



# **PTL Base Station**

## **Product Manual**

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# 1. Contents

## 1.1 Product Introduction

Base Station is the third-generation wireless base station. It is a new Active RFID fixed base station which implements bidirectional communication between the host system and the new ESL Tags. Century produces the base station for its electronic shelf label system (ESLs) and other products.

## 1.2 Dimensions and Weight

Dimensions: 140mm x 42mm

Weight: 250g (approx)

## 1.3 Unpacking and Checking

In order to facilitate future storage and transportation, please keep the carton and packing materials after opening them. In addition to the base station, there is also included the following products and accessories:

| Item | Name                                  | Qty | Comment |
|------|---------------------------------------|-----|---------|
| 1    | PTL Base Station                      | 1   |         |
| 2    | Power Adapter                         | 1   |         |
| 3    | Phillips pan head self-tapping screws | 4   |         |
| 4    | Fitting                               | 1   |         |
| 5    | Warranty card                         | 1   |         |

## 1.4 Features and Usage

Main Features: Wireless communication with ESL with easy installation, operation of the labels, large signal coverage radius and supports many labels.

Interface: TCP / IP connection with ESL server, 2.45GHz ISM with ESL labels. LED: Blue - Power, Red - System, Yellow - Data Tx, Green - Data Rx.

The TS-PTLS-2001 maximum communication distance is 30-50 meters (Line of Sight and open environment).

Compared with base stations of similar nature the PTL base station has an attractive appearance, ease of installation, and has good structural design, with an IP53 protective environment rating. 1

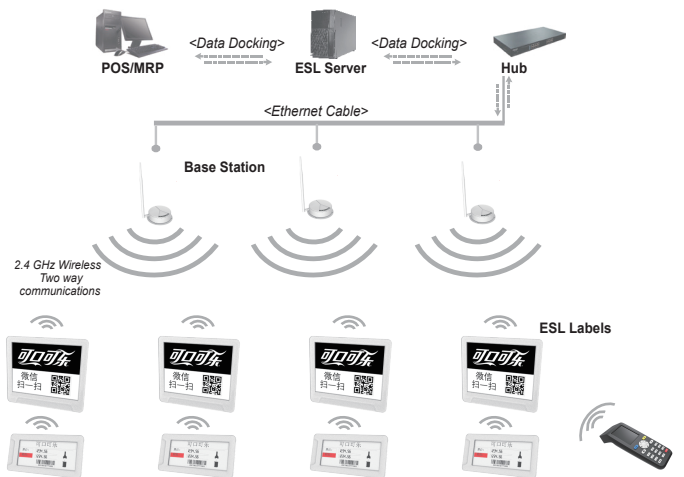
## 1.5 Environmental Requirements

Temperature Range: -10°C to +55°C(14°F to +131°F) Humidity range: 20% to 95% Supply Voltage: AC/DC Adapter. Base Station Input Voltage 6VDC, 2.3A

## 1.6 Electronic Shelf Label System Overview

An electronic shelf label system (ESLs) consists of electronic shelf labels, ESL server, switches, base stations, Handset and software. The product information in the database will be copied from the host computer to the electronic shelf label system application software; then updated prices or other information will be sent via Ethernet (or serial port) to the Base Stations which will then deploy the update throughout the entire store via 2.4GHz wireless transmission. Each part is described below:

ESL server: Running ESL System; Switch: For data exchange between the base station and the server; Base Station: For data exchange between the ESL and the Hub; Electronic Shelf Label: Updatable display for stored server information; Handheld Reader: Used to bind labels to merchandise and for administration.



Electronic shelf label system (ESLs) Connection Diagram

## 2. Technical Characteristics

### 2.1 Key Performance Areas

Uses 2.4GHz frequency within ISM band, worldwide compatibility  
GreenTags proprietary wireless protocol to ensure data security  
Supports Power over Ethernet (PoE) application  
GreenTags independent research to specifically support ESL  
The ability to cascade Base Stations to reduce installation complexity and cost.

