

Organisation Validated SSL Certificates - Competitor Comparison

	GlobalSign OrganizationSSL	GeoTrust True BusinessID / True BusinessID Multi Domain	Thawte Web Server Certificate Thawte SGC SuperCert
Corporate Structure	Part of GMO Internet Inc Group, a public company. UK HQ in UK and UK support handled through UK HQ.	Owned by VeriSign (VeriSign owns Thawte and GeoTrust). HQ in California, support handled in California and South Africa.	Owned by VeriSign (VeriSign owns Thawte and GeoTrust). HQ in California, support handled in California and South Africa.
Vetting Method	Organisation vetting turnaround in 1-2 business days	Organisation vetting	Organisation vetting
Browser Recognition	All popular browsers and mobile devices supported	All popular browsers and mobile devices supported	All popular browsers and mobile devices supported
Encryption Level	<p>✓ SGC enabled Free of Charge. Steps weak 40 bit browsers up to strong 128 bit, provides at least 128 bit and up to 256 bit on all popular non-legacy browsers</p>	<p>✗ Not SGC enabled. Will not step up legacy browsers from 40 bit to 128 bit. Will keep legacy browsers at 40 bit only</p>	<p>✗ Web Server Certificate Not SGC enabled. Will not step up legacy browsers from 40 bit to 128 bit. Will keep legacy browsers at 40 bit only</p> <p>✓ SGC SuperCert. Steps weak 40 bit browsers up to strong 128 bit, provides at least 128 bit and up to 256 bit on all popular non-legacy browsers</p>
Confidence Enhancing Clickable Site Seal	<p>✓ "Secured by GlobalSign" clickable site seal included</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>
Installation Healthcheck	Server availability, certificate installation, common error checking and site seal installation all checked free of charge for every certificate issued	✗	✗
Server Licensing Model	3 server licenses For web server, backup server and third for additional server or load balancer. Usage is customer defined	1 server license For web server only	1 server license For web server only
Additional Server License Policy	Additional packs of three server licenses available for £175	Additional server licenses at £229 for True BusinessID Certificate / £354 for Multi Domain Certificate	Additional server licenses at \$249 (USD) for Web Server Certificate / \$699 (USD) for SGC SuperCert
Warranty	\$100,000 underwritten by insurance	\$10,000	✗
Wildcard SSL	✓ £300 option	✗	✗
IP Address Support	✓ Allows SSL Certificate to be issued to public IP address	<p>✗ True BusinessID Certificate</p> <p>✓ Multi Domain Certificate</p>	✗
Single Certificate Support for www & non-www sites	✓ Single SSL Certificate is always issued to both www and non-www web sites	✗	✗
Subject Alternative Name (SAN) Support	✓ Allows up to 40 domains to be included within a single certificate (Includes any combination of unified communications, FQDN's, multi-level subdomains, IP addresses and localhost names)	<p>✗ True BusinessID Certificate</p> <p>✓ Multi Domain Certificate Allows up to 25 domains to be included within a single certificate</p>	✗
Trial Availability	✓ 30 days on Test GlobalSign Root CA	✗	✗
Validity Periods	1 to 5 years	1 to 5 years	1 to 5 years
Standard Retail Price 1 year Standard SSL	£175	<p>£229 for True BusinessID Certificate</p> <p>£354 for True BusinessID Multi Domain Certificate</p>	<p>\$249 (USD) for Web Server Certificate</p> <p>\$699 (USD) for SGC SuperCert Must buy in US Dollars</p>
Standard Retail Price 1 year Wildcard SSL	£475	✗	✗