

Viasat IP Core Multi-Channel AES-256/128 Security Core



Viasat's Multi-channel 100 G Security IP core enables high-speed chip and systems designers to incorporate comprehensive high-grade security into their products with minimal integration effort. Viasat's core is much more than just an "AES algorithm" core; it is a complete security system core. The core includes a comprehensive set of already-integrated security functions which can be dropped into a customer's FPGA or ASIC design. As the core includes all the security functions, no security expertise is required of the systems integrator.



Viasat's security core interfaces to the host system through multiple independent encrypt/decrypt data channels and a simple control and status bus. All interfaces are synchronous to the 280 MHz clock.

MINIMAL HOST SUPPORT

The security core only requires a one-time configuration load after power-cycle/reset. This configuration load contains one 256/128-bit Key Encryption Key (KEK) + 32-bit CRC for each of the 80 channels. Once configured, the security core will automatically setup a secure connection to its peer core(s) in the distant-end equipment. No other configuration is necessary. The management interface also provides status information to the host indicating the status of security connection(s) as well as other link statistics.

SPECIFICATIONS

» Data Interface	80 channel x 1.33 Gbps (106 Gbps aggregate)	 Integrated Key Management Traffic Encryption Keys (TEKs) generated using built-in
» Overhead	Single byte per frame (crypto overhead channel)	non-deterministic random number generator. • Secure key exchange/distribution using AES key wrap.
» Algorithm and Mode	AES-256/128 encryption/ decryption using counter	» Integrated Peer-to-Peer Authentication (Shared Secret Symmetric Cryptography)
» Cryptographic Synchronization	mode Automatically established after 1 complete cryptographic frame (8 frames =	 Peers automatically authenticate each other immediately after the cryptographic overhead channel is established. After an upset event (like power loss), authentication is automatically re-established. Automatic Key-Rollover and TEK Generation
» 80 Fully Independent Channels	Fully Independent Channels Each channel may have different TEK, cryptographic state, & peer authentication KEK	 New random keys are generated automatically prior to crypto-midnight, and securely exchanged using the crypto overhead channel. TEK roll-over is seamless and transparent to data channel (no lost data before, during, or after TEK roll-over)

» Controlled Cryptographic Bypass for Non-Encrypted Frame Data (Overhead bytes).

FPGA UTILIZATION (XILINX VIRTEX-6): 256-BIT KEY VERSION

COMPONENT	FFs	LUTs	BRAMs (36 k)
106 Gbps AES-256 ECB Core	17,964	39,831	_
Controlled Cryptographic Bypass	2,978	3,321	17
Data Interface Adaptor (80-CH) ¹	17,563	25,692	80
80-CH Context Ctrl w/Key Rollover	13,211	13,344	10
Key Manager & Peer Authenticator	4,429	7,433	26
Security Core Total ²	56,145	89,621	133



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