

Sierra Wireless Technical Bulletin: WPA Vulnerabilities

Products: Sierra Wireless

GX400,GX440,GX450,MP70,oMG500,oMG2000, MG90, FX30/30S 3G, WP76/77xx,WPx5xx,AR8652,AR755x, AR758x, AR759x

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Recently published research has identified several vulnerabilities in the Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) and Wi-Fi Protected Access II (WPA2) standard. The following Common Vulnerability and Exposure (CVE) identifiers have been assigned to each of the vulnerabilities:

- CVE-2017-13077: reinstallation of the pairwise key in the Four-way handshake
- CVE-2017-13078: reinstallation of the group key in the Four-way handshake
- CVE-2017-13079: reinstallation of the integrity group key in the Four-way handshake
- CVE-2017-13080: reinstallation of the group key in the Group Key handshake
- CVE-2017-13081: reinstallation of the integrity group key in the Group Key handshake
- CVE-2017-13082: accepting a retransmitted Fast BSS Transition Reassociation Request and reinstalling the pairwise key while processing it
- CVE-2017-13084: reinstallation of the STK key in the PeerKey handshake
- CVE-2017-13086: reinstallation of the Tunneled Direct-Link Setup (TDLS) PeerKey (TPK) key in the TDLS handshake
- CVE-2017-13087: reinstallation of the group key (GTK) when processing a Wireless Network Management (WNM) Sleep Mode Response frame
- CVE-2017-13088: reinstallation of the integrity group key (IGTK) when processing a Wireless Network Management (WNM) Sleep Mode Response frame

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- <https://papers.mathyvanhoef.com/ccs2017.pdf>
- <http://www.icasi.org/wi-fi-protected-access-wpa-vulnerabilities>
- <https://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/228519>

Scope of Impact

The CVEs reported above affect 3 different modes of Wi-Fi operation when used in conjunction with WPA or WPA2 security:

- Peer-to-Peer or “Adhoc” networking:
 - CVE-2017-13084
 - CVE-2017-13086
- Access Point operation, specifically when the Fast Transition option is enabled (AP with FT)
 - CVE-2017-13082
- Client operation
 - CVE-2017-13077
 - CVE-2017-13078
 - CVE-2017-13079
 - CVE-2017-13080
 - CVE-2017-13081
 - CVE-2017-13087
 - CVE-2017-13088



Affected Products

The following table lists the product impacts of the three groups of vulnerabilities listed above and the current state of remediation planning. This bulletin will be updated when firmware update release dates are finalized. Please visit <https://sierrawireless.com/security> for the latest information.

Product	Vulnerability Impact			Fix Version	Target Release Date
	AdHoc	Access Point	Client		
GX400/440 ¹	N/A	NOT Affected	Affected	4.4.9	Q4 2019
GX450 ¹	N/A	NOT Affected	Affected	4.9.4	Released Feb 15, 2019
MP70	N/A	NOT Affected	Affected	ALEOS 4.9	Released Dec 27, 2017
oMG500/2000	N/A	NOT Affected	Affected	MGOS 3.14.6	Released Oct 25, 2017
MG90	N/A	NOT Affected	Affected	MGOS 4.1.2	Released Dec 18, 2017
FX30/30S 3G ²	Affected ⁴	Affected ⁴	Affected ⁴	FW Release 15	Released July 2018
WP76/77xx ³	Affected ⁴	Affected ⁴	Affected ⁴	FW Release 7	Released Dec 29, 2017
WPx5xx ³	Affected ⁴	Affected ⁴	Affected ⁴	FW Release 15	Released Dec 11, 2017
AR755x ³ ,AR8652	Affected ⁴	Affected ⁴	Affected ⁴	TBD	TBD
AR758x ³	Affected ⁴	Affected ⁴	Affected ⁴	SWI9x28A_00.11.04.00+	Released Nov 2017
AR759x ³	Affected ⁴	Affected ⁴	Affected ⁴	SWI9x40A_01.12.05.00+	Released Nov 2017

¹When equipped with a Wi-Fi X-Card

²When equipped with a Wi-Fi IoT Card

³When configured to manage a Wi-Fi radio

⁴If configured to operate in this mode



Mitigation Options

If you are using affected device functions, the best mitigation until the required firmware updates can be applied is to encrypt data traversing the vulnerable Wi-Fi link with a VPN or application-layer encryption. If this is not possible users should evaluate the sensitivity of data transferred over the Wi-Fi connection and consider disabling the vulnerable functions until a firmware update can be applied.

Customers using AR8652 or AR755x products to manage Wi-Fi connectivity have the option to install the latest hostapd/wpa_supplicant patches if they need to update their products before the next firmware update is released.

Further Information

For further information and technical support, please contact your Sierra Wireless representative. To contact Sierra Wireless, please visit <https://www.sierrawireless.com/company/contact-us/>.