



Security Audit Report

Shield Finance

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Summary

This report has been prepared for Shield Finance to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the Shield Finance project as well as any contract dependencies that were not part of an officially recognized library.

A comprehensive examination has been performed, utilising Static Analysis and Manual Review techniques.

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.

The security assessment resulted in findings that ranged from Medium to informational.

We recommend addressing these findings to ensure a high level of security standards and industry practices. We suggest recommendations that could better serve the project from the security perspective:

- Enhance general coding practices for better structures of source codes;
- Add enough unit tests to cover the possible use cases;
- Provide more comments per each function for readability, especially contracts that are verified in public;
- Provide more transparency on privileged activities once the protocol is live.

Overview

Project Summary

Project Name	Shield Finance
Platform	XRPL
Chain	XRP
Language	Solidity
Codebase	github.com/shield-xrpfinance/shieldfinance
Commit	f591b209a688d86c377a96501b796195f2bb5d5a
Fixes Commit	ebda3366cad310be70f5fc27ba772e21763e7304

Audit Summary

Delivery Date	11/27/2025
Audit Methodology	Static Analysis, Manual Review

Vulnerability Summary

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Project Overview

The ShieldToken project introduces SHIELD, a fixed-supply ERC20 token designed for a simple and transparent fair-launch model. The contract is intentionally minimal, relying exclusively on well-audited OpenZeppelin libraries to ensure predictable behavior and reduce the risk of vulnerabilities. SHIELD implements no taxes, no blacklist mechanisms, no trading controls, and no privileged minting functions, making it a pure, immutable ERC20 token after deployment.

A total supply of 10,000,000 SHIELD is minted at deployment and assigned entirely to the deployer, who is responsible for all subsequent distribution, liquidity provision, or community allocation. The token includes optional burn functionality, allowing holders to reduce circulating supply voluntarily, supporting community-driven deflation if desired.

StakingBoost Contract

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Scope: This audit covers the smart contract **StakingBoost**, written in Solidity ^0.8.20. The scope includes staking logic, reward distribution mechanics, FXRP reward handling, boost calculation, administrative controls, token recovery, and interactions with external contracts (*IERC20*, *IShXRPVault*).

The review focuses solely on on-chain behavior, trust assumptions, and systemic risks arising from contract design, not external infrastructure (e.g., vault implementation, revenue pipeline, token behavior).

Objective: The objective of this audit is to identify vulnerabilities, logic inconsistencies, centralization risks, reentrancy exposure, trust assumptions, and token-handling issues that may affect correctness, economic safety, or user funds.

The audit evaluates the contract's resilience against common attack vectors, its compliance with intended staking/reward semantics, and the potential impact of owner privileges or misconfiguration.

Findings: Below are the enumerated issues identified during the security review, each categorized by severity.

1. Centralized FXRP Reward Control (High Severity)

The contract allows the owner to withdraw all FXRP via `recoverTokens`, including FXRP implicitly owed to users as pending rewards. This introduces a trust-based model where the owner can remove the full reward pool, preventing future claims and enabling a reward-level rug pull. User principal (SHIELD) remains protected, but rewards do not.

2. Missing Reentrancy Protection on `recoverTokens` (Low Severity)

`recoverTokens` is not `nonReentrant`. If the owner recovers a malicious ERC-20, that token could reenter the contract and trigger other functions unexpectedly. While this requires an owner-initiated action and a malicious token, it remains a deviation from best practice and should be patched.

3. Lock Period Applies Per Account, Not Per Deposit (Informational)

`stakedAt` is only set on the first stake and not refreshed with subsequent stakes. Users can deposit additional SHIELD and withdraw all of it once the first 30-day period expires. This behavior may not align with user expectations of "every deposit is locked for 30 days."

4. Assumption of Standard ERC-20 Tokens (Medium Severity)

The system does not support fee-on-transfer or rebasing tokens. If SHIELD or FXRP behaves non-standardly, accounting mismatches can occur (e.g., `totalStaked` > actual balance). This could break withdrawals or reward distribution.

