



ISO/IEC 19790 and FIPS 140-3 Non-Proprietary  
Security Policy  
for  
Firepower Next-Generation IPS Virtual VMware  
Cryptographic Module

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## 1 General

This is Cisco Systems, Inc. non-proprietary security policy for Firepower Next-Generation IPS Virtual VMware Cryptographic Module (hereinafter referred to as the Module or NGIPS) with software version 7.0.5. The following details how this module meets the security requirements of FIPS 140-3, SP 800-140 and ISO/IEC 19790 for a Security Level 1 Software cryptographic module.

The security requirements cover areas related to the design and implementation of a cryptographic module. These areas include cryptographic module specification; cryptographic module interfaces; roles, services, and authentication; software/firmware security; operational environment; physical security; non-invasive security; sensitive security parameter management; self-tests; life-cycle assurance; and mitigation of other attacks. The following table indicates the actual security levels for each area of the cryptographic module.

ISO/IEC 24759 Section 6. [Number Below]	FIPS 140-3 Section Title	Security Level
1	General	1
2	Cryptographic module specification	1
3	Cryptographic module interfaces	1
4	Roles, services, and authentication	1
5	Software/Firmware security	1
6	Operational environment	1
7	Physical security	N/A
8	Non-invasive security	N/A
9	Sensitive security parameter management	1
10	Self-tests	1
11	Life-cycle assurance	1
12	Mitigation of other attacks	N/A

Table 1 Security Levels

The module has an overall security level of 1.

## 2 Cryptographic module specification

The Next-Generation IPS Virtual Cryptographic Module is the virtualized offering of the industry-leading threat protection Cisco Firepower Next-Generation IPS (NGIPS) solution. The Module is a multi-chip standalone software module with underlying operating system identified as Linux 4 (also referred to as Firepower eXtensible Operating System or FX-OS) throughout this document. The module's operational environment is non-modifiable. NGIPS virtual provides cryptographic functionality and services for TLSv1.2 and SSHv2.

The module has been tested on the following Operational Environments.

#	Operating System	Hardware Platform	Processor	PAA/Acceleration
1	Linux 4 (FX-OS) on VMware ESXi 6.7	UCS C220 M5 SFF Server	Intel Xeon Gold 6128 (Skylake)	With PAA
2	Linux 4 (FX-OS) on VMware ESXi 6.7	UCS C220 M5 SFF Server	Intel Xeon Gold 6128 (Skylake)	Without PAA
3	Linux 4 (FX-OS) on VMware ESXi 7.0	UCS C220 M5 SFF Server	Intel Xeon Gold 6128 (Skylake)	With PAA

4	Linux 4 (FX-OS) on VMware ESXi 7.0	UCS C220 M5 SFF Server	Intel Xeon Gold 6128 (Skylake)	Without PAA
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Table 2 Tested Operational Environment



Figure 1 UCS C220 M5 Front view without Bezel (top) and with Bezel (bottom)<sup>1</sup>



Figure 2 UCS C220 M5 Rear view

In addition to the platforms listed in Table 2, Cisco has also tested the module on the following platforms and claims vendor affirmation on them.

#	Operating System	Hardware Platform
1	Linux 4 (FX-OS)	C220 M5 w/KVM/AWS
2	Linux 4 (FX-OS)	C240 M5 w/ESXi/KVM/AWS
3	Linux 4 (FX-OS)	C480 M5 w/ESXi/KVM/AWS
4	Linux 4 (FX-OS)	E160-M3 w/ESXi/KVM/AWS
5	Linux 4 (FX-OS)	E180D-M3 w/ESXi/KVM/AWS

Table 3 Vendor Affirmed Operational Environments

The CMVP makes no statement as to the correct operation of the module or the security strengths of the generated keys when ported to an operational environment which is not listed on the validation certificate.

## Mode of operation

The module has one approved mode of operation and is always in the approved mode of operation after initial operations are performed (See Section 11). The module does not claim implementation of a degraded mode of operation. Section 4 provides details on the service indicator implemented by the module.

