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1 INTRODUCTION

The 3Com AirConnect 9550 11n 2.4+5GHz PoE Access Point / 3Com AirConnect 9150 11n 2.4GHz PoE Access Point is a high performance access point that allows you to join isolated wired Ethernet networks into a unified wireless local area network (WLAN). The Access Point (AP) supports Wi-Fi Protected Access security standards to provide a higher level of security for network data and communications. The 3Com AirConnect 9550 11n 2.4+5GHz PoE Access Point / 3Com AirConnect 9150 11n 2.4GHz PoE Access Point is also fully compatible with IEEE 802.11a (3Com AirConnect 9550 11n 2.4+5GHz PoE Access Point only), 802.11b, 802.11g and 802.11n.

Key Product Features

The product operates using 11a (3Com AirConnect 9550 11n 2.4+5GHz PoE Access Point only), 11b, 11g, or 11n modes. This access point creates an enterprise-class wireless LAN, supporting up to 64 simultaneous users.

Security

3Com offers one of the most robust suites of standards-based security on the market today. To protect sensitive data broadcast over the wireless LAN, 3Com supports Wireless Equivalent Privacy (WEP) and Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA and WPA2). 3Com strengthens this basic security mechanism with additional security features, including MAC address access control lists, IEEE 802.1x per-port user authentication with RADIUS server authentication support, Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP), Advanced Encryption Standard (AES), Wireless Protected Access (WPA) and Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) support: EAP-MD5, EAP-TLS, EAP-TTLS, and PEAP.

Performance And Reliability

3Com wireless access point performance features ensure reliable and seamless connections for users wherever they roam. Automatic channel selection automatically finds the least loaded channel for interference-free communication. Auto network connect and dynamic rate shifting keep users connected through a wide variety of conditions by changing to the optimum connection speed as they move through the network.

Manageability

3Com offers a wide range of standards-based management support, from SNMP to 3Com Network Supervisor and HP OpenView for seamless integration with your wired network.

Wireless Infrastructure Device Manager and Wireless LAN Device Discovery tools let you configure parameters, run diagnostics, backup and restore configurations, and monitor performance from anywhere on the network using an embedded web server browser.

With Power over Ethernet (PoE) support, the same Category 5 cable that connects your access point to the data network also provides its power. A single cable installation dramatically improves your choice of mounting configurations because you no longer need to consider AC power outlet locations. PoE support makes it easier than ever to overcome installation problems with difficult-to-wire or hard-to-reach locations.

Wireless Network Standards

Understanding the characteristics of the 802.11a and 802.11g standards can help you make the best choice for your wireless implementation plans.

802.11a

Ratified in 2002, 802.11a operates at the 5GHz band and supports data rates at up to 54Mbps. Because there are fewer devices in the 5GHz band, there's less potential for RF interference. However, because it is at an entirely different radio spectrum, it is not compatible with 802.11b and 802.11g.

The higher spectrum provides about 50m (164ft) of coverage. Consider 802.11a when you need high throughput in a confined space and you are:

- Running high-bandwidth applications like voice, video, or multimedia over a wireless network that can benefit from a five-fold increase in data throughput.
- Transferring large files like computer-aided design files, preprint publishing documents or graphics files, such as MRI scans for medical applications that demand additional bandwidth.
- Supporting a dense user base confined to a small coverage area. Because 802.11a has a greater number of non-overlapping channels, you can pack more wireless devices in a tighter space.

802.11b/g

802.11b, 802.11g and 802.11n all operate in the 2.4GHz band. 802.11b can support data rate up to 11Mbps. 802.11g can support data rate up to 54Mbps. 802.11n can support data rate up to 300Mbps. They all support the widest coverage – up to 100m (328ft). It is however, subject to a greater risk of radio interference because it operates in the more popular 2.4GHz band.

Consider 802.11n when you need wider coverage and vendor compatibility and you are:

- Maintaining support for existing 802.11b and 802.11g users and the existing wireless investment while providing for expansion into 802.11n.
- Implementing a complete wireless LAN solution, including Ethernet Adapters, gateways, access points and clients; Wi-Fi certification guarantees compatibility among vendors.
- Providing access to hot spots in public spaces such as coffee shops or university cafeterias.

IEEE 802.3af

The IEEE 802.3af-2003 Power over Ethernet standard defines terminology to describe a port that acts as a power source (PSE) to a powered device (PD). The IEEE 802.3af standard states that power may be delivered by an end-point PSE, using either the active data wires of an Ethernet port or the spare wires, to a powered device. An end-point PSE, such as a Power over Ethernet capable Ethernet switch, may implement either scheme. If a mid-span PSE is used, then the mid-span PSE can only implement power delivery over the spare pairs of the copper cabling and cannot be used to deliver Power over Ethernet over 1000BASE-T connections. It should be noted that even if a device supports both methods of providing power, only one mechanism may be used to deliver power to a powered device.

The first mechanism is to use the data pairs (pins 1, 2 & 3, 6) to transmit power, which is sometimes referred to as "phantom" power. The second power delivery mechanism is to use the

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unused, from a 10/100BASE-T perspective, pairs (pins 4, 5 & 7, 8) to deliver power that is supported within mid-span power delivery.

