Cisco Multiband Swivel-Mount Dipole Antenna (AIR-ANTM2050D-R)

This document outlines the specifications and describes the AIR-ANTM2050D-R multiband swivel-mount dipole antenna and contains the following sections:

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Duration of Hardware Warranty

Ninety (90) days.

Replacement, Repair, or Refund Policy for Hardware

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Cisco reserves the right to refund the purchase price as its exclusive warranty remedy.

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Contact the company from whom you purchased the product. If you purchased the product directly from Cisco, contact your Cisco Sales and Service Representative.

Complete the information below, and keep it for reference:

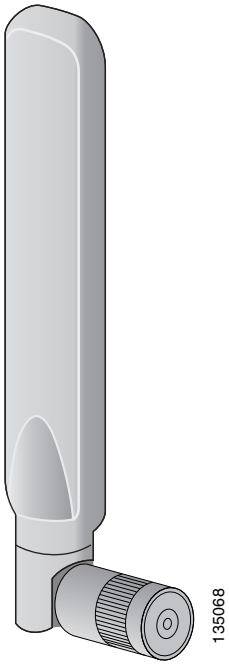
Company product purchased from	
Company telephone number	
Product model number	
Product serial number	
Maintenance contract number	

Overview

The AIR-ANTM2050D-R antenna operates in the 2.4- and 5-GHz bands, and is designed for use with spatial-diversity access point (AP) systems. The AIR-ANTM2050D-R antenna is compatible with Cisco 802.11a/b/g radio products using a reverse-polarity threaded Neill-Concelman (RP-TNC) connector.

Figure 1 shows the AIR-ANTM2050D-R antenna.

Figure 1 Cisco AIR-ANTM2050D-R Antenna



Technical Specifications

The following table lists the technical specifications for the AIR-ANTM2050D-R antenna.

Antenna type	Dipole
Operating frequency range	2400 to 2500 MHz and 4900 to 5900 MHz
Maximum VSWR[1] bandwidth	2.0:1
Peak gain	• 2.4-GHz: 2 dBi • 5-GHz: 5 dBi
Polarization	Linear (vertical)
Azimuth plane beamwidth	Omnidirectional
Elevation plane 3 dB beamwidth (H-plane)	Omnidirectional
Elevation plane 3 dB beamwidth (E-plane)	• 2.4-GHz: 85 degrees • 5-GHz: 30 degrees
Maximum dimensions	6.9 x 0.9 x 0.3 in. (175 x 22 x 8 mm)

Weight	0.1 lb (0.05 kg)
Connector type	RP-TNC
Enclosure	Plastic radome UV stabilized ABS/PC
Environment	Indoor
Mounting	Direct

1. VSWR = voltage standing wave ratio

Figure 2 shows the H-plane radiation pattern at 2.4- to 2.5-GHz for the AIR-ANTM2050D-R antenna.

