**SSA-306654: Insyde BIOS Vulnerabilities in Siemens Industrial Products**

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**SUMMARY**

Insyde has published information on vulnerabilities in Insyde BIOS in February 2022. This advisory lists the Siemens Industrial products affected by these vulnerabilities. Siemens is preparing updates and recommends specific countermeasures for products where updates are not, or not yet available.

**AFFECTED PRODUCTS AND SOLUTION**

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| SIMATIC Field PG M5: V22.01.10 affected by CVE-2021-43613 | Update to V22.01.11 or later version  
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| SIMATIC Field PG M6: All versions | Currently no fix is available  
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Update to V25.02.12 or later version
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Currently no fix is available
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Currently no fix is available
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All versions < V23.01.10
Update BIOS to V23.01.10 or later version
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All versions >= V23.01.10
affected by CVE-2021-43613
Currently no fix is available
See recommendations from section Workarounds and Mitigations

**WORKAROUNDS AND MITIGATIONS**
Siemens has identified the following specific workarounds and mitigations that customers can apply to reduce the risk:

- As a prerequisite for an attack, an attacker must be able to run untrusted code on affected systems. Siemens recommends limiting the possibilities to run untrusted code

Product-specific remediations or mitigations can be found in the section Affected Products and Solution. Please follow the General Security Recommendations.
GENERAL SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

As a general security measure, Siemens strongly recommends to protect network access to devices with appropriate mechanisms. In order to operate the devices in a protected IT environment, Siemens recommends to configure the environment according to Siemens’ operational guidelines for Industrial Security (Download: https://www.siemens.com/cert/operational-guidelines-industrial-security), and to follow the recommendations in the product manuals. Additional information on Industrial Security by Siemens can be found at: https://www.siemens.com/industrialsecurity

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The RUGGEDCOM APE1808 is a powerful utility-grade application hosting platform that lets you deploy a range of commercially available applications for edge computing and cybersecurity in harsh, industrial environments.

SIMATIC Field PG is a mobile, industry-standard programming device for automation engineers with all commonly used interfaces for industrial applications that also brings pre-installed SIMATIC engineering software.

SIMATIC IPC (Industrial PC) is the hardware platform for PC-based automation from Siemens.

VULNERABILITY CLASSIFICATION

The vulnerability classification has been performed by using the CVSS scoring system in version 3.1 (CVSS v3.1) (https://www.first.org/cvss/). The CVSS environmental score is specific to the customer’s environment and will impact the overall CVSS score. The environmental score should therefore be individually defined by the customer to accomplish final scoring.

An additional classification has been performed using the CWE classification, a community-developed list of common software security weaknesses. This serves as a common language and as a baseline for weakness identification, mitigation, and prevention efforts. A detailed list of CWE classes can be found at: https://cwe.mitre.org/.

Vulnerability CVE-2020-5953

A vulnerability exists in System Management Interrupt (SWSMI) handler of InsydeH2O UEFI Firmware code located in SWSMI handler that dereferences gRT (EFI_RUNTIME_SERVICES) pointer to call a GetVariable service, which is located outside of SMRAM. This can result in code execution in SMM (escalating privilege from ring 0 to ring -2).

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 7.5
CWE CWE-822: Untrusted Pointer Dereference

Vulnerability CVE-2020-27339

In the kernel in Insyde InsydeH2O 5.x, certain SMM drivers did not correctly validate the CommBuffer and CommBufferSize parameters, allowing callers to corrupt either the firmware or the OS memory. The fixed versions for this issue in the AhciBusDxe, IdeBusDxe, NvmExpressDxe, SdHostDriverDxe, and SdMmcDeviceDxe drivers are 05.16.25, 05.26.25, 05.35.25, 05.43.25, and 05.51.25 (for Kernel 5.1 through 5.5).