The table below lists all Approved or Vendor-affirmed security functions of the module, including specific key size(s) -in bits otherwise noted- employed for approved services, and implemented modes of operation. There are some algorithm modes that were tested but not implemented by the module. Only the algorithms, modes, and key sizes that are implemented by the module are shown in this table.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cisco.com/c/dam/en/us/products/collateral/servers-unified-computing/ucs-c-series-rack-servers/c220m5-sff-specsheet.pdf>

<b>CAVP Cert</b>	<b>Algorithm and Standard</b>	<b>Mode/Method</b>	<b>Description / Key Size(s) / Key Strength(s)</b>	<b>Use/Function</b>
A2952 and A3376	AES [FIPS 197; SP800-38A]	CBC	Key Length: 128 and 256 bits	Symmetric Encryption and Decryption.
A2952 and A3376	AES [FIPS 197; SP 800-38D]	GCM	Key Length: 128 and 256 bits	Authenticated Symmetric Encryption and Decryption
A2952 and A3376	KDF SSH [SP 800-135rev1] (CVL)	KDF SSH	N/A	Key derivation function used in SSHv2
A2952 and A3376	TLS v1.2 KDF RFC7627 [RFC7627] (CVL)	TLS v1.2 KDF RFC7627	N/A	Key derivation in TLSv1.2 with RFC7627 KDF with Extended Master Secret
A2952 and A3376	CTR_DRBG [SP 800-90Arev1]	AES-256 Derivation Function Enabled; Prediction Resistance: Yes	N/A	Random number generation
A2952 and A3376	ECDSA [FIPS 186-4]	ECDSA KeyGen	Curves: P-256, P-384, P-521	ECDSA keypair generation
A2952 and A3376	ECDSA [FIPS 186-4]	ECDSA KeyVer	Curves: P-256, P-384, P-521	ECDSA keypair verification
A2952 and A3376	ECDSA [FIPS 186-4]	ECDSA SigGen	Curves: P-256, P-384, P-521	ECDSA signature generation
A2952 and A3376	ECDSA [FIPS 186-4]	ECDSA SigVer	Curves: P-256, P-384, P-521	ECDSA Signature verification
A2952 and A3376	HMAC [FIPS 198-1]	HMAC-SHA-1	Key Length: 112 bits or greater	Keyed Hash
A2952 and A3376	HMAC [FIPS 198-1]	HMAC-SHA2-256	Key Length: 112 bits or greater	Keyed Hash
A2952 and A3376	HMAC [FIPS 198-1]	HMAC-SHA2-384	Key Length: 112 bits or greater	Keyed Hash
A2952 and A3376	HMAC [FIPS 198-1]	HMAC-SHA2-512	Key Length: 112 bits or greater	Keyed Hash
A2952 and A3376	KAS-SSC [SP 800-56Arev3]	KAS-ECC-SSC: Scheme: ephemeralUnified: KAS Role: initiator, responder	Curves: P-256, P-384, P-521;  Key establishment methodology provides between 128 and 256 bits of encryption strength	KAS-ECC shared secret computation
A2952 and A3376	KAS [SP 800-56Arev3]	KAS (ECC): Scheme: ephemeralUnified KAS Role: initiator, responder  KAS-SSC Cert. #A2952, TLSv1.2 KDF RFC7627 Cert. #A2952;  KAS-SSC Cert. #A3376, TLSv1.2 KDF RFC7627 Cert. #A3376	Curves: P-256, P-384 and P-521;  Key establishment methodology provides between 128 and 256 bits of encryption strength	Key Agreement Scheme per SP800-56Are3 with key derivation function (SP800-135rev1)  Note: The module's KAS (ECC) implementation is FIPS140-3 IG D.F Scenario X1 (path 2) compliant
A2952 and A3376	KAS-SSC [SP 800-56Arev3]	KAS-FFC-SSC: Scheme: dhEphem:	MODP-2048;	KAS-FFC shared secret computation

