



# Pivotal Echo 5G™ Installation Manual

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# **Safety and Regulatory Information**

This manual should be read and used as a guideline for properly installing and operating the Pivotal Echo 5G device. This manual may be changed for system improvement, standardization, and other technical reasons without prior notice. Updated manuals are available at: <a href="https://pivotalcommware.com/UserManual.pdf">https://pivotalcommware.com/UserManual.pdf</a>.

For questions on the manual or their content, contact support@pivotalcommware.com.

### **FCC Signal Booster User Information**

WARNING. This is not a CONSUMER device. This device may not be sold at retail. You MUST have an FCC LICENSE or express consent of an FCC Licensee (or express consent of your service provider) to operate this device. Antennas must be installed at least 20 cm (8 inches) from any person. Unauthorized use may result in significant forfeiture penalties, including penalties in excess of \$100,000 for each continuing violation.

#### FCC Part 15 Information for User

Outdoor Unit (ODU) - FCC ID: 2AUVU-OES3.

This device contains FCC IDs: 2AUVU-UBR410M and Z64-WL18SBMOD

Indoor Unit (IDU) - FCC ID: 2AUVU-IES3

Pursuant to part §15.21 of CFR Title 47, you are cautioned that changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that which the receiver is connected
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

## **FCC Radiation Exposure Statement**

To ensure the safety of users, the FCC has established criteria for the amount of radio frequency energy various products may produce depending on their intended usage. This product has been evaluated to comply with the FCC's exposure criteria. This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

The installation of the Echo unit should allow at least **20 centimeters** between the device and persons to be in compliance with FCC RF exposure guidelines.

Use only Pivotal Commware approved power supplies and accessories that are specifically designed for your Echo device.



# **Intellectual Property**

All Intellectual Property, as defined below, owned by or which is otherwise the property of Pivotal Commware, Inc. ("Pivotal") or its respective suppliers relating to the Pivotal device, i.e., Pivotal Echo 5G, including but not limited to, accessories, parts, or software relating thereto (the "Echo 5G"), is proprietary to Pivotal and protected under federal laws, state laws, and international treaty provisions. "Intellectual Property" means any Pivotal (or where applicable, Pivotal's supplier's) intellectual property including, but not limited to, inventions (patentable or unpatentable), patents, trade secrets, copyrights, software, computer programs, and related documentation and other works of authorship. You may not infringe or otherwise violate the rights secured by the Intellectual Property. Moreover, you agree that you will not (and will not attempt to) modify, prepare derivative works of, reverse engineer, decompile, disassemble, or otherwise attempt to create source code from the software. No title to or ownership in the Intellectual Property is transferred to you. All applicable rights of the Intellectual Property shall remain with Pivotal and its suppliers.

# Disclaimer of Warranties; Exclusion of Liability

This document provides an introduction to features, functions, setup, and operation of Pivotal Commware's Echo 5G. For more information, refer to the Warranty Information.

# **Contact Information**

Headquarters: 10801 120th Ave NE #200 Kirkland, WA 98033 USA www.pivotalcommware.com

Do you have questions about your Echo 5G device?
For 24-hour information and assistance, please contact Verizon's Automated Response System at:
www.verizonwireless.com/support/



# **Overview of Echo 5G**

The Echo 5G is a self-installable, on-the-window, precision beamforming repeater designed to counteract mmWave penetration, reflection, and structural shadowing losses so it can gently flood an interior with native mmWave signal. Essentially, the Echo 5G acts as a portal between indoor and outdoor worlds.

For fixed wireless access (FWA) providers serving homes and enterprises, the Echo 5G facilitates Gigabit speeds and introduces a superior broadband choice and experience to cable and DSL end users. For 5G-connected devices, the Echo 5G enables outdoor-to-indoor signal transitions so users can ubiquitously enjoy the immersive 5G experiences that only mmWave capacity can deliver.