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 6.7
CWE CWE-269: Improper Privilege Management
Vulnerability CVE-2021-33625

An issue was discovered in Kernel 5.x in Insyde InsydeH2O, affecting HddPassword. Software SMI services that use the Communicate() function of the EFI_SMM_COMMUNICATION_PROTOCOL do not check whether the address of the buffer is valid, which allows use of SMRAM, MMIO, or OS kernel addresses.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 7.5
CWE CWE-119: Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Vulnerability CVE-2021-33626

In the kernel in Insyde InsydeH2O 5.x, certain SMM drivers did not correctly validate the CommBuffer and CommBufferSize parameters, allowing callers to corrupt either the firmware or the OS memory. The fixed versions for this issue in the PnpSmm, SmmResourceCheckDxe, and BeepStatusCode drivers are 05.08.23, 05.16.23, 05.26.23, 05.35.23, 05.43.23, and 05.51.23 (for Kernel 5.0 through 5.5).

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 7.8
CWE CWE-829: Inclusion of Functionality from Untrusted Control Sphere

Vulnerability CVE-2021-33627

An issue was discovered in Insyde InsydeH2O 5.x, affecting FwBlockServiceSmm. Software SMI services that use the Communicate() function of the EFI_SMM_COMMUNICATION_PROTOCOL do not check whether the address of the buffer is valid, which allows use of SMRAM, MMIO, or OS kernel addresses.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 8.2
CWE CWE-119: Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Vulnerability CVE-2021-38489

An issue was discovered in the the HddPasswordPei driver of the Insyde InsydeH2O 5.x. HDD password is stored in plaintext.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 7.8
CWE CWE-256: Plaintext Storage of a Password

Vulnerability CVE-2021-41837

An issue was discovered in AhciBusDxe in the kernel 5.0 through 5.5 in Insyde InsydeH2O. Because of an Untrusted Pointer Dereference that causes SMM memory corruption, an attacker may be able to write fixed or predictable data to SMRAM. Exploiting this issue could lead to escalating privileges to SMM.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 8.2
CWE CWE-119: Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer
Vulnerability CVE-2021-41838
An issue was discovered in SdHostDriver in the kernel 5.0 through 5.5 in Insyde InsydeH2O. There is an SMM callout that allows an attacker to access the System Management Mode and execute arbitrary code. This occurs because of a Numeric Range Comparison Without a Minimum Check.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 8.2
CWE CWE-119: Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

Vulnerability CVE-2021-41839
An issue was discovered in NvmExpressDxe in the kernel 5.0 through 5.5 in Insyde InsydeH2O. Because of an Untrusted Pointer Dereference that causes SMM memory corruption, an attacker may be able to write fixed or predictable data to SMRAM. Exploiting this issue could lead to escalating privileges to SMM.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 8.2
CWE CWE-476: NULL Pointer Dereference

Vulnerability CVE-2021-41840
An issue was discovered in NvmExpressDxe in the kernel 5.0 through 5.5 in Insyde InsydeH2O. There is an SMM callout that allows an attacker to access the System Management Mode and execute arbitrary code. This occurs because of Inclusion of Functionality from an Untrusted Control Sphere.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 8.2
CWE CWE-770: Allocation of Resources Without Limits or Throttling

Vulnerability CVE-2021-41841
An issue was discovered in AhciBusDxe in the kernel 5.0 through 5.5 in Insyde InsydeH2O. There is an SMM callout that allows an attacker to access the System Management Mode and execute arbitrary code. This occurs because of Inclusion of Functionality from an Untrusted Control Sphere.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 8.2
CWE CWE-829: Inclusion of Functionality from Untrusted Control Sphere

Vulnerability CVE-2021-42059
An issue was discovered in Insyde InsydeH2O Kernel 5.0 before 05.08.41, Kernel 5.1 before 05.16.41, Kernel 5.2 before 05.26.41, Kernel 5.3 before 05.35.41, and Kernel 5.4 before 05.42.20. A stack-based buffer overflow leads toarbitrary code execution in UEFI DisplayTypeDxe DXE driver.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 6.7
CWE CWE-787: Out-of-bounds Write
**Vulnerability CVE-2021-42060**

