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SERVER-EMBEDDED HARDWARE SECURITY MODULES

The Thales nShield Solo series are embedded hardware security modules (HSMs) that increase the digital security of an organization's critical business applications by isolating sensitive tasks, securely executing cryptographic operations, and protecting and managing the associated keys. These hardened, tamper-resistant PCIe cards performs encryption, digital signing, and key management on behalf of an extensive range of commercial and custom-built applications including public key infrastructures (PKIs), identity management systems, application-level encryption and tokenization, SSL/TLS, and code signing. High assurance alternatives to software-based cryptography libraries, nShield Solo modules feature certified implementations of all leading algorithms including Suite B, as well as best in class elliptic curve cryptography (ECC) performance.

Key Benefits

- Automate risk-prone administrative tasks, guarantee key recovery, and eliminate costly manually-intensive backup processes
- Remote Administration feature reduces the cost of traveling to data centers
- Establish strong separation of duties through robust administration policies including roles-based multi-factor authentication and quorum-based authorization
- Enable secure execution of custom security-critical application code within the tamperresistant hardware boundary





Thales e-Security

nShield Solo Series Solo+ and Solo XC





Thales nShield Solo Series TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS'

Functional capabilities

- Embedded one-to-one client server application support
- Secure key and application storage and processing
- Cryptographic offloading and acceleration
- Authenticated multi level access control
- Strong separation of administration and operator roles
- Secure key wrapping, backup, replication and recovery
- Unlimited protected key storage
- Supports clustering and load-balancing
- Logical cryptographic separation of application keys
- "k of n" multi-factor authentication

Supported operating systems

- Windows, Linux, Solaris⁴, IBM AIX⁴, HP UX⁴
- Remote Administration client side: Windows, Linux

Application Program Interfaces (APIs)

- PKCS#11, OpenSSL, Java (JCE), Microsoft CAPI and CNG
- nCore (low-level Thales interface for developers)

Compatibility and upgradeability

- Compatible with Thales nShield Connect/Connect+, nShield Solo PCI/PCle and nShield Edge
- Security World key management architecture enables load balancing across mixed estates of nShield models
- Software upgradeable

Host connectivity

PCI Express Version 2.0; Solo + connector: 1 lane, Solo XC connector: 4 lane

Cryptography

- Asymmetric public key algorithms: RSA, Diffie-Hellman, DSA, KCDSA, ECDSA³, ECDH³
- Symmetric algorithms: AES, ARIA, Camellia, CAST, RIPEMD160 HMAC, SEED, Triple DES
- Hash/message digest: SHA-1, SHA-2 (224, 256, 384, 512 bit)
- Full Suite B implementation with fully licensed ECC including Brainpool and custom curves

Security² compliance

• FIPS 140-2 Level 2 and Level 3 (XC models FIPS-pending)

Safety and environmental compliance

- UL, UL/CA⁵, CE, FCC, Canada ICES, KC, FCC, VCCI, C-TICK⁴, RCM⁵
- RoHS2, WEEE, REACH

Management and monitoring

- Remote Administration enables management including adding applications, updating firmware, and checking nShield status – from your office location
- Syslog diagnostics support
- Windows performance monitoring
- Command line interface (CLI)/graphical user interface (GUI)
- SNMP monitoring agent

Physical characteristics

• Standard low profile PCIe form factor

Dimensions	Weight		Power	
Dimensions	Solo+	Solo XC	Solo+	Solo XC
56.2 x 167.1 x 15.4mm	230g	280g	10W	24W
2.2 x 6.6 x 0.6in	0.5lb	0.62lb	1000	

Cost-effective for standalone servers

When protecting cryptographic keys on standalone servers, nShield Solo is the most cost-effective solution. nShield Solo can be deployed within a cluster of servers to enable load balancing and high availability. For customers deploying multiple nShield Solo modules in a data center environment, an optional Smart Card Reader rackmount is available.

Available models and performance

nShield Solo Models	500+	XC Base	6000+	XC Mid	XC High		
RSA Signing Performance (tps) for NIST Recommended Key Lengths							
2048 bit	150	340	3,000	3,000	8,400		
4096 bit	80	80	500	700	2,000		
ECC Prime Curve Signing Performance (tps) for NIST Recommended Key Lengths ³							
256 bit	540	570	2,400	5,000	14,000		

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- 1 Performance may vary depending on operating system,
- application, network topology and other factors.2 Security certifications are performed only against select firmware versions. Consult the certifications section of our
- website for links to official certificates. 3 With ECC Activation
- 4 Solo+ models only
- 5 Solo XC models only

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