

HID

Important Product Update: HID Issue and Remediation

This Document Summarizes Product Security Updates and Remediation Options as Communicated to Pavion by HID



What is Covered in this Summary?

HID was informed by a third-party researcher of security issues related to a specific set of their products. Out of an abundance of caution, this document is intended to inform customers of these issues and recommended remediation.

With this information, customers should conduct a risk assessment to determine their potential impact, as well as implement recommended remediation steps in alignment with security best practices.

Known Issues



Legacy Issue

Credential Downgrade Attacks

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This action leverages the fact that most readers use standard keys and customers often leave all legacy credential types enabled to facilitate credential migration.

New Issues

Duplicating a Seos Card

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This card could access any reader/door that the PACS number authorizes.

As a reminder, there is no such thing as a “Master” card that accesses all readers.

Reader Configuration Changes With Unauthorized Config Cards

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For example, the bad actor could use this malicious config card to configure a reader to accept lower-security credentials, as well as make other unauthorized changes up to and including making the reader non-operational.

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Issue Remediations



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