The Echo 5G product line accomplishes this using Pivotal's patented Holographic Beam Forming® (HBF) technology whose cost, size, weight, and power consumption (C-SWaP) profile is significantly lower than phased array beamformers; specifically, an order of magnitude less cost, less than half the weight, and less than one-third the power consumption.

With HBF, Echo 5G overcomes a major obstacle to cost-effectively delivering 5G broadband access to homes and businesses with mmWave-in-building penetration.

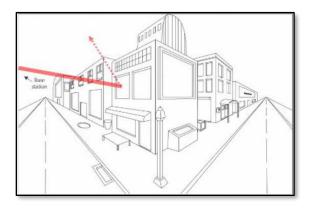


Figure 1: Millimeter wave signals bounce off windows

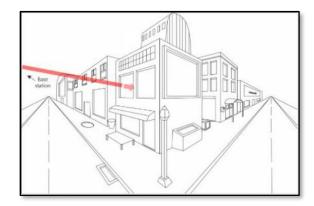


Figure 2: The Echo 5G boosts the signals through the glass



# **Installation & Setup**

The Echo 5G is designed to be easily installed. The following material provides guidance to perform a typical installation. Subsequent sections offer additional assistance if needed.

## **System Components**



#### Echo 5G (1)

Outdoor unit (ODU) with HBF antenna and RF front-end functions:

Conveys wireless data between user devices and nearby base station



#### Rail-mounting tool (1)

Comes with pre-attached mounting rails



#### Wireless Power IDU (1)

Indoor Unit (IDU): transmits power through the glass to ODU equipment



#### Power Adapter (1)

Provides power from wall outlet to IDU



#### Alignment cling (1)

Mounts on indoor glass side of Echo 5G, helps with positioning IDU



#### Extra Rails (2)

To replace rails pre-attached to ODU, if necessary



#### Spacer Ring (1, pre-attached to IDU)

Mounts on the indoor glass side to ensure the proper spacing between the ODU and IDU if window is single-pane glass





#### Cleaning Wipes (1)

To clean both sides of the window before mounting to ensure a good bond



#### Allen Wrench (1)

To loosen the set screws on each side of the device so the device can be slid off the rails.



#### Removal Tool (1)

To remove the rails and rail adhesive if necessary.

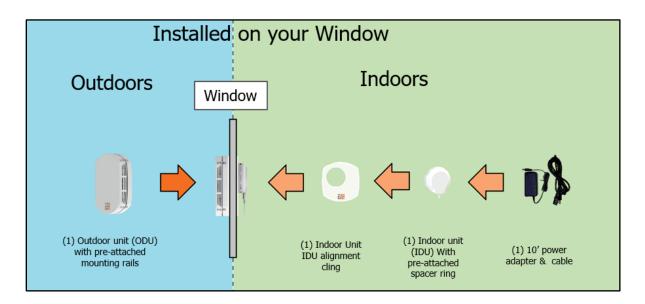
# **General Configuration**

Here's an example of the Echo 5G system configuration along with a diagram of the components that are installed on your window.



Figure 3: Window-mounted system: Echo Outdoor Unit (ODU) attaches to outside of window and smaller Indoor Unit (IDU) attaches to inside.





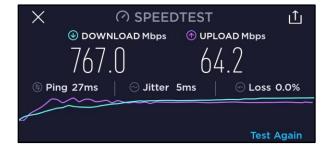
## **Choosing a Device Location**

The window you choose for your Echo 5G must:

- Receive quality 5G reception
- Be large enough to place the Echo 5G at least 4 inches from any window edge (or the ground)
- Have an outlet within 10 feet of the mounting location for plugging in the IDU

## Finding the Best Window for Reception

Identify the window with the best 5G reception by turning off your phone's wi-fi, downloading the SpeedTest App from your phone's App store, opening the app, and selecting 'Go.'



## **Pre-Installation Cleaning**

Clean the <u>inside and outside</u> of the window glass according to the instructions on the back of the packet of wipes included with your Echo 5G.

