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Two Partners, One Team: How Havoc Earned CMMC Level 2 Certification with RADICL and AssuriTrust

Executive Summary

Havoc, a leader in all-domain collaborative autonomy software serving defense and commercial customers, set itself a hard target: pass a CMMC Level 2 assessment by the end of government fiscal year 2026. They were growing quickly, which meant every passing month made compliance harder, so they needed a partner that could keep pace.

Havoc brought in RADICL as its CMMC advisor and Virtual Security Operations Center (vSOC), and RADICL brought in its partner AssuriTrust to build a secure Microsoft 365 GCC High enclave. The two teams worked in parallel, met weekly, and coached Havoc's IT team until they could explain and defend every control included in CMMC. **Havoc passed its Certified Third-Party Assessment Organization (C3PAO) assessment and is now CMMC Level 2 certified, with the runbooks and partners in place to stay that way as they continue to grow at a fast pace.**

> *They're both fantastic partners. AssuriTrust was building the environment, and RADICL was advising us on what policies and procedures needed to govern our use of that environment.*



Andrew Roy
VP of Business Operations, Havoc



About Havoc

Havoc is a leading collaborative autonomy software company. Their software turns operator intent into vehicle execution, regardless of domain or manufacturer, optimizing mission performance and minimizing human risk. With Havoc software, assets can sense, plan, decide, and execute complex tasks with minimal human supervision, all while sharing information, coordinating actions, and dividing tasks across sea, air, and land.

Havoc is a high-growth startup, and its compliance program had to scale as fast as the business so they could continue to earn new contracts.



The CMMC Challenge



When Havoc began planning its CMMC program in late 2025, the expectation across the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) was clear: Level 2 certification would soon be the price of entry for most DoD/DoW contracts. Havoc set an internal marker to be through its C3PAO assessment by the end of government fiscal year 2026.

The company had done some early compliance verification with another MSP, but its growth demanded a more reliable path. The urgency was twofold, according to Andrew Roy, Havoc's VP of Business Operations: the contract requirement was coming, and the company's rapid growth meant compliance would only get harder and more complicated with every passing day.

> *To use a Navy analogy, we needed to get in the channel between the buoys. We knew what was likely coming contractually, and we knew that, given where the business was and how fast we were growing, it wasn't going to get any easier.*

The Havoc team also had to decide how much of the business to bring into scope. Putting the whole enterprise under CMMC controls would restrict the integrations and software choices that the non-CUI side of the business depends on. The team concluded that a dedicated enclave, a secure environment solely for Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), was the most efficient and effective route to Level 2.

That decision meant Havoc needed two kinds of expertise at once: someone to build and harden the enclave, and someone to write, review, and defend the policies, procedures, and evidence that would govern it.

The Solution: Better Together

Havoc needed a partner that offered forward-looking advice, strong backup, and responsiveness to match their fast-changing business. It chose RADICL, which became its CMMC advisor and consultant and runs a vSOC on their behalf. In February 2026, RADICL brought in its partner AssuriTrust to build the enclave.

RADICL

CMMC advisor and 24/7 vSOC

Delivered

Policy and procedure review, SSP, evidence readiness, GRC onboarding, assessment coaching.

Ongoing

Security monitoring across enclave and commercial environments; scope-change advice.

AssuriTrust

Enclave architect and builder

Delivered

Hardened Microsoft 365 GCC High enclave, Azure Virtual Desktop, operational runbooks mapped to NIST SP 800-171.

Ongoing

Optional health checks for configuration drift; no standing access.

A secure, fully cloud enclave

AssuriTrust built Havoc a Microsoft 365 GCC High environment hardened to the CIS Benchmarks and tuned to NIST SP 800-171 Rev. 2, with Rev. 3 in mind for future expansion. Users reach this enclave only through managed Azure Virtual Desktop sessions. Havoc's IT team already had experience running Azure Virtual Desktop, so they chose it over Cloud PC for lower cost, more control, and easier scaling.

AssuriTrust's differentiator is what comes with the enclave: operational runbooks that teach the customer's own IT team to run it compliantly (covering maintenance, access control, and security management) at their own pace. When the build is done, the customer removes AssuriTrust's access entirely.

> *Anyone can build an enclave. We teach the customer how to operate it and provide the tools to do it independently.*



Steve Hall
Compliance Consultant and Solution Architect, AssuriTrust

One SOC across both environments

Havoc already used CrowdStrike in its commercial environment, so AssuriTrust deployed CrowdStrike on the enclave's virtual hosts instead of the originally planned Microsoft Defender and RADICL received the logs it needed immediately. Today, one RADICL vSOC monitors both the commercial environment and the CUI enclave, providing one consistent security operation across multiple environments.