Figure 2 H-Plane Pattern at 2.4- to 2.5-GHz

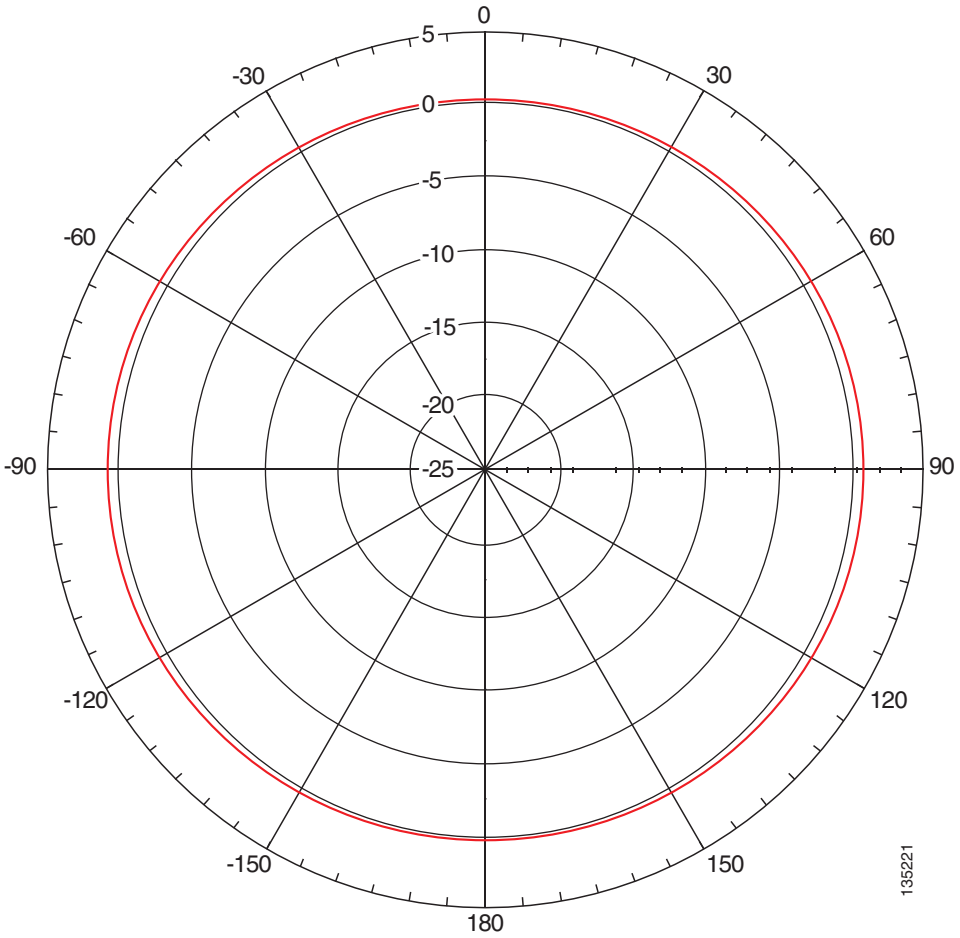


Figure 3 shows the E-plane radiation pattern at 2.4- to 2.5-GHz for the AIR-ANTM2050D-R antenna.

Figure 3 E-Plane Pattern at 2.4- to 2.5-GHz

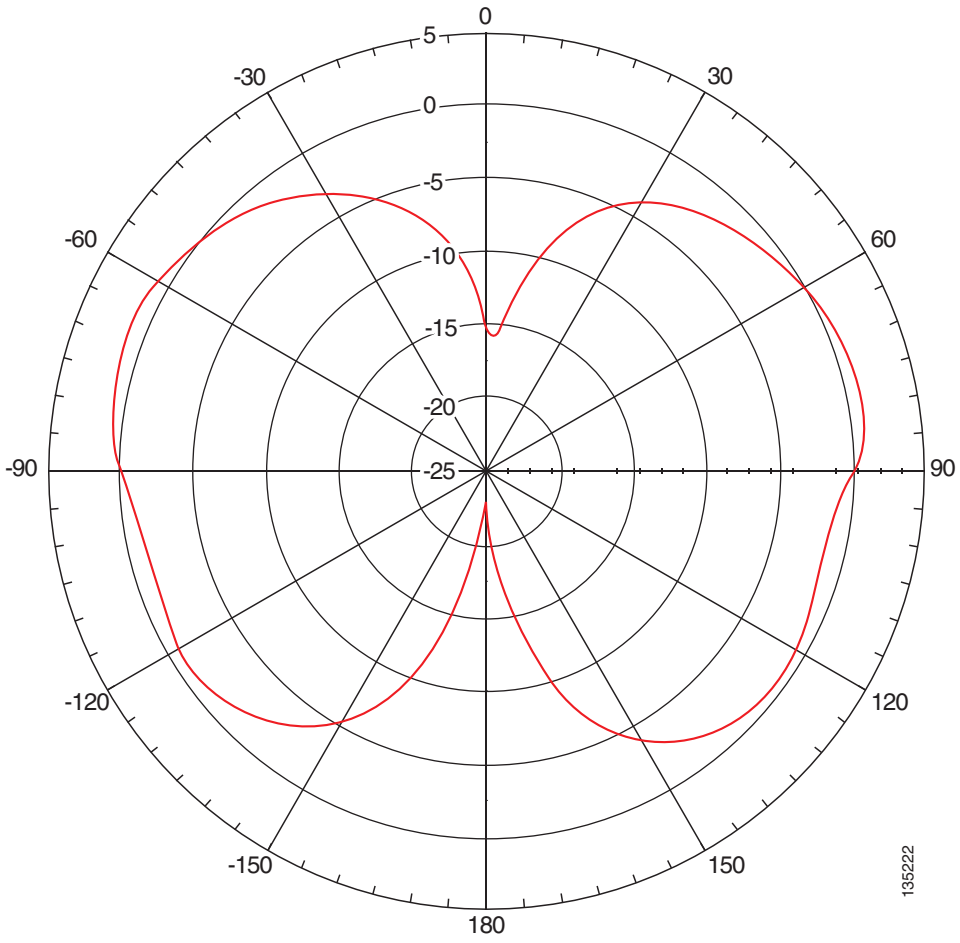


Figure 4 shows the H-plane radiation pattern at 4.9- to 5.9-GHz for the AIR-ANTM2050D-R antenna.