### 2.2 Detail Specifications

#### (1) Electrical Characteristics

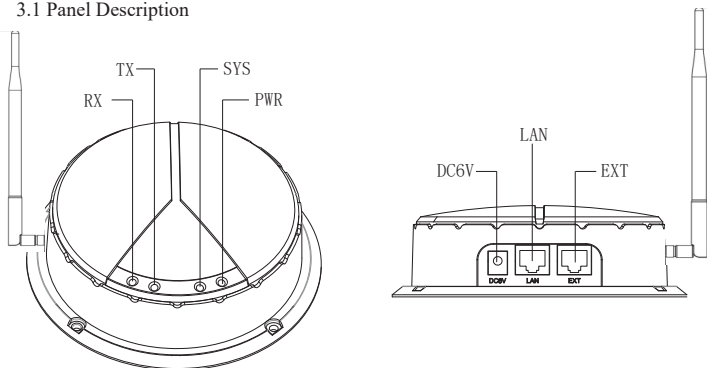
| Parameter           | Specification   |
|---------------------|---|
| Power Supply        | DC6V, 2.3A  |
|                     | Supports 802.3af POE Power Supply                                   |
| Standby Current     | 650mA   |
| Operating Current   | 800mA   |
| Network Interface   | 10/100M Ethernet UDP Protocol                                       |
| Expansion Interface | 10/100M Ethernet expansion port for a single Base Station extension |
| IP Rating           | IP53  |

#### (2) RF Characteristics

| Parameter              | Specification  |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Modulation             | GFSK           |
| Frequency              | 2402-2482MHz   |
| Antenna Gain           | 2dBi           |
| Receiver Sensitivity   | -85dBm@0.1%BER |
| Antenna VSWR           | $\leq 1.5:1$   |
| Communication Distance | 15m to 50m     |

## 3. Base Station Installation

### 3.1 Panel Description

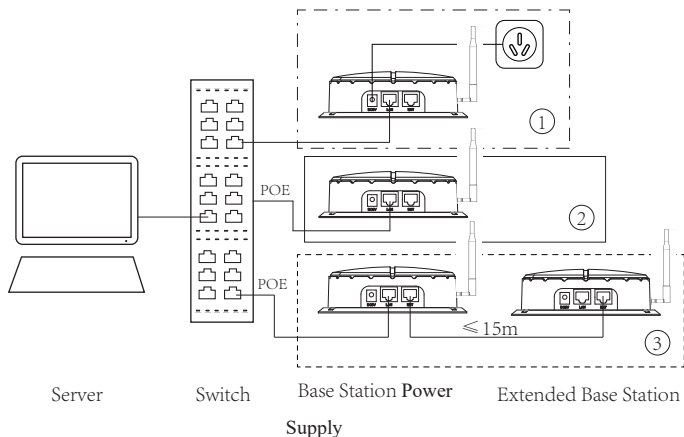


| Label | Name              | Use  |
|-------|-------------------|--|
| RX    | Recieve Data LED  | Lights when data from an ESL is recieved                     |
| TX    | Send Data LED     | Lights when Base Station sends data to ESL                   |
| SYS   | System Status LED | Indicates normal System Status when flashing once per second |
| PWR   | Power LED         | Lights when Base Station Powered                             |
| DC6V  | Power Port        | 6VDC Power Connection (DC plug socket)                       |
| LAN   | Network Port      | Network cable into Base Station                              |
| EXT   | Expansion Por     | Port to connect one additional Base Station                  |

### 3.2 Power Supply and Networking

Shown in the below figure the **Base Stations** can be powered in three ways:

| Method   | Power Supply | Description  | Connections  |
|----------|--------------|--|--|
| Border 1 | Power Supply | When the switch doesn't provide power and external power is required                             | Provide 6V to DC6V socket Connect Ethernet to LAN port                                     |
| Border 2 | POE          | Switch provides power via Ethernet port  | Connect PoE Ethernet to LAN Port   |
| Border 3 | Cascade      | Base Station provides power to next Base Station using PoE (do not cascade more than one extra ) | Connect PoE Switch to LAN Port and connect Base Station to EXT Port on Second Base Station |



### 3.3 Installation Conditions

Before Installation Check that the product is intact and all attachments are complete, if there is damage or missing parts please contact Century promptly.

