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# LI.FI Security Review

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Permit2Proxy(v1.0.0)

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# 1 About Researcher

Sujith Somraaj is a distinguished security researcher and protocol engineer with over seven years of comprehensive experience in the Web3 ecosystem.

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## 2 Disclaimer

Note that this security audit is not designed to replace functional tests required before any software release, and does not give any warranties on finding all possible security issues of that given smart contract(s) or blockchain software. i.e., the evaluation result does not guarantee against a hack (or) the non existence of any further findings of security issues. As one audit-based assessment cannot be considered comprehensive, I always recommend proceeding with several audits and a public bug bounty program to ensure the security of smart contract(s). Lastly, the security audit is not an investment advice.

This review is done independently by the reviewer and is not entitled to any of the security agencies the researcher worked / may work with.

## 3 Scope

- src/Periphery/Permit2Proxy.sol(v1.0.0)

## 4 Risk classification

Severity level	Impact: High	Impact: Medium	Impact: Low
Likelihood: high	Critical	High	Medium
Likelihood: medium	High	Medium	Low
Likelihood: low	Medium	Low	Low

### 4.1 Impact

- High** leads to a loss of a significant portion (>10%) of assets in the protocol, or significant harm to a majority of users.
- Medium** global losses <10% or losses to only a subset of users, but still unacceptable.
- Low** losses will be annoying but bearable — applies to things like griefing attacks that can be easily repaired or even gas inefficiencies.

### 4.2 Likelihood

- High** almost certain to happen, easy to perform, or not easy but highly incentivized
- Medium** only conditionally possible or incentivized, but still relatively likely
- Low** requires stars to align, or little-to-no incentive

### 4.3 Action required for severity levels

<b>Critical</b>	Must fix as soon as possible (if already deployed)
<b>High</b>	Must fix (before deployment if not already deployed)
<b>Medium</b>	Should fix
<b>Low</b>	Could fix

## 5 Executive Summary

Over the course of 4 days in total, [LI.FI](#) engaged with the [researcher](#) to audit the contracts described in section 3 of this document ("scope").

In this period of time a total of 5 issues were found.

Project Summary	
Project Name	LI.FI
Repository	<a href="#">lifinance/contracts</a>
Commit Hashes	<a href="#">0e3deb....b039a0</a> <a href="#">26f54d....57fc18</a> <a href="#">218156....37bdc4</a>
Type of Project	
Audit Timeline	September 16, 2024 October 8, 2024 - October 9, 2024 November 20, 2024
Methods	Manual Review

Issues Found	
Critical Risk	0
High Risk	1
Medium Risk	0
Low Risk	3
Gas Optimizations	0
Informational	1
<b>Total Issues</b>	<b>5</b>

## 6 Findings

### 6.1 High Risk

#### 6.1.1 Frontrunning `callDiamondWithEIP2612Signature` leads to permanent loss of user funds

**Context:** [Permit2Proxy.sol#L64](#)

**Description:** The `callDiamondWithEIP2612Signature` function is susceptible to a frontrunning attack. Frontrunning occurs when an attacker observes a pending transaction in the transaction pool and attempts to execute their transaction with a higher gas price, effectively "frontrunning" the original transaction.

Here's the relevant code snippet:

```
function callDiamondWithEIP2612Signature(
    address tokenAddress,
    address owner,
    uint256 amount,
    uint256 deadline,
    uint8 v,
    bytes32 r,
    bytes32 s,
    address diamondAddress,
    bytes calldata diamondCalldata
) public payable {
    // ...
}
```

The `callDiamondWithEIP2612Signature` function allows users to bridge tokens through the LI.FI diamond contract using an EIP2612 gasless permit. However, the function parameters `diamondAddress` and `diamondCalldata` are not signed by the user and can be modified by an attacker.

An attacker can observe a pending transaction that calls `callDiamondWithEIP2612Signature` and extract the `tokenAddress`, `owner`, `amount`, `deadline`, `v`, `r`, and `s` parameters. The attacker can then create their transaction with the same parameters but modify the `diamondAddress` and `diamondCalldata` to execute a different action or transfer the tokens to a different address.

By submitting the attacker's transaction with a higher gas price, the attacker can potentially frontrun the original transaction and execute their malicious action before it is processed.