Three teams, one rhythm

The workstreams ran in parallel. Havoc met weekly with AssuriTrust early in the week and with RADICL's compliance team late in the week, and all three joined forces whenever an issue called for it. RADICL stress-tested Havoc's team on every piece of evidence to prove that the documentation was how things were being done. When the answers lived in the technical build, AssuriTrust stepped in to explain it.

That back-and-forth went both ways. RADICL's team asked AssuriTrust how specific data flows worked, and suggested adjustments to fit how Havoc actually operates. The result was standard, assessor-ready policies tailored to Havoc's operations without stepping outside compliance.

RADICL also kept the documentation focused on what assessors look for. When Havoc's in-house counsel drafted a strong set of CMMC documents, RADICL's compliance lead recommended using RADICL's assessor-tested templates instead.



> *I respect that RADICL gave us that straight answer rather than just going along with what we had. The team's been wonderful.*



Caitlin Bashaw
Director of IT, Havoc

Before RADICL + AssuriTrust

- ✗ A hard CMMC Level 2 target tied to DoD contract eligibility
- ✗ Rapid growth making compliance harder every month
- ✗ Early compliance work, but no clear path to assessment
- ✗ No secure environment for CUI
- ✗ Separate security needs across commercial and CUI work
- ✗ An IT team new to defending controls to an assessor

After RADICL + AssuriTrust

- ✓ CMMC Level 2 certified, assessed within the fiscal-year goal
- ✓ A scoped CUI enclave, leaving the rest of the business free to grow
- ✓ An SSP and evidence package built and reviewed by RADICL
- ✓ A hardened GCC High enclave with Azure Virtual Desktop, built in weeks
- ✓ One RADICL vSOC monitoring both environments
- ✓ A team that could explain, show, and defend every control

Results

The assessment ran in two phases. In June, C3PAOs reviewed Havoc's policies and procedures for readiness, which was a big lift for Havoc's IT team to produce, and for RADICL's compliance team to review. In September came the assessment itself: five intense days, eight to nine hours a day on calls with assessors.

The IT team carried the week, with reach-back support from both partners. RADICL helped interpret controls and, when needed, advocated for Havoc with the assessor. AssuriTrust joined for the technical portions, explaining why the enclave was designed as it was — for example, how functions, ports, and protocols were restricted under control 3.4.7.

One factor made the week tougher than it might have been: the enclave was so new that the team couldn't always point to past examples and had to demonstrate how they would perform a control instead. Thanks to months of RADICL's evidence drills and AssuriTrust's runbooks, they could.

> *We felt ready for the assessment. RADICL helped us put together a compelling body of evidence in our SSP and AssuriTrust built a bespoke environment to meet those controls.*



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VP of Business Operations, Havoc

Havoc passed and is now CMMC Level 2 certified. Leadership wasn't surprised — they knew they were ready — and the certification is already paying off in conversations with partners and customers.

> *If there isn't a forcing function to do things that are inconvenient and hard, those things are usually the first to fall off the plate. Having a teammate like RADICL to help keep us fair in the channel is very important going forward.*

Built for Continuous Compliance

For Havoc, certification is only the starting line. As a high-growth startup, its scope will keep changing and it now has a clear model for handling that. RADICL is the first stop for interpreting controls and updating policies when scope shifts, while AssuriTrust is on call for the next technical engagement. Havoc has already asked AssuriTrust about a second phase: connecting its on-premises operations to the environment.

That's the RADICL Better Together model in practice. AssuriTrust builds the environment, hands over the keys, and teaches the team how to run it. RADICL monitors it around the clock and keeps the compliance program honest. Together, they give a defense contractor what it needs to get compliant and stay compliant, even as DoD continues to change how compliance is verified.



Caitlin Bashaw's advice to other defense contractors is simple: do your due diligence, ask for customer references, and compare how partners communicate. In her experience, the difference was clear.

> *I've worked with an MSP on a similar CMMC Level 2 effort in the past, and the difference in communication alone between that experience and RADICL is significant. Would I recommend RADICL? Absolutely. It's a no-brainer.*



Caitlin Bashaw
Director of IT, Havoc

How RADICL and Its Partners Can Help

RADICL was built to democratize access to enterprise-grade cybersecurity and compliance. Together with partners like AssuriTrust, we give defense contractors everything they need, from a secure enclave to 24/7 monitoring and assessment-ready evidence, delivered by expert teams that work as one.

> *Working as one team with AssuriTrust, we give customers a faster and seamless path to CMMC certification, along with the right support to stay there. AssuriTrust has been an outstanding partner, and we're proud of what our teams accomplished together.*



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