Check whether the following installation conditions exist before continuing:

- A) Installation will meet applicable workplace standards.
- B) Complete the required Installation processes.

### 3.4 Installation Location

The choice of Base Station position depends on its installation, it should be where possible, in a place free of obstacles that is safe and easy to operate.

The Base Station can be mounted on the ceiling and or walls depending on

### 3.5 Installation Method

Before Installation: Configure all Base Station IP Addresses (refer software manual for instructions for this step).

Installation: the Base Station secures with Phillips pan head self-tapping screws connect power cable and Network cable. Typical installation Figures 3-1 and 3-3

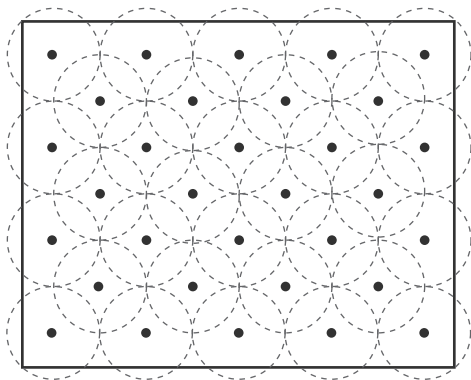


Figure 3-1 Base Station Arrangement

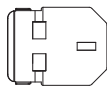


Figure 3-2 Fitting

As figure 3-2 show, when you want to put the Cable out, you can use the fitting.



### Figure 3-1 Base Station Arrangement

The Frame is the building outline, the view is from the top down with the view of all the Black dots (which are Base Stations) on the ceiling of the building;

The Round dotted line circles are the Base Station signal coverage areas, typical coverage depending on the environment is between 15m to 50m in a simple open environment for a single Base Station.

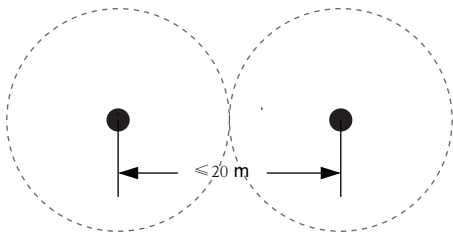


Figure 3-3 Base Station Installation Distance

Figure 3-3 shows the inter Base Station installation distance, the dotted line represents the Base Station wireless signal coverage area;

Ensure the distance between base stations is less than or equal to 20m.

### 3.6 Precautions

1) The PTL Base Station power supply shipped has an input range of 100V to 240Vac 360mA please ensure it is able to be supplied with the correct voltage.

(2) Ensure that equipment is grounded.

(3) Check the Base Station and antenna installation position and orientation with respect to the ESL that will be exchanging data.

(4) This product radiates Radio Frequency (RF) energy, the installation and commissioning personnel should leave at least 30cm between themselves and the antenna in order to meet the FCC requirements for human exposure.

(5) Any radio transmitting equipment, including this Base Station, can be interfered with by medical devices without proper protection. If there are problems seek the medical device manufacturer for advice.

(6) This equipment may cause interference with other electronic devices.

## 4. Troubleshooting

| Symptom                                | Cause  | Troubleshooting  | Comment |
|--|--|--|---------|
| Power LED<br>Does not light            | Power Adapter<br>may not work                            | Check Mains socket<br>has power and is on,<br>replace adapter if it does |         |
| Network<br>Communication<br>not normal | Interface Cable not<br>connected or<br>has problem       | Reconnect cable or<br>replace if this still<br>no response               |         |
|  | Base Station IP<br>configuration<br>Problem may<br>exist | Use the ESL Startup<br>software to configure<br>Base Station IP Address  |         |

## 5. Warranty

Thank you for purchasing Century product. The products you have purchased have a limited warranty service during the given warranty period in which we will provide the warranty services. The product warranty card is sent along with the product, please keep it safe, if the product needs warranty service, please return it together with the warranty card to Century.

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



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