- [1] Wipe glass vertically and then horizontally to ensure complete coverage. Be sure pad is wetting the glass surface.
- [2] While glass surface is still wet, wipe dry with a clean dry cloth or paper towel.



[3] Apply the item(s) to be bonded within thirty minutes.

# Installing Outdoor (ODU) and Indoor (IDU, alignment cling) Components

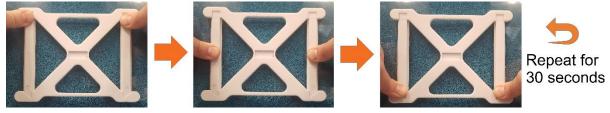
Make sure you have carefully <u>selected a good window</u> and performed the <u>required glass cleaning</u> before installing your Echo 5G.

## Installing the ODU on the outside of your window

[1] Remove the strips to expose the adhesive on the rails that are pre-attached to the rail mounting tool.



- [2] Make sure the rails are level and you are mounting the unit at least four inches from any window edge. Press it against the outside of your window apply force and hold for 30 seconds.
- [3] Run your thumbs up and down the rails, pressing hard for 30 seconds.



[4] Let the rails cure for one hour before sliding the device on.



Wait 60 minutes

[5] Slide the ODU onto the rails





[6] Use the included Allen wrench to tighten the set screws on the ODU so the unit is tightly secured to the rails.



## Installing the IDU on the Inside of your Window

[7] Remove the alignment cling from its backing and attach it to the indoor side of the glass, lining up the cling inside with the ODU mounted on the outside.



- [8] Remove the backing from the adhesive on the ring pre-attached to the IDU. Line the IDU up in the corresponding viewport in the cling.
- [9] Press the IDU firmly to the window and hold for 30 seconds.





Note that the adhesive-backed portion adheres to the ring and IDU with Velcro so you can remove the IDU and adjust as necessary once the adhesive-backed Velcro is secured to the window as outlined above.



Disassembled IDU (velcro, one side), spacer ring (Velcro, both sides), and Velcro-to-window adhesive



Assembled IDU, spacer ring, and Velcro-to-window adhesive

Once the IDU has been applied to the window, insert the power adapter and plug the IDU in to a standard 110V outlet. The IDU lights will blink before going solid. If the green IDU light continues blinking for more than 30 seconds, remove the spacer ring and re-attach the IDU.





# **Connecting to Echo 5G**

You will commission the Echo 5G using the Echo 5G Manager web interface. In order to do this, you must first establish a wireless Bluetooth connection to the Echo device from your laptop or smartphone.

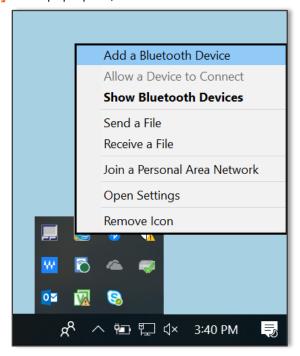
Your laptop/smartphone and the Echo will communicate via Bluetooth. (Specifically, they communicate via IP over a Bluetooth connection). Once connected, you will need to keep your laptop or smartphone within 10 feet of the Echo unit until you are finished commissioning the device.

## Add the Echo 5G as a Recognized Device via Laptop

- [1] Power on the Echo 5G so the laptop can discover it as a nearby Bluetooth device.
- [2] On your laptop toolbar, right-click the Bluetooth icon:

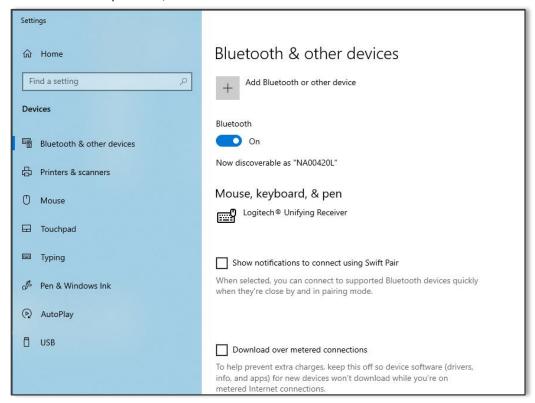


[3] In the pop-up list, select Add a Bluetooth Device.

