

Domain Validated SSL Certificates - Competitor Comparison

	GlobalSign DomainSSL	GeoTrust QuickSSL & QuickSSL Premium	Thawte SSL123
Corporate Structure	Owned by GMO, a public company. Offices for each major territory – US, UK, Belgium (supporting EU) & Asia-Pac.	Owned by VeriSign (VeriSign owns Thawte and GeoTrust). HQ in South Africa, support handled in South Africa.	Owned by VeriSign (VeriSign owns Thawte and GeoTrust). HQ in South Africa, support handled in South Africa.
Issuance Speed	Minutes	Minutes	Minutes
Vetting Method	Domain ownership validation PLUS advanced anti-phishing checks	Domain ownership validation PLUS advanced anti-phishing checks	Domain ownership validation, Phishing Checks unknown
Browser Recognition	All popular browsers and mobile devices supported	All popular browsers – must upgrade to QuickSSL Premium to work with mobile devices	All popular browsers and mobile devices supported
Encryption Level	✓ 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	✗ Not SGC enabled Will not step up legacy browsers from 40 bit to 128 bit. Will keep legacy browsers at 40 bit only. To get SGC customers must buy a different product from VeriSign's other companies – VeriSign Secure Site Pro priced at \$995 or Thawte SGC SuperCert priced at \$699	✗ Not SGC enabled Will not step up legacy browsers from 40 bit to 128 bit. Will keep legacy browsers at 40 bit only. To get SGC customers must buy a different product – Thawte SGC SuperCert priced at \$699
Confidence Enhancing Clickable Site Seal	✓ "Secured by GlobalSign" clickable site seal included	✗ QuickSSL ✓ QuickSSL Premium	✓ "Secured by Thawte" clickable site seal included
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 One of 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 \$199	Additional server licenses available at \$249 / \$299 each	Additional server licenses available at \$149 (USD) approx £80. Must buy in US Dollars
Warranty	✓ \$10,000 underwritten by insurance	✓ \$10,000	✗
Wildcard SSL	✓ \$480 option	✗	✗
IP Address Support	✗ (Upgrade to OrganizationSSL)	✗	✗
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.	✗	✗
Trusted Trial Availability	✓ 45 days	✗	✗
Validity Availability	1 to 5 years	1 to 5 years	1 to 5 years
Standard Retail Price 1 year Standard SSL	\$249	\$249 without site seal \$299 with site seal	\$149
Standard Retail Price 1 year Wildcard SSL	\$849	✗	✗