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Safety Information

Important Information

Read these instructions carefully and look at the equipment to become familiar with the device before trying to install, operate, service, or maintain it. The following special messages may appear throughout this documentation or on the equipment to warn of potential hazards or to call attention to information that clarifies or simplifies a procedure.



The addition of this symbol to a "Danger" or "Warning" safety label indicates that an electrical hazard exists which will result in personal injury if the instructions are not followed.



This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.

⚠ DANGER

DANGER indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **will result in** death or serious injury.

⚠ WARNING

WARNING indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **could result in** death or serious injury.

⚠ CAUTION

CAUTION indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **could result in** minor or moderate injury.

NOTICE

NOTICE is used to address practices not related to physical injury.

Please Note

Electrical equipment should be installed, operated, serviced, and maintained only by qualified personnel. No responsibility is assumed by Schneider Electric for any consequences arising out of the use of this material.

A qualified person is one who has skills and knowledge related to the construction and operation of electrical equipment and its installation and has received safety training to recognize and avoid the hazards involved.

Safety Instructions

⚠️⚠️ DANGER

HAZARD OF ELECTRIC SHOCK

- Do not open the product.
- Product to be serviced by qualified personnel only.

Failure to follow these instructions will result in death or serious injury.

NOTE: All instructions applicable to the enclosed product and all safety precautions must be observed.

For more information, you can download the app of the Customer Care Center by using the following QR code:



About the Book

Purpose of this Document

The Schneider Charge Charging Station supports to be connected to Ethernet/WIFI networks, however this networking capability is not designed to withstand the direct exposure to the public Internet.

The Schneider Charge Charging Station is intended to be used in a trusted network environment, for instance, behind firewalls, and/or within the boundaries of an isolated OT network (separated from the IT network).

Validity Note

This document applies to Schneider Charge charging stations.

Terminology

Acronym	Designation
OCPP	Open Charge Point Protocol (communication protocol used between the charging stations and a central system)

Cybersecurity Information

Important Information

▲ WARNING

POTENTIAL COMPROMISE OF SYSTEM AVAILABILITY, INTEGRITY, AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- Change default passwords at first step to help prevent unauthorized access to device settings, controls, and information.
- Disable unused ports/services and default accounts to help minimize pathways for malicious attackers.
- Place networked devices behind multiple layers of cyber defenses (such as firewalls, network segmentation, and network intrusion detection and protection).
- Use cybersecurity best practices (for example, least privilege, separation of duties) to help prevent unauthorized exposure, loss, modification of data and logs, or interruption of services.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, serious injury, or equipment damage.

Cybersecurity in Schneider Electric

Cybersecurity is integral to Schneider Electric's business strategy, and it follows a cybersecurity posture that covers many aspects:

- Securing internal activities
- Providing elevated levels of protection of strategic IT systems and assets
- Leading the digital transformation within a cybersecure framework
- Designing and developing new products and solutions with end-to-end cybersecurity measures and protection

Cybersecurity Policies

To support the development and maintenance of products, Schneider Electric follows a Secure Development Lifecycle (SDL) compliant with the IEC 62443-4-1 Security Standard for Industrial Automation and Control systems.

It consists in implementing a process, relying on security best practices and dedicated tools, that covers:

- Security training for teams involved in the product design, development, and testing.
- Threat modeling analysis and security design reviews
- Static code analysis and code security reviews
- Periodic penetration and vulnerability testing
- Stringent vulnerability management process

Cybersecurity Resources

Cybersecurity Solutions

For recommendations and guidance on how to help secure the environment and infrastructure in which Schneider Charge charging station is deployed, Schneider Electric publishes guidelines, white papers, and best practices that can be consulted in the [Cybersecurity Solutions](#) page of Schneider Electric global website.

Cybersecurity Support Portal

In addition, other resources can be found in Schneider Electric [Cybersecurity Support Portal](#), including:

- Schneider Electric vulnerability management policy
- Security notifications about vulnerabilities in products and systems

The Schneider Electric's vulnerability management policy addresses cybersecurity vulnerabilities affecting Schneider Electric products in order to support the security and safety of our customers.

Schneider Electric works cooperatively with researchers, Cyber Emergency Response Team (CERT), and asset owners to help ensure that accurate information is provided in a timely fashion to adequately protect customer installations.

Schneider Electric's Corporate Product CERT (CPCERT) is responsible for managing and alerting on vulnerabilities and mitigations affecting products.

The [Cybersecurity Support Portal](#) also provides interfaces to report cybersecurity vulnerabilities and to register for the security notification updates mailing list to stay informed via email on newly released or updated Security Notifications.

