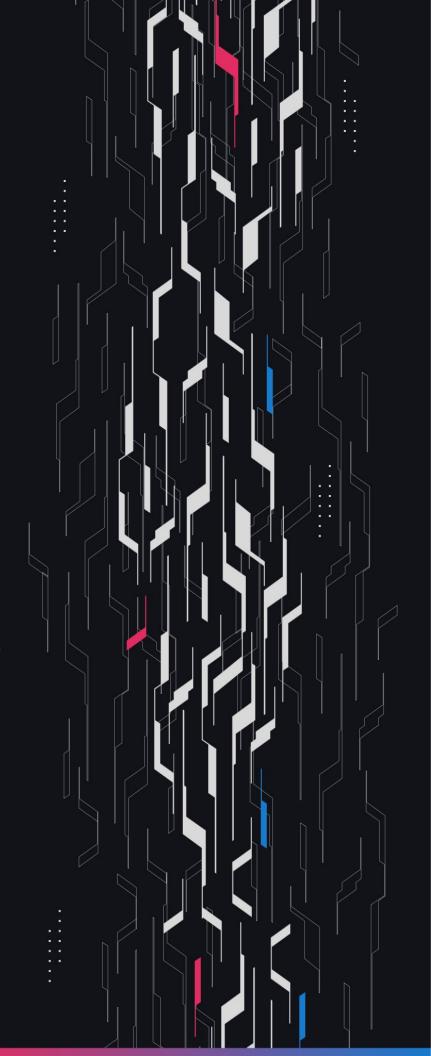
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Rootstock Deployment

Security Assessment
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# **Summary**

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#### **Audit Summary**

USDT0 engaged Guardian to review the security of their USDT0's deployment on Rootstock. From the 23rd of June to the 24th of June, a team of 2 auditors reviewed the source code in scope. All findings have been recorded in the following report.

### **Confidence Ranking**

Given the lack of critical issues detected and minimal code changes following the main review, Guardian assigns a Confidence Ranking of 5 to the protocol. Guardian advises the protocol to consider periodic review with future changes. For detailed understanding of the Guardian Confidence Ranking, please see the rubric on the following page.

Blockchain network: Rootstock

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# **Guardian Confidence Ranking**

Confidence Ranking	Definition and Recommendation	Risk Profile
5: Very High Confidence	Codebase is mature, clean, and secure. No High or Critical vulnerabilities were found. Follows modern best practices with high test coverage and thoughtful design.	0 High/Critical findings and few Low/Medium severity findings.
	<b>Recommendation:</b> Code is highly secure at time of audit. Low risk of latent critical issues.	
4: High Confidence	Code is clean, well-structured, and adheres to best practices. Only Low or Medium-severity issues were discovered. Design patterns are sound, and test coverage is reasonable. Small changes, such as modifying rounding logic, may introduce new vulnerabilities and should be carefully reviewed.	0 High/Critical findings. Varied Low/Medium severity findings.
	<b>Recommendation:</b> Suitable for deployment after remediations; consider periodic review with changes.	
3: Moderate Confidence	Medium-severity and occasional High-severity issues found. Code is functional, but there are concerning areas (e.g., weak modularity, risky patterns). No critical design flaws, though some patterns could lead to issues in edge cases.	1 High finding and ≥ 3 Medium. Varied Low severity findings.
	<b>Recommendation:</b> Address issues thoroughly and consider a targeted follow-up audit depending on code changes.	
2: Low Confidence	Code shows frequent emergence of Critical/High vulnerabilities (~2/week). Audit revealed recurring anti-patterns, weak test coverage, or unclear logic. These characteristics suggest a high likelihood of latent issues.	2-4 High/Critical findings per engagement week.
	<b>Recommendation:</b> Post-audit development and a second audit cycle are strongly advised.	
1: Very Low Confidence	Code has systemic issues. Multiple High/Critical findings (≥5/week), poor security posture, and design flaws that introduce compounding risks. Safety cannot be assured.	≥5 High/Critical findings and overall systemic flaws.
	<b>Recommendation:</b> Halt deployment and seek a comprehensive re-audit after substantial refactoring.	

