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Let's go



Design/Deployment & Tuning Of Outdoor Wi-Fi & WGBs

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This is an interactive session *so* here are some topics to help guide us...

- Your use cases!
- Considerations when deploying outdoors
- CURWB vs WGB vs AWPP MESH
- Product Capabilities Matrix
- Recent MESH Enhancements
- AFC & Standard Power Operation

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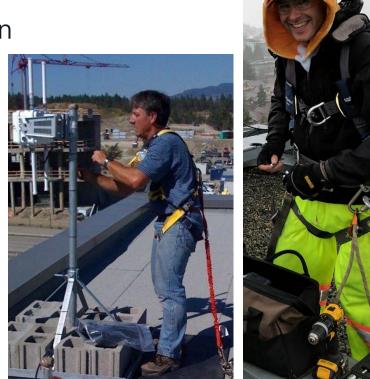
Considerations when deploying outdoors





Safety Considerations

- All staff trained in fall protection
- Current equipment
 - -full body harness
 - -horizontal lifelines
 - -rope grabs
 - -hardhats with chinstraps.





Safety Considerations

- Eliminate use of ladders where possible and practical.
- Make sure to isolate work area, especially in public spaces where "stuff" dropping can be of concern.





Safety Considerations

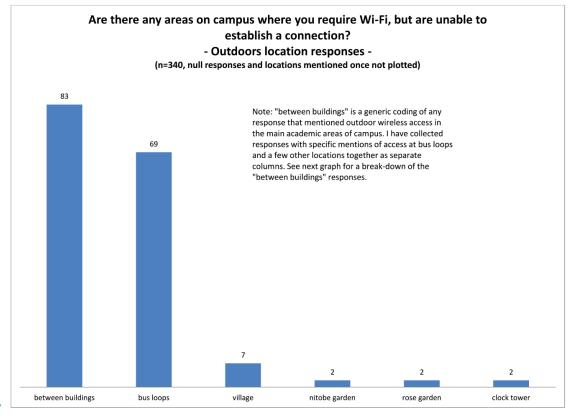
- Staff trained on use of bucket trucks & boom lifts such as JLG's.
- Installations above 30' are very expensive and often impractical in high density areas.





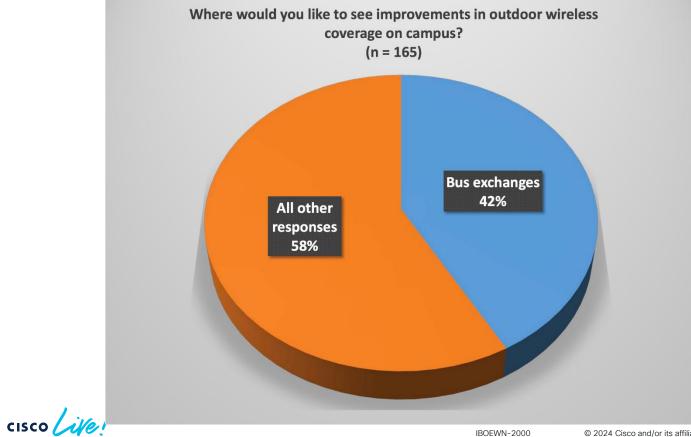


On Campus? Where do I start?

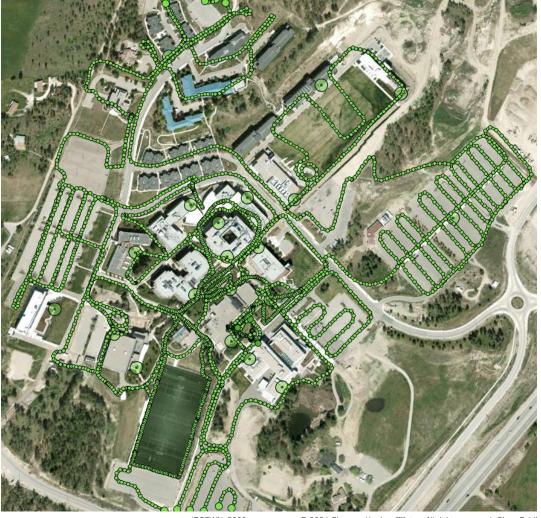


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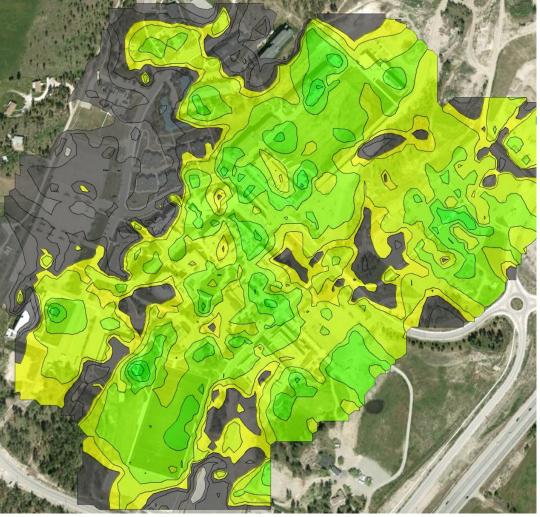
Popular Places



Site survey path



• 5GHz coverage



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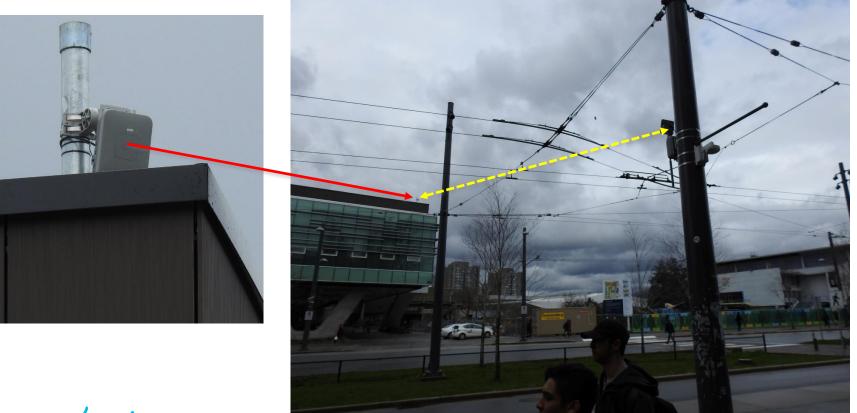
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Mesh Backhaul



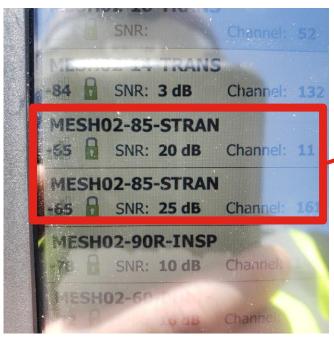
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What About The Roof?



-65dBm... Not much headroom



Blue Light / Emergency Phones

- Retrofit campus blue lights to include APs directly connected to SM fiber.
- Ideal mounting location, close to ground, good line of sight.
- High-capacity connection





Blue Light / Emergency Phones





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No Pathway? Make One...



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Why do I need an Outdoor AP?

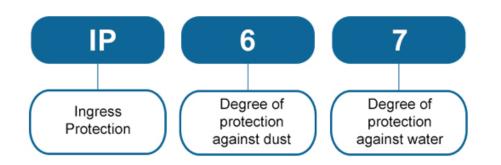
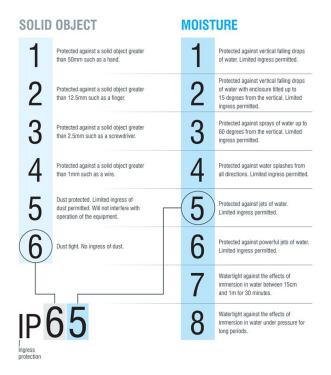


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Environmental Testing



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Non-Penetrating Roof Mounts (NPRMs)

- Convenient, widely used in the cellular and satellite industry. Obtainable through telecom suppliers.
- No holes required in roof membrane as the supported load is counterweighted with paving bricks.
- Must sit on separate rubber mat to prevent damage to roof membrane. Suggest ¹/₂" rubber matt minimum.
- Building code may require seismic bracing of base and or engineering analysis of counterweight.



AP1552 shown with 10 foot mast on on Wade antenna NPRM

Non Penetrating Roof Mounts (NPRMs)





10x Trylon small ballast NPRMs (36"x36") shown knocked down on left along side rubber matts. One 36x36 NPRM assembled with 20cm concrete blocks on right.

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NPRM Suppliers

 Trylon-TSF (based in Ontario) makes some very nice heavy duty NPRMs made from hot dip galvanized steel angle. Easy to assemble, with large hardware and minimum number of parts. Trylon typically sells via partners such as Alliance Corp or Hutton.