<b>CAVP Cert</b>	<b>Algorithm and Standard</b>	<b>Mode/Method</b>	<b>Description / Key Size(s) / Key Strength(s)</b>	<b>Use/Function</b>
		KAS Role: initiator, responder	Key establishment methodology provides between 112 bits of encryption strength	
A2952 and A3376	KAS [SP 800-56Arev3]	KAS (FFC): Scheme: dhEphem KAS Role: initiator, responder  KAS-SSC #A2952, KDF SSH Cert. #A2952;  KAS-SSC Cert. #A3376, KDF SSH Cert. #A3376	MODP-2048;  Key establishment methodology provides between 112 bits of encryption strength	Key Agreement Scheme per SP800-56Arev3 with key derivation function (SP800-135rev1)  Note: The module's KAS (FFC) implementation is FIPS140-3 IG D.F Scenario X1 (path 2) compliant
A2952 and A3376	RSA [FIPS 186-4]	RSA KeyGen: - Mode: B.3.4 - 2048/3072 Modulus	Modulus: 2048/3072 bits	RSA keypair generation
A2952 and A3376	RSA [FIPS 186-4]	RSA SigGen: - PKCSv1.5 - 2048/3072 Modulus with SHA2-256/384/512	Modulus: 2048/3072 bits	RSA signature generation
A2952 and A3376	RSA [FIPS 186-4]	RSA SigVer: - PKCSv1.5 - 2048/3072 Modulus with SHA2-256/384/512	Modulus: 2048/3072 bits	RSA signature verification
A2952 and A3376	Safe Primes Key Generation [SP 800-56Arev3]	KeyGen for KAS-SSC (FFC)	Safe Prime Groups: MODP-2048	KAS-FFC Keypair domain parameters generation
A2952 and A3376	SHS [FIPS 180-4]	SHA-1	N/A	Message Digest
A2952 and A3376	SHS [FIPS 180-4]	SHA2-256	N/A	Message Digest
A2952 and A3376	SHS [FIPS 180-4]	SHA2-384	N/A	Message Digest
A2952 and A3376	SHS [FIPS 180-4]	SHA2-512	N/A	Message Digest
Vendor Affirmed	CKG (SP800-133rev2)	Section 5.1, Section 5.2	Cryptographic Key Generation; SP 800-133rev2 and IG D.H.	Key Generation.  Note: The cryptographic module performs Cryptographic Key Generation (CKG) for asymmetric keys as per section 5 in SP800-133rev2 (vendor affirmed). A seed (i.e., the random value) used in asymmetric key generation is a direct output from SP800-90Arev1 CTR_DRBG.

**Table 4 Approved Algorithms**

## Notes:

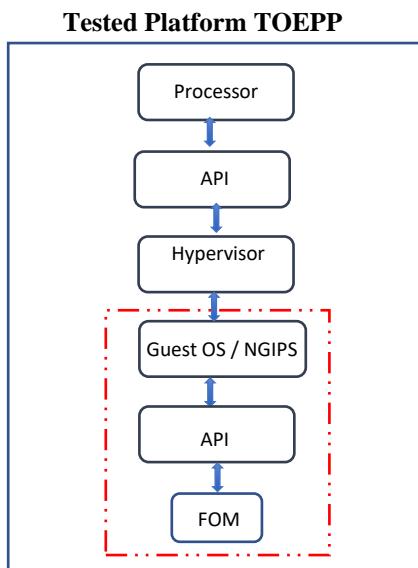
- Algorithm Cert. #A2952 was tested for the OE with PAA
- Algorithm Cert. #A3376 was tested for the OE without PAA
- The module's AES-GCM implementation conforms to FIPS 140-3 IG C.H scenario #1 following RFC 5288 for TLS. The module is compatible with TLSv1.2 and provides support for the acceptable 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.
- No parts of SSH and TLS protocols, other than the KDFs, have been tested by the CAVP and CMVP.

As the module can only be operated in the Approved mode of operation, and any algorithms not listed in the table 4 above will be rejected by the module while in the approved mode, the tables defined in SP800-140B for the following categories are missing from this document.

- Non-Approved Algorithms Allowed in Approved Mode of Operation
  - Non-Approved Algorithms Allowed in Approved Mode of Operation with No Security Claimed
- Non-Approved Algorithms Not Allowed in Approved Mode of Operation.

## Cryptographic boundary

The module is defined as a multi-chip standalone software module (inside red dashed area). The cryptographic boundary includes all of the module's software components, including Guest OS, API and FOM Crypto Library (Cisco FIPS Object Module). The physical perimeter is the Tested Operational Environment's Physical Perimeter (TOEPP) on which the module runs.



**Figure 3 Module's Block Diagram**

Note: Block Diagram above comprises the following components:

- Processor = Chip on the tested platform to handle all processes.
- API = Host API between hypervisor and processor
- Hypervisor = VMWare ESXi 6.7 or 7.0
- Guest OS/NGIPS = Linux 4 (FX-OS)
- API = Guest API between the module and FOM crypto library
- FOM = Cisco FIPS Object Module (FOM) crypto library

### 3 Cryptographic module interfaces

The module's physical perimeter encompasses the case of the tested platform mentioned in Table 2. The module provides its logical interfaces via Application Programming Interface (API) calls. The logical interfaces provided by the module are mapped onto the FIPS 140-3 logical interfaces (data input, data output, control input, control output and status output) as follows.