Figure 4 H-Plane Pattern at 4.9- to 5.9-GHz

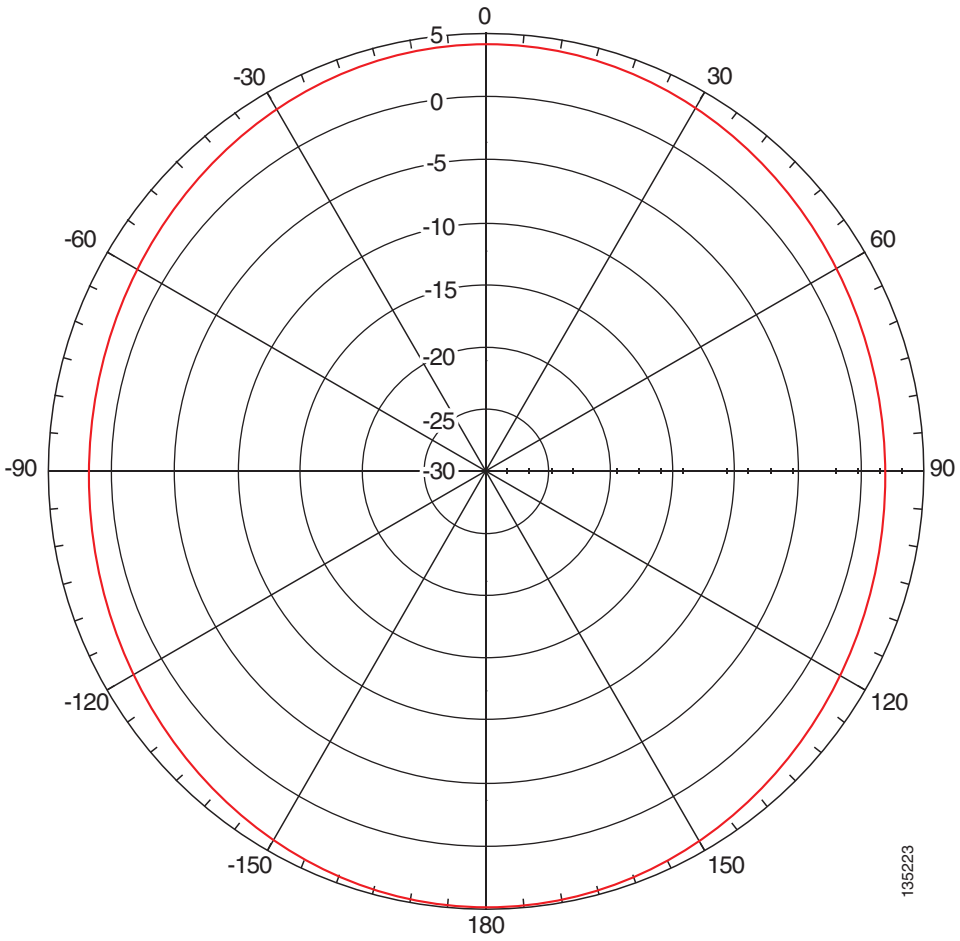
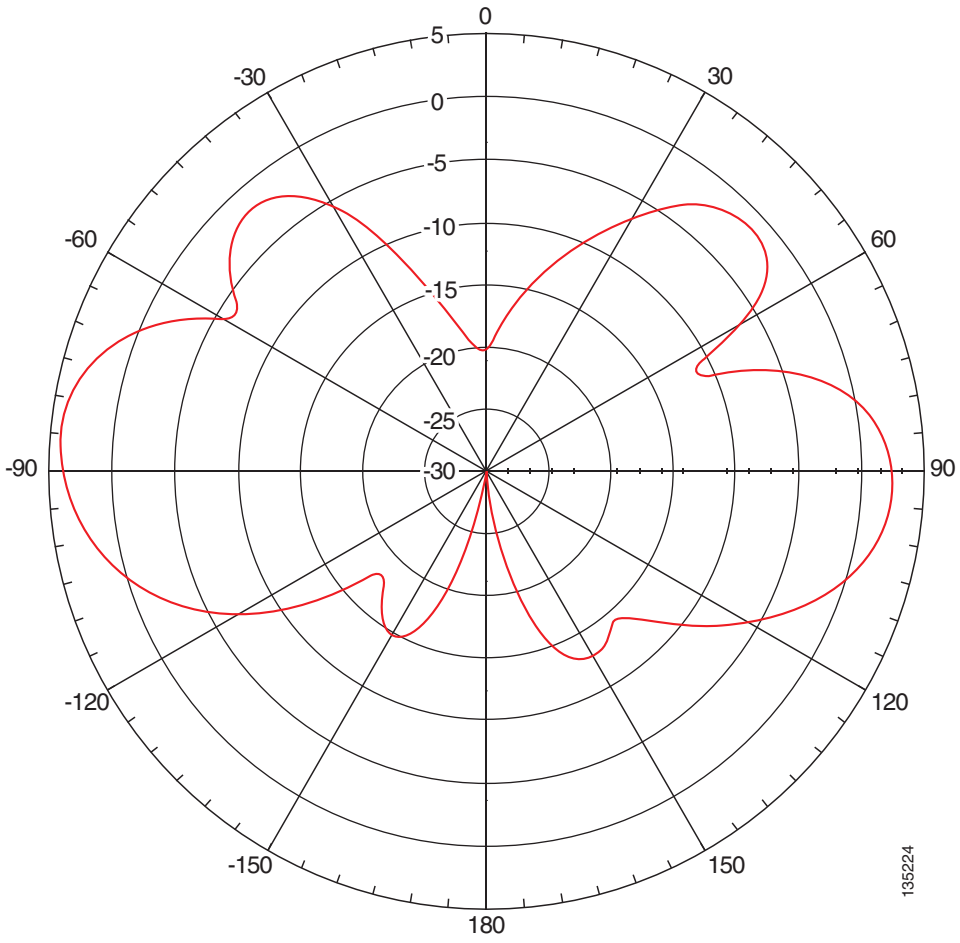