Source:

http://www.trylon.com/downloads/Roof%20Top%20Structures.pdf

 Wade Antennas sells low-cost alternatives. They are significantly cheaper but take longer to assemble and aren't rated for as much window load. Also caution - sharp edges. SMI Industrial Electronics in Langley is a local Wade reseller.

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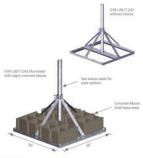
http://www.wadeantenna.com/ius/resources/Tripods.pdf

Light Duty Ballast Mounts

The non-penetrating Light Duty Ballast Mounts can secure single wireless antennas while keeping the roof top surface free from damage.

The smooth underside of the 36° square base frame allows standard concrete blocks, 8° x 8° x 16° in size and sold separately, to be used as counterweight. Kits can be purchased with either a 1.90° OD or 2½° OD pipes sizes in varying lengths.

All material is hot dip galvanized to weather the elements.



Size Four pipe options Design Light Duty Mount Feature Simple bolt-together design		Mounts to Non-penetrating design			
		Material	steel		
		Order Separately			
Kit #	Description		QQ	List Price	W
Light Duty B	allast Mounts (36	" x 36" square bas	e)		
5.951.0017.13		Light Duty Ballast Mount with a 1.90° OD x 30° pipe mount		\$231	54
5.951.0017.16	0 Light Duty Bal 1.90° OD x 60°	Light Duty Ballast Mount with a 1.90° OD x 60° pipe mount		\$247	61
5.951.0017.23	0 Light Duty Bai 2%" OD x 30"	Light Duty Ballast Mount with a 2%" OD x 30" pipe mount		\$236	57
5.951.0017.24	2 Light Duty Bal 2%" OD x 42"	Light Duty Ballast Mount with a 2%" OD x 42" pipe mount		\$245	60

Wall Mounts Using: Unistrut & conduit clamps



Wall Mounts Using: U-Bolts, clip mount with concrete anchors.





Clip Mount Kits

Our Clip Mount Kits are an extension of the adjacent clip angle kits but come standard with an additional reversible bottom angle. For wall mounting applications and sold separately, we have standard bracket options available on page 80 that can connect to concrete walls (5.951.0010.005) or combined concrete/prick walls (5.951.0011.005) up to 16" thick. See page



Kit#	Description	Qty	List Price	Wt
Small Clip Mou	nt Kits			
5.960.0011.200	Small Clip Mount Kit	Ea	\$40	6.6
5.960.0011.201	Small Clip Mount Kit fits 2%" OD pipe	Ea	\$50	7.3
5.960.0011.202	Small Clip Mount Kit fits 3" OD plpe	Ea	\$52	7.4
5.960.0011.203	Small Clip Mount Kit fits 3½" OD pipe	Ea	\$54	7.4

Note: Two 9/16" holes are spaced on 6" centers.



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Custom Wall Mount Fabricated in-house @ University Customer.



Not the most ideal setup (omni antennas against a wall). Aesthetics concerns at this location prevented an alternate location or design.

Signal from this AP covers a wide-open field which ends 350 feet away.

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Custom Ceiling Mount Fabricated in-house @ University In Canada



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Ideas for roof penetrations



A hole big enough for a 3" conduit was cored through the roof during renovation.

This hole was then covered over with a pre-cast slab which housed the CAT6 drop. An elevated conduit pathway was established to AP location using rubber roof blocks obtained from Wesco Distribution (electrical supplier).



An electrical service entrance weather head provides a path for cables in this rooftop application

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Hardware Installation Guides

- A hardware deployment guide is published that accompanies each product Cisco makes.
- These guides are specifically helpful in understanding the various mounting brackets and installation options for each product.
- Grounding, lightning protection, antenna configurations and weatherproofing are also covered.





Quick Summary

- The cost of deploying an AP outdoors is often <u>2-4x the cost of the</u> <u>hardware itself</u>.
- Fall protection training/equipment, engineering approval and pathway (coring etc.) drive installation cost up. As result, it is critical that time be spent up front to identify locations with the most "bang for buck".
- Higher is not always better ideal deployment height with Omni's is often below 40'.
- Look to mount on building corners to maximum coverage areas
- Think about RF coverage like lighting "where would I hang this light to minimize shadows? "

Looking at the data...





Building an Outdoor Sniffer





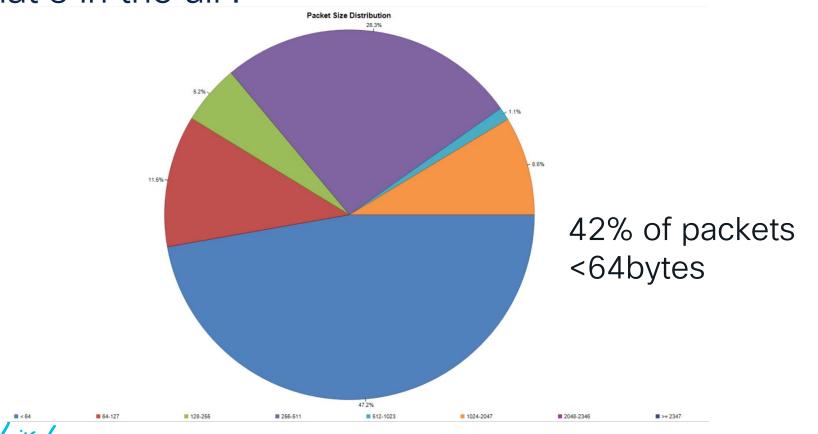
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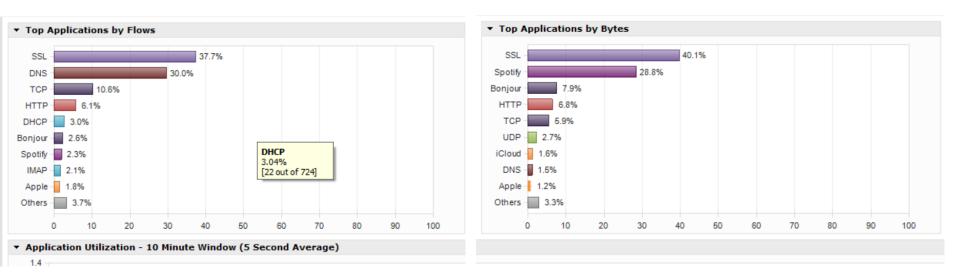
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What's in the air?

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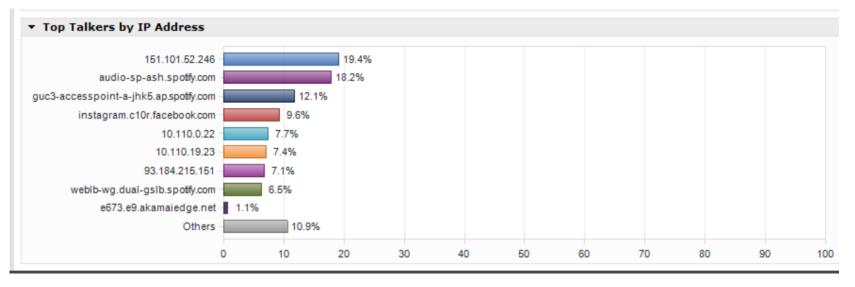
Protocol breakdown



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Top Applications

• Near the bookstore (Spotify)



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Comparing Indoor vs Outdoor Retry Rate

✓ 802.11 Analysis	Packets	Bytes	Value	Packets	Bytes	Value
Average Signal Strength			39.525			28.164
Average Signal dBm			-63.133			-59.092
Average Noise			36.857			26.725
Average Noise dBm			-82.469			-79.848
802.11 Data	19.275%	29.371%		18.357%	27.699%	
802.11 Management	18.706%	13.110%		21.168%	23.499%	
802.11 Control	34.189%	1.764%		34.525%	2.941%	
Local	54.059%	14.9889		56.635%	26.600	
From DS	11.837%	27 19%		10.397%	24 .30%	
To DS	6.231%	2.098%		6.895%	2.999%	
DS-DS	0.043%	0.011%		0.123%	0.051%	
Retry	7.989%	13.112%		19.453%	28.501%	
Encrypted	16.409%	28.367%		7.723%	16.337%	
Decryption Errors	0.000%	0.000%		0.000%	0.000%	
Order	0.000%	0.000%		0.000%	0.000%	
Unprotected Data	1.440%	0.168%		1.455%	0.324%	
Minimum Data Rate Packets	0.043%	0.011%		0.167%	0.074%	

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WGB Info

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The WGB Feature Matrix

Feature	Cisco Wave 1 APs	Cisco Wave 2 and 11AX APs	
802.11r	Supported	Supported	
QOS	Supported	Supported	
UWGB mode	Supported	Supported on Wave 2 APs Not supported on 11AX APs	
IGMP Snooping or Multicast	Supported	Supported	
802.11w	Supported	Supported	
PI support (without SNMP)	Supported	Not supported	
IPv6	Supported	Supported	
VLAN	Supported	Supported	
802.11i (WPAv2)	Supported	Supported	
Broadcast tagging/replicate	Supported	Supported	
Unified VLAN client	Implicitly supported (No CLI required)	Supported	
WGB client	Supported	Supported	
802.1x – PEAP, EAP-FAST, EAP-TLS	Supported	Supported	
NTP	Supported	Supported	
Wired client support on all LAN ports	Supported in Wired-0 and Wired-1 interfaces	Supported in all Wired-0, 1 and LAN ports 1, 2, and 3	
Second radio wireless client support	Supported	Supported on Cisco 11AX APs only.	

