

## Schneider Electric Security Notification

### Improper Resource Shutdown or Release vulnerability in Multiple Products

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#### Overview

Schneider Electric is aware of a vulnerability in its Modicon Controllers M241 / M251, and M262 products.

The [Modicon Controllers M241 / M251 / M262](#) are Programmable Logic Controllers for performance-demanding applications.

Failure to apply the remediation provided below may risk Denial of Service attack which could result in loss of availability of the controller.

**March 2026 Update:** Updated the acknowledgement section.

#### Affected Products and Versions

Product	Version
Modicon M241/M251	Versions prior to 5.4.13.12
Modicon M262	Versions prior to 5.4.10.12

#### Vulnerability Details

CVE ID: **CVE-2025-13901**

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 5.3 | Medium | CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:L

CVSS v4.0 Base Score 6.9 | Medium | CVSS:4.0/AV:N/AC:L/AT:N/PR:N/UI:N/VC:N/VI:N/VA:L/SC:N/SI:N/SA:N

*CWE-404 Improper Resource Shutdown or Release* vulnerability exists that could cause partial Denial of Service on Machine Expert protocol when an unauthenticated attacker sends malicious payload to occupy active communication channels.

*The severity of vulnerabilities was calculated using the CVSS Base metrics for 4.0 ([CVSS v4.0](#)). CVSS v3.1 will be still evaluated until the adoption of CVSS v4.0 by the industry. The severity was calculated without incorporating the Temporal and Environmental metrics. Schneider Electric recommends that customers score the CVSS Environmental metrics, which are specific to end-user organizations, and consider factors such as the presence of mitigations in that environment. Environmental metrics may refine the relative severity posed by the vulnerabilities described in this document within a customer's environment.*

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### Remediation

Affected Product & Version	Remediation
<b>Modicon Controllers M241</b> <i>Versions prior to 5.4.13.12</i>	<p>Modicon Controller M241 Firmware version 5.4.13.12 delivered with EcoStruxure™ Machine Expert v2.5.0.1 includes a fix for this vulnerability and can be installed through Schneider Electric Software Installer available here: <a href="https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/ESEMACS10_INSTALLER/">https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/ESEMACS10_INSTALLER/</a></p> <p>On the engineering workstation install v2.5.0.1 of EcoStruxure™ Machine Expert. For help refer to Schneider Electric Software Installer User Guide available here: <a href="https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/EIO0000005500/">https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/EIO0000005500/</a></p> <p>Update Modicon Controller M241 to the latest Firmware and perform reboot. For instructions refer to Modicon M241 Logic Controller, Programming Guide: <a href="https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/EIO0000003059/">https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/EIO0000003059/</a></p>
<b>Modicon Controllers M251</b> <i>Versions prior to 5.4.13.12</i>	<p>Modicon Controller M251 Firmware version 5.4.13.12 delivered with EcoStruxure™ Machine Expert v2.5.0.1 includes a fix for this vulnerability and can be installed through Schneider Electric Software Installer available here: <a href="https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/ESEMACS10_INSTALLER/">https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/ESEMACS10_INSTALLER/</a></p> <p>On the engineering workstation install v2.5.0.1 of EcoStruxure™ Machine Expert. For help refer to Schneider Electric Software Installer User Guide available here: <a href="https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/EIO0000005500/">https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/EIO0000005500/</a></p> <p>Update Modicon Controller M251 to the latest Firmware and perform reboot. For instructions refer to Modicon M251 Logic Controller, Programming Guide: <a href="https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/EIO0000003089/">https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/EIO0000003089/</a></p>
<b>Modicon Controllers M262</b> <i>Versions prior to 5.4.10.12</i>	<p>Modicon Controller M262 Firmware version 5.4.10.12 delivered with EcoStruxure™ Machine Expert v2.5 includes a fix for this vulnerability and can be installed through Schneider Electric Software Installer available here: <a href="https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/ESEMACS10_INSTALLER/">https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/ESEMACS10_INSTALLER/</a></p> <p>On the engineering workstation install v2.5.0.1 of EcoStruxure™ Machine Expert. For help refer to Schneider Electric Software Installer User Guide available here: <a href="https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/EIO0000005500/">https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/EIO0000005500/</a></p> <p>Update Modicon Controller M262 to the latest Firmware and perform reboot. For instructions refer to Modicon M262 Logic/Motion Controller, Programming Guide: <a href="https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/EIO0000003651/">https://www.se.com/ww/en/download/document/EIO0000003651/</a></p>

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Customers should use appropriate patching methodologies when applying these patches to their systems. We strongly recommend the use of back-ups and evaluating the impact of these patches in a Test and Development environment or on an offline infrastructure. Contact Schneider Electric's [Customer Care Center](#) if you need assistance removing a patch.

If customers choose not to apply the remediation provided above, they should immediately apply the following mitigations to reduce the risk of exploit:

### Mitigations

Affected Product & Version	Mitigations
<b>Modicon M241/M251</b> <i>Versions prior to 5.4.13.12</i>  <b>Modicon M262</b> <i>Versions prior to 5.4.10.12</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use controllers and devices only in a protected environment to minimize network exposure and ensure that they are not accessible from public internet or untrusted networks.</li> <li>• Filter ports and IP through the embedded firewall.</li> <li>• Use encrypted communication links.</li> <li>• Use VPN (Virtual Private Networks) tunnels if remote access is required.</li> <li>• The "<a href="#">Cybersecurity Guidelines for EcoStruxure Machine Expert, Modicon and PacDrive Controllers and Associated Equipment</a>" provide product specific hardening guidelines.</li> </ul>

To ensure you are informed of all updates, including details on affected products and remediation plans, subscribe to Schneider Electric's security notification service here:

<https://www.se.com/en/work/support/cybersecurity/notification-contact.jsp>

### General Security Recommendations

We strongly recommend the following industry cybersecurity best practices.

- Locate control and safety system networks and remote devices behind firewalls and isolate them from the business network.
- Install physical controls so no unauthorized personnel can access your industrial control and safety systems, components, peripheral equipment, and networks.
- Place all controllers in locked cabinets and never leave them in the "Program" mode.
- Never connect programming software to any network other than the network intended for that device.
- Scan all methods of mobile data exchange with the isolated network such as CDs, USB drives, etc. before use in the terminals or any node connected to these networks.
- Never allow mobile devices that have connected to any other network besides the intended network to connect to the safety or control networks without proper sanitation.
- Minimize network exposure for all control system devices and systems and ensure that they are not accessible from the Internet.

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- When remote access is required, use secure methods, such as Virtual Private Networks (VPNs). Recognize that VPNs may have vulnerabilities and should be updated to the most current version available. Also, understand that VPNs are only as secure as the connected devices.

For more information refer to the Schneider Electric [Recommended Cybersecurity Best Practices](#) document.

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CVE	Researcher
CVE-2025-13901	Amir Zaltzman (Claroty Team82)

### For More Information

This document provides an overview of the identified vulnerability or vulnerabilities and actions required to mitigate. For more details and assistance on how to protect your installation, contact your local Schneider Electric representative or Schneider Electric Industrial Cybersecurity Services:

<https://www.se.com/ww/en/work/solutions/cybersecurity/>. These organizations will be fully aware of this situation and can support you through the process.

For further information related to cybersecurity in Schneider Electric's products, visit the company's cybersecurity support portal page: <https://www.se.com/ww/en/work/support/cybersecurity/overview.jsp>

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