Figure 5 shows the E-plane radiation pattern at 4.9- to 5.9-GHz for the AIR-ANTM2050D-R antenna.

Figure 5 E-Plane Pattern at 4.9- to 5.9-GHz



System Requirements

The AIR-ANTM2050D-R antenna requires a Cisco 802.11a/b/g radio product that uses a RP-TNC connector.

Installation Notes

This antenna is designed to be mounted directly to the access point. For information about orienting the dipole antenna, see the hardware installation guide for your access point.

In addition to antenna orientation, wireless access point installation location with respect to all wireless clients plays a significant role in determining overall network performance. Clients at the furthest coverage points might have 10% to 50% of the bandwidth of clients close to it. Wireless network coverage in one area or location might need to be lowered to improve the performance of other clients.

Because antennas transmit and receive radio signals, their performance can be adversely affected by the surrounding environment including distance between access point and client, physical obstructions, or radio frequency (RF) interference.

Follow these guidelines to ensure the best possible performance:

- Wherever possible, mount the AP HWIC and antenna where the wireless devices would be within sight and avoid physical obstructions. Barriers along the line of sight between client and access point will degrade the wireless radio signals. AP HWICs and antennas can be installed above floor level in office environments or near the ceiling for better performance since most obstructions tend to be near floor level.
- The density of the materials used in a building's construction determines the number of walls the signal must pass through and still maintain adequate coverage. Consider the following before choosing the location to install your antenna:
  - Paper and vinyl walls have very little effect on signal penetration.
  - Solid and precast concrete walls limit signal penetration to one or two walls without degrading coverage.
  - Concrete and wood block walls limit signal penetration to three or four walls.
  - A signal can penetrate five or six walls constructed of drywall or wood.
  - A thick metal wall or wire-mesh stucco walls causes signals to reflect back and cause poor penetration.
- Avoid mounting the antenna next to a column or vertical support that could create a shadow zone and reduce the coverage area.
- Keep the antenna away from reflective metal objects such as heating and air-conditioning ducts, large ceiling trusses, building superstructures, and major power cabling runs. If necessary, use an extension cable to relocate the antenna away from these obstructions.

Caution Install the AP HWIC and any antennas away from appliances that share the same frequency bands. Microwave ovens, cordless telephones, and security monitors can temporarily interfere with wireless performance.

Caution We recommend you avoid installing wireless antennas in or near rack-mounted installations that include networking equipment and computer servers whose radiated noise emissions can severely degrade radio performance.