Physical Port	Logical Interface	Data that passes over port/interface
N/A	Data Input Interface	Arguments for an API call that provide the data to be used or processed by the module.
N/A	Data Output Interface	Arguments output from an API call.
N/A	Control Input Interface	Arguments for an API call used to control and configure module operation.
N/A	Control Output Interface	N/A
N/A	Status Output Interface	Return values, and or log messages.

Table 5 Ports and Interfaces

### 4 Roles, services, and authentication

The module supports Crypto Officer (CO) role. The cryptographic module does not provide any authentication methods. The module does not allow concurrent operators. The Crypto Officer is implicitly assumed based on the service requested. The module provides the following services to the Crypto Officer.

Role	Service	Input	Output
Crypto Officer	Show Status	API command to show status	Module's current status
Crypto Officer	Show Version	API commands to show version	Module's name/ID and versioning information
Crypto Officer	Perform Self-Tests	API commands to conduct on-demand Self-Tests	Status of the self-tests results
Crypto Officer	Perform Zeroization	API commands to conduct Zeroization operation or Power down the tested platform	Status of the SSPs zeroization
Crypto Officer	Configure Network	API Commands to configure the module	Status of the completion of network related configuration
Crypto Officer	Configure SSHv2 Function	API commands to configure SSHv2	Status of the completion of SSHv2 configuration
Crypto Officer	Configure HTTPS over TLSv1.2 Function	API commands to configure HTTPS over TLSv1.2	Status of the completion of HTTPS over TLSv1.2 configuration
Crypto Officer	Run SSHv2 Function	API commands to execute SSHv2 service	Status of SSHv2 secure tunnel establishment
Crypto Officer	Run HTTPS over TLSv1.2 Function	API commands to execute HTTPS over TLSv1.2 service	Status of HTTPS over TLSv1.2 secure tunnel establishment

**Table 6 Roles, Service Commands, Input and Output**

The table below lists all approved services that can be used in the approved mode of operation. The abbreviations of the access rights to keys and SSPs have the following interpretation:

**G = Generate:** The module generates or derives the SSP.

**R = Read:** The SSP is read from the module.

**W = Write:** The SSP is updated, imported, or written to the module.

**E = Execute:** The module uses the SSP in performing a cryptographic operation.

**Z = Zeroise:** The module zeroeses the SSP.

**N/A** = The service does not access any SSP during its operation.

Services	Description	Approved Security Functions	Keys and /or SSPs	Roles	Access rights to Keys and/or SSPs	Indicator
Show Status	Provide Module's current status	N/A	N/A	Crypto Officer	N/A	None
Show Version	Provide Module's name/ID and versioning information	N/A	N/A	Crypto Officer	N/A	None
Perform Self-Tests	Perform Self-Tests (Pre-operational self-tests and Conditional Self-Tests)	N/A	N/A	Crypto Officer	N/A	None
Perform Zeroization	Perform Zeroization	N/A	All SSPs	Crypto Officer	Z	None
Configure Network	Sets configuration of the systems	N/A	N/A	Crypto Officer	N/A	None
Configure SSHv2 Function	Configure SSHv2 Function	AES-CBC; CKG; KDF SSH; CTR_DRBG; HMAC-SHA-1; HMAC-SHA2-256; HMAC-SHA2-384; HMAC-SHA2-512; KAS-FFC-SSC; KAS (FFC); RSA KeyGen; RSA SigGen; RSA SigVer; Safe Primes Key Generation; SHA-1; SHA2-256; SHA2-384; SHA2-512	Diffie-Hellman Private Key; Diffie-Hellman Public Key; Peer Diffie-Hellman Public Key; Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret; RSA Private Key; RSA Public Key; SSH Session Integrity Key; SSH Session Key	Crypto Officer	W, E	Global Indicator and SSHv2 success log message