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https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/wireless/controller/9800/17-9/config-guide/b_wl_17_9_cg/m_ewlc_wgb.html

IOS Based WGBs?

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WGB Roaming: Internal Details and Configuration

Save (Translations Print Updated: August 26, 2011 Document ID: 113198 **Bias-Free Language** Contents Introduction Prerequisites Requirements Components Used Conventions What is a Work Group Bridge? **Usage Scenarios** Roaming Elements of Roaming **Configuration Guide - Security policies** Configuring WPA2-PSK Configuring WPA2 with 802.1x Configuring WPA2 with CCKM

RSSI Monitoring

WGB can implement a pro-active signal scan for the current parent and start a new roaming process when the signal falls below an expected level.

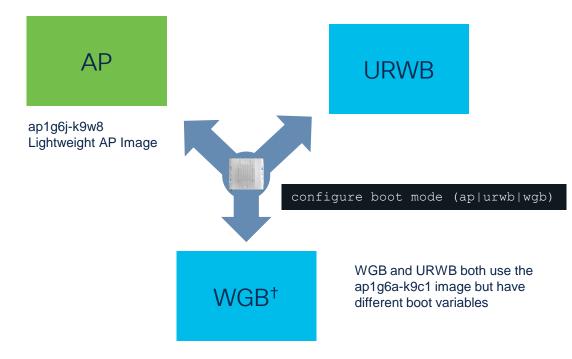
This process takes two parameters: •A timer, which wakes up the check process every X seconds

•RSSI level, which is used to start a roaming process if the current signal is bellow it.

For example:

in d0 mobile station period 4 threshold 75

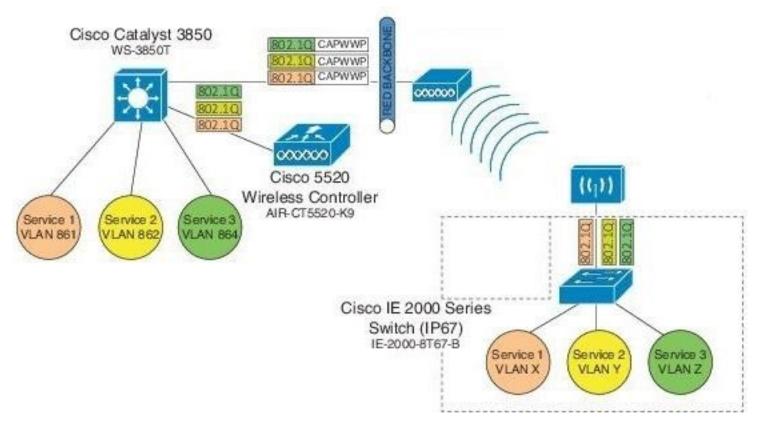
Switching Modes



- Switching modes will factory default and reboot the AP
- Both software images are loaded at factory but updated separately thereafter.
- Licensing for AP and URWB are both SLP based.

+ WGB available on IW9167 with IOS-XE / UIW release 17.11.1+

WGB Multi VLAN L2 via IAPP





Rate & Range Setting Expectations...







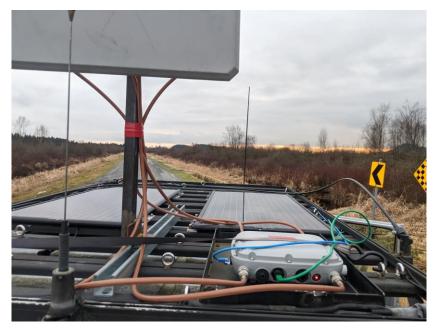
Rate & Range Testing - 9124



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Rate & Range Testing - 9124



2513+9124 AXE on Vehicle



5114P2M-N x2 +9124 AXE on Mast

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Rate & Range Testing - 9124

Base Station:

- 1x 9124AXE-A UNII-3 TX PWR 1
- 2x 14dBi 5114P2M-N Patches
- Tested out to 2.7KM / 1.6miles
- Mast @ 32ft

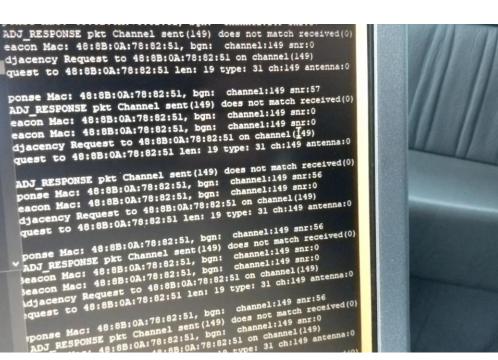
On Vehicle:

- 1x 9124AXE-A
- 1x 13dBi patch ANT2513P4M-N



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SNR vs Link Distance 2SS 20MHz CH149 AP: 14dBi Vehicle: 13dBi



Distance (miles)	SNR (dB)
50 (0.03)	70
200 (.125)	58
300 (.186)	48
500 (.300)	44
700 (.430)	39
800 (.490)	37
900 (.559)	36
1000 (.621)	35
1200 (.745)	32
1500 (.932)	26
1700 (1.05)	24
2000 (1.24)	23
2200 (1.36)	21
2300 (1.42)	19
2500 (1.55)	17
2700 (1.67)	Link drop

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Rate & Range Testing – 9124AXE

Base Station:

- 1x 9124AXE-A 2.4GHz TX PWR 1
- 4x 4/7dBi 2547 Omni's
- Tested out 800'
- Mast @ 32ft

Client:

- Panasonic Toughbook CF-30MK2
- 1x Intel AX210 2SS



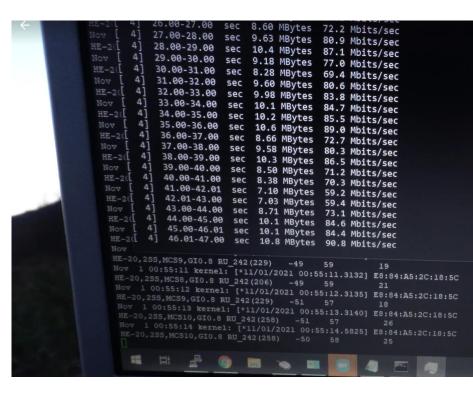


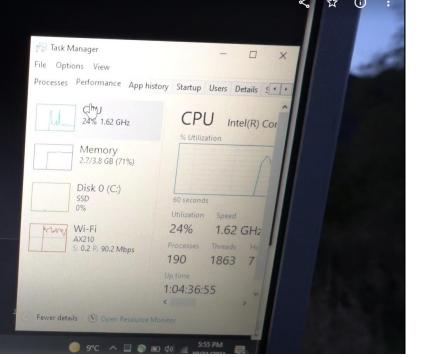
Rate & Range Testing - 9124AXE /w Laptop @ 800ft



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Rate & Range Testing - 9124AXE /w Laptop @ 800ft





Rate & Range Testing @ 800ft on 2.4GHz - 9124





Building a P2P Test Jig







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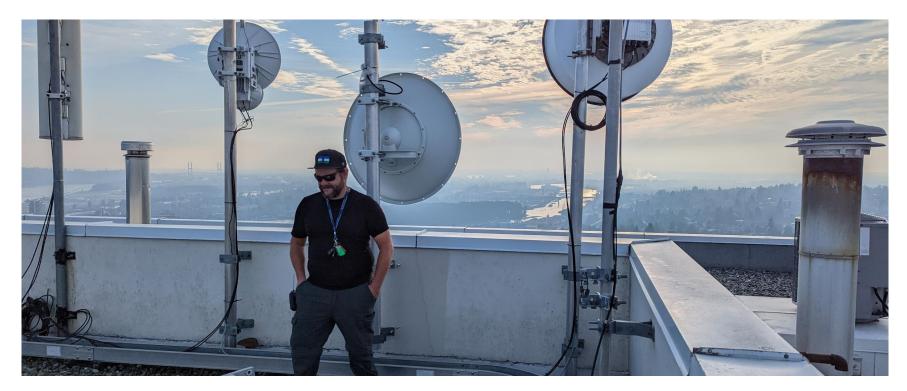
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IW9167 CURWB Link Distance Testing



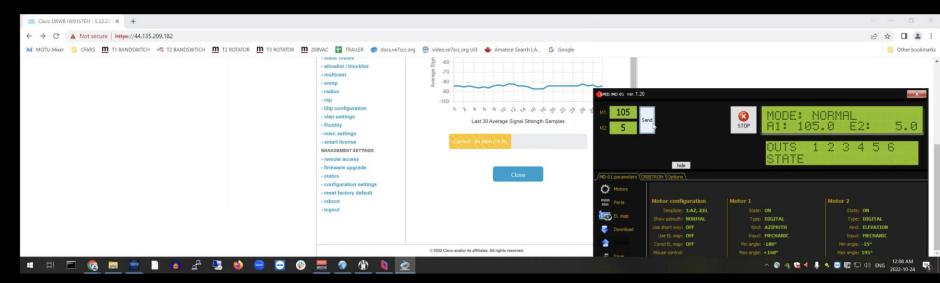


Running Some Tests @ 5KM From Mesh Gateway



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6GHz Outdoors?