2 INSTALLING YOUR 3COM WIRELESS ACCESS POINT

This chapter contains the information you need to install and set up the Wireless Access Point. It covers the following topics:

- Unpacking the device
- Decide where to place the AP
- Connecting the Access Point
- Checking the LED indicators
- For first time use Installing Device Manager

Unpacking the device

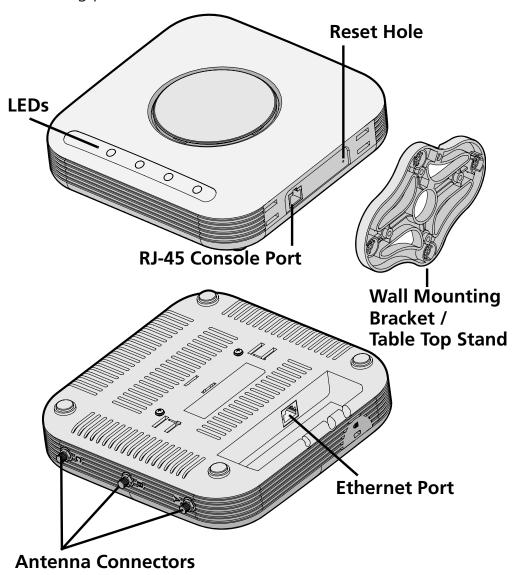
Make sure that you have the following items in the box:

- One 3Com AirConnect 9550 11n 2.4+5GHz PoE Access Point or one 3Com AirConnect 9150 11n 2.4GHz PoE Access Point
- Wall-mounting hardware:
 - Wall/table top bracket/stand

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- Four screws
- Four wall anchors
- Eight adhesive rubber feet
- One CD-ROM containing the Setup Wizard software and a copy of the *Quick Start Guide*.
- One Warranty Flyer

The Figure below shows the the AP, including the LEDs and connecting ports.



Deciding where to place your AP

Place the AP in a dry, clean location near the hub, switch, computer or printer that will be connected to the AP. The location must have a power source and be within the following distance of a Wi-Fi compliant wireless LAN access point or wireless access point.

The key to maximizing the wireless range is to follow these basic guidelines:

- Keep your product away (at least 3-6 feet or 1-2 meters) from electrical devices or appliances that generate RF noise. The location should be away from transformers, heavy-duty motors, fluorescent lights, microwave ovens, refrigerators.
- Keep the number of walls and ceilings between the AP and other network devices to a minimum - each wall or ceiling can reduce your AP's range from 3-90 feet (1-30 meters.) Position your devices so that the number of walls or ceilings is minimized.
- Be aware of the direct line between network devices. A wall that is 1.5 feet thick (0.5 meters), at a 45-degree angle appears to be almost 3 feet (1 meter) thick. At a 2-degree angle it looks over 42 feet (14 meters) thick! Position devices so that the signal will travel straight through a wall or ceiling (instead of at an angle) for better reception.
- Building materials can impede the wireless signal a solid metal door or aluminum studs may have a negative effect on

range. Try to position wireless devices and computers with wireless adapters so that the signal passes through drywall or open doorways and not other materials.

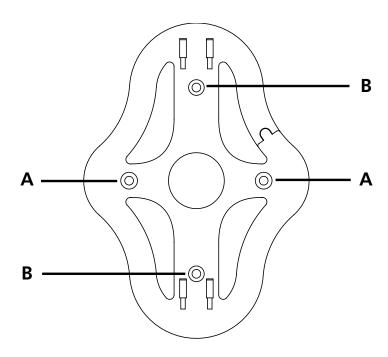
Wall Mounting the Wireless Access Point

Use the mounting bracket that comes with your Access Point to install it on a wall or electrical box.

To wall-mount the Access Point:

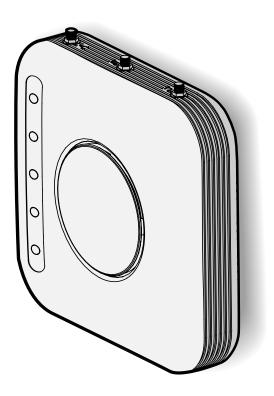
- **1** Screw the mounting bracket to a wall or electrical box (NEMA enclosure):
 - If mounting to drywall, use the four screws and four wall anchors.
 - If mounting to an EU electrical box (60.3mm), use two threaded screws and insert into the holes maked "A" in the diagram shown below.

• If mounting to a US electrical box (83.3mm), use two threaded screws and insert into the holes maked "B" in the diagram shown below..



2 Connect the Ethernet cable (for power and network connection) to the port on the back of the Access Point.

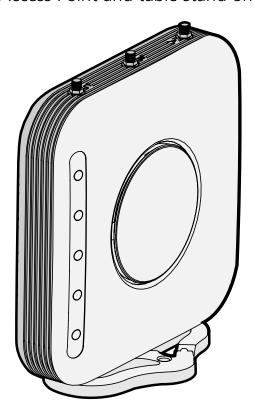
Mount Access Point onto the mounting bracket.



Tabletop Mounting

To install the Access Point on a flat surface such as a table or desktop:

- **1** Attach the mounting bracket/table stand to the side of the Access Point.
- 2 Place the Access Point and table stand on the table.



3 Connect the Ethernet cable (for power and network connection) to the port on the back of the Access Point.

Checking the LED Indicators

When the AP is connected to power, LEDs indicate activity as follows:

LED 1 (Power/ System) Amber On CPU or system fail Blinking System initiation or reset (software self testing and loading) Green On Powered on and ready for operation LED 2 (2.4G) Green Off Administratively disabled On Associated with network, but no activity Blinking Activity LED 3 (5G) (3Com AirConnect 9550 11n 2.4+5GHz PoE Off No power On CPU or system fail System initiation or reset (software self testing and loading) Administratively disabled On Associated with network, but no activity Blinking Activity Blinking Activity		Indicator	Color	State	Description
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Power up

Self test (POST)

At power up, the product will carry out a self-test (POST). POST will run a test on the wireless circuit to check it is functioning correctly.

When running the POST test, LED 1 (Power/System) will blink amber.

When firmware is corrupted, LED 1 (Power/System) will be solid amber.

CONFIGURING THE WIRELESS ACCESS POINT

If the default AP configuration does not meet your network requirements, or if you want to customize the settings for your own network, you can use these tools to change the configuration:

- **1** Launch the 3Com Wireless Infrastructure Device Manager (Widman) utility
- **2** Directly connect to the device through its Ethernet port or console port

Networks with a DHCP Server

If your network has a DHCP server, an IP address is automatically assigned to the AP. It takes between one and two minutes for the Access Point to determine if there is a DHCP server on the network. Use the 3Com Wireless Infrastructure Device Manager (Widman) included on the 3Com Installation CD to locate the Access Point on the network and view its IP address.

After you determine the AP's IP address, you can enter that IP address into a web browser on a computer on the same subnet to view the Access Point's system status or change its configuration.

