configure the security appliances such that error messages can only be viewed by Crypto Officer.

**Step 8:** Disable the TFTP server.

**Step 9:** Disable HTTP for performing system management in FIPS mode of operation. HTTPS with TLS should always be used for Web-based management.

**Step 10:** Ensure that installed digital certificates are signed using FIPS approved algorithms.

## 3.3 Identifying Module Operation in an Approved Mode

The following activities are required to verify that the module is operating in an Approved mode of operation.

1. Verify that the tamper evidence labels and FIPS opacity shields have been properly placed on the module based on the instructions specified in the “Physical Security” and “Secure Operation” sections of this document.
2. Verify that the length of User and Crypto Officer passwords and all shared secrets are at least eight (8) characters long, include at least one letter, and include at least one number character, as specified in the “Secure Operation” section of this document.



3. Issue the following commands: 'show crypto IPsec sa' and 'show crypto isakmp policy' to verify that only FIPS approved algorithms are used.