6E Regulatory Steps - FCC / USA Got things rolling...

NEWS from the Federal Communications Commission

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FCC PROPOSES MORE SPECTRUM FOR UNLICENSED USE

WASHINGTON, October 23, 2018—The Federal Communications Commission today proposed to make up to 1200 megahertz of spectrum available for use by unlicensed devices in the 6 GHz band (5.925-7.125 GHz). Unlicensed devices that employ Wi-Fi and other unlicensed standards have become indispensable for providing low-cost wireless connectivity in countless products used by American consumers.

https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-354692A1.pdf

6E Client Device Requirements - FCC

There are seven equipment classes⁶ that are applicable to a Form-731 for Part 15 Subpart E for 6 GHz U-NII device certifications, as illustrated in Figure 1:

- 1. 6ID: 15E 6 GHz Low-power indoor access point.
- 6PP: 15E 6 GHz Subordinate indoor device. These devices are under control of a Low-power indoor access point (P1⁷).
- 6XD: 15E 6 GHz Low-power Indoor client. These devices are under control of a low-power indoor access point (P1).
- 6CD²: 15E 6 GHz Dual client. These devices are under control of either a low-power indoor access point (6ID) (P1) or Standard power access point (P2⁷).
- 6SD*: 15E 6 GHz Standard power access point. These devices are managed by the Automatic Frequency Coordination (AFC) system.
- 6FX*: 15E 6 GHz Standard client. These devices are under control of a Standard power access point (P2).
- 6FC*: 15E 6 GHz Fixed client. These devices are associated with a standard power access point (P2).

* Applications only accepted in Phase 2.

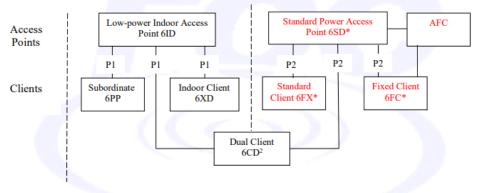


Figure 1 – Part 15 Subpart E Equipment Classes



Federal Communications Commission Office of Engineering and Technology Laboratory Division Publication

Part 15 Subpart E U-NII 6 GHz General Guidance Bands 5, 6, 7, 8

A low-power indoor access point ...

- These devices may operate as a: bridge, peer-to-peer connection, connector between the wired and wireless segments of the network, or a relay between wireless network segments.
- 2. These devices are limited to indoor locations, have an integrated antenna, and cannot use a weatherized enclosure.
- 3. Low-power indoor access points devices are prohibited on oil platforms, cars, trains, boats, and aircraft, except large aircraft while flying above 10,000 feet.
- 4. Low-power indoor access points must be powered by a wired connection and not by battery power [7].
- 5. Low-power indoor access points may use battery backup only during power outages.

Incumbent Users – Utilities / SCADA

Background

The FCC's Report and Order (R&O) to open the 6 GHz band of spectrum to unlicensed usage went into effect in July 2020.

The R&O allows two types of unlicensed operations -- low powered indoor use and outdoor use protected with an automated frequency coordination (AFC) technology.

A broad coalition of incumbent license holders filed extensive comments raising concerns about interference to operations that could result from opening the band to unlicensed users and requesting further testing and protections from the FCC. Those concerns and comments were not addressed, leading APPA and others in the electric sector to file legal challenges.

In April 2021, investor-owned utility Southern Company and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) acquired 6 GHz devices available on the market to conduct real world testing on impacts to electric utilities.

They operated them near a Southern Company microwave link operating between Fortson and Columbus, Ga., using the FCC thresholds for reportable interference. The tests showed that, even at low powered indoor use, the unlicensed devices would "cause harmful interference to licensed fixed microwave systems" greater than the FCC's acceptable levels. This report was filed and presented to FCC staff.



APPA was joined in the filings by:

- The Utilities Technology Council
- American Gas Association
- Edison Electric Institute
- American Petroleum Institute
- American Water Works Association
- National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- International Association of Fire Chiefs
- The Association of American Railroads
- APCO International
- Nuclear Energy Institute and
- The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council.

https://www.publicpower.org/periodical/article/appa-other-groups-seek-fcc-rulemaking-6-ghz-low-power-indoor-devices IBOFWN-2000

AT&T vs. FCC on 6GHz in December 2021

United States Court of Appeals FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

Argued September 17, 2021 Decided December 28, 2021

No. 20-1190

AT&T SERVICES, INC., PETITIONER

v.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RESPONDENTS

> APPLE INC., ET AL., INTERVENORS

Consolidated with 20-1216, 20-1272, 20-1274, 20-1281, 20-1284

On Petitions for Review of an Order of the Federal Communications Commission

Jonathan E. Nuechterlein argued the causes for petitioners Joint Issues. Mark Reddish argued the causes for petitioner APCO. With them on the joint briefs were Jeffrey S. Cohen, C. Frederick Beckner III, Rick Kaplan, Jerianne Timmerman, Craig A. Gilley, Mitchell Y. Mirviss, Elizabeth C. Rinehart, and Russell P. Hanser. Michele Farquhar, Brett Kilbourne, Jay



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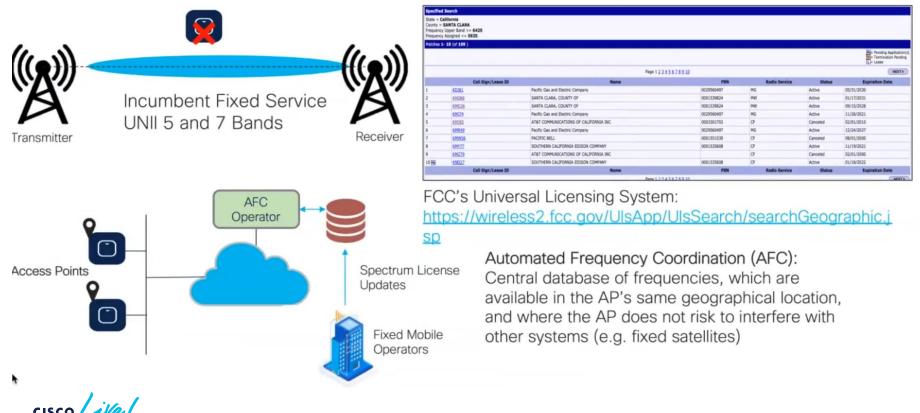
Big news! Today the DC Circuit unanimously upheld the FCC's decision to free up the 6 GHz band for more unlicensed use. This decision = more Wi-Fi in more places and it matters because it comes at a time when being connected is more important than ever. cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opini...