Services	Description	Approved Security Functions	Keys and /or SSPs	Roles	Access rights to Keys and/or SSPs	Indicator
Configure HTTPS over TLSv1.2 Function	Configure HTTPS over TLSv1.2 Function	AES-CBC; AES-GCM; CKG; TLS v1.2 KDF RFC7627; CTR_DRBG; ECDSA KeyGen; ECDSA KeyVer; ECDSA SigGen; ECDSA SigVer; HMAC-SHA-1; HMAC-SHA2-256; HMAC-SHA2-384; HMAC-SHA2-512; KAS-ECC-SSC; KAS (ECC); RSA KeyGen; RSA SigGen; RSA SigVer; SHA-1; SHA2-256; SHA2-384; SHA2-512	EC Diffie-Hellman Private Key; EC Diffie-Hellman Public Key; Peer EC Diffie-Hellman Public Key; EC Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret; ECDSA Private Key; ECDSA Public Key; RSA Private Key; RSA Public Key; TLS master secret; TLS Session Key; TLS Session Integrity Key	Crypto Officer	W, E	Global Indicator and HTTPS over TLSv1.2 success log message
Run SSHv2 Function	Execute SSHv2 Function	AES-CBC; CKG; KDF SSH; CTR_DRBG; HMAC-SHA-1; HMAC-SHA2-256; HMAC-SHA2-384; HMAC-SHA2-512; KAS-FFC-SSC; KAS (FFC); RSA KeyGen; RSA SigGen; RSA SigVer; Safe Primes Key Generation; SHA-1; SHA2-256; SHA2-384; SHA2-512	DRBG entropy input; DRBG Seed, Internal State V value, and Key; Diffie-Hellman Private Key; Diffie-Hellman Public Key; Peer Diffie-Hellman Public Key; Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret; RSA Private Key; RSA Public Key; SSH Session Integrity Key; SSH Session Key	Crypto Officer	W, E	Global Indicator and SSHv2 success log message
Run HTTPS over TLSv1.2 Function	Execute HTTPS over TLSv1.2 Function	AES-CBC; CKG; TLS v1.2 KDF RFC7627; CTR_DRBG;	DRBG entropy input; DRBG Seed, Internal State V value, and Key;	Crypto Officer	W, E	Global Indicator and HTTPS over TLSv1.2

Services	Description	Approved Security Functions	Keys and /or SSPs	Roles	Access rights to Keys and/or SSPs	Indicator
		ECDSA KeyGen; ECDSA KeyVer; ECDSA SigGen; ECDSA SigVer; HMAC-SHA-1; HMAC-SHA2-256; HMAC-SHA2-384; HMAC-SHA2-512; KAS-ECC-SSC; KAS (ECC); RSA KeyGen; RSA SigGen; RSA SigVer; SHA-1; SHA2-256; SHA2-384; SHA2-512	EC Diffie-Hellman Private Key; EC Diffie-Hellman Public Key; Peer EC Diffie-Hellman Public Key; EC Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret; ECDSA Private Key; ECDSA Public Key; RSA Private Key; RSA Public Key; TLS master secret; TLS Session Key; TLS Session Integrity Key			success log message

**Table 7 Approved Services**

As the module can only be operated in the Approved mode of operation, as such any algorithms not listed in Table 4 above will be rejected by the module while in the approved mode, the table required defined in SP800-140B for Non-Approved Services is missing from this document.

The module doesn't support self-initiated cryptographic output capability and cryptographic Bypass capability services

## 5 Software/Firmware security

### Integrity techniques

The module is provided in the form of binary executable code. To ensure the software security, the module is protected by HMAC-SHA2-512 (HMAC Certs. #A2952 or #A3376) algorithm. The software integrity test key (non-SSP) was preloaded to the module's binary the factory and used for software integrity test only at the pre-operational self-test. At Module's initialization, the integrity of the runtime executable is verified using a HMAC-SHA2-512 digest which is compared to a value computed at build time. If at the load time the MAC does not match the stored, known MAC value, the module would enter to an Error state with all crypto functionality inhibited.

### Integrity test on-demand

Integrity test is performed as part of the Pre-Operational Self-Tests. It is automatically executed at power-on. The operator can power cycle or reboot the tested platform to initiate the software integrity test on-demand.

## 6 Operational environment

The module is a software module, which is operated in a modifiable operational environment per FIPS 140-3 level 1 specifications. The module's software version running on each tested platform is 7.0.5.

The module has control over its own SSPs. The process and memory management functionality of the host device's OS prevents unauthorized access to plaintext private and secret keys, intermediate key generation values and other SSPs by external processes during module execution. The module only allows access to SSPs through its well-defined API. The operational environments provide the capability to separate individual application processes from each other by preventing uncontrolled access to CSPs and uncontrolled modifications of SSPs regardless of whether this data is in the process memory or stored on persistent storage within the operational environment. Processes that are spawned by the module are owned by the module and are not owned by external processes/operators.

## 7 Physical security

The FIPS 140-3 physical security requirements do not apply since it is a software module.

## 8 Non-invasive security

Currently, non-invasive security is not required by FIPS 140-3 (see NIST SP 800-140F). The requirements of this area are not applicable to the module.

