Cisco WPAN Dipole Antenna (ANT-WPAN-OD-OUT-N)

This chapter describes the technical specifications and installation instructions for the Cisco WPAN dipole antenna. The antenna is a single-port antenna designed to cover the 863–928 MHz frequency bands for worldwide ISM operation.

**CAUTION**: Read the information in *Safety Warnings* before installing or replacing antennas.

This chapter covers the following topics:

- Antenna Overview
- Technical Specifications
- Installing the Antenna
- Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

**Antenna Overview**

The Cisco WPAN Dipole antenna (ANT-WPAN-OD-OUT-N) has the following features:

- 863 – 928 MHz support
- Omnidirectional, vertically polarized
- Indoor or outdoor location
- Direct chassis-mount installation
- Type N male connector
Figure 1 shows the Antenna Assembly.

Figure 1  Cisco ANT-WPAN-OD-OUT-N Antenna

Technical Specifications

This section contains the following:

- RF Specifications
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- Radiation Patterns
- Environmental and Mechanical Specifications

RF Specifications
The following are the Radio Frequency (RF) antenna specifications for the Cisco ANT-WPAN-OD-OUT-N Antenna:

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<th>Specification</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Antenna Type</td>
<td>Dipole</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating frequency range</td>
<td>863 to 928 MHz</td>
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<td>Nominal impedance</td>
<td>50 ohms</td>
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<td>VSWR</td>
<td>2.0:1 maximum</td>
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<td>Gain</td>
<td>1.5 dBi maximum</td>
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<td>3 dB beamwidth (vertical plane)</td>
<td>84 degrees</td>
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<td>3 dB beamwidth (horizontal plane)</td>
<td>360 degrees</td>
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<td>Polarization</td>
<td>Linear, vertical</td>
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<td>Radiation Pattern</td>
<td>Omnidirectional</td>
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<td>Maximum input power</td>
<td>20 Watts</td>
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Radiation Patterns
The following diagrams illustrate the radiation patterns for the Cisco ANT-WPAN-OD-OUT-N Antenna:
Environmental and Mechanical Specifications

The following are the Environmental and Mechanical Specifications for the Cisco ANT-WPAN-OD-OUT-N Antenna:
Installing the Antenna

This section contains the following:

- Contents of the Antenna Kit
- Safety Warnings
- Safety Instructions
- Tools and Equipment Required
- Mounting the Antenna

Contents of the Antenna Kit

The antenna kit contains:

- 1 x Cisco ANT-WPAN-OD-OUT-N Antenna

Safety Warnings

**WARNING:** Avoid using or servicing any equipment that has outdoor connections during an electrical storm. There may be a risk of electric shock from lightning. Statement 1088

**WARNING:** Do not work on the system, or connect or disconnect cables, during periods of lightning activity. Statement 1001

**WARNING:** Do not locate the outdoor antenna near overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can come into contact with such circuits. When installing the antenna, take extreme care not to come into contact with such circuits, as they may cause serious injury or death. For proper installation and grounding of the antenna, please refer to national and local codes (for example, U.S.:NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, Article 810, Canada:Canadian Electrical Code, Section 54). Statement 1052

**WARNING:** This equipment must be grounded. Never defeat the ground conductor or operate the equipment in the absence of a suitably installed ground conductor. Contact the appropriate electrical inspection authority or an electrician if you are uncertain that suitable grounding is available. Statement 1024
WARNING: Only trained and qualified personnel should be allowed to install, replace, or service this equipment. Statement 1030

WARNING: To report a gas leak, do not use a telephone in the vicinity of the leak. Statement 1039

WARNING: This warning symbol means danger. You are in a situation that could cause bodily injury. Before you work on any equipment, be aware of the hazards involved with electrical circuitry and be familiar with standard practices for preventing accidents. Use the statement number provided at the end of each warning to locate its translation in the translated safety warnings that accompanied this device. Statement 1071. SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

WARNING: This product is not intended to be directly connected to the Cable Distribution System. Additional regulatory compliance and legal requirements may apply for direct connection to the Cable Distribution System. This product may connect to the Cable Distribution System ONLY through a device that is approved for direct connection. Statement 1078

Safety Instructions

WARNING: Installation of this antenna near power lines is dangerous. For your safety, follow the installation directions.

Each year hundreds of people are killed or injured when attempting to install an antenna. In many of these cases, the victim was aware of the danger of electrocution, but did not take adequate steps to avoid the hazard.

For your safety, and to help you achieve a good installation, please read and follow these safety precautions. They may save your life!

For your safety, read and follow these safety precautions.

- If you are installing an antenna for the first time, for your own safety as well as others, seek professional assistance. Your Cisco sales representative can explain which mounting method to use for the size and type antenna you are about to install.

- Plan your installation procedure carefully and completely before you begin.

- Choose your installation site with safety 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. Dress in rubber soled shoes 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.

- Before you install an antenna, contact your Cisco account representative to explain which mounting method to use for the size and type of antenna that you are about to install.

- Find someone to help you—installing an antenna is often a two-person job.

- Select your installation site with safety, as well as performance, in mind. Remember that electric power lines and phone lines look alike. For your safety, assume that any overhead line can kill you.

- Contact your electric power company. Tell them your plans and ask them to come look at your proposed installation.

- Each person involved in an installation should be assigned to a specific task, and should know what to do and when to do it. One person should be in charge of the operation to issue instructions and watch for signs of trouble.

- If the assembly starts to drop, move away from it and let it fall. Because the antenna, mast, cable, and metal guy wires are all excellent conductors of electrical current, even the slightest touch of any of these parts to a power line completes an electrical path through the antenna and the installer.

- If any part of the antenna system should come in contact with a power line, do not touch it or try to remove it yourself. Call your local power company to have it removed safely.
If an accident occurs with the power lines, call for qualified emergency help immediately.

Tools and Equipment Required

No tools are required to install the antenna. This does not include the tools and equipment required to install the router or to assemble the tower, mast, or other structure you intend to mount the router and antenna on.

Mounting the Antenna

Follow these instructions to mount the antenna.

- If installing the antenna on an IR529UWP-915S/K9 or IR529UBWP-915S/K9, screw the antenna's N male connector onto the N female connector on the chassis. Ensure that the connection is tight. See Single Antenna Advanced Range Extender—Direct Connect Antenna Configuration in the Cisco IR500 Series WPAN Gateway and WPAN Range Extender Installation and Configuration Guide.

- If installing the antenna to a bulkhead adapter or lightning arrester, install the lightning arrester or adapter to the side of the enclosure first, then screw the antenna onto the N female connector of the lightning arrester or adapter. See Gateway Enclosure Mounted Antenna Configuration in the Cisco IR500 Series WPAN Gateway and WPAN Range Extender Installation and Configuration Guide.

**NOTE**: Coaxial cable loses efficiency as the frequency increases, resulting in signal loss. If a cable is used it should be kept as short as possible because cable length also determines the amount of signal loss—the longer the cable length or run, the greater the loss.

Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request

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