An issue was discovered in Insyde InsydeH2O Kernel 5.0 through 05.08.41, Kernel 5.1 through 05.16.41, Kernel 5.2 before 05.23.22, and Kernel 5.3 before 05.32.22. An Int15ServiceSmm SMM callout vulnerability allows an attacker to hijack execution flow of code running in System Management Mode. Exploiting this issue could lead to escalating privileges to SMM.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 8.2
CWE CWE-20: Improper Input Validation

**Vulnerability CVE-2021-42113**

An issue was discovered in StorageSecurityCommandDxe in Insyde InsydeH2O with Kernel 5.1 before 05.14.28, Kernel 5.2 before 05.24.28, and Kernel 5.3 before 05.32.25. An SMM callout vulnerability allows an attacker to hijack execution flow of code running in System Management Mode. Exploiting this issue could lead to escalating privileges to SMM.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 8.2
CWE CWE-20: Improper Input Validation

**Vulnerability CVE-2021-42554**

An issue was discovered in Insyde InsydeH2O with Kernel 5.0 before 05.08.42, Kernel 5.1 before 05.16.42, Kernel 5.2 before 05.26.42, Kernel 5.3 before 05.35.42, Kernel 5.4 before 05.42.51, and Kernel 5.5 before 05.50.51. An SMM memory corruption vulnerability in FvbServicesRuntimeDxe allows a possible attacker to write fixed or predictable data to SMRAM. Exploiting this issue could lead to escalating privileges to SMM.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 8.4
CWE CWE-787: Out-of-bounds Write

**Vulnerability CVE-2021-43323**

An issue was discovered in UsbCoreDxe in Insyde InsydeH2O with kernel 5.5 before 05.51.45, 5.4 before 05.43.45, 5.3 before 05.35.45, 5.2 before 05.26.45, 5.1 before 05.16.45, and 5.0 before 05.08.45. An SMM callout vulnerability allows an attacker to hijack execution flow of code running in System Management Mode. Exploiting this issue could lead to escalating privileges to SMM.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 8.2
CWE CWE-20: Improper Input Validation

**Vulnerability CVE-2021-43522**

An issue was discovered in Insyde InsydeH2O with kernel 5.1 through 2021-11-08, 5.2 through 2021-11-08, and 5.3 through 2021-11-08. A StorageSecurityCommandDxe SMM memory corruption vulnerability allows an attacker to write fixed or predictable data to SMRAM. Exploiting this issue could lead to escalating privileges to SMM.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 7.5
CWE CWE-787: Out-of-bounds Write
Vulnerability CVE-2021-43613

An issue was discovered in Insyde InsydeH2O 5.x, affecting SysPasswordDxe that exposes user and administrator password hashes in runtime UEFI variables, leading to escalation of privilege.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 5.2
CWE CWE-200: Exposure of Sensitive Information to an Unauthorized Actor

Vulnerability CVE-2021-43614

Error in handling the PlatformLangCodes UEFI variable in the VariableEditSmm driver could cause a buffer overflow, leading to resource exhaustion and failure.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 6.7
CWE CWE-400: Uncontrolled Resource Consumption

Vulnerability CVE-2021-43615

An issue was discovered in HddPassword in Insyde InsydeH2O with kernel 5.1 before 05.16.23, 5.2 before 05.26.23, 5.3 before 05.35.23, 5.4 before 05.43.22, and 5.5 before 05.51.22. An SMM memory corruption vulnerability allows an attacker to write fixed or predictable data to SMRAM. Exploiting this issue could lead to escalating privileges to SMM.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 8.2
CWE CWE-787: Out-of-bounds Write

Vulnerability CVE-2021-45969

An issue was discovered in AhciBusDxe in Insyde InsydeH2O with kernel 5.1 before 05.16.25, 5.2 before 05.26.25, 5.3 before 05.35.25, 5.4 before 05.43.25, and 5.5 before 05.51.25. A vulnerability exists in the SMM (System Management Mode) branch that registers a SWSMI handler that does not sufficiently check or validate the allocated buffer pointer (the CommBuffer+8 location).