**Recommendation:** Consider accepting a signature from the owner approving the `diamondAddress` / `diamondCalldata`.

**LI.FI:** Fixed in [0e3debb78abdcf9a9f934115338b611e16b039a0](#)

**Researcher:** Verified.

### 6.2 Low Risk

#### 6.2.1 Witness typehash contains non-existent fields

**Context:** [Permit2Proxy.sol#L25](#)

**Description:** The witness type hash is used by the Permit2Proxy contract to process witness-based approvals. The witness type hash is generated by keccak256 hashing of `LiFiCall(address tokenReceiver, address diamondAddress, bytes32 diamondCalldataHash)`; however, the `tokenReceiver` is not required in the newer implementation as it is unused.

**Recommendation:** Consider removing the `tokenReceiver` parameter from the witness typehash.

**LI.FI:** Fixed in [6ab55d42168e4d58e2b1ffd24d60d7434a7a9ca6](#)

**Researcher:** Verified.

## 6.2.2 Permit2Proxy is in-compatible with multiple facets that refunds native tokens to the msg.sender

**Context:** [Permit2Proxy.sol#L17](#)

**Description:** The Permit2Proxy contract does not have a receive() function to accept native refunds from the Diamond contract. Therefore, the contract might be incompatible with some facets that refund excess native.

Facets that refund native tokens to msg.sender include, DeBridgeDlnFacet, DeBridgeFacet, MakerTeleportFacet, MultichainFacet, NXTPFacet, SynapseBridgeFacet, WormholeFacet, AcrossFacet, AllBridgeFacet, ArbitrumBridgeFacet, CBridgeFacet, CelerCircleBridgeFacet, CircleBridgeFacet, GenericSwapFacet, GnosisBridgeFacet, GnosisBridgeL2Facet, HopFacet, HyphenFacet, LIFuelFacet, MayanFacet, OmniBridgeFacet, PolygonBridgeFacet, SquidFacet, StargateFacet, StargateFacetV2, SymbiosisFacet, ThorSwapFacet and SwapperV2.

Hence, the user's native token estimates should be 100% accurate for using the Permit2Proxy contract rather than the built-in refunding mechanism of the Diamond contract.

**Recommendation:** Consider adding a receive() function and forward the refunded native tokens to the user.

**LI.FI:** Fixed in [976966de7ba14d1782904ebe7bad1b3fd2e79281](#)

**Researcher:** Verified. The refunding mechanism added can help retrieve refunded tokens & also accept refunds from the diamond contract.

## 6.2.3 Refund unused tokens in callDiamondWithPermit2Witness, callDiamondWithPermit2 and callDiamondWithEIP2612Signature functions

**Context:** [Permit2Proxy.sol#L72](#), [Permit2Proxy.sol#L115](#), [Permit2Proxy.sol#L147](#)

**Description:** The Permit2Proxy contract transfers assets from the users to themselves before forwarding arbitrary call data to the LI.FI diamond. However, the contract doesn't account for the dust left in it, which a new user could steal.

**Recommendation:** Consider refunding any dust after the execution of calldata to all the functions mentioned above.

```
function callDiamondWithEIP2612Signature(
    address tokenAddress,
    uint256 amount,
    uint256 deadline,
    uint8 v,
    bytes32 r,
    bytes32 s,
    bytes calldata diamondCalldata
) public payable returns (bytes memory) {
+ uint256 balanceBefore = IERC20(tokenAddress).balanceOf(address(this));
    .....
+ uint256 balanceAfter = IERC20(tokenAddress).balanceOf(address(this));
+ IERC20(tokenAddress).transfer(msg.sender, balanceAfter - balanceBefore);
}
```

**LI.FI:** Acknowledged.

## 6.3 Informational

### 6.3.1 Remove unused imports in Permit2Proxy

**Context:** [Permit2Proxy.sol#L5](#), [Periphery/Permit2Proxy.sol#L8](#)

**Description:** The Permit2Proxy contract imports two contracts, TransferrableOwnership and SafeERC20, but is not used anywhere in the code.

**Recommendation:** Consider removing the unused import.

**LI.FI:** Fixed in [3eaf8ba32972a9bfd78ab0c16d6998bfa97a46c0](#)

**Researcher:** Verified.

## 7 Additional Comments

The security audit was conducted across three distinct phases, all focusing on Permit2Proxy.sol at different commit stages: Primary Audits:

Commit 0e3debb78abddf9a9f934115338b611e16b039a0: Permit2Proxy full-file assessment  
Commit 26f54d441154cb8fc533518425841c825757fc18: Permit2Proxy full-file assessment

### 7.1 Hotfix Validation:

Commit 181566e2a494073c5ab30b30b60f8b69d437bdc4: Targeted review of permit typehash modification

The first two phases encompassed complete audits of all files within scope, while the third phase specifically addressed the validation of a permit typehash hotfix.