

Validation Checklist

DicksonWare <sup>™</sup> Secure and 21 CFR 11 Requirements

21 CFR Part 11 Requirements	Dicksonware™ Secure complies with	Requires Customer Action prior	Comments on compliance
	associated 21 CFR 11 requirement?	to use to comply?	or requirements
Procedures and Controls for Closed Systems	(check = yes)	(check = yes)	Customers may devise their own validation protocols that may or may not be compliant with 21 CFR 11.
Is the system validated?			To comply, customer must purchase validation certificate (N520) with each Dickson calibrated data logger that is to be used with DicksonWare™ Secure(*).
Is it possible to discern invalid or altered records?	$\checkmark$		Invalid or altered records will not open at all with Dicksonware™ Secure.
Is the system capable of producing accurate and complete copies of electronic records on paper?			Using the print function in DicksonWare™ Secure, the graph and/or datafile can be printed complete with all 21 CFR 11 requirements.
Is the system capable of producing accurate and complete copies of records in electronic form for inspection, review, and copying by the FDA?			Unaltered valid datafiles and/or graphs can be emailed/transferred to another user of DicksonWare™ Secure.
Are the records readily retrievable throughout their retention period?			Records can be saved to any designated location/directory the customer designates. The default is for all records to be saved to "C:/Dickson/dwSecure".
Is system access limited to authorized individuals?			Only users with valid user ID and Password can access system.
Is there a secure, computer generated, time stamped audit trail that records the date and time of operator entries and actions that create, modify or delete electronic records?			Audit trail is secure, encrypted and contains date, time, operator, and action taken when using a validated Dickson data logger.
Upon making a change to an electronic record, is previously recorded information still available (i.e., not obscured by the change)?	(Not Applicable)		Not Applicable. Datafiles cannot be modified by the customer/user. Attempts to do so render the datafile invalid.
Is an electronic record's audit trail retrievable throughout the record's retention period?			Audit trails are automatically generated and cannot be "turned off". Audit trails can be saved and retrieved indefinitely.
Is the audit trail available for review and copying by the FDA?			Like the datafiles, audit trails can be printed and/or electronically transferred/emailed to another user of DicksonWare™ Secure.
If the sequence of system steps or events is important, is this enforced by the system (e.g., as would be the case in a process control system?)	(Not Applicable)		Not Applicable. There is no specific sequence of steps nor any order specific operations within DicksonWare™ Secure.

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Does the system ensure that only authorized individuals can use the system, electronically sign records, access the operation, or computer system input or output device, alter a record, or perform other operations?			DicksonWare <sup>™</sup> Secure has a mandatory User ID and Password login system with two levels of operational/system access, administrator and user levels, ensuring that only authorized individuals can access the system and use the various features according to their level of access.
If it is a requirement of the system that input data or instructions can only come from certain input devices (e.g., terminals), does the system check the validity of the source of any data or instructions received? (Note: This applies where data or instructions can come from more than one device, and therefore the system must verify the integrity of its source, such as a network of weigh scales, or remote, radio controlled terminals.)			The software will accept data only from validated data loggers designed and manufacturered by Dickson specifically for use with DicksonWare <sup>™</sup> Secure using Dickson's proprietary communications protocols. Each specific unit capable of working with DicksonWare <sup>™</sup> Secure is uniquely identified by the software for further system checks.
Is there documented training, including on the job training for system users, developers, IT support staff?			Users may arrange/purchase system training from Dickson or provide their own training through testing and the DicksonWare™ Secure help files and documentation. DicksonWare™ Secure is user-friendly and safeguards against user error to limit the amount of training required.
Is there a written policy that makes individuals fully accountable and responsible for actions initiated under their electronic signatures?		<b>J</b>	Customer must create a written policy explaining to DicksonWare™ Secure users that they are responsible for actions done under their login.
Is the distribution of, access to, and use of systems operation and maintenance documentation controlled?			Our software controls access and use of itself. Customer is responsible for obeying the licensing terms and distribution of the software, and the computer hardware and software DicksonWare™ Secure application runs on.
Is there a formal change control procedure for system documentation that maintains a time sequenced audit trail for those changes made by the pharmaceutical organization?	(Not Applicable)		Not Applicable. Audit trails are not changeable. They are encrypted and can't be modified.