## 9 Sensitive security parameters management

The following table summarizes the keys and Sensitive Security Parameters (SSPs) that are used by the cryptographic services implemented in the module.

Key/SSP Name Type	Strength	Security Function and Cert Number	Generation	Import/Export	Establishment	Storage	Zeroization	Use & related Keys
DRBG entropy input (CSP)	384 bits	CTR_DRBG #A2952 or #A3376	Obtained from the Entropy Source within TOEPP (GPS INT Pathways)	Import to the module via Module's API Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when the tested platform is powered down	Random Number Generation
DRBG Seed, Internal State V value, and Key (CSP)	256 bits	CTR_DRBG #A2952 or #A3376	Internally Derived from entropy input string as defined by SP800-90Arev1	Import: No Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when the tested platform is powered down	Random Number Generation
Diffie-Hellman Private Key (CSP)	MODP-2048	CKG; CTR_DRBG; KAS (FFC); KAS-FFC-SSC; Safe Primes Key Generation  #A2952 or #A3376	Internally generated conformant to SP800-133r2 (CKG) using SP800-56A rev3 Diffie-Hellman key generation method, and the random value used in key generation is generated using SP800-	Import: No Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when the tested platform is powered down	Used to derive Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret

Key/SSP Name Type	Strength	Security Function and Cert Number	Generation	Import/Export	Establishment	Storage	Zeroization	Use & related Keys
			90ARev1 DRBG					
Diffie-Hellman Public Key (PSP)	MODP-2048	KAS (FFC); KAS-FFC-SSC; Safe Primes Key Generation #A2952 or #A3376	Internally derived per the Diffie-Hellman key agreement (SP800-56Arev3)	Import: No Export: to the SSH Peer application	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when the tested platform is powered down	Used to derive Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret
Peer Diffie-Hellman Public Key (PSP)	MODP-2048	N/A	N/A	Import: to the Module via API Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when the tested platform is powered down	Used to derive Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret
Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret (CSP)	MODP-2048	KAS-FFC-SSC #A2952 or #A3376	Internally generated using SP800-56Arev3 DH shared secret computation	Import: No Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when the tested platform is powered down	Used to derive SSH session related keys
EC Diffie-Hellman Private Key (CSP)	P-256, P-384 and P-521	CKG; CTR_DRBG; KAS (ECC); KAS-ECC-SSC #A2952 or #A3376	Internally generated conformant to SP800-133r2 (CKG) using SP800-56A rev3 EC Diffie-Hellman key generation method, and the random value used in key generation is generated using SP800-90Arev1 DRBG	Import: No Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when the tested platform is powered down	Used to derive EC Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret
EC Diffie-Hellman Public Key (PSP)	P-256, P-384 and P-521	KAS (ECC); KAS-ECC-SSC #A2952 or #A3376	Internally derived per the EC Diffie-Hellman key agreement (SP800-56Arev3)	Import: No Export: to the TLS Peer application	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when the tested platform is powered down	Used to derive EC Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret

Key/SSP Name Type	Strength	Security Function and Cert Number	Generation	Import/Export	Establishment	Storage	Zeroization	Use & related Keys
Peer EC Diffie-Hellman Public Key (PSP)	P-256, P-384 and P-521	N/A	N/A	Import: to the Module via API Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when the tested platform is powered down	Used to derive EC Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret
EC Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret (CSP)	P-256, P-384 and P-521	KAS-ECC-SSC #A2952 or #A3376	Internally generated using SP800-56Ar3 ECDH shared secret computation	Import: No Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when the tested platform is powered down	Used to derive TLS session related keys
ECDSA Private Key (CSP)	P-256, P-384 and P-521	CKG; CTR_DRBG; ECDSA KeyGen; ECDSA KeyVer; ECDSA SigGen;  #A2952 or #A3376	Internally generated conformant to SP800-133r2 (CKG) using FIPS 186-4 ECDSA key generation method, and the random value used in key generation is generated using SP800-90Arrev1 DRBG	Import: No Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when the tested platform is powered down	Signature generation and Verification used in TLS
ECDSA Public Key (PSP)	P-256, P-384 and P-521	ECDSA KeyGen; ECDSA KeyVer; ECDSA SigVer;  #A2952 or #A3376	Internally derived per the FIPS 186-4 ECDSA key generation method	Import: No Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when the tested platform is powered down	Signature generation and Verification used in TLS
RSA Private Key (CSP)	2048 and 3072 bits	CKG; CTR_DRBG; RSA KeyGen; RSA SigGen;  #A2952 or #A3376	Internally generated conformant to SP800-133r2 (CKG) using FIPS 186-4 RSA key generation method, and the random value used in the key generation is generated using SP800-	Import: No Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when the tested platform is powered down	Signature generation and Verification used in SSH or TLS