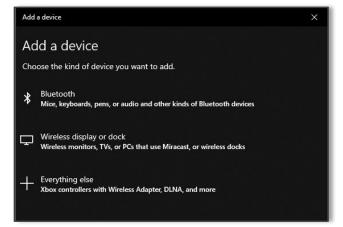




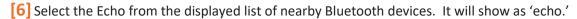
[4] A Settings screen will appear with a list of options (left side). Select **Bluetooth & other devices** if it doesn't show by default, then select **Add Bluetooth or other device**.

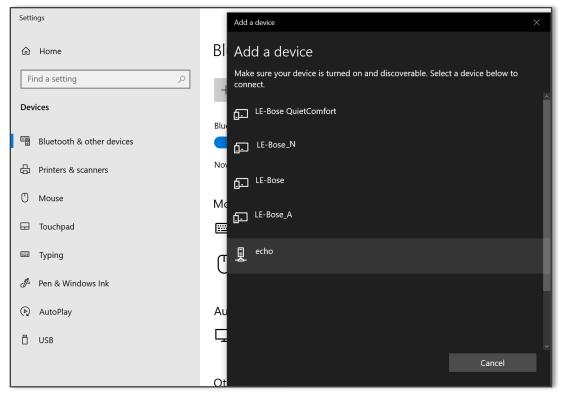


[5] Select Bluetooth as the intended device type.

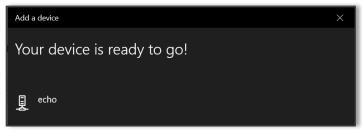








[7] This adds your Echo unit to the list of devices available for interaction with the laptop. You will see a confirmation message when the Echo and your laptop are finished pairing.



[8] Then select **Done**.

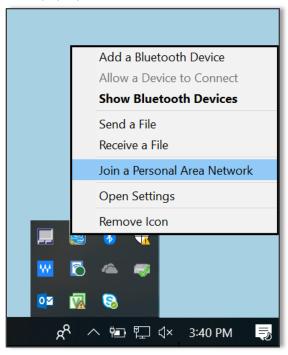
# **Establish Network Connection to the Echo 5G via Laptop**

[1] Right click the Bluetooth icon in your laptop toolbar.

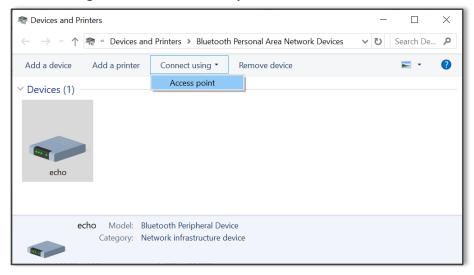




[2] In the pop-up list, select Join a Personal Area Network.

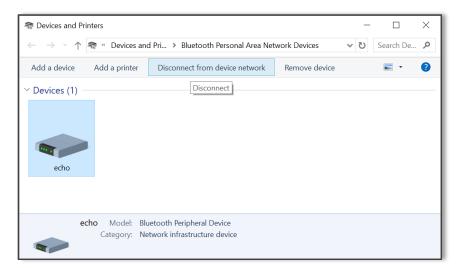


[3] The system displays the *Devices and Printers* panel. Select your Echo device. Then, from the **Connect using v** button, select **Access point**.



[4] Confirm that the **Connect** button is now replaced with a **Disconnect from device network** button. This is evidence that the Echo device is currently connected.





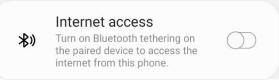
[5] You will now be able to commission the Echo 5G device from this laptop using the Echo 5G Manager web interface.