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https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/7658F4CE 919568A7852587B900589344/%24file/20-1190-1928330.pdf

Client-Side Behavior – AFC Example



Platform Notes



Enterprise Outdoor Access Points





- 802.11AX, MU-MIMO, OFDMA 4x4
- MR76/78: 2x2 MR86: 4x4
- Integrated Scanning Radio
- Integrated BLE Radio
- Cloud based RF Optimization
- MR76/78: 1G MR86:2.5G (RJ45)
- MR76/78: .3af MR86: .3at
- Integrated L7 Firewall
- Real-time WIDS/WIPS
- Enhanced transmit power and receive sensitivity

• 802.11AX, MU-MIMO, OFDMA

- 4x4 + 4x4:4
- Cisco RF ASIC next-gen Cisco CleanAir
- IoT ready
- 1x 2.5G mGig/SFP/1Gbe PoE-Out
- PoE-In 802.3af/at/bt/UPOE
- DC power input (24 to 56 VDC)
- 30 dBm Transmit Power(Same as 1572 and higher than 1562)
- Centralized, FlexConnect, Bridge, Flex+Bridge & EWC



- 802.11AX, MU-MIMO, OFDMA
- 2x2(2.4GHz) + 2x2(5GHz) + 2x2(6GHz)*
- Tri-band Scanning Radio with next-gen CleanAirPro
- IoT ready
- 1x 2.5G mGig
- In-built GPS module
- PoE-In 802.3af/at

* 6GHz subject to AFC availability

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IoT Wireless portfolio



IW9167EH Wi-Fi 6 & URWB

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IW9165D Wireless Client



IW9165E Wireless Client Ultra Reliable Wireless Backhaul



ESW6300

Embedded Wi-Fi



IW6300H HAZLOC Wi-Fi

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Cisco Catalyst 802.11ax Industrial Wireless Portfolio

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	IW9165E	IW9165D	IW9167I	IW9167E
Application	Wireless client for mobile assets	Wireless backhaul for fixed and mobile assets	Outdoor and Industrial Heavy-duty Wireless AP	Wireless backhaul for fixed and mobile assets
Radio	(2) 2x2 802.11ax radios 5GHz, 5/6GHz	(2) 2x2 802.11ax radios 5GHz, 5/6GHz	(3) 4x4 802.11ax radios 2.4GHz, 5GHz, 6GHz	(3) 4x4 802.11ax radios 2.4GHz, 5GHz, 5/6GHz
Antenna	(4) RP-SMA (f)	Internal 15dBi directional plus (2) N-Type (f)	Internal Omnidirectional 5-6 dBi	(8) N-Type (f)
Wireless Mode	WGB or URWB	URWB	WiFi AP	WiFi AP, WGB, or URWB
Ethernet	(1) 2.5Gbps RJ45 (1) 1Gbps RJ45 Optional M12 adapter	(1) 2.5Gbps RJ45 (1) 1Gbps RJ45 Optional M12 adapters	(1) x 5Gbps RJ45 (1) SFP+ Optional M12 adapters	(1) 5Gbps RJ45 (1) SFP+ Optional M12 adapters
Expandability	BLE, GNSS, GPIO	BLE, GNSS	BLE, GNSS	BLE, GNSS
Certifications	IP30, EN50155 -20C to +50C	IP67 -40C to +70C	IP67 -40C to +70C	IP67, EN50155 -50C to +75C

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Cisco Catalyst 6E Industrial Wireless Portfolio





	IW9165E	IW9165D	IW9167
Application	Wireless client for mobile assets	Wireless backhaul for fixed and mobile assets	Wireless backhaul for fixed and mobile assets
Radio	2 x 802.11ax radios (5GHz, 5/6GHz)	2 x 802.11ax radios (5GHz, 5/6GHz)	3 x 802.11ax radios (2.4GHz, 5GHz, 5/6GHz)
Antenna	4 x RP-SMA	Built-in 15dBi directional plus 2 x N-Type (f)	8 x N-Type (f)
Modulation	2x2 MIMO	2x2 MIMO	4x4 MIMO
Wireless Mode	WGB or URWB	URWB	WiFi, WGB, URWB
Ethernet	1 x 2.5Gbps + 1 x 1Gbps RJ45 Optional M12 adapter	1 x 2.5Gbps + 1 x 1Gbps RJ45 Optional M12 adapters	1 x 5Gbps RJ45 + 1 x SFP+ Optional M12 adapters
Expendability	BLE, GNSS, GPIO	BLE, GNSS	BLE, GNSS
Certifications	IP30, EN50155 -20C to +50C	IP67 -50C to +75C	IP67, EN50155 -50C to +75C

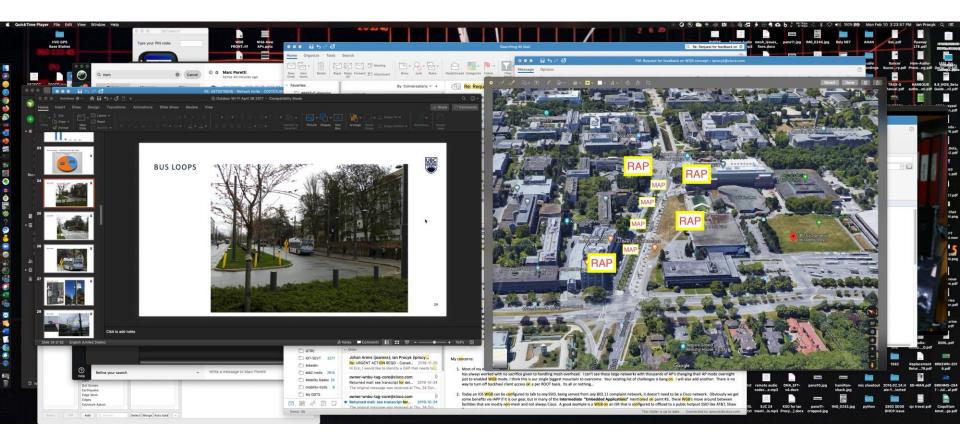
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MESH

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Recent Mesh Enhancements

- On AP boot up least congested channel scan (17.6)
- Background Scanning on RF-ASIC Aps (9130/9124) (17.9)
- Convergence Improvements (17.6+)
- Serialbackhaul (17.7)
- Backhaul support adjusted down to 5dB SNR (17.9)
- MESH RRM DCA Phase 1 RAP only (17.9)
- MESH RRM DCA Phase 2 Full mesh tree (17.14) ③



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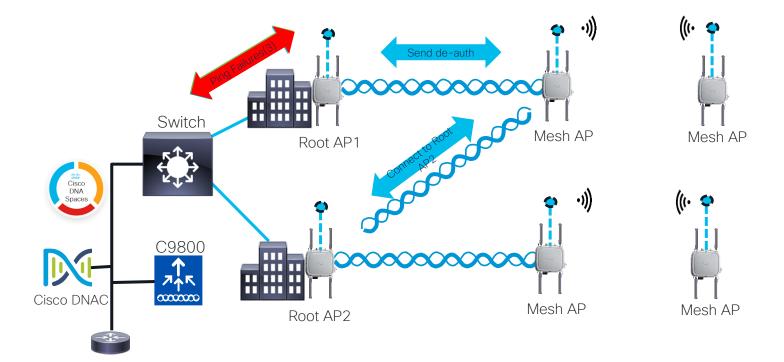
Problem: I need faster Uplink Loss Detection

Problem: In current Cisco IOS-XE Mesh design, if the RAP uplink is down, the entire sector loses connectivity. The customer must implement alternate way to detect failures and steer the MAP forcefully towards another parent (Implementing manual tear down)

Solution: RAP uplink detection is made simple, and the teardown is automatically triggered from the RAP upon backhaul failure.

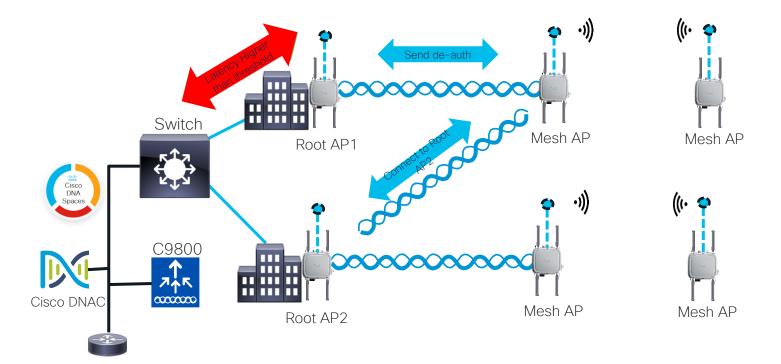
- Reduce detection time for RAP uplink backhaul failure by pinging the gateway at frequent interval to monitor the uplink
- Introduce Latency check as another criteria: Gateway link check to confirm whether the latency is within the threshold
- When RAP loses uplink, it should stop serving clients (disconnect client and do not broadcast SSID)

Fast Teardown - Gateway Down



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Fast Teardown- Latency High



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Fast Teardown – Configurations

Config

C9800(config)#wireless profile mesh default-mesh-profile C9800(config-wireless-mesh-profile)#fast-teardown C9800(config-wireless-mesh-profile-fast-teardown)#

Verifv

C9800#show wireless profile mesh detailed default-mesh-profile Mesh Profile Name : default-mesh-profile

Description : Default multi bssid profile Bridge Group Name

: unconfigured

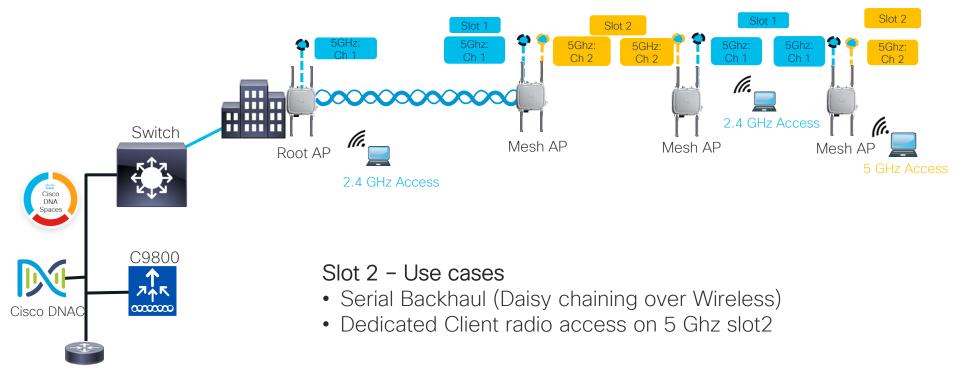
Fast Teardown	: ENABLED
Number of Retries	: 4
Interval in sec	: 1
Latency Threshold in	msec : 10
Latency Exceeded T	hreshold in sec : 8
Uplink Recovery Inte	rval in sec : 60