Key/SSP Name Type	Strength	Security Function and Cert Number	Generation	Import/Export	Establishment	Storage	Zeroization	Use & related Keys
			90Arev1 DRBG					
RSA Public Key (PSP)	2048 and 3072 bits	KeyGen; RSA SigVer; #A2952 or #A3376	Internally derived per the FIPS 186-4 RSA key generation method	Import: No Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when the tested platform is powered down	Signature generation and Verification used in SSH or TLS
SSH Session Integrity Key (CSP)	160 bits	KDF SSH; HMAC-SHA-1 #A2952 or #A3376	Internally Derived per the key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF (KDF SSH).	Import: No Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when SSH session is terminated or when the tested platform is powered down	Used for SSH session integrity protection.
SSH Session Key (CSP)	128/256 bits	AES-CBC; KDF SSH; #A2952 or #A3376	Internally Generated via key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF (KDF SSH)	Import: No Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when SSH session is terminated or when the tested platform is powered down	Used for SSH session confidentiality protection
TLS Master Secret (CSP)	48 Bytes	Keying Material	Internally Derived per the key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF (TLS v1.2 KDF RFC7627)	Import: No Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when TLS session is terminated or when the tested platform is powered down	Keying material used to derive other TLS keys
TLS Session Key (CSP)	128/256 bits	AES-CBC; AES-GCM; TLS v1.2 KDF RFC7627; #A2952 or #A3376	Internally Derived per the key derivation function defined in SP800-135 KDF (TLS v1.2 KDF RFC7627)	Import: No Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent keys/SSPs storage.	Automatic zeroization when TLS session is terminated or when the tested platform is powered down	Used for TLS session confidentiality protection
TLS Session Integrity Key (CSP)	256-384 bits	TLS v1.2 KDF RFC7627; HMAC-SHA2-256;	Internally Derived per the key derivation function	Import: No Export: No	N/A	N/A: The module does not provide persistent	Automatic zeroization when TLS session is terminated or	Used for TLS session integrity protection

Key/SSP Name Type	Strength	Security Function and Cert Number	Generation	Import/Export	Establishment	Storage	Zeroization	Use & related Keys
		HMAC-SHA2-384; #A2952 or #A3376	defined in SP800-135 KDF (KDF-TLS v1.2 RFC7627)			keys/SSPs storage.	when the tested platform is powered down	

**Table 8 SSPs**

## RBG entropy source

Entropy sources	Minimum number of bits of entropy	Details
Entropy within the TOEPP was passively Load Into the module to seed the 800-90Arev1 DRBG by the Operating System.	At least 112 bits	<p>While operating in the approved mode, the entropy and seeding material for the SP800-90Arev1 DRBG are provided by the external calling application (and not by the Module) which is outside the module's cryptographic boundary but contained within the module's Tested Operational Environment's Physical Perimeter (TOEPP) boundary. The module receives a LOAD command with entropy obtained from the entropy source (Intel CPU processor with instructions RDRand) inside the TOEPP. The minimum effective strength of the SP 800-90A DRBG seed is required to be at least 112 bits when used in an approved mode of operation, therefore the minimum number of bits of entropy requested when the Module makes a call to the SP 800-90Arev1 DRBG is at least 112 bits.</p> <p>Per the IG 9.3.A Entropy Caveats, the following caveat applies: <i>No assurance of the minimum strength of generated SSPs (e.g., keys).</i></p>

**Table 9 Non-Deterministic Random Number Generation Specification**

## 10 Self-tests

When the module is loaded or instantiated (after being powered off, rebooted, etc.), the module runs pre-operational self-tests. The operating system is responsible for the initialization process and loading of the Module. The module is designed with a default entry point (DEP) which ensures that the self-tests are initiated automatically when the module is loaded. Prior to the module providing any data output via the data output interface, the module would perform and pass the pre-operational self-tests. A software integrity test is performed on the runtime image of the module with HMAC-SHA2-512 algorithm. Prior to the firmware integrity test, the module conducts a HMAC-SHA2-512 Cryptographic Algorithm Self-test (CAST). If the CAST on the HMAC-SHA2-512 is successful, the HMAC value of the runtime image is recalculated and compared with the stored HMAC value pre-computed at compilation time. Following the successful pre-operational self-tests, the module would execute the Conditional Cryptographic Algorithm Self-tests (CASTs) for all approved cryptographic algorithms implemented by the module during power-up as well.