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 8.4
CWE CWE-120: Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')

Vulnerability CVE-2021-45970

An issue was discovered in IdeiBusDxe in Insyde InsydeH2O with kernel 5.1 before 05.16.25, 5.2 before 05.26.25, 5.3 before 05.35.25, 5.4 before 05.43.25, and 5.5 before 05.51.25. A vulnerability exists in the SMM (System Management Mode) branch that registers a SWSMI handler that does not sufficiently check or validate the allocated buffer pointer (the status code saved at the CommBuffer+4 location).

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 8.4
CWE CWE-120: Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input ('Classic Buffer Overflow')
**Vulnerability CVE-2021-45971**

An issue was discovered in SdHostDriver in Insyde InsydeH2O with kernel 5.1 before 05.16.25, 5.2 before 05.26.25, 5.3 before 05.35.25, 5.4 before 05.43.25, and 5.5 before 05.51.25. A vulnerability exists in the SMM (System Management Mode) branch that registers a SWSMI handler that does not sufficiently check or validate the allocated buffer pointer (CommBufferData).

- **CVSS v3.1 Base Score**: 8.4
- **CWE**: CWE-120: Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input (‘Classic Buffer Overflow’)

**Vulnerability CVE-2022-24030**

An issue was discovered in AhciBusDxe in Insyde InsydeH2O with kernel 5.1 through 5.5. An SMM memory corruption vulnerability allows an attacker to write fixed or predictable data to SMRAM. Exploiting this issue could lead to escalating privileges to SMM.

- **CVSS v3.1 Base Score**: 8.4
- **CWE**: CWE-787: Out-of-bounds Write

**Vulnerability CVE-2022-24031**

An issue was discovered in NvmExpressDxe in Insyde InsydeH2O with kernel 5.1 through 5.5. An SMM memory corruption vulnerability allows an attacker to write fixed or predictable data to SMRAM. Exploiting this issue could lead to escalating privileges to SMM.

- **CVSS v3.1 Base Score**: 8.2
- **CWE**: CWE-787: Out-of-bounds Write

**Vulnerability CVE-2022-24069**

An issue was discovered in AhciBusDxe in Insyde InsydeH2O with kernel 5.0 before 05.08.41, 5.1 before 05.16.29, 5.2 before 05.26.29, 5.3 before 05.35.29, 5.4 before 05.43.29, and 5.5 before 05.51.29. An SMM callout vulnerability allows an attacker to hijack the execution flow of code running in System Management Mode. Exploiting this issue could lead to escalating privileges to SMM.

- **CVSS v3.1 Base Score**: 8.2
- **CWE**: CWE-20: Improper Input Validation

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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HISTORY DATA

V1.0 (2022-02-22): Publication Date
V1.1 (2022-03-08): Corrected AV:L for all CVEs, added RUGGEDCOM APE1808 and SIMATIC IPC477E PRO
V1.2 (2022-07-12): Added CVE-2021-43613, CVE-2021-43614 and CVE-2021-38489, add fix for SIMATIC Field PG M6, SIMATIC ITP1000 for all CVEs except CVE-2021-43613
V1.3 (2022-08-09): Added fix for SIMATIC IPC227G, SIMATIC IPC277G, SIMATIC IPC327G, SIMATIC IPC377G, clarified affected versions for RUGGEDCOM APE1808
V1.4 (2022-10-11): Added partial fix for SIMATIC IPC427E, SIMATIC IPC477E, SIMATIC IPC477E Pro
V1.5 (2023-02-14): Added partial fix for SIMATIC IPC627E, SIMATIC IPC677E, SIMATIC IPC677E, and SIMATIC IPC847E
V1.6 (2023-07-11): Added fix SIMATIC Field PG M5
V1.7 (2023-08-08): Removed fix for SIMATIC Field PG M6 as fix version was withdrawn
V1.8 (2023-11-14): Added fix for SIMATIC IPC127E

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