C9800#

Options

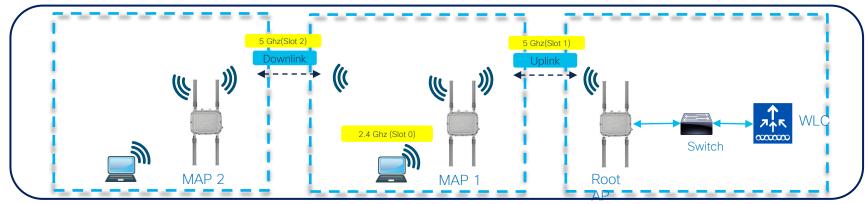
- interval : Retry interval
- latency-exceeded-threshold : Interval in which at least one ping must succeed in less than threshold time
- latency-threshold : Ping latency threshold
- Retries : Number of retries until gateway is considered unreachable
- uplink-recovery-interval : Time during which RAP uplink must be stable to accept child connections

Solution Overview - Mesh Serial Backhaul



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Mesh – Designated Downlink



- Mesh Serial Backhaul(SBH) allows us to maximize throughput over multiple mesh hops
- Allows network segregation.
- Enables us to use different channels on different backhauls, which helps in avoiding localized link interferences
- In above deployment, Slot 1 is used for Uplink, Slot 0 is for Client Access and Slot 2 is the designated Downlink

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Configurations - Serial Backhaul

Config

C9800(config)#wireless profile radio mesh-downlink C9800(config)#mesh backhaul C9800(config)#[no] mesh designated downlink

C9800(config)#wireless tag rf map-tag C9800(config)#dot11 5ghz slot2 radio-profile mesh-downlink

Associate the RF Tag to the Access Point

Verify

C9800# show wireless profile radio detailed <profile> Radio Profile name: <profile> Description: Beam-Selection: Not configured Mesh Backhaul: <true/false> Designated downlink: <true/false> ✓ Executed in CLI radio profile config mode

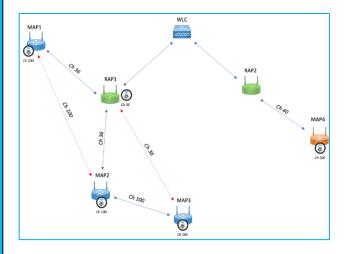
- ✓ Enables/Disables the serial backhaul feature
- ✓ Once configured following warning is printed:

"Warning! Designated downlink supported only on slot2 of mesh APs, associate in the rf tag accordingly"



Mesh Config - Serial Backhaul

C9800# # show mesh config AP Specific Configuration: AP Role: Mesh AP Backhaul Mode: 802.11a Internal DHCP Running Status: Disabled Strict Wired Uplink: Disabled Background Scanning: Disabled Strict Matching BGN: Disabled Convergence Method: Standard Convergence, CCN mode: Disabled Ethernet Bridging BPDU Allow: Disabled Daisy Chain Mode: Disabled Preferred Parent: 00:00:00:00:00:00 CAPWAP Join Mode: Not configured Daisychain STP Redundancy: Disabled Bridge Group Name: Mesh Block Child State: Allowed Serial backhaul: Enabled Radio config: Slot0: backhaul:Enabled supported downlink:Disabled designated downlink:Disabled] Slot1: backhaul:Enabled supported downlink:Enabled designated downlink:Disabled] Slot2: backhaul:Enabled supported downlink:Enabled designated downlink:Enabled]



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Channel Assignment – Initial Phase – Serial Backhaul

Design	 Uplink and Downlink channels shall be different All 5G radios shall respect a frequency guard between their operating channel (HW dependent, for example Ithaca (AP9124) 100Mhz) DFS channels shall be supported
RAP	Uplink is Wired. The RAP uses the channel given by WLC
MAP	The MAP connects to a Parent as first step. Once uplink is ready, then the MAP will select the best channel to be used. Different from Uplink, that respects frequency guard of the platform.



Channel Assignment – Serial Backhaul

Radio Assignment	No per-AP configuration, Uplink and Downlink radios are statically assigned as radio profiles. (e.g., radio 1 => Uplink, radio 2 => Downlink). Provides a control over field deployment on radio selection for uplink and downlink and connect antennas accordingly
Client Access	 Basic client access will be offered on 2.4 Ghz radio and 5 Ghz radio (not used by serial backhaul) Universal client access will be available only on the downlink backhaul radio
Role of WLC	WLC provides configuration knob to enable/disable this feature. WLC does check if the AP supports serial backhaul feature by looking at AP capabilities

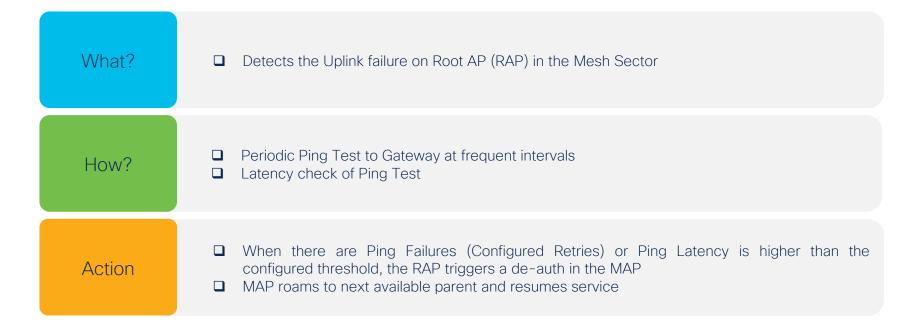


Channel Assignment – Events – Serial Backhaul

Radar	 Each mesh node shall perform radar detection on DFS channel. In non-serial-backhaul mesh networks WLC receives DFS event and assigned a new channel to RAP. When a serial backhaul detects a radar event on its downlink channel, it sends this radar event to WLC, then the AP will select a new channel (by using FreqGuardFx({Channel list - { uplink-channel - DFS_radar_channel} })
Roaming	 When MAP roams to a new parent, it follows the initialization procedure: Select the best downlink channel Notify children of the change (CCA)

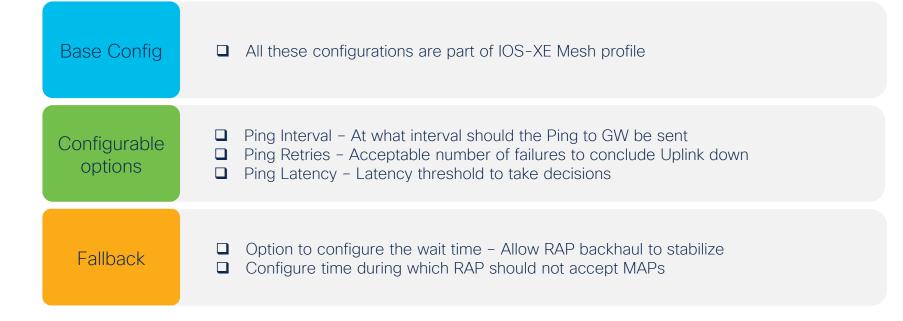
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Solution Overview – Mesh Forced Roam



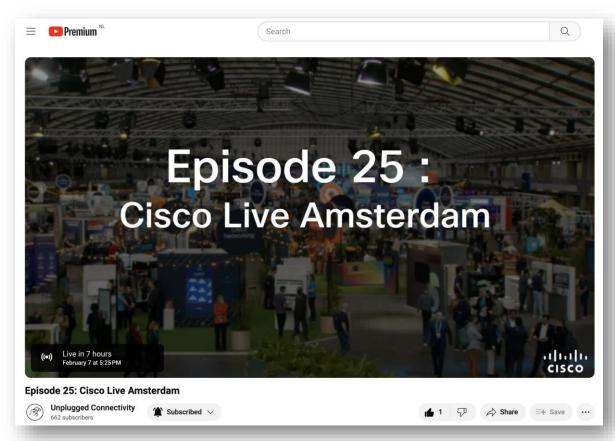


Forced Roam – Configurations





YouTube: Unplugged Connectivity







http://cs.co/unplugged





youtube.com/@getunplugged



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Catalyst 9124AX Outdoor Access Point