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# **Project Overview**

### **Project Summary**

Project Name	USDT0
Language	Solidity
Codebase	https://github.com/Everdawn-Labs/usdt0-tether-contracts-hardhat and https://github.com/Everdawn-Labs/usdt0-oft-contracts
Commit(s)	Initial commit(s): 2e33f361023a2e97a3e9b3e276f535b7f36fa6ce and 74cb4880ddf22e34459892845ec059ac4ffa6a91
Addresses	OFT Proxy: 0x1a594d5d5d1c426281C1064B07f23F57B2716B61 OFT Implementation: 0x6084203FF1c4C2Ecf26722b59ac7bF1A1dc220b6 OFT Proxy Admin: 0xa882c21c9df00958a958cde96f2b2ae8fb4315b1 USDT0 Proxy: 0x779ded0c9e1022225f8e0630b35a9b54be713736 USDT0 Implementation: 0x1ec7df9e74be05cb5a456aca2dc1ac2cec9ab6a3 USDT0 Proxy Admin: 0xf555a12bffaef20cc201a74ae6513cb4aadb34b9

### **Audit Summary**

Delivery Date	July 16, 2025
Audit Methodology	Static Analysis, Manual Review, Test Suite, Contract Fuzzing

### **Vulnerability Summary**

Vulnerability Level	Total	Pending	Declined	Acknowledged	Partially Resolved	Resolved
Critical	0	0	0	0	0	0
• High	0	0	0	0	0	0
<ul><li>Medium</li></ul>	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Low	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Info	2	0	0	2	0	0

# **Audit Scope & Methodology**

### **Vulnerability Classifications**

Severity Impact: High		Impact: Medium	Impact: Low
Likelihood: <i>High</i>	Critical	• High	<ul><li>Medium</li></ul>
Likelihood: Medium	• High	• Medium	• Low
Likelihood: Low	• Medium	• Low	• Low

#### **Impact**

**High** Significant loss of assets in the protocol, significant harm to a group of users, or a core

functionality of the protocol is disrupted.

**Medium** A small amount of funds can be lost or ancillary functionality of the protocol is affected.

The user or protocol may experience reduced or delayed receipt of intended funds.

**Low** Can lead to any unexpected behavior with some of the protocol's functionalities that is

notable but does not meet the criteria for a higher severity.

#### **Likelihood**

**High** The attack is possible with reasonable assumptions that mimic on-chain conditions,

and the cost of the attack is relatively low compared to the amount gained or the

disruption to the protocol.

Medium An attack vector that is only possible in uncommon cases or requires a large amount of

capital to exercise relative to the amount gained or the disruption to the protocol.

**Low** Unlikely to ever occur in production.

# **Audit Scope & Methodology**

### **Methodology**

Guardian is the ultimate standard for Smart Contract security. An engagement with Guardian entails the following:

- Two competing teams of Guardian security researchers performing an independent review.
- A dedicated fuzzing engineer to construct a comprehensive stateful fuzzing suite for the project.
- An engagement lead security researcher coordinating the 2 teams, performing their own analysis, relaying findings to the client, and orchestrating the testing/verification efforts.

The auditing process pays special attention to the following considerations:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors.
- Assessing the codebase to ensure compliance with current best practices and industry standards.
- Ensuring contract logic meets the specifications and intentions of the client.
- Cross-referencing contract structure and implementation against similar smart contracts produced by industry leaders.
- Thorough line-by-line manual review of the entire codebase by industry experts. Comprehensive written tests as a part of a code coverage testing suite.
- Contract fuzzing for increased attack resilience.

# **Findings & Resolutions**

ID	)	Title	Category	Severity	Status
<u>l-(</u>	<u>01</u>	TON Config Ahead Of Rootstock Config	Warning	<ul><li>Info</li></ul>	Acknowledged
<u>I-C</u>	<u>)2</u>	RPC Key Hardcoded	Warning	<ul><li>Info</li></ul>	Acknowledged

### I-01 | TON Config Ahead Of Rootstock Config

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Warning	<ul><li>Info</li></ul>	Global	Acknowledged

### **Description**

On Ethereum and Arbitrum safes, the first queued transactions #54 and #56 respectively, set the enforced options with TON. This contrasts with other safes which currently only have Rootstock configurations queued.



#### **Recommendation**

Ensure the TON configuration on Ethereum and Arbitrum is intentional.

#### **Resolution**

USDT0 Team: Acknowledged.

## I-02 | RPC Key Hardcoded

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Warning	<ul><li>Info</li></ul>	hardhat.config.js	Acknowledged

### **Description**

The dkey param for the DRPC is hardcoded into the config file, but it is more secure to store API keys within environment variables.

### **Recommendation**

Move the RPC to an environment variable.

#### **Resolution**

USDT0 Team: Acknowledged.

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