Networks without a DHCP Server

If your network does not have a DHCP server, the Access Point uses a factory assigned IP address (169.254.2.2). You can use that IP address to configure the Access Point, or you can assign a new IP address to the Access Point.

To verify that the Access Point is using the default IP address assigned at the factory:

- 1 Connect a computer directly to the Access Point using the supplied standard Category 5 UTP Ethernet cable.
- 2 Enter the Access Point's default IP address (169.254.2.2) into the computer's web browser. If the Configuration Management System starts, the Access Point is using the factory assigned IP address. You can configure the Access Point with the following login information:

Login name: adminPassword: password

If the Configuration Management System does not start, the Access Point is on a different subnet than the computer. Install and start the 3Com Wireless Infrastructure Device Manager to discover the Access Point's IP address.

Using the 3Com Installation CD

The 3Com Installation CD contains the following tools and utilities:

3Com Wireless Infrastructure Device Manager—an administration tool that helps you select 3Com wireless LAN devices and launch their configurations in your Web browser.

Launch the 3Com Wireless Infrastructure Device Manager (Widman) utility

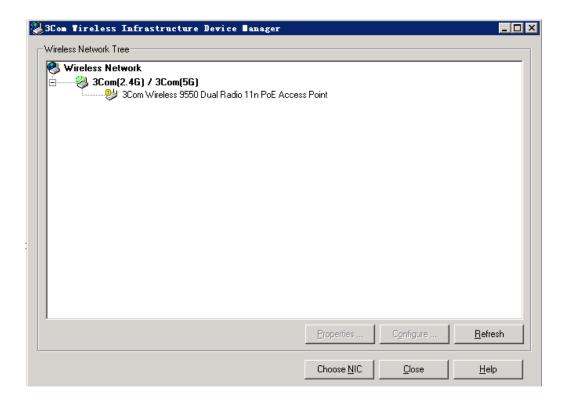
- **1** Turn on the computer.
- Insert the 3Com Installation CD into the CD-ROM drive.
 The CD will Autorun. If it does not Autorun, you can start the setup menu from the Windows Start menu. For example: Start > Run > d\:setup.exe.
- 3 In the menu click **Tools and Utilities**.
- 4 In the next screen, click the software you want to install.
- **5** Follow the on screen instructions to complete the installation. Reboot the computer if prompted to do so.

Launching the 3Com Wireless Infrastructure Device Manager

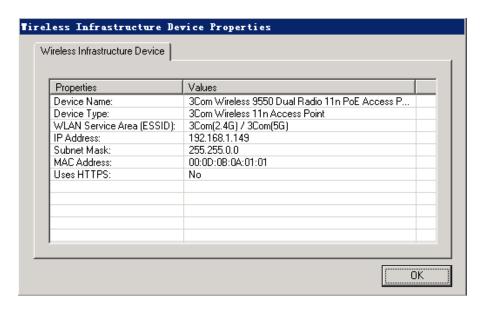
To be able to configure the Access Point you need to run the Wireless Infrastructure Device Manager. Go to **Start** >

Programs > 3Com Wireless > Wireless Infrastructure Device Manager

If the device is working correctly the following screen should be seen.



Click on the Properties button to see the following screen



Directly connect to the device through its Ethernet port or console port.

Follow the instructions below to log into the AP Configuration screen:

1 Load a web browser and enter http://169.254.2.2

2 The Logon screen appears



To log on to the Web interface:

- **1** Username, type **admin** (case sensitive)
- 2 Password, type **password**
- 3 Click Log On.

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After you have logged in for the first time you will be asked to select your country from the drop down menu.



System Status

The Web interface has been designed to enable you to easily perform advanced configuration tasks and view information about the AP.

System Summary

After you click Logon from the Log On Screen, you'll see the system status page on the screen. The System summary page is the default page that will pop up once you successfully log in. The system summary page shows all the configuration information about your AP.



Wireless Station List

Through this page, you can easily identify the adjacent wireless stations. It will automatically observe the adjacent wireless station's ID (if specified), MAC address, SSID and current status.



Event Log List

The event log list stores a record of all the events within this designated WLAN.

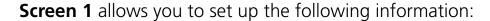


System Configuration

In this section, you will learn how to configure the basic functions of your wireless AP.

Setup Wizard

The setup Wizard will walk you through the setting up of the Office Connect Access Point

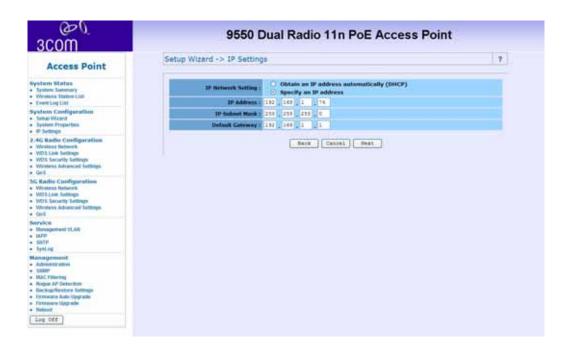




- **SSID** (Service Set Identifier) This is the name of wireless network. Input 1-32 characters
- Wireless Mode Choose the required network mode from the drop down menu.
- **Channel/Frequency** Choose a frequency from the drop down menu or select SmartSelect (recommended) to let the device select a channel.

Click **Next** to continue the configuration or click **Clear** to start again.

Screen 2 allows you to set up the following information:



- **IP Network Setting** Check the radio button for either obtaining an IP address via DHCP or specifying an IP Address manually.
- **IP Address** Enter the IP address that you want to assign.
- **IP Subnet Mask** Enter your networks subnet address.
- **Default Gateway** If used, enter the gateway address that the device should go through.

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Screen 3 allows you choose the security settings. Choose the following settings from the drop down menu:



- No security
- WEP
- WPA Only
- WPA2 Only
- WPA2 Mixed

Click **Close** to close without saving, click **Finish** to save the settings, or click **Back** to return to screen 2.