C9124AXI(D) Integrated Omni & Directional



9124AXI, 9124AXD

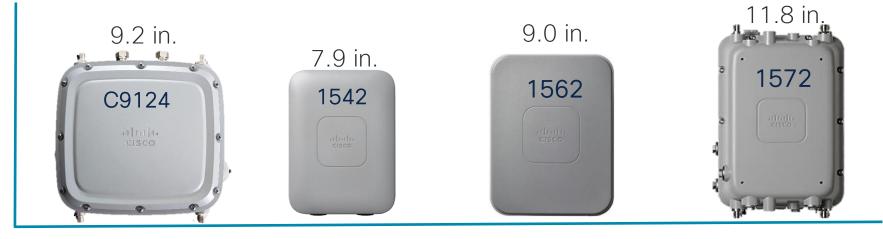
- 4x4 + 4x4 in both 2.4 and 5 GHz
- MU-MIMO, OFDMA
- Cisco RF ASIC for next-gen Cisco CleanAir®
- Integrated BLE/IoT radio
- 2.5G mGig Wired uplink + 1G SFP+ 1Gbe with 802.3af power out 15.4 watts
- 30 dBm Transmit Power(Same as 1572)
- 1024 QAM, data rate of 2.5 Gbps

C9124AX External Antennas



- Dual Radio Mode: 4x4 + 4x4 in both 2.4 and 5 GHz
- Tri-Radio Mode: 2x2 + 2x2 + 2x2 in 2.4 Ghz, 5Ghz(Slot 1) & 5 Ghz(Slot 2)
- MU-MIMO, OFDMA
- Cisco RF ASIC for next-gen Cisco CleanAir
- Integrated BLE/IoT radio
- 2.5G mGig Wired uplink + 1G SFP + 1Gbe (802.3af power out-15.4 watts)
- 29 dBm Transmit Power
- Enhance Surge Protection & Lightning arrester for Ethernet ports
 and DC Input
- -E SKU: Six N-type connectors: Three ports support Self-Identifying Antenna (SIA)

Cisco Outdoor AP Dimensions



9124AXE: 10.2 x 9.2 x 3.2 in. (25.9 x 23.3 x 8.1 cm) **1542I/D**: 7.9 x 5.9 x 2.4 in. (20 x 15 x 6.1 cm)

9124AXI/D: 10.2 x 9.2 x 3.2 in. (25.9 x 23.3 x 8.1 cm) **1562I**: 9.0 x 6.8 x 3.9 in. (22.9 x 17.1 x 9.8 cm)

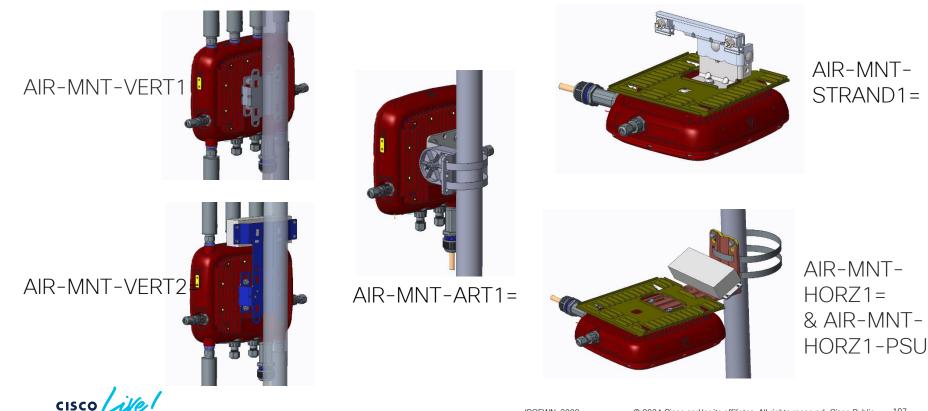
1562D: 9.0 x 6.8 x 4.3 in. (22.9 x 17.1 x 10.9 cm)

1562E: 9.0 x 6.8 x 3.9 in. (22.9 x 17.1 x 9.8 cm) **1572EAC/1572EC**: 11.8 x 7.9 x 6.3 in. (30.0 x 20.1 x 16.0 cm)

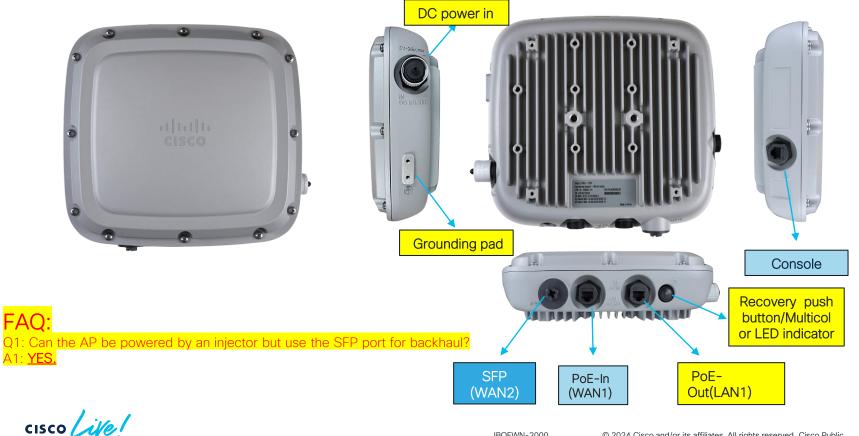
1572IC: 11.8 x 7.9 x 7.9 in. (30.0 x 20.1 x 20.1 cm)

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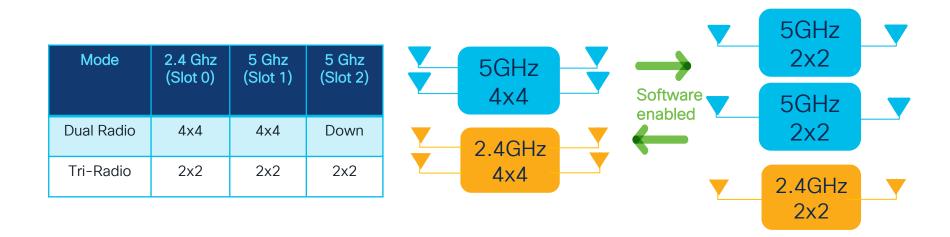
Catalyst 9124AX Series: Mounting Brackets



Catalyst 9124AXI/D - Ports / Plugs / Etc.



C9124AXE - Radio Mode 17.7+



Note: To enable Tri-Radio Mode, C9124AXE should be powered up by 802.3bt/UPOE/DC

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Catalyst 9124AXE - RF Port Mapping



Mode	Ports Used For 2.4 Slot 0	Ports Used For 5GHz Slot 1	Ports Used for 5GHz Slot 2
2.4GHz 1ss 5GHz 1ss 5GHz 1ss	1	3	5
2.4GHz 2ss 5GHz 2ss 5GHz 2ss	1,2	3,4	5&6
2.4GHz 4ss 5GHz 4ss 5GHz (off)	1,2,3,4	1,2,3,4	OFF

Catalyst 9124AXE - Tri-Radio Mode

- > To enable Tri-Radio globally in UI, Configuration > Radio Configurations > Network(5ghz)
- In Access Point(Configuration > Wireless > Access Points), Expand the 5 Ghz Radios and enable the Dual Radio Mode in Slot 1
 Edit Radios 5 GHz Band

	onfigurations > Netwo	ia a	1 ⊩ ⊮	10 🔻 items	per page		1 ▶	General	
General 2.4 GH:	z Band	✓ 5 GH:	z Radios			✓ 5 Gł	اz Radio؛	AP Name Admin Status	C9124-3
5 GHz Network Status		Total 5 GHz	radios : 4			Total 5 GH	Iz radios : 4	CleanAir Admin	
Fragmentation Threshold, D	onal. Configuring Beacon Inter TPC Support will result in loss vity of clients.		Slot No T	Base Radio Y MAC	Admin T Status	AP Name	Slot No	Status Global Tri-Radio Mode	Disabled (i)
Beacon Interval*	100			Aud. 4022	•			Dual Radio Mode	Enabled
Fragmentation Threshold (bytes)*	2346			N-48-1012-17-00	•				Disabled
DTPC Support		C9124-3	1	4ca6.4d22.f6c0	0	C9124-3		Antenna Parameters	
Tri-Radio Mode		C9124-3	2	4ca6.4d22.f6c0	0	Li.	<u>l</u> '	Antenna Type	External
						C9124-3	2		

Catalyst 9124AX Series - Radio Profile

- ▶ In Cisco IOS-XE 17.6.1 SW, Catalyst 9124AX APs can operate in 1x1, 2x2 & 4x4 only
- With the introduction of Antenna Selection, Administrator can choose the mode manually and allowing the Access Point to choose the Antenna to be used

