# SafeCase ONIX

# User Manual for Galaxy S23



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# About SafeCase ONX

#### What ONX Does

SafeCase ONX (Onyx) is a trusted hardware device providing secure and independent control of Galaxy S23's audiovisual and wireless connectivity capabilities, allowing you to effectively disable (and reenable) the phone's potential enablement of surveillance and tracking. A unique hardware-to-hardware integration between ONX and Galaxy S23 provides you with secure, independent verification that specified hardware components are truly disabled on the commercial phone.

#### **Controllable Hardware Components**

ONX can be used to control the following hardware components:

#### Sensors for audiovisual capture

- Four cameras
- Three microphones

#### Radios for wireless connectivity

- Cellular and GPS (shared module)
- WiFi
- Bluetooth
- NFC (coming 2024)

#### **ONX** Parts

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SLIPCOVER	Bends back to enable S23 insertion/removal
BASE	Holds S23 in place
USB-C CONNECTOR	Enables ONX and S23 to share power
USB-C PORT	Accommodates the included USB-C charging cable
POWER BUTTON	For powering ONX on/off and adjusting LED brightness; displays battery level and charging status
RADIO PRESET DISPLAY	Displays the current/desired radio preset of the installed phone
RADIO PRESET SELECT BUTTON	For selecting and applying a radio preset to the installed phone
CAM/MIC CONTROL BUTTON	For turning S23 cameras and microphones on/off; displays camera/microphone status
USB-C CABLE	Charges both ONX and S23 when connected to an appropriate power source

## Setting up ONX

#### **Before You Begin**

Before setting up ONX, check that your S23 has been updated with the latest version of the Android operating system, which will ensure that your phone and ONX work properly together.

#### Step 1: Insert S23 Into ONX

To insert your S23 into ONX:

 Bending the slipcover back, align S23 into the grooves on the sides of the base.



3. Wrap the slipcover over the top corners of S23.



2. Slide S23 down until it fits snugly on the USB-C connector.



Once S23 and ONX are connected, a confirmation tone will play and all LEDs will briefly flash.

#### Step 2: Install, Open and Configure the Privoro App

The Privoro app provides information on current ONX status, among other functions. Behind the scenes, the app also enables an encrypted communications channel between ONX and S23.

To set up the Privoro app:

- 1. First, install the Privoro app.
  - a. On your S23, open the Play Store app.
  - b. In the Play Store app, enter **Privoro** in the search field.
  - c. Tap the listing for the **Privoro app**.
  - d. In the app listing, tap the **Install** button.



2. Once installed, open the Privoro app by tapping the **Open** button (or by tapping the Privoro icon on your home screen).

 Opening the app for the first time, you will be prompted to allow data exchange between ONX and S23 (necessary for controlling S23's radios and cameras/ microphones). Check the Always open option. Tap the OK option to proceed.



 On the Get Started screen, before agreeing to the End User License Agreement (EULA), Terms and Conditions, and Privacy Policy, you can open each by tapping the appropriate option. Tap the Agree & Continue button to proceed.



 On the next screen, you will be notified that your ONX is now connected to S23 and ready to use. Tap the Start Using SafeCase button to proceed.



- 6. On the Permission Required screen:
  - a. Tap the Grant Permission button to allow the app to send you notifications (necessary for receiving ONX status updates).



b. When prompted to confirm, tap the **Allow** option.



c. Tap the **Continue** button to finish the setup process.



When setup has completed, the My SafeCase (home) screen of the app will open.



#### Step 3: Activate Your HDM Key

ONX leverages Samsung's Hardware Device Manager (HDM) for its hardware-tohardware integration with S23. Activating this HDM integration requires a oneyear HDM subscription. As part of this subscription, you should have received a printed document containing your HDM Key from Privoro or your system administrator.

Note that once the HDM Key has been installed and activated on your S23:

- The activation cannot be reversed.
- The HDM Key cannot be used again.
- The HDM Key cannot be transferred to another phone.

To activate your HDM Key:

1. In the Privoro app, tap the **Settings** icon in the navigation bar.



2. On the Settings screen, tap the HDM Key Management option.



3. On the Activate HDM screen, toggle the Device Admin option to the right (allow) position.



4. When prompted to confirm, tap the **Activate** option.



The Hardware Device Manager (HDM) provides high-assurance radio and senor control used to protect against eavesdropping, spying and location tracking. To activate HDM on your S23, scan the CR code provided by your system administrator. If you have not yet received a QR code, contact your system administrator.

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Tap the Scan QR Code button

Scan the QR code for your HDM Key

← HDM Key Management

Activate HDM

Device Admin

Admin privileges are required to en HDM functionality.

7. On the Samsung Knox activation screen, tap the **Agree** button.



An "HDM Activated" success message will display, along with the 30-digit subscription key.

Finally, you will be prompted to link SafeCase to your phone, which is necessary to allow SafeCase to securely control S23's hardware. Note that linking cannot be reversed; once linked, SafeCase will only be able to control the linked phone's hardware. 8. On the HDM Activated screen, tap the Link SafeCase button.