5. Orphaned FXRP Rewards When No Stakers Exist (Low Severity)

If `distributeBoost` is called while `totalStaked == 0`, FXRP remains trapped in the contract and can only be reclaimed by the owner. This may create perceptions of reward unfairness or misallocation.

6. Non-Robust Approval Pattern for FXRP (Low Severity)

The contract uses `raw approve()` instead of `SafeERC20` helpers or the safe zero-reset pattern. Non-standard tokens (e.g., USDT-style) may revert or fail silently, leading to failed reward claims.

7. Missing Zero-Address Validation for Revenue Router (Low Severity)

The constructor does not validate that `_revenueRouter` is non-zero, risking deployments where reward distribution becomes impossible.

StakingBoost Contract

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Conclusion: The **StakingBoost** contract is generally well-structured, uses safe patterns for staking and Synthetix-style reward accounting, and protects user principal effectively. The primary concern is **centralization of FXRP reward control**, which places substantial trust in the owner. Secondary issues relate to token assumptions, approval robustness, and UX expectations around lock periods.

Recommendations:

- Restrict FXRP Recovery or Only Allow Recovery of "Excess" FXRP to prevent draining reward pools.
- Add nonReentrant to recoverTokens to ensure uniform reentrancy safety.
- Clarify lock semantics or update logic to reflect intended behavior (per-deposit vs per-account).
- Use SafeERC20.safeIncreaseAllowance or zero-reset approve pattern for compatibility.
- Add constructor validation for `_revenueRouter != address(0)`.
- Document token assumptions clearly (non-rebasing, non-fee-on-transfer).

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Objective: The objective of this audit is to evaluate the ShieldToken contract for vulnerabilities, trust risks, logical inconsistencies, and potential attack surfaces. The review focuses on ensuring that token minting, burning, ownership, and ERC20 functionality behave as intended with no pathways for unauthorized minting, supply manipulation, or privilege escalation. The goal is to provide confidence that the contract is safe, predictable, and adheres to standard ERC20 practices.

Findings: **1. Centralized Token Distribution & "Fair Launch" Claim – Informational**

All tokens are minted to the deployer address at launch. While not a security vulnerability, this design creates trust implications around distribution fairness. Token fairness is dependent entirely on the deployer's actions, which may impact community perception.

2. Unused Ownable Inheritance – Informational

The contract inherits from Ownable, yet no owner-only functions exist. While this does not create technical risk, the presence of an owner may raise transparency questions from users who expect an admin-free token.

3. TOTAL_SUPPLY Constant vs totalSupply() – Informational

The contract defines a fixed TOTAL_SUPPLY constant but still relies on the ERC20 internal supply variable. This is safe as long as no future minting capability is added; however, the constant could become misleading in extended versions.

4. OpenZeppelin Version Dependency – Informational

The constructor uses the OpenZeppelin v5 pattern (`Ownable(msg.sender)`). If the library version is changed, the contract may fail to compile or behave inconsistently. Explicit version pinning is recommended to prevent future integration issues.

5. Minor Style & Gas Micro-Optimizations – Low

Minor stylistic improvements (such as using `1e18` instead of `10**18`) could improve readability but do not affect security or functionality.

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Conclusion:**Total Issues Identified:****Critical: 0****High: 0****Medium: 0****Low: 1****Informational: 4**

The ShieldToken contract is structurally sound, minimal, and leverages well-audited OpenZeppelin modules. No vulnerabilities were found that could compromise token balances, supply integrity, or transfer mechanics. All identified findings are non-critical and relate to ecosystem trust, maintainability, or code clarity.

Recommendation:

- Remove or renounce ownership if the project aims for a fully trustless launch.
- Clearly communicate token distribution plans to address fairness expectations.
- Pin the OpenZeppelin version used for deployment.
- Optionally refactor minor stylistic elements for clarity.

Overall, the contract is safe, predictable, and suitable for deployment as a standard fixed-supply ERC20 token.

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