# Add the Echo 5G as a Recognized Device via Smartphone

[1] Turn on your phone's Bluetooth if it is not already on.



[2] You may also need to turn on Bluetooth tethering in your phone's Bluetooth settings.

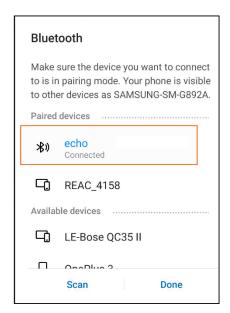


[3] Select the Echo 5G from your list of available Bluetooth devices and wait for it to connect.











# **Echo 5G Web Interface**

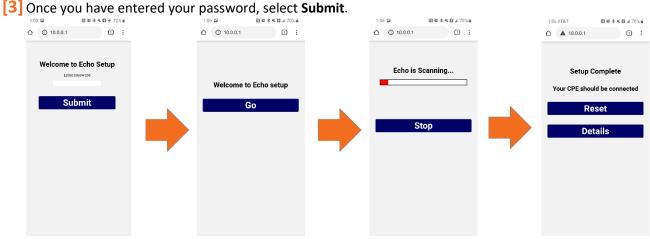
The Echo 5G Web Interface is the same whether it is on a Smartphone browser or laptop browser.

### **Connecting to Echo via Web Browser**

- [1] Navigate to web address **10.0.0.1** on your phone's web browser.
- [2] Enter the last six digits of your Echo 5G's serial number as your password. The serial number can be found on the bottom of the ODU, the back of the IDU, or on the packaging box.



Serial number shown on bottom of ODU

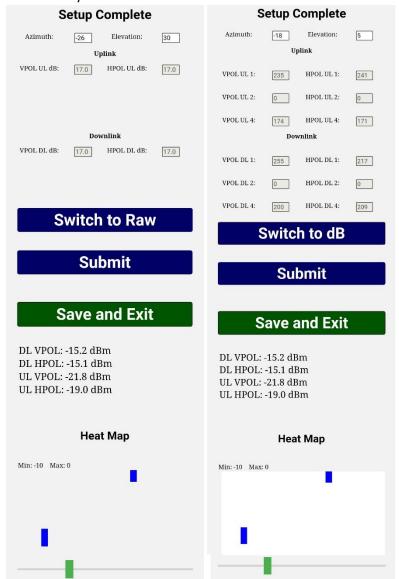


- [4] After submitting your password, the Echo setup will begin. Select **Go** for the Echo to scan and align with the strongest 5G beam source. Once scanning is complete, you will see the *Setup Complete* screen and can reset and rescan or view the details of the scan.
- [5] Should you wish to change your settings at any future time, simply go through this process again. The setup will skip the second and third screens in the image above and take you right to the *Setup Complete* page (as the Echo retains the details of your previous scan). You should select **Reset** for the device to re-scan and re-align.



## **Device Settings (Details)**

[6] If you select Details, you can view the Azimuth (Az) and Elevation (EI) along with other details of the Echo 5G's alignment in either dB or raw format. You can also manually set the Azimuth and Elevation if your connection is weak.



## **Setting Azimuth or Elevation Manually**

The Manual Setup tab provides access to beam pointing (Az, El) control in degrees.

Azimuth can be adjusted in 2-degree increments and decrements, and the Elevation in 5-degree increments. The inputs are bounded from -35 degrees to +35 degrees in Elevation and -76 degrees to +76 degrees in Azimuth. You can begin with initial setting of 0 for both Az and El.