9. In the confirmation message, tap the **Link** button.



# Controlling S23 Cameras and Microphones

The cam/mic control button is used to securely disable (and reenable) S23's cameras and microphones at a hardware level.

To disable/reenable S23's cameras and microphones:

 Press and hold the cam/mic control button for three seconds, until the button's LED pulses white, indicating the camera/microphone change is in process. After the cameras and microphones are confirmed disabled/enabled, a confirmation tone will play and the button's LED will blink green (if disabled) or red (if enabled).

#### **VIA ONX**

To verify camera and microphone disablement via ONX:

 Press the power button to display the current camera/microphone mode. When cameras and microphones are disabled, the cam/mic control button's LED will be illuminated green.



# Verify Camera and Microphone Disablement

You can verify that cameras and microphones have been successfully disabled via ONX or through manual verification.



#### VIA MANUAL CAMERA/MICROPHONE CAPTURE

To manually verify camera and microphone disablement:

 Using the Camera app on your S23, try recording a video. You should not be able to capture video or sound.

### **Controlling S23 Radios**

The radio preset select button is used to disable (and reenable) S23's radios – cellular (and GPS), WiFi, Bluetooth and NFC (coming 2024) – with high certainty.

For the sake of simplicity, radio configurations are available as presets. By default, the two available presets are cellular silent mode (cellular/GPS disabled) and radio silent mode (all radios disabled). Note that your ONX administrator may choose to customize your available presets to suit particular use cases.

Number/icon	Name	Description
1	Cellular silent mode	Cellular (and GPS) disabled
2	Radio silent mode	All radios disabled
Emitting phone	All phone radios enabled	All radios enabled

Default radio presets

When moving from all phone radios enabled to a preset or back again, S23 will restart to securely apply the radio state change.

Note that when you have disabled one or more radios via ONX, you can only reenable them via ONX, not the phone. Attempts to reenable one or more radios through the Android operating system (via the notification panel or Settings app) will not be successful. To disable/reenable one or more of S23's radios:

 Press the radio preset select button to toggle through the three options - preset
 preset 2 and all phone radios enabled (indicated by an icon of an emitting phone)
 until the desired preset is reached, then press and hold the button for three seconds.



The preset number/icon will pulse white on the radio preset display as the phone is being rebooted. When the preset has been successfully applied, a confirmation tone will play and the preset number/icon will briefly flash green (for presets 1 or 2, indicating protections have been implemented) or red (for all phone radios enabled, indicating protections have not been implemented). If the radio state change is unsuccessful, "123" will flash red on the radio preset display. Try the process again.



#### Verify Radio Disablement

You can verify that radios have been successfully disabled via ONX or S23.

#### **VIA ONX**

To verify radio disablement via ONX:

 Press the power button to briefly display the current radio preset in the radio preset display.



#### VIA THE PRIVORO APP

To verify radio disablement via the Privoro app:

1. In the Privoro app, tap the **Settings** icon in the navigation bar.



2. On the Settings screen, tap the **HDM Profile** option.



 On the HDM Profile screen, the name of the active radio preset will be displayed, along with an overview of that preset's individual radio states.

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#### VIA S23

To verify via S23 that cellular has been disabled:

- 1. On your S23, open the Settings app.
- 2. In the Settings app, tap the **About phone** option.

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General management Language and keyboard - Date and time	
Accessibility     Vision - Hearing - Dexterity	
Software update     Download and install	
User guide Learn more	
Remote support     Remote support	
About phone     Status · Legal information · Phone name     option	e Ph

 On the About phone screen, locate the IMEI information, which will be blank.



To verify via S23 that WiFi and/or Bluetooth have been disabled:

 On your S23, swipe down from the top of the screen to open the notification panel and then verify that the WiFi and/or Bluetooth icons are grayed out.



WiFi and Bluetooth off in notification panel

# Managing power

#### **POWER ON/OFF**

To power ONX on/off:

1. Press and hold the power button for three seconds.



A confirmation tone will play and all LEDs will briefly flash, indicating the power on/off sequence has started.

#### **Check Battery Level**

You can check ONX's battery level via ONX or the Privoro app.

#### **VIA ONX**

To check the battery level via ONX:

1. Press the power button. The button's LED will illuminate a color corresponding to the current charge level - green (high), yellow (moderate) or red (low).



#### VIA THE PRIVORO APP

To check the battery level via the Privoro app:

 In the Privoro app, locate the battery level, displayed in the Case Battery Level field on the My SafeCase screen.



#### CHARGE

Using the included USB-C cable, you will charge your ONX and S23 simultaneously.

To charge your ONX and S23:

 Insert one end of the USB-C cable into ONX's USB-C port and the other end in a compatible USB-C power source, such as a computer or power adapter (minimum 10W).



# Adjusting settings

You may choose to change the brightness of the LEDs or turn them off completely.

To adjust LED brightness:

 Double-press the power button to enable toggling, then press through the three brightness settings - bright, dim and off - until the desired setting is reached.



# Removing S23 from ONX

To remove your S23 from ONX:

1. Peel the slipcover off the top corners of S23.



2. Bending the slipcover back, slide S23 straight up off the USB-C connector.



Once S23 has been removed from ONX, a confirmation tone will play.

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