System Properties

The System properties page allows you to define Device name, location, operation modes and Load Type.

There are 5 operation modes to choose from:

Access Point mode

A Wireless LAN data transceiver that uses radio waves to connect a wired network with wireless station.

Wireless Workgroup Bridge mode (Client Bridge mode)

It acts as a wireless client in the network. Through this mode, you can connect to an access point through this device.

Ad-hoc mode (peer to peer)

An Ad-hoc mode allows 2 wireless clients to communicate to each other. An Ad-hoc network is a wireless network composed of stations without Access Points.

Repeater mode

A repeater is placed between two access points to extend the range of your infrastructure or to overcome an obstacle that blocks radio communication.

Wireless Bridge mode

A wireless bridge connects two separate networks operating on the 802.11 standard.

Load Types are either:

FAT

Default is set to be FAT mode AP. FAP AP has complete set of AP features which can work alone as an individual AP.

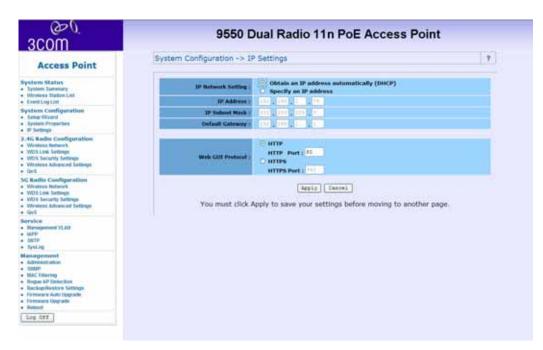
FIT

FIT mode AP needs to be connected to a 3Com Wireless Switch to provide complete feature sets.



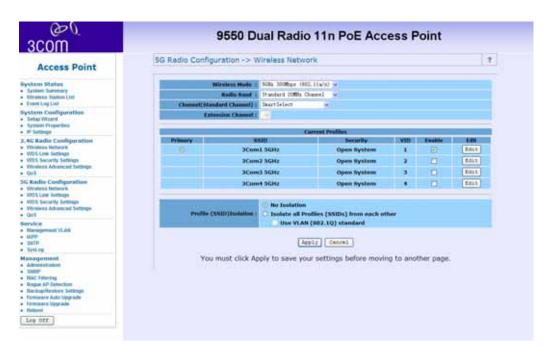
IP Settings

This setting must match the network's method of IP address assignment. Choose DHCP or Static IP. With Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), IP addresses are assigned for predetermined periods of time. Choose Static IP if your network does not have an automatic system for IP address assignment.



Wireless Network

The Wireless Access Point supports Multiple SSIDs which allows it to act as multiple APs appearing in a Wireless LAN network. You can configure up to 4 SSIDs on the device.



Wireless Mode

You can select your desired wireless operating mode from the drop-down manual.

The AP supports Super Dynamic and Static modes and boosts throughput up to 108 Mbps.

The Super Dynamic mode allows automatic switching between normal and turbo modes without modification by the user. The feature increases throughput when bandwidth demands are high. When bandwidth demands are low and at regular intervals, normal mode allows legacy connectivity and new associations. The Super Dynamic mode connection between the Ethernet Adapter and the access point may turn to normal mode connection if another station associates with the access point in normal mode. The Super Static mode operates by using two radio channels and does not switch to normal mode. Super Static mode must be configured by the user on both the access point and the station.

Note that in order to enable Super mode, the opposite client service needs to provide the same specification.

Channel / Frequency

Select the channel for your wireless LAN in Channel/Frequency block. The default setting is SmartSelect it selects the channel which provides the best transmission quality. The frequencies available vary depending which wireless mode you select.

Current Profiles

A maximum of 4 profiles can be configured. Check the **Enable** button to activate a profile. Click the **Edit** button to change its configuration.



SSID

Service Set Identifier. This is the assigned name for a wireless Wi-Fi network. Stations must use this unique identifier to communicate with an Access Point. The SSID can be any alphanumeric entry up to a maximum of 32 characters.

BSSID

Basic Service Set Identifier. This is the assigned MAC address of the station in the access point. This unique identifier is in Hex format and can only be edited when **Multi BSSID** is enabled in the previous screen.

Suppressed SSID

If you want to disable the broadcast of your SSID, you should check the **Suppressed SSID** box. It is also known as SSID Broadcast disable or Hide SSID.

VLAN ID

If your network uses VLANs, you can assign an SSID to a VLAN. Client devices using the SSID are grouped in that VLAN.

Station Separation

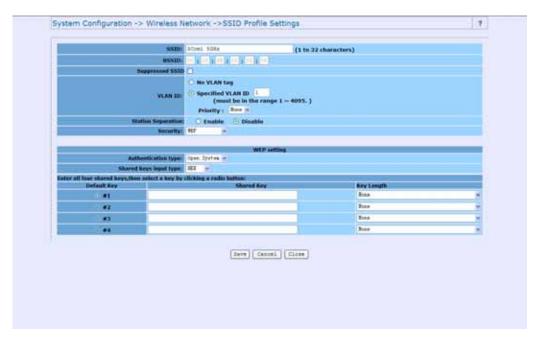
Choose either **enable** or **disable** to control the selected VAP (Virtual Access Point).

Security

There are 4 levels of security available and all have differing properties:

WEP

Wired Equivalent Privacy data encryption provides data security. WEP Share Key authentication and WEP data encryption will block all but the most determined hacker.



From the drop down list choose **open-system** or **shared key** authentication.

Select the desired input method (HEX or ASCII)

From the drop down list choose from 40/64, 104/128, 128/152 key lengths.

WPA Only

Wi-Fi Protected Access was constructed to provide improved data encryption, (which was weak in WEP), and to provide user authentication.



Only allows WPA clients to connect to the VAP.

You can choose TKIP or AES for encryption method

The Group key update interval is configurable, default value is 1800 seconds

You can choose personal mode (PSK) or enterprise mode (802.1X) authentication (default: PSK).

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If you choose PSK, you will need to enter a pass phrase of 8-63 ASCII characters or 64 hexadecimal digits.