Security Features

Security features have been built into Schneider Charge charging station to ensure that product operates according to its intended purpose.

These features provide security capabilities which are expected to protect the product from potential security threats that could allow disrupting the product operation (availability), modifying the product configuration (integrity) or disclosing information (confidentiality).

The key features are:

- Firmware authenticity verification at product startup (secure boot)
- Firmware update mechanism (via the device webpage and remote via OCPP) with firmware signature verification (using asymmetric cryptography)
- TLS 1.2 for securing and authenticating OCPP communications with a remote charging station management system (CSMS)
- Common Criteria EAL6+ certified security chip for storing the product private key and certificate.
- Deactivation of internal debug and test interfaces

These security capability features are aimed at mitigating the threats related to the usage of Schneider Charge charging stations in their intended environments.

However, the effectiveness of these capabilities depends on the adoption and application of the recommendations provided in this guide to cover the commissioning, operation and maintenance of Schneider Charge charging stations, as well as [Recommended Cybersecurity Best Practices](#).

Supported Protocols

The following protocols are supported by Schneider Charge charging stations:

Protocol	Usage
OCPP (TLS 1.2) + HTTPS/SFTP	Communications with a remote Charging Station Management System NOTE: The OCPP protocol relies on additional HTTPS/SFTP communications for supporting OCPP reporting and maintenance operations (firmware update)
HTTPS (TLS 1.2)	Configuration through configuration tools
DHCP	Networking IP address
DNS	Network name resolution

Potential Risks and Compensating Controls

Area	Issue	Risk	Compensating controls
Physical access	A charging station may be subject to tampering attempts.	If the charging station is accessed by a malicious user and its content is altered, malfunctions or possible damages may occur.	Periodically inspect the charging station for evidence of tampering attempts (scratches, tears, rips...) Install the charging station in a controlled environment or install security cameras.
Communication protocols	Modbus RTU, DHCP and DNS are unsecure.	If a malicious user has gained access to the network, it is possible to intercept and eavesdrop communications.	For transmitting data over an internal network, consider physically or logically segmenting the network. For transmitting data over an external network, consider encapsulating communications in an encrypted tunnel, a TLS wrapper, or a similar solution.
Maintenance user account	Default credentials are often the source of unauthorized access by malicious users.	If the charging station has not been commissioned and the default PIN code is left unchanged, unauthorized access can occur.	Update the default PIN code using the commissioning app. Also consider renewing the PIN code on a regular basis.
	Same user account PIN codes are used in different charging stations.	If the PIN code is known by a malicious user, he could also access to all other charging stations configured with the same PIN code.	When installing several charging stations, configure different PIN codes in each charging station.

Security Recommendations

Recommendations for Commissioning

Default PIN Code

A default user account is provisioned in Schneider Charge Charging Station for supporting the initial connection to the product with commission app during the installation.

The PIN code for this account is described in the user documentation. It is thus recommended to replace it with a new PIN code using the commissioning app.

The new PIN code should follow security best practices such as using a minimum of 8 digits and avoiding easily guessable patterns (blocks of similar digits or sequential increments of digits).

OCPP Communication Security

When configuring Schneider Charge charging stations to connect to a remote Charging Station Management System with OCPP, it is recommended to always use WSS or HTTPS to secure the communication.

Communications relying on plain HTTP or plain Web Sockets are unsecure and subject to Man-In-The-Middle attacks.

Configuration of Services

Most Schneider Charge charging station services are disabled by default to reduce the attack surface and exposure to a minimum.

Consequently, it is recommended to only enable the services that are strictly required. Unused services should be kept disabled.

Similarly, when a service is no longer needed or used, it is advised to disable it.

Security Recommendations for Maintenance

Firmware Update

Schneider Charge charging station is embedding a digital firmware that may require the application of security patches to maintain an optimum level of security.

Consequently, it is recommended to periodically verify that the installed firmware is the latest one available.

Firmware updates and release notes can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/>.

Audit Log

Schneider Charge charging station maintains an audit log tracking security related events such as reboots, firmware updates, invalid login attempts.

It is recommended to consult the audit logs on a regular basis to detect potential unexpected or incorrect behaviors.

Security Recommendations for Decommissioning

Reset to Factory Settings

Schneider Charge charging station can be configured with sensitive user information, which may include user account identifiers, passwords, and charge operations history.

When disposing of the product, it is required to perform a reset to factory settings of the product to erase all sensitive or confidential user information and to make sure it will not be disclosed or reused.

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