

Why Hardlocks Benefit our Customers



HASP-HL USB lock (dongle)

Occasionally users ask us about hardlocks: what are they and why do we use them? A hardlock is a hardware device that prevents our programs from being copied and used illegally. Why use them? Hardlocks offer the best and most cost-effective software security for our purposes; security that protects the integrity of our programs and doesn't inconvenience our users.

Rocscience hardlocks utilize a powerful on-chip encryption engine, special code-protection algorithms and advanced anti-hacking and encryption. The HASP-HL USB lock, which is included in each Rocscience Single License package, is simply attached to the USB port on the computer that has the software already installed on it.

The USB lock is light and small, about the size of a home key, and includes a tag that identifies the software, the name of the registered user and the software copy number. New computers usually include multiple USB ports, within easy reach on the front of your keyboard or computer. It should be noted that all USB locks should be stored in a safe place. Rocscience does not replace lost or stolen USB locks.

Good software protection has to serve developers and users equally. Our reality is that software piracy means revenue losses and price increases. Your reality is a requirement for dependable geotechnical software that keeps project costs down. Using USB hardlocks, Rocscience has been able to minimize piracy, increase sales and provide greater value to our customers; everybody wins.