

THE THREAT OF USING

AUDIO PERIPHERALS

Leakage of a Secure Conversation

Eavesdropping through an unsecured network's audio devices:

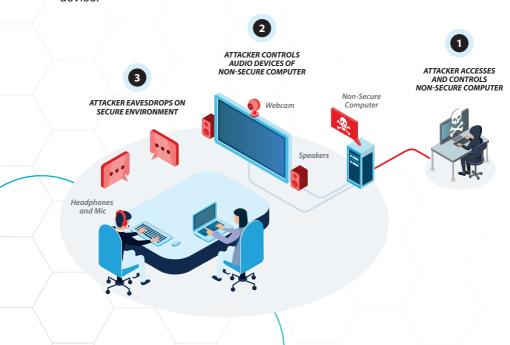
- With proper audio driver modifications, even low signals may be amplified and filtered to pick up the surrounding conversations.
- Any speaker can be easily transformed into a microphone by an attacker's malicious software.

Leakage of Secure Data

Implanting or capturing data from a PC:

Attackers can transfer data from secured to unsecured networks by broadcasting high-frequency signals from an external hacking device.

For example, data leakage through acoustic ultrasonic transmission.



THE SOLUTION:

HSL'S AUDIO DIODE

High Sec Lab's Audio Diode mitigates the risks of eavesdropping when using peripheral audio devices.

The new HSL Audio Diode family of products connects between a source (a PC usually) and an audio device (speaker/ headphone or microphone).

The Audio Diode prevents attackers from exploiting audio-data leakage.



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PRODUCT FAMILY SPECIFICATIONS

USB

Output for

Headset

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FA10A-4 FA10B-4 FA10A0-4 FA10B0-4 FA10AM-4 FA10BM-4 FA10AC-4 FA10BC-4 FA10BB-4 **FEATURES** Input Interface Analog USB USB USB Analog USB USB Analog Analog (Host) Output Interface Analog Analog Analog Analog Analog Analog Analog Analog USB (Audio Device) Mic × × x Support **Always** × × × Open USB × x **Output for** × x × × × Camera

PHYSICAL		
Dim.	85 (W) x 65 (D) x 34 (H) mm / 3.1 (W) x 3.1 (D) x 2.4 (H) inch	
Weight	185 gr (0.41 lbs.)	
CERTIFICATION		
Security Cert.	Compliant with NIAP Common Criteria PP4.0 PSD Protection Profile	N/A

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THE AUDIO DIODES

SECURITY MECHANISM

Unidirectional Flow

The Audio Diode functions as a diode that forces audio signals from a PC to be unidirectional. This prevents hackers from manipulating a speaker/headphone to function as a microphone, for picking up surrounding conversations. On some models, a microphone is also enabled.

When a microphone is enabled, it does not change the unidirectional flow restriction on the product in any way. Also, the microphone is enabled only via the push-button control.

Low-Pass Filter

All sounds passing through the Audio Diode go through a low-pass filter that restricts the audio frequencies to the range compatible with the human ear. This prevents hackers from broadcasting high-frequency signals to an external hacking device.



Push-Button Control

- Has push buttons to activate the speaker/headphone and microphone (for models that do not support a microphone, this button does not exist).
- Configurable "ON" status (for example, to set how long the speaker remains open when conducting a Skype call). This time can be extended by pressing again at end of the set period to continue the conversation
- Uses a bi-color (green and red) LED to show ON/OFF status.
 The LED also flickers before disconnect.
- Detects a press-and-release as a single event, to prevent pressing and holding the button nonstop.

AUDIO DIODES

HIGHLIGHTS

 Prevents hackers from taking advantage of audio data leakage

The diode blocks eavesdropping to surrounding conversations, by forcing unidirectional flow. It uses a low-pass filter to block high frequency signal attacks. It has push buttons to switch off access while users are away.

· Small size

The 85mm X 65mm X 34mm unit takes up little space on your desktop.

Easy to install and operate
 Quickly connects to the host PC
 and audio device. Users only need to click on the push button(s) to activate it.





FA10BB-4 – A USB audio diode, especially designed to protect and isolate USB headsets.

The FA10BB-4 has the same secure mechanism as other audio diodes:

- · Low pass filter
- · Unidirectional audio flow
- · Control via push buttons

THE FA10BB-4 has a HW based isolation between a source PC and the diode, allowing users in a secure organization to share the audio diode (and USB headset) between different networks.

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