		Config	uration • > Tag	s & Profiles * > RF/Radio		
	Configuration > Tags & Profiles > RF/Radio	RF	Radio	Add Radio Profile		×
				Name*	Radio_Profile	
5	RF Radio		- Add X De	Description	Radio_Profile	
	+ Add × Delete		Radio Profile Nam	Antenna Beam Selection	Not Configured	
	Radio Profile Name	×	< 1 ► H		Wide Beam	
	default-radio-profile Preconfigured default radio				Narrow Beam	
	I I ► I II ▼ items per page				Narrow from centre 10	
					Narrow from centre 20	
				Number of antenna to be enabled	2)
	tep 1: Create a Radio Profile in UI, Configurations > Tags & Profiles > RF/Radio			Cancel		Apply to Device

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Catalyst 9124AX - Radio Profile

Configuration > Tags & Profiles > 1	Edit RF Tag								
Policy Site RF AP	A Changes may r	result in loss of connectivity for clients that are as	sociated to APs with this RF Tag.						
+ Add X Delete	Name*	default-rf-tag	Show slot configuration						
RF Tag Name	Description	Edit RF Tag							
default-rf-tag	2								
K ≺ 1 ► ► 10 v items	5 GHz Band RF Profile	A Changes may result in loss of	f connectivity for clients that are	e associated to APs with this RF Tag.					
	2.4 GHz Band RF Profile								
		Name*	default-rf-tag						
Step 2: Click "shov	v slot	Description	default RF tag						
configuration" to ex	kpand	5 GHz Band RF Profile	Global Config 🗸						
the profile	odio	2.4 GHz Band RF Profile	Global Config 🗸						
Step 3: Map the Ra		5 GHz Slot 1 Radio Profile	Radio_Profile 🗸						
		5 GHz Slot 2 Radio Profile	Radio_Profile v						
		2.4 GHz Slot 0 Radio Profile	Radio_Profile)					

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Catalyst 9124AX - Radio Profile

Configuration > Wireless > Access Points								С	Configure Detail				
✓ All Access Po	oints											General	
								Miscon	figured APs				
Total APs : 2								Tag : Country 0 : 0	Code LSC Fallbac	:k :	•	AP Name	C9124-1
AP Name	:	AP Model	:	Slots	:	Admin Status	:	IP Address	Base Radio MAG	с : е		Admin Status	ENABLED
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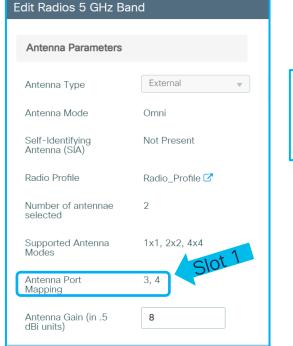
Step 4: Check the Radio Profile & Number of Antennae selected in the Access Point slots

Antenna Type Internal Antenna Mode Omni Radio Profile Radio Profile Number of antennae 2 selected



dit Radios 5 GHz Ban

Catalyst 9124AXE - Radio Profile



Step 5 & 6: Antenna Port Mapping is also displayed in respective radio slots

Edit Radios 5 GHz Band									
Antenna Type	External								
Antenna Mode	Omni								
Self-Identifying Antenna (SIA)	Not Present								
Radio Profile	Radio_Profile 亿								
Number of antennae selected	2								
Slot 2	1x1, 2x2								
Antenna Port Mapping	5, 6								
Antenna Gain (in .5 dBi units)	8								
Download Core Dump to	bootflash								



Catalyst 9124AXI/D: Antenna Configuration

Catalyst 9124AXI/D APs support 4 Antenna Paths in both 5 Ghz and 2.4 GHz. A separate internal Antenna for IoT and pair of Antenna for AUX. Below table explains the different Antenna modes supported in C9124I/D.

		5Ghz	Radio			2.4Ghz	Radio		loT	C	W
Mode	Path- 0 Ant- 1	Path- 1 Ant-2	Path- 2 Ant-3	Path- 3 Ant-4	Path- 0 Ant-1	Path- 1 Ant-2	Path- 2 Ant-3	Path- 3 Ant-4	Path- 0	Path- 0	Path- 1
1x1	Y	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y
2x2	Y	Y	-	-	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-
4x4	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	-
2x2(160)	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4x4(160)	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Catalyst 9124AXE: Dual Radio Antenna Configuration

- ➤ The -E SKU supports one to six antenna configurations
- -E SKU IoT radio has internal <u>dedicated</u> Antenna, and the Aux radio will share the same antennas with serving radios through splitters

Catalyst[®] 9124AXE Dual-Radio Antenna Configurations:

	5Ghz Radio 1 (Primary)				5Ghz F (Seco	Radio 2 ndary)	2.4Ghz Radio				loT
Mode	Path-0 Ant-3	Path- 1 Ant-4	Path- 2 Ant-1	Path- 3 Ant-2	Path- 0 Ant-5	Path- 1 Ant-6	Path- 0 Ant-1	Path- 1 Ant-2	Path- 2 Ant-3	Path- 3 Ant-4	Path- 0
1x1 (20/40/8 0)	Y	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	-	-	Y
2x2 (20/40/8 0)	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	-	-	Y
4x4 (20/40/8 0)	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



Catalyst 9124AXE: Tri-Radio Antenna Configuration

Catalyst[®] 9124AXE Tri-Radio Antenna Configurations: Channel Bandwidth <=80 Mhz

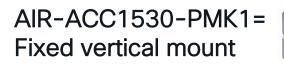
			Radio 1 mary)			Radio 2 ndary)		2.4Ghz	Radio		loT
Mode	Path -0 Ant- 3	Path- 1 Ant-4	Path- 2 Ant-1	Path-3 Ant-2	Path-0 Ant-5	Path-1 Ant-6	Path-0 Ant-1	Path- 1 Ant-2	Path- 2 Ant-3	Path- 3 Ant-4	Path- 0
1x1 (20/40/8 0)	Y	-	-	-	Y	-	Y	-	-	-	Y
2x2 (20/40/8 0)	Y	Y	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	Y

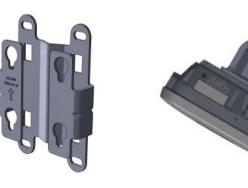


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Catalyst 9124AX Series: Re-usable Mounting kits

Mounting kit - Reusable	9124AXI	9124AXD	9124AXE
AIR-ACC1530-PMK1=	×	 Image: A start of the start of	
AIR-ACC1530-PMK2=	×	\checkmark	V





AIR-ACC1530-PMK2= Tilting mount



Catalyst 9124AXE: Antenna options

Antennas (most of them) used in AP1562E can be re-used in C9124AXE access points. In addition, support for the new SIA Antenna(highlighted below) is also available in same band and gain

Product ID	Description	Gain
AIR-ANT2547V-N	Omnidirectional dual band (2.4/5 GHz)	2.4 Ghz: 4 dBi 5 Ghz: 7 dBi
AIR-ANT2547VG-N/ AIR-ANT2547VG-NS	Omnidirectional dual band (2.4/5 GHz)	2.4 Ghz: 4 dBi 5 Ghz: 7 dBi
AIR-ANT2568VG-N/ AIR-ANT2568VG-NS	Omnidirectional dual band (2.4/5 GHz)	2.4 Ghz: 6 dBi 5 Ghz: 8 dBi
AIR-ANT2588P3M-N=	3-port wall/pole mount directional (wide)	2.4 Ghz: 8 dBi 5 Ghz: 8 dBi
AIR-ANT2588P4M-NS=	4-port wall/pole mount directional (wide)	2.4 Ghz: 8 dBi 5 Ghz: 8 dBi
AIR-ANT2513P4M-N/ AIR-ANT2513P4M-NS=	4-port wall/pole mount directional (narrow)	2.4 Ghz: 13 dBi 5 Ghz: 13 dBi
AIR-ANT2450V-N=	Omnidirectional (2.4 GHz)	2.4 Ghz: 5 dBi
AIR-ANT2480V-N=	Omnidirectional (2.4 GHz)	2.4 Ghz: 8 dBi
AIR-ANT2413P2M-N=/ AIR-ANT2413P2M-NS=	2-port directional (2.4 GHz)	2.4 Ghz: 13 dBi
AIR-ANT5180V-N=	Omnidirectional (5 GHz)	5 Ghz: 8 dBi
AIR-ANT5114P2M-N=/ AIR-ANT5114P2M-NS=	2-port directional (5 GHz)	5 Ghz: 14 dBi

 ✓ Support Self-Identifying Antennas (AP ANT ports 1, 3, 5) in Antennas: AIR-ANT2547VG-NS, AIR-ANT2568VG-NS, AIR-ANT2413P2M-NS=, AIR-ANT5114P2M-NS=, AIR-ANT2568VG-NS, AIR-ANT2513P4M-NS=

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