If you choose 802.1X, you will need access to a RADIUS server, port and secret

WPA2-Only

Only allows WPA 2 clients to connect to the VAP.

You can choose TKIP or AES for the encryption method

The Group key update interval is configurable, with a default value of 1800 seconds

You can choose personal mode (PSK) or enterprise mode (802.1X) authentication (default: PSK).

If you choose PSK, you will need to enter a pass phrase of 8-63 ASCII characters or 64 hexadecimal digits.

If you choose 802.1X, you will need access to a RADIUS server, port and secret.

WPA2-Mixed

Only allows both WPA and WPA2 clients to connect to the VAP. You can choose TKIP or AES for encryption method.

The Group key update interval is configurable, with a default value of 1800 seconds.

You can choose personal mode (PSK) or enterprise mode (802.1X) authentication. The default setting is PSK.

If you choose PSK, you will need to enter a pass phrase of 8-63 ASCII characters or 64 hexadecimal digits.

If you choose 802.1X, you will need access to a RADIUS server, port and secret.

Profile (SSID) Isolation

Stations connected to different profiles cannot access each other. Choose from **No Isolation** (Full access), or to Isolate all Profiles (SSIDs) from each other, check **use VLAN (802.1Q) standard**.

Multi-BSSID

Check **enable Multiple BSSIDS** to allow each profile to send an individual beacon and station separation configuration. This can be done either manually or automatically.

WDS Link Settings

WDS (Wireless Distribution System) allows access points to communicate with one another wirelessly in a standardized way. It can also simplify the network infrastructure by reducing the amount of cabling required. Basically the access points will act as a client and an access point at the same time.



WDS is incompatible with WPA. Both features cannot be used at the same time. A WDS link is bi-directional, so the AP must know the MAC address of the other AP, and the other AP must have a WDS link back to the AP.

Dynamically assigned and rotated encryption keys are not supported in a WDS connection. This means that WPA and other dynamic key assignment technologies may not be used. Only Static WEP keys may be used in a WDS connection, including any STAs that are associated with a WDS repeating AP.



Enter the MAC address of the other APs you want to link to and click **enable**.

Supports up to 8 point to multipoint WDS links, check **Enable WDS** and then **enable** on the MAC addresses.

Example of a WDS topology:

AP1 <-- WDS --> Master AP (our AP) <-- WDS --> AP3<-- WDS --> AP4

WDS Security Settings

This item is only available in Access Point Mode and Wireless Bridge Mode.



Choose the required security level from: **None, WEP, WPA-PSK (TKIP)**, **WPA-PSK (AES)**, **WPA2-PSK (TKIP)**, or **WPA2-PSK (AES)**.

If using **WEP** security, enter the WEP key. If using **WPA**, enter the pass phrase.

Wireless Advanced Settings

To configure advanced wireless settings, click **Wireless Advanced Settings**. The tool bar and Wireless Advanced Settings menu will appear.



Data Rate

Choose between the following data rates 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 72, 96, 108, and best. Default is Best.

Transmit Power

Choose between the following power levels Full, Half (-3dB), Quarter (-6dB), Eighth (-9dB) or Minimum. Default is Full.

Beacon Interval

The interval time between 20ms and 1000ms for each beacon transmission. The default is 100ms.

Data Beacon Rate (DTIM)

The Delivery Traffic Indication Message. Specify the data beacon rate between 1 and 255. Default is 1.

Fragment Length

The maximum packet size is used for fragmentation. Packets larger than the size programmed in this field will be fragmented. The Fragment Threshold value must be larger than the RTS Threshold value. The default is 2346.

RTS Threshold

Request To Send threshold. The packet size that is used to determine if it should use the CSMA/CA mechanism or the CSMA/CD mechanism.

802.11d support

802.1d allows the device to communicate in areas where the 802.11 standard is not allowed. It adds features and restrictions to ensure compliance.

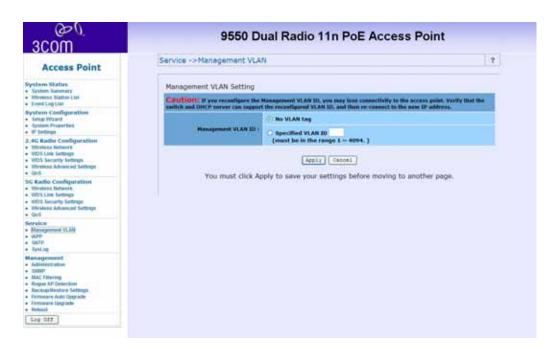
Antenna Type

If you have added external antennas (to replace the original included 3 internal antennas), check the **External High-Gain Radio Antenna** radio button.

Service

Management VLAN

If you reconfigure the Management VLAN ID, you may lose connectivity to the access point. Verify that the switch and DHCP server can support the reconfigured VLAN ID, and then re-connect to the new IP address.



IAPP

Inter-Access Point Protocol (IAPP)



802.11F (IAPP) Support - Choose either Enable or Disable

IAPP allows multiple access points to communicate and pass location information about their associated stations. If you enable 802.11F support you should manually add BSSID/IP mapping:

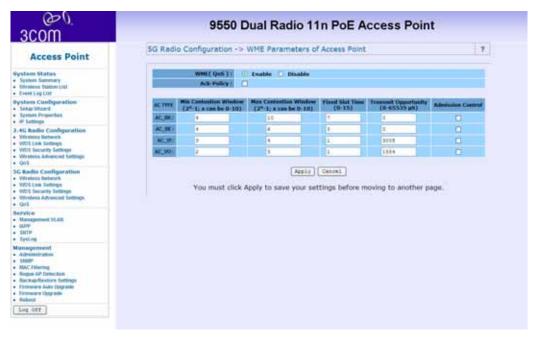
- Enter the BSSID and IP addresses of the AP.
- Click Add



Only stations roaming from one of the listed APs to this AP are allowed to re-associate with this AP. Others will be requested to go through the full association process.

QoS

This section provides the administrator with the Quality of Service (QoS) data.