The self-test success or failure messages were logged, which is functioning as the self-test status indicator. If any one of the self-tests fails, the module transitions into an error state and outputs the error message via the module's status output interface. While the module is in the error state, all data through the data output interface and all cryptographic operations are disabled. The only method to recover from the error state is to power cycle the device which results in the module being reloaded into memory and

reperforming the pre-operational software integrity test and the Conditional CASTs. The module will only enter into the operational state after successfully passing the preoperational software integrity test and the Conditional CASTs.

Below are the details of the self-tests conducted by the module.

#### **Pre-operational self-tests:**

- Pre-operational software integrity test
  - HMAC-SHA2-512 KAT
  - Software Integrity Test (using HMAC-SHA2-512)

Please note that the module conducts HMAC-SHA2-512 KAT self-test before the integrity test is performed.

#### **Conditional self-test**

- Conditional cryptographic algorithm self-tests (CASTs)
  - AES-CBC 256 bits Encrypt KAT
  - AES-CBC 256 bits Decrypt KAT
  - AES-GCM 256 bits Authenticated Encrypt KAT
  - AES-GCM 256 bits Authenticated Decrypt KAT
  - CTR\_DRBG Instantiate KAT
  - CTR\_DRBG Generate KAT
  - CTR\_DRBG Reseed KAT
    - Note: CTR\_DRBG Health Tests: Generate, Reseed, Instantiate functions per Section 11.3 of SP 800-90Arev1
  - ECDSA P-256 with SHA-256 SigGen KAT
  - ECDSA P-256 with SHA-256 SigVer KAT
  - HMAC-SHA-1 KAT
  - HMAC-SHA-256 KAT
  - HMAC-SHA-384 KAT
  - HMAC-SHA-512 KAT
  - KAS-ECC-SSC Primitive Z KAT
  - KAS-ECC-SSC Primitive Z KAT
  - RSA 2048 bits modulus with SHA-256 SigGen KAT
  - RSA 2048 bits modulus with SHA-256 SigVer KAT
  - SHA-1 KAT
  - KDF-SSH KAT
  - KDF-TLS KAT

The module generates RSA, ECDSA, KAS-ECC and KAS-FFC asymmetric keys and performs all required pair-wise consistency tests on the newly generated key pairs as detailed below.

- Conditional pair-wise consistency tests (PCTs)
  - RSA PCT
  - ECDSA PCT
  - KAS-ECC PCT
  - KAS-FFC PCT

#### **Periodic/Self-tests on-demand**

The module performs on-demand self-tests initiated by the operator, by power-cycling or rebooting the tested platform. The full suite of self-tests is then executed. The same procedure may be employed by the

operator to perform periodic self-tests. In addition, it is recommended for the Crypto Officer to perform the periodic tests a minimum of once every 60 days to ensure all components are functioning correctly.

## 11 Life-cycle assurance

### 11.1 Secure Operations

The module meets all the Level 1 requirements for FIPS 140-3. The validated module's executable file Cisco\_Firepower\_NGIPS\_VMware-7.0.5-72-disk1.vmdk is the only allowable software image file running on the respective test platform listed in the Table 2 above while in the approved mode. The Crypto Officer must configure and enforce the following initialization steps:

**Step 1:** For all Management Centers, the setup process must be completed by logging into the Management Center's web interface and specifying initial configuration options on a setup page.

**Step 2:** Choose System > Configuration (Choose **SSH** or **HTTPS** or a combination of these options to specify which ports you want to enable for these IP addresses).

**Step 3:** System>Licenses>Smart Licenses, add and verify licenses (*Firepower Management Center Configuration Guide provides more detailed information*).

Install AES SMART license to use AES (for data traffic and SSH).

**Step 4:** System > Configuration; Devices > Platform Settings; STIG Compliance, choose Enable STIG Compliance; Click on save. The CO shall only use the Approved/Allowed cryptographic algorithms listed in Section 2 above.

**Step 5:** Reboot the security appliance.

## 12 Mitigation of other attacks

The requirements under INCITS+ISO+IEC 19790+2012[2014], section 7.12 “Mitigation of other attacks”, are not applicable to the module since the module currently doesn't support any mitigation of other attacks services.