Note If the desired installation site has a marginally acceptable level of radiated noise emissions, consider using a remote-mounted antenna, such as a wall-mount or ceiling-mount antenna, for better radio performance and coverage.

Safety Instructions

Follow these safety instructions when installing your antenna.

Warning **In order to comply with FCC radio frequency (RF) exposure limits, antennas should be located at a minimum of 7.9 inches (20 cm) or more from the body of all persons.** Statement 332

- Plan your installation procedure carefully and completely before you begin.
- If you are installing an antenna for the first time, for your own safety as well as that of others, seek *professional assistance*. Consult your dealer, who can explain which mounting method to use for the location where you intend to install the antenna.
- Choose your installation site with safety as well as performance in mind. Remember that electric power cables and telephone lines look alike. For your safety, assume that any line is an electric power line until determined otherwise.
- Call your local power company or building maintenance organization if you are unsure about cables close to your mounting location.
- When installing your antenna, *do not* use a metal ladder. *Do* dress properly: shoes with rubber soles and heels, rubber gloves, and a long-sleeved shirt or jacket.
- If an accident or emergency occurs with the power lines, call for qualified emergency help immediately.

Obtaining Documentation

Cisco documentation and additional literature are available on Cisco.com. Cisco also provides several ways to obtain technical assistance and other technical resources. These sections explain how to obtain technical information from Cisco Systems.

Cisco.com

You can access the most current Cisco documentation at this URL:

http://www.cisco.com/univercd/home/home.htm

You can access the Cisco website at this URL:

http://www.cisco.com

You can access international Cisco websites at this URL:

http://www.cisco.com/public/countries_languages.shtml

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Cisco Marketplace:

http://www.cisco.com/go/marketplace/

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San Jose, CA 95134-9883

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- Report security vulnerabilities in Cisco products.
- Obtain assistance with security incidents that involve Cisco products.
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- Emergencies—security-alert@cisco.com
- Nonemergencies—psirt@cisco.com

Tip We encourage you to use Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) or a compatible product to encrypt any sensitive information that you send to Cisco. PSIRT can work from encrypted information that is compatible with PGP versions 2.*x* through 8.*x*.

Never use a revoked or an expired encryption key. The correct public key to use in your correspondence with PSIRT is the one that has the most recent creation date in this public key server list:

http://pgp.mit.edu:11371/pks/lookup?search=psirt%40cisco.com&op=index&exact=on

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- 1 877 228-7302
- 1 408 525-6532

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http://tools.cisco.com/RPF/register/register.do

Note Use the Cisco Product Identification (CPI) tool to locate your product serial number before submitting a web or phone request for service. You can access the CPI tool from the Cisco Technical Support Website by clicking the **Tools & Resources** link under Documentation & Tools. Choose **Cisco Product Identification Tool** from the Alphabetical Index drop-down list, or click the **Cisco Product Identification Tool** link under Alerts & RMAs. The CPI tool offers three search options: by product ID or model name; by tree view; or for certain products, by copying and pasting **show** command output. Search results show an illustration of your product with the serial number label location highlighted. Locate the serial number label on your product and record the information before placing a service call.

Submitting a Service Request

Using the online TAC Service Request Tool is the fastest way to open S3 and S4 service requests. (S3 and S4 service requests are those in which your network is minimally impaired or for which you require product information.) After you describe your situation, the TAC Service Request Tool provides recommended solutions. If your issue is not resolved using the recommended resources, your service request is assigned to a Cisco TAC engineer. The TAC Service Request Tool is located at this URL:

http://www.cisco.com/techsupport/servicerequest

For S1 or S2 service requests or if you do not have Internet access, contact the Cisco TAC by telephone. (S1 or S2 service requests are those in which your production network is down or severely degraded.) Cisco TAC engineers are assigned immediately to S1 and S2 service requests to help keep your business operations running smoothly.

To open a service request by telephone, use one of the following numbers:

Asia-Pacific: +61 2 8446 7411 (Australia: 1 800 805 227)
EMEA: +32 2 704 55 55
USA: 1 800 553-2447

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Severity 1 (S1)—Your network is “down,” or there is a critical impact to your business operations. You and Cisco will commit all necessary resources around the clock to resolve the situation.

Severity 2 (S2)—Operation of an existing network is severely degraded, or significant aspects of your business operation are negatively affected by inadequate performance of Cisco products. You and Cisco will commit full-time resources during normal business hours to resolve the situation.

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