The QoS setting is only available in AP Mode and Wireless Client Mode.

The QoS Setting should be modified with caution because radio behavior is affected. These parameters can be modified when the radio for QoS service is Enabled. Ack-Policy - when the Ack-Policy is checked. The device will not send ACK frames. The default value is disabled.

Setting	Description	
Min Contention Window	For each access category, enter the minimum contention window value. Channel access is prioritized by assigning smaller contention window values to a higher priority traffic class. If a channel is busy or a transmission collides, a node chooses a random number between 0 and the current contention window minimum.	
Max Contention Window	For each access category, enter the maximum contention window value. The minimum contention window value is doubled each time a collision occurs until the maximum is reached. A small contention window value decreases the access delay but increases the probability of a collision.	
Fixed Slot Time	For each access category, enter the fixed slot time. Channel access can be strictly prioritized by assigning smaller contention window values to a higher priority traffic class. Traffic in the access category must wait for this fixed number of slots after each packet is received before resuming its random back-off.	
Transmit Opportunity Limit	Enter the number of microseconds that qualified transmitters can transmit through the normal back-off procedure with a set of pending packets. Larger values allow a client to control the channel for longer periods of time, allowing it to achieve higher throughput in this access category at the expense of longer access times for all access categories.	

Setting	Description
Admission Control	Note: In this release, clients are blocked from using an access category when they select Enable for Admission Control. The Admission Control check boxes control client use of the access categories. When you enable admission control for an access category, clients associated to the access point must complete the WMM admission control procedure before they can use that access category. However, access points do not support the admission control procedure in this release, so clients cannot use the access category when you enable Admission Control.

The default value table:

AC TYPE	Min Contention Window (2x-1; x can be 0-10)	Max Contention Window (2x-1; x can be 0-10)	Fixed Slot Time (0-15)	Transmit Opportunity (0-65535 μS)
AC_BK	4	10	7	0
AC_BE	4	6	3	0
AC_VI	3	4	1	3008 (6016 when 11b)
AC_VO	2	3	1	1554 (3264 when 11b)

SNTP

Simple Network Time Protocol (SNTP) allows the administrator to configure the network time settings.



The following settings can be configured.

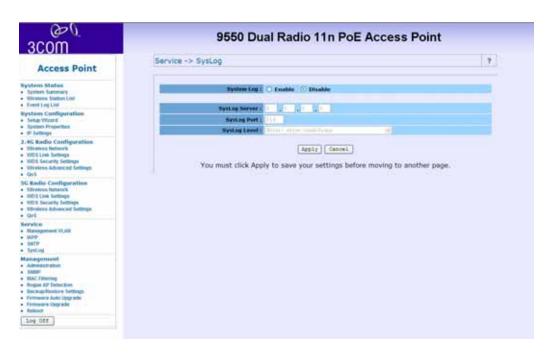
SNTP client enable/disable	Click the radio button to enable. If it is disabled, the user has to input time manually. If it is enabled, the device will try to fetch time from configured SNTP servers.
Set Time	Includes Year, Month, Day, Hour and Minute. These fields are grayed out and un-configurable if SNTP is enabled.

Timezone selection	This selection will adjust the time obtained from the SNTP server. Note: This selection does not affect manual time input as they are considered to be input at the same time.
Daylight Saving	The start/end date of daylight saving will change automatically based on the time zone selection. Note: Start and End dates can be input manually, to avoid any regional policy changes.
Primary and Secondary SNTP server/port setting	If SNTP is enabled, this device will try to fetch time from the primary server first. The timeout for primary NTP server is 5 seconds.
	If the Primary NTP server fails after 5 seconds the Secondary NTP server will be tried for 5 seconds.
	In the event that the secondary server fails, the device will wait for 60 seconds before trying the Primary server again. This continues until a time is available.

To avoid using an invalid NTP server address, this device will store the fetched/configured time. After it boots up, it will use the stored time first and adjust time if time is fetched.

Syslog function

In the event of an error the device can send a message to a specified server.



System Log

Click either Enable or Disable to activate or deactivate the system log function.

Syslog Server

Enter the IP address of the server that will receive the error information. The default IP address is 0.0.0.0

Syslog Port

Enter the port number that your server can be accessed by. The default port number is 514.

Syslog Level

Choose from the following levels - in order of severity - of detail to be recorded. The default setting is Error.

- Emergency System is unusable
- Alert Action must be taken immediately
- Critical Critical condition
- Error Error condition
- Warning Warning condition
- Notice Normal, but significant condition
- Informational Informational messages

Management

This section describes how to use the management and information features of your Wireless Access Point.

Administration

In this section, you can change the user administrator name and password. The default Administrator name is **admin** (case sensitive), and password is **password**. Click "Apply" to save changes.



SNMP



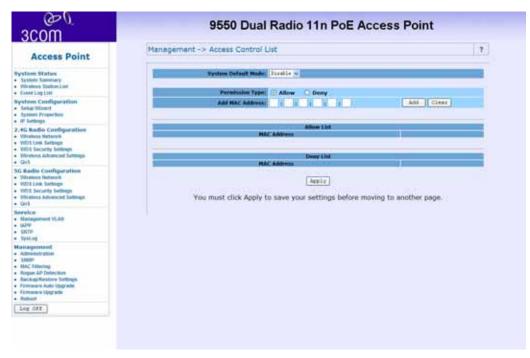
The SNMP administrative functions are changed through this section. The following functions can be changed:

- Enable/Disable SNMP
- Contact info
- Community names for read-only and read/write
- Trap destination IP address
- Community name



This function is not available in Wireless Bridge mode.

MAC Filtering



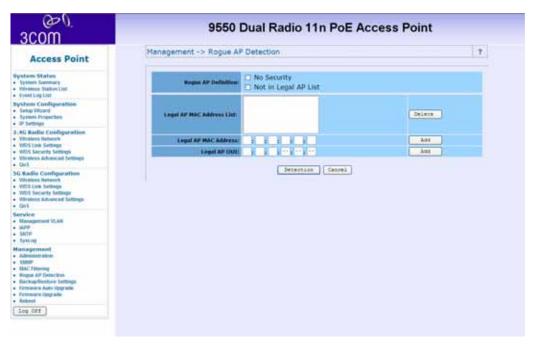
MAC filtering allows the administrator to filter MAC addresses of network cards that can access the access point.

