## CubeHash expected strength (2.B.4)

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This is a statement of the expected strength (i.e., cryptanalytic work factor) of CubeHash. See the CubeHash specification for recommended parameters r, b.

**224-bit collisions**. CubeHash–224 is expected to provide collision resistance of approximately 112 bits.

**256-bit collisions**. CubeHash–256 is expected to provide collision resistance of approximately 128 bits.

**384-bit collisions**. CubeHash–384 is expected to provide collision resistance of approximately 192 bits.

**512-bit collisions**. CubeHash–512 is expected to provide collision resistance of approximately 256 bits.

**224-bit preimage resistance**. CubeHash–224 is expected to provide preimage resistance of approximately 224 bits.

**256-bit preimage resistance**. CubeHash–256 is expected to provide preimage resistance of approximately 256 bits.

**384-bit preimage resistance**. CubeHash–384 is expected to provide preimage resistance of approximately 384 bits.

**512-bit preimage resistance**. CubeHash–512 is expected to provide preimage resistance of approximately 512 bits.

**224-bit second-preimage resistance**. CubeHash-224 is expected to provide second-preimage resistance of at least 224 - k bits for messages shorter than  $2^k$  bits.

**256-bit second-preimage resistance**. CubeHash-256 is expected to provide second-preimage resistance of at least 256 - k bits for messages shorter than  $2^k$  bits.

**384-bit second-preimage resistance**. CubeHash–384 is expected to provide second-preimage resistance of at least 384 - k bits for messages shorter than  $2^k$  bits.

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**512-bit second-preimage resistance**. CubeHash–512 is expected to provide second-preimage resistance of at least 512 - k bits for messages shorter than  $2^k$  bits.

**224-bit length-extension resistance**. CubeHash–224 is expected to resist all feasible length-extension attacks.

**256-bit length-extension resistance**. CubeHash–256 is expected to resist all feasible length-extension attacks.

**384-bit length-extension resistance**. CubeHash–384 is expected to resist all feasible length-extension attacks.

**512-bit length-extension resistance**. CubeHash–512 is expected to resist all feasible length-extension attacks.

**224-bit PRF**. HMAC using CubeHash–224 is expected to resist all distinguishing attacks that require much fewer than  $2^{112}$  queries and significantly less computation than a preimage attack. This submission does not include any ad-hoc PRF modes.

**256-bit PRF**. HMAC using CubeHash–256 is expected to resist all distinguishing attacks that require much fewer than  $2^{128}$  queries and significantly less computation than a preimage attack. This submission does not include any ad-hoc PRF modes.

**384-bit PRF**. HMAC using CubeHash–384 is expected to resist all distinguishing attacks that require much fewer than  $2^{192}$  queries and significantly less computation than a preimage attack. This submission does not include any ad-hoc PRF modes.

**512-bit PRF**. HMAC using CubeHash–512 is expected to resist all distinguishing attacks that require much fewer than  $2^{256}$  queries and significantly less computation than a preimage attack. This submission does not include any ad-hoc PRF modes.

**224-bit MAC**. HMAC using CubeHash–224 is expected to resist all forgery attacks that require much fewer than  $2^{112}$  queries and significantly less computation than a preimage attack. This submission does not include any ad-hoc MAC modes.

**256-bit MAC**. HMAC using CubeHash–256 is expected to resist all forgery attacks that require much fewer than  $2^{128}$  queries and significantly less computation than a preimage attack. This submission does not include any ad-hoc MAC modes.

**384-bit MAC**. HMAC using CubeHash–384 is expected to resist all forgery attacks that require much fewer than  $2^{192}$  queries and significantly less computation than a preimage attack. This submission does not include any ad-hoc MAC modes.

**512-bit MAC**. HMAC using CubeHash–512 is expected to resist all forgery attacks that require much fewer than  $2^{256}$  queries and significantly less computation than a preimage attack. This submission does not include any ad-hoc MAC modes.

**224-bit randomized hashing**. CubeHash–224 is not expected to degrade the generic security of any of the NIST-specified randomized-hashing modes. This submission does not include any ad-hoc randomized hashing modes.

**256-bit randomized hashing**. CubeHash–256 is not expected to degrade the generic security of any of the NIST-specified randomized-hashing modes. This submission does not include any ad-hoc randomized hashing modes.

**384-bit randomized hashing**. CubeHash–384 is not expected to degrade the generic security of any of the NIST-specified randomized-hashing modes. This submission does not include any ad-hoc randomized hashing modes.

**512-bit randomized hashing**. CubeHash–512 is not expected to degrade the generic security of any of the NIST-specified randomized-hashing modes. This submission does not include any ad-hoc randomized hashing modes.

**Output-bit selection.** Selection of m output bits (e.g., truncation to the first m bits) is expected to have the usual effects on security.

Supporting rationale. See the accompanying security analysis.