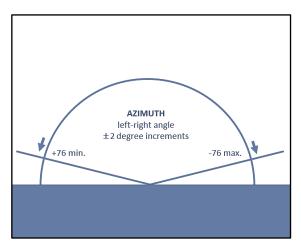


Figure 4: "Top-down view" of azimuth settings range "Side view" of elevation settings range

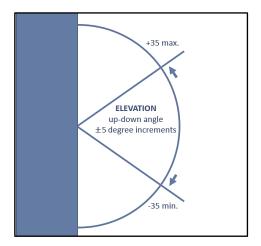


Figure 5: "Top-down view" of azimuth settings range "Side view" of elevation settings range



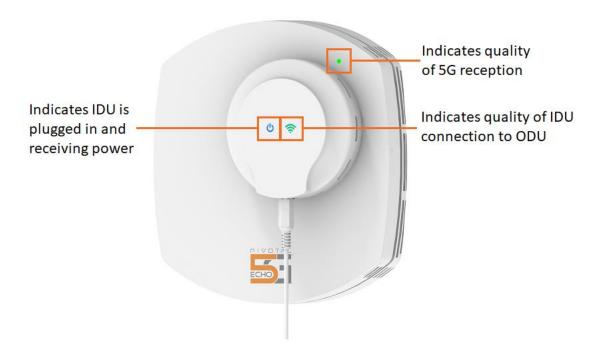
# **Appendix A – Technical Specifications**

Pivotal Echo 5G	Specifications
Dimensions	7" x 7" x 1.5" for RF ODU, and 3.7" circle, 1.1" depth for IDU
Weight RF ODU	2.4 lbs.
Weight IDU	0.4 lbs.
Power Method	AC adapter for IDU and wireless power magnetically induced for ODU
Max. Power Consumption	36 Watts (from outlet)
Mounting	Adhesive, VHB
Operating Temperature	-30 to 45° C
IP Rating	IP54 for ODU; IP32 for IDU
Configuration Management Interface	Bluetooth® and LTE CAT M1
Maximum Donor Range (to gNB)	3000 ft
Maximum Indoor Range (to CPE/UE)	30 ft
Support Glass Type	Standard: single and double pane
Certifications	FCC, UL
Commissioning	Automated scan with setup via web-interface
Frequency of operation	27.5 to 28.35 GHz
Max EIRP - DL	29.5 dBm
Max EIRP - UL	29.5 dBm
Gain tunable range - DL	15 dB
Gain tunable range - UL	15 dB
HBF antenna gain (donor side)	16 dB
HBF scan loss	6 dB at 76°
HBF az scan envelope	+/-76°
HBF el scan envelope	+/-35°
Static antenna (service side)	6 dB
HPBW towards gNB - azimuth	5°
HPBW towards gNB - elevation	20°
HPBW towards CPE/UE - azimuth	100°
HPBW towards CPE/UE - elevation	100°
Max electronic gain - DL	55 dB
Max electronic gain - UL	55 dB
Min noise figure - DL	5 dB
Min noise figure - UL	5 dB
In-band ripple (per 100 MHz channel)	2 dB



# Appendix B – Troubleshooting & Support

## **Indicator Lights Overview**



# What the IDU Indicator Light Displays Mean

- U Solid blue light indicator
  - DC power to the IDU
- Green light indicator
  - Blinking green: probing for an ODU
  - Solid green: IDU is powering the ODU
  - If the length of the blinking green LED is longer than 30 secs, the spacer needs to be removed or IDU needs repositioning





# What the ODU Indicator Light Means



# **Troubleshooting Issues**

Issues	Actions
IDU continues to probe for the ODU (green light on IDU blinks for more than 30 seconds)	Make sure the alignment cling and IDU are properly aligned with the ODU.  If window glass is double-paned, remove the spacer ring from the IDU and re-attach the IDU.
Echo 5G transmitting signal is weak	Adjust Azimuth (Az) and Elevation (El) settings for better alignment with the gNB.
Echo 5G is not transmitting at all	Power off, then power on the Echo 5G.
Echo 5G loses connectivity during commissioning	Bluetooth connection may have dropped if laptop/smartphone was moved too far away from the Echo 5G during commissioning. Try getting closer to Echo with the device you are using to commission Echo 5G via Bluetooth. You may need to re-do the network connection portion of the <a href="Laptop-to-Echo"><u>Laptop-to-Echo</u></a> connection process.