- Enable/Disable filter
- Change filter rule to allow or deny
- Add/delete MAC addresses in the filter table



This function is only available in AP mode.

Rogue AP Detection



Unspecified Access Points may try to access the network through this device. Rogue AP detection can prevent this.

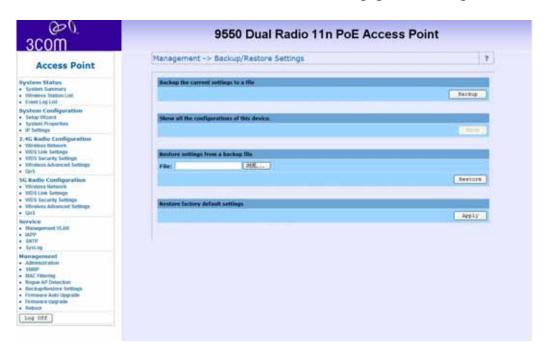
- Change Rogue AP definition.
- Legal AP list The list of allowed access points.
- Detect rogue AP All channels are scanned and Access Points without security, or not in legal AP, are considered rogue.



This function is only available in AP mode.

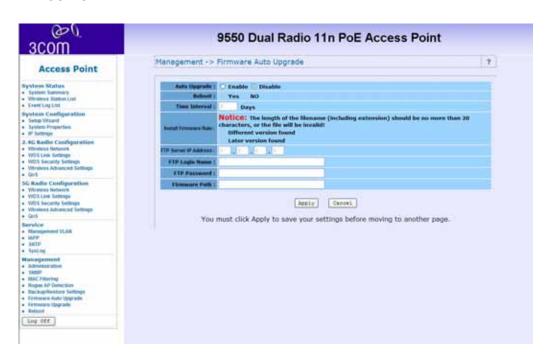
Backup/ Restore Settings

This section allows the user back up the Access Point's current settings and restore back to the factory default. Once you have the Access Point working properly you should back up the information to have it available if something goes wrong.



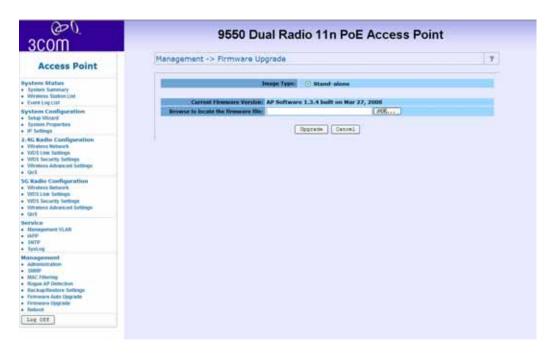
Firmware Auto Update

The Wireless Access Point can auto upgrade the firmware if there is a newer version available. If you enable the Auto Upgrade function, the Wireless Access Point will automatically check for an updated version of firmware in the assigned FTP server for each time interval assigned. Remember to insert the correct FTP server IP address, username, password and correct path to the FTP server.



Firmware Upgrade

In this section, you can see the current firmware version of your AP. You can also manually upgrade your firmware by entring the path to your new firmware file.



Once you have chosen the upgrade file click **upgrade**.



Rebooting

You can reboot the Wireless access point from the browser interface.

After you click reboot the following window will be displayed.



After rebooting, the login page will automatically be displayed.

Connecting through the Com Port

Instead of using an IP address to configure the Access Point a Null modem cable, connected to the RJ-45 Console Port, can be used.

In your terminal settings ensure that the following configuration is met:

Bits per Second – 9600

Data Bits - 8

Parity - None

Stop bits - 1

Flow Control - none

Once connected enter the user name and password. The default values are as follows:

Username: admin

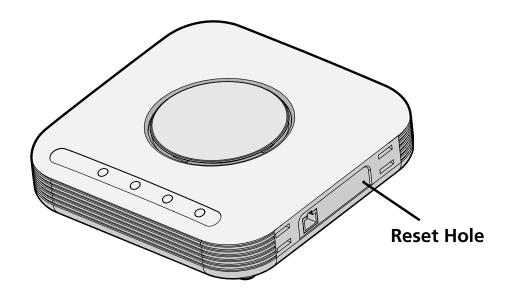
Password: password

Once logged in, type"?" for a list of commands.

Restoring factory settings

The Access Point can be reset to the default factory settings either through the web browser (see "Backup/ Restore Settings" on page 64) or manually.

To restore the settings manually, insert a pointed object (such as the end of a straightened paper clip) into the reset hole on the side of the Access Point, and hold for five seconds.





TROUBLESHOOTING

Diagnosing Problems

If you have difficulty with the Access point, try the solutions in the following table.

Symptom

After you change the IP address, after you restore a backup configuration, or after you reset the Access point to factory defaults, the Configuration Management System stops responding and you cannot continue configuring the Access point. If you change the IP address and click Apply, you cannot continue to configure the device using the old IP address. Similarly, after you restore a backup configuration or reset the Access point to factory defaults, the IP address setting may be changed.

Solution (s)

To recover from this situation and continue configuring the Access point:

- 1 Close your browser.
- **2** Return to the 3Com Wireless Infrastructure Device Manager and click Refresh.
- **3** Select the device and click Configure to start a new configuration session and set its IP address.

Symptom

The Wireless Network Tree does not appear in the 3Com Wireless Infrastructure Device Manager window.

Solution (s)

Verify that you are using the correct network adapter. In the device manager window, click Choose NIC. Select the network adapter for the network you want to scan, and click OK.

Symptom

The Access point has a yellow exclamation point (!) next to it in the Wireless Infrastructure Device Manager.