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Additional Procedures and Controls for Open Systems			
Is data encrypted?	✓		The data is encrypted.
Are digital signatures used?	1		Digital signatures are used.
Signed Electronic Records			
Do signed electronic records contain the following related information? - The printed name of the signer - The date and time of signing The meaning of the signing (such as approval, review, responsibility)			Electronic records do contain the name, date/time stamp, and action.
Is the above information shown on displayed and printed copies of the electronic record?			Related information is displayed on the electronic record and on printed copies.
Are signatures linked to their respective electronic records to ensure that they cannot be cut, copied, or otherwise transferred by ordinary means for the purpose of falsification?	✓		The signatures cannot be copied, cut or transferred and are linked to the original record in an encrypted audit trail.
Are electronic signatures unique to an individual?			The software will not let you use duplicate digital signatures. Recommend customer include a statement in their written procedures that only one person is linked to each user ID.
Are electronic signatures ever reused by, or reassigned to, anyone else?		<b>V</b>	Recommend customer include a SOP statement that user IDs are not to be reused or reassigned to anyone else.
Is the identity of an individual verified before an electronic signature is allocated?	<u>√</u>		Unique User ID and Password ensure individual verification.
Electronic Signatures (Non-biometrics)			
Is the signature made up of at least two components, such as an identification code and password, or an id card and password?	✓		User ID and Password
When several signings are made during a continuous session, is the password executed at each signing? (Note: both components must be executed at the first signing of a session.)	(Not Applicable)		Not Applicable. The session ends when one signs off. Multiple signings on the same session does not apply.
If signings are not done in a continuous session, are both components of the electronic signature executed with each signing?	✓		User ID and Password, everytime
Are non-biometrics signatures only used by their genuine owners?	V		User ID and Password

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Would an attempt to falsify an electronic signature require the collaboration of at least two individuals?			<u>or requirements</u>
Has it been shown that biometrics electronic signatures can be used only by their genuine owner?	(Not Applicable)		Not Applicable.
Controls for Identification Codes and Passwords			
Are controls in place to maintain the uniqueness of each combined identification code and password, such that no individual can have the same combination of identification code and password?	$\checkmark$		DicksonWare™ Secure will not allow duplicate User IDs or Passwords.
Are procedures in place to ensure that the validity of identification codes is periodically checked?	V		Identification validity is checked each and every time used.
Do passwords periodically expire and need to be revised?			Expiration of passwords, if necessary, is determined by the customer's system administrator and the company's SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) regarding password policies.
Is there a procedure for recalling identification codes and passwords if a person leaves or is transferred?			DicksonWare™ Secure, under administrator logging, is capable of administering other User IDs and Passwords if necessary.
Is there a procedure for electronically disabling an identification code or password if it is potentially compromised or lost?			Sytem Administrator may disable other users' accounts. Customers may document their own SOP for handling the disabling of accounts.
Is there a procedure for detecting attempts at unauthorized use and for informing security?			An audit trail provides detection of unauthroized use. The review and use of that data is the customer's responsibility.
Is there a procedure for reporting repeated or serious attempts at unauthorized use to management?		✓	The customer should have an internal procedure for reporting unauthorized use to management.
Is there a loss management procedure to be followed if a device is lost or stolen?			The customer should have an internal procedure if a Dickson data logger is potentially compromised. Dickson can repair, replace or recalibrate the loggers used with DicksonWare™ Secure.
Is there a procedure for electronically disabling a device if it is lost, stolen, or potentially compromised?			The customer should have an internal procedure if a Dickson data logger is potentially compromised. Dickson can repair, replace or recalibrate the loggers used with DicksonWare <sup>™</sup> Secure.

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Are there controls over the issuance of temporary and permanent replacements?			Replaced, repaired or recalibrated units should be "Validated" prior to use, whether they are to be used as temporary or permanent replacements.
Is there initial and periodic testing of tokens and cards?	(Not Applicable)		Not Applicable. No tokens/cards used with this system.
Does this testing check that there have been no unauthorized alterations?	(Not Applicable)		Not Applicable. No tokens/cards used with this system.



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