



Use of cookies

1. What is a cookie?

Cookies are text files or software elements that record information concerning your terminal's web browsing activity. They are under the control of your web browser, and they sometimes include a unique, random number. You can read, remove and modify them.

2. Why does Vision Critical use cookies?

To remind our system who you are and provide access to your account information (stored on our computers) so that we can provide you the best possible, personalized service.

These cookies are created when you sign up or access the website, and they are modified when you leave the site to switch to another one or you close your web browser.

3. How can you refuse and/or remove cookies?

You can remove cookies from your computer in two ways.

Using your web browser you can see what cookies are already on your computer and remove them individually or all at once.

- With Apple Safari: under the "Privacy" section of the "Preferences" menu, go to "Cookies and other website data";
- With Google Chrome: under the "Privacy" section of the "Parameters" menu, go to the "Parameters and content" sub-section and then to "Cookies and site data";
- With Microsoft Internet Explorer: from the "Tools" menu go to the "Internet options" section, then "General" and "Navigation history", then to "Parameters", the "Parameters of temporary Internet files and history" and finally to "Display files";
- With Mozilla Firefox: from the "Tools" menu go to the "Options" section, the "Privacy" sub-section and then to the "Remove specific cookies" function.



Under Windows, you can also remove cookies manually by following the steps below:

- Open your desktop and select the “Windows” folder under C:\
- Open the “Temporary Internet Files” folder and select all the files (CTRL+A)
- Choose the “Remove” option

You can also set your browser’s parameters to block cookies or notify you before installing any on your computer. Again, the steps are different for each browser. You can find the instructions for yours in the browser’s “Help” menu. You can set the cookies parameters separately for each device you use to access the Community website.

Removing or blocking the cookies used by the Vision Critical websites can affect or even prevent your use of the sites.

4. What types of cookies does Vision Critical use?

Cookies can be temporary and last only as long as your website session or be more or less permanent, remaining on your computer or device for a length of time determined by your browser’s parameter settings. There are numerous types of cookies, which we can classify into the following three groups.

- *Indispensable cookies*

These cookies are necessary to provide online communications over electronic channels and are essential for proper website operation. Disabling them can cause serious problems in website use or even make it impossible to use the services they propose. These cookies do not retain any information about you once you quit a website. They make it possible, for example, to identify a computer or device in order to properly address information sent by a website, to assign sequencing numbers to message “packets” to ensure they are sent in the right order and to detect transmission errors and line loss of data.

- *Functional cookies*

These cookies are necessary to provide online communications at the express request of a website user. If these cookies are removed or disabled, it is impossible to provide the requested service. Functional cookies can collect personal information. Certain cookies can retain this information after you leave the website, and they can be transmitted to partners, but solely to make it possible to provide various elements of related services. These cookies are used, for example, to save user preferences such as preferred language. They also include “user session” cookies (which make it possible to identify users when they navigate from one page to another and that save user information only as long as the browsing session is open), and cookies used for “shopping cart” transactions.

- *Audience measurement cookies*

Audience measurement cookies make it possible to recognize visitors during their different visits to a website. These cookies only save a user “identifier” (different for each cookie) and are never used to collect nominative information about visitors. They record the pages visited, the length of each visit and errors messages, making it possible to improve the performance of the Vision Critical websites.

Audience measurement cookies can also be installed and managed by partners, but Vision Critical limits their use to enabling requested statistical analysis operations.



FUNCTIONAL COOKIES

Name	Installed by	Objective	Life span
CSUserEmailAdress	Vision Critical Communications	Authentication form	1 year
.VCPanelAuth	Vision Critical Communications	Authentication form	1 year
AuthenticationView_CookieTest	Vision Critical Communications	Authentication form	1 day
.VCReportBuilderState	Vision Critical Communications	Storage of reports under VC Builder	14 days
.VCTranslateAuth	Vision Critical Communications	Authentication form	60 minutes
ASP.NET_SessionID	Vision Critical Communications	Tracking of Microsoft NET sessions	60 minutes
PostSortOrder	Vision Critical Communications	Post classification	1 minute
CommunityServer-UserCookie	Vision Critical Communications	Saved options – last forum visit	1 day
_PostViewType	Vision Critical Communications	Type of posts saved	1 day
.VCUserEmail_(Database Name)	Vision Critical Communications	Email storage	3 months
.VCPanelistEmail	Vision Critical Communications	Email storage	3 months
.VCPAuth	Vision Critical Communications	Authentication form	1 year
.VCQuickPoll_[QuickPollId]	Vision Critical Communications	Storage of responses to flash surveys	3 months
UploadDetails	Vision Critical Communications	Name of attached file	30 days
weblog	Vision Critical Communications	Storage of blog ID	30 days
files	Vision Critical Communications	Storage of file ID	30 days
pg	Vision Critical Communications	Storage of gallery ID	30 days
TinyMCE_	Vision Critical Communications	Size and length of TinyMCE editor	30 days

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