Echo 5G signal strength diminishes over time	Possible gradual obstruction in signal path to gNB, such as leaves growing on trees that were not there during initial Echo 5G setup.
	Re-commission the Echo 5G and select <b>Reset</b> and then <b>Go</b> to re-scan and re-align or perform manual adjustment of Gain and Az-El.

#### Notes:

- The Echo does not lose any settings when GUI/Bluetooth connection has been dropped and subsequently restored.
- If the above listed solutions do not appear to resolve your concern, please <u>contact Pivotal</u> Commware for additional assistance.

# **Getting Technical Assistance**

Pivotal Commware is dedicated to the success of your Echo 5G installation and operation. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Before calling, gather the following details about your Echo 5G:

- Serial Number (located on the bottom of the ODU, back of the IDU, and on the packaging box)
- Device settings

#### **Pivotal Echo 5G Technical Support:**

- Phone 1-855-956-2016
- Email support@pivotalcommware.com
- Website https://pivotalcommware.freshdesk.com/support/home



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# **Appendix C – Warranty Information**

Your Pivotal Commware, Inc. ("Pivotal") Echo 5G has been designed to provide reliable, worry-free service. If for any reason you have a problem with your equipment, please refer to the manufacturer's warranty in this section. For information regarding the terms and conditions of service for your Echo 5G, please visit <a href="www.verizonwireless.com/support/">www.verizonwireless.com/support/</a> or call Verizon Wireless Customer Service at (800) 922-0204 or \*611 from your Verizon Wireless mobile phone.

## **Standard Limited Warranty**

## What is Covered and For How Long?

Pivotal warrants to the original purchaser ("Purchaser" or "You") that the Pivotal Echo 5G and accessories ("Products") included in this package are free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for the period commencing upon the date of purchase and continuing for the following specified period of time after that date: All components carry a one-year warranty.

#### What is Not Covered?

This Limited Warranty is conditioned upon proper use of Product by Purchaser. This Limited Warranty does not cover: (a) defects or damage resulting from accident, misuse, abuse, neglect, unusual physical, electrical or electromechanical stress, or modification of any part of Product, including antenna, or cosmetic damage; (b) equipment that has the serial number removed or made illegible; (c) any plastic surfaces or other externally exposed parts that are scratched or damaged due to normal use; (d) malfunctions resulting from the use of Product in conjunction with accessories, products, or ancillary/peripheral equipment not furnished or approved by Pivotal; (e) defects or damage from improper testing, operation, maintenance, installation, or adjustment; (f) installation, maintenance, and service of Product, or (g) Product used or purchased outside the United States.

#### What are Pivotal's Obligations?

During the applicable warranty period, Pivotal will repair or replace, at Pivotal's sole option, without charge to Purchaser, any defective component part of Product. To obtain service under this Limited Warranty, Purchaser must return Product to an authorized service facility in an adequate container for shipping, accompanied by Purchaser's sales receipt or comparable substitute proof of sale showing the date of purchase, the serial number of Product and the seller's name and address. To obtain assistance on where to deliver the Product, call Verizon Customer Care at (800) 922-0204. Upon receipt, Pivotal will promptly repair or replace the defective Product. Pivotal may, at Pivotal's sole option, use rebuilt, reconditioned, or new parts or components when repairing any Product or replace Product with a rebuilt, reconditioned or new Product. All other repaired/replaced Product will be warranted for a period equal to the remainder of the original Limited Warranty on the original Product or for 90 days, whichever is longer. All replaced parts, components, boards and equipment shall become the property of Pivotal. If Pivotal determines that any Product is not covered by this Limited Warranty, Purchaser must pay all parts, shipping, and labor charges for the repair or return of such Product.