Solution (s)

- The Access point is on a different subnet than the computer attempting to configure it.
- To recover from this situation and continue configuring the Access point:
- a Close your browser.
- **b** Return to the 3Com Wireless Infrastructure Device Manager and click Refresh.
- **c** Select the device and click Configure to start a new configuration session.
- **d** Make sure the subnet address matches that of the computer.

Symptom

Two Access points cannot communicate in ad-hoc mode.

Solution (s)

Adjust the positions of the Access points to improve reception.

To ensure correct operation in ad-hoc mode, the settings on the two Access points must match exactly.

Launch the Access point Configuration Management System and make sure that the Wireless LAN Service Area, channel selections, Data Preamble setting, and security setting are the same on both Access points.

Symptom

You are running Windows NT. After you connect the Access point, your computer cannot obtain a valid IP address.

Solution (s)

The Access point configuration settings may not be compatible with the network. If they are not, and your Windows NT computer is set up to obtain its IP address from a DHCP server, the Access point is unable to associate with the network to obtain the IP address.

To work around this, set a static IP address on your computer. Then set the Access point configuration to match the network. When the Access point is able to associate, reset your computer to obtain its IP address from the DHCP server. If the Access point should also obtain its IP settings from the DHCP server, make sure this is configured properly on the IP Network page and applied just before ending the session.

Symptom

Disconnecting the Access point

Solution (s)

To disconnect the Access point:

CAUTION: Disconnecting the Access point ends the network association. To avoid possible data loss, exit all networking

applications on connected devices before you disconnect the Access point.

- **a** Unplug the Access point Ethernet cable from the hub or other device.
- **b** Unplug the Access point power cord.

Symptom

Uninstalling Software and Documentation

Solution (s)

If you want to uninstall the 3Com 11a/b/g/n Wireless Workgroup Access point software and documentation, you can either use the standard operating system procedure for removing programs or use the following shortcut:

From the Windows Start menu, select Start > Programs > 3Com Wireless > Uninstall 3Com Wireless Infrastructure Device Manager.

When prompted to confirm, click OK.

Symptom

Upgrading Access point Firmware.

Solution (s)

Firmware is the software that is installed on the Access Point at the factory. Some problems can be solved by installing a new version of the firmware.

For details on how to download a firmware update from the 3Com customer support Web site and install it on your Access Point, see "Firmware Auto Update" on page 65 or "Firmware Upgrade" on page 66.

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- A list of system hardware and software, including revision level
- Diagnostic error messages
- Details about recent configuration changes, if applicable

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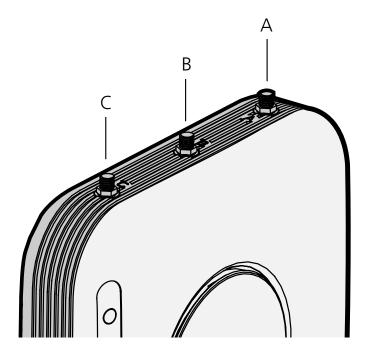
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APPENDIX

Antennas Used per Mode

The AP has three external antenna connectors, labelled A, B and C, as shown below.



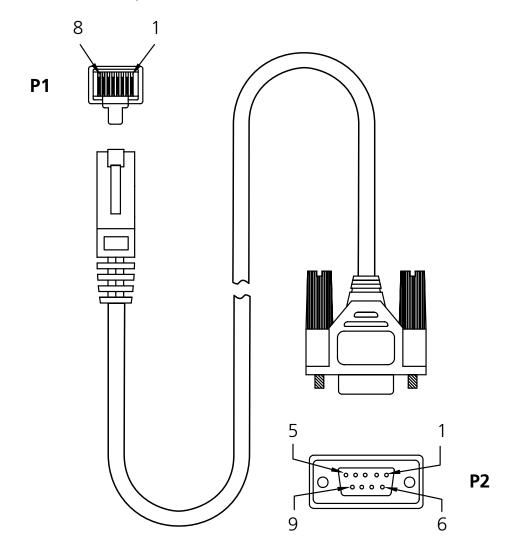
In some modes, not all of the connectors are in use.

The following table defines which external antenna connectors are used in which mode:

Mode	Antennas Used
2x3	A,B,C
2x2	A,C
1x1	А

Console Cable Pin-out

RJ45 to D-SUB 9 pin cable



P1	WIRE COLOR	P2	
Pin no.		Pin no.	
8	YELLOW	1	
6	BROWN	2	
2	GRAY	3	
1	GREEN	4	
5	RED	5	
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Federal Communication Commission Interference Statement

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 of the following measures:

- 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.

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.

FCC Caution: Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment. This device and its antenna(s) must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

FCC Radiation Exposure Statement:

This equipment complies with FCC / IC RSS-102 radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20cm between the radiator & your body.

Canada C Request

"Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device."

"To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (EIRP) is not more than that required for successful communication"

"This device has been designed to operate with an antenna having a maximum gain of 18 dBi. Antenna having a higher gain is strictly prohibited per regulations of Industry Canada. The required antenna impedance is 50 ohms."

"To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that permitted for successful communication."

The County Code Selection feature is disabled for products marketed in the US/Canada

This Class [B] digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe [B] est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

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Only the antennas listed below are allowed to be used with the radio.

Ant.	Antenna Type	Model Name	Product description	2.4 GHz Gain (dBi)	Tx/Rx mode
1	Omni Ant	3CWE591	3Com® 6dBi Dual-Band Omni Antenna	6	1T1R
2	Omni Ant	TGX-102XNXXX	Joymax Base Station Antenna	6	1T1R
3	Panel Ant	3CWE596	3Com® 18dBi Dual-Band Panel Antenna	18	2T2R
4	Panel Ant	3CWE598	3Com® 8dBi Dual-Band Panel Antenna	8	2T2R
5	Panel Ant	SL24513P12SMF	CUSHCRAFT Tri-mode, dual band 802.11b/a/g ceiling mounted Omnidirectional panel antenna	3	2T2R
6	Monopole Ant	3CWE590	3Com 2dBi Dual-Band Omni Antenna Kit	2	2T3R
7	PCB Antenna	TFF-A015MPAX-361	Integrated PCB Antenna	3	2T3R