#### WHAT ARE THE LIMITS ON PIVOTAL'S WARRANTY/LIABILITY?

EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN THE LIMITED WARRANTY CONTAINED HEREIN, PURCHASER TAKES THE PRODUCT "AS IS," AND PIVOTAL MAKES NO WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION AND THERE ARE NO CONDITIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER WITH RESPECT TO THE PRODUCT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

THE MERCHANTABILITY OF THE PRODUCT OR ITS FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE;

WARRANTIES OF TITLE OR NON-INFRINGEMENT;

DESIGN, CONDITION, QUALITY, OR PERFORMANCE OF THE PRODUCT;

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# Appendix D – Glossary

Term	Definition
3GPP LTE	LTE protocol per "3rd Generation Partnership Project" a mobile telephone standards org.
5G-NR	The 5G radio system
5G NSA	Non-Stand-Alone flavor of 3GPP 5G-NR requiring concurrent 4G capability to function (currently typical)
5G SA	Stand-Alone flavor of 3GPP 5G-NR able to work without 4G capability (eventually, future)
5G TF	Verizon 5G Task Force (aka pre-5G)
ADC	Analog-Digital Converter (in electric circuitry)
Az, AZ, Azimuth	The "left-to-right" angle direction relative to nearby gNB location
BW	Bandwidth
Commissioning	(Echo 5G) Installation and initial setup, which tunes the system to optimal functionality
CPE, Customer Premises Equip.	Typically: End-user obtained transceiver that distributes FWA broadband internet to devices within the home via WLAN (Wi-Fi). Effectively replaces cable/DSL internet
dB, decibel	A relative unit of power, used to express change in value as in "increase of 3 dB" presented on a logarithmic scale
dBm	A unit of level, indicating a power ratio expressed in decibels (dB) with reference to one milliwatt (mW)
DL, Downlink	Data/information transmitted in the direction from gNB to CPE/UE
КРІ	Key performance indicators: set of useful parameters that (in this case) CPE would report to Echo 5G, and Echo 5G would display it for user
EIRP	Equivalent Isotropic Radiated Power, a measure of Transmit power
El, EL, Elevation	The "up-to-down" angle direction relative to distant gNodeB location
EN-DC	E-UTRA NR dual connectivity (a flavor of NR NSA deployment)
EVM	Error Vector Magnitude, a measure of quality of received signal
FWA	Fixed Wireless Access.
Gigabit speed	A term of user-perceived throughput, as in Gbits/second
gNodeB, gNB	5G NR base station
НВГ	Pivotal Commware's Holographic Beam Forming technology that enables Gigabit speeds beyond the reach of cable and DSL
IDU	Indoor unit. The wireless power unit mounted on the interior side of the window.
Low-E glass	Low-Emissivity windowpanes, on which the coating that reflects sunlight also inhibits RF signals from passing into a building
LTE	Long-term Evolution, generally referring to technology path toward 4G speeds
LTE Cat M1	A flavor of IoT (internet of things) technology under 3GPP LTE umbrella



Term	Definition
Millimeter wave frequencies	Wavelength spectrum that correlates to ~24 GHz frequencies and higher
M&C	Monitoring and Controlling – or – Monitor and Control
OAM, OA&M	Operations, Administration & Management/Maintenance – the necessary processes for setting up and running a system
ODU	Outdoor unit. The unit mounted on the outdoor side of the window.
RF	Radio Frequency
SNR	Signal-to-Noise Ratio
UE	User Equipment – typically CPE or a mobile device/smartphone
UL, Uplink	Data/information transmitted in the direction from CPE/UE towards gNB



# **Appendix E – Removal Instructions**

To remove your Echo 5G, take the following steps.

[1] Loosen the set screws and slide the ODU off the rails



[2] Slide the end of the removal tool under the rails, starting at the bottom and carefully lift the rails away from the window.



[3] Work your way up the rails from the bottom or side.



[4] When you have loosened the adhesive enough you can carefully remove it by hand.



[5] Use WD40 and the rough side of a sponge to clean any remaining adhesive off your window. You can use window cleaner to remove any streaks left by the WD40.

