Introduction to Cisco Catalyst 2.4-GHz and 5-GHz Patch Antenna

This document describes the Cisco Catalyst 2.4-GHz and 5-GHz Eight-Port Polarization-Diverse Low Sidelobe Patch Antenna (C-ANT9104) and provides electrical specifications and mounting instructions. The antenna is an eight-port polarization-diverse, ultralow sidelobe patch array that operates over the 2.4-GHz and supports dual 5-GHz Wi-Fi bands. At 5-GHz, the antenna supports beamwidth switching as well as beam steering. The antenna supports stadiums, large public venues. It ships with an articulating mount for flat surfaces and masts and is adjustable in horizontal and vertical planes.

Note

- The C9130AXE-x part number is a certified indoor access point.
- The C9130AXE-STA-x bundle, consisting of the C9130AXE-x AP and C-ANT9104 antenna, is a factory-assembled bundle and is protected from weather elements for use in indoor or outdoor environments such as arenas and stadiums.

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Azimuth and Elevation Radiation Patterns

The following illustrations show the C-ANT9104= antenna radiation patterns:

**Figure 1: C9104–Antenna Radiation Pattern Slot0 Radio (2.4-GHz Azimuth)**

**Figure 2: C9104–Antenna Radiation Pattern Slot0 Radio (2.4-GHz Elevation)**
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Figure 3: C9104–S1-S2 Narrow 0° Pattern (5-GHz Azimuth)

Figure 4: C9104–S1-S2 Narrow 10° Pattern (5-GHz Azimuth)

Figure 5: C9104–S1-S2 Narrow 0° Pattern (5-GHz Elevation)

Figure 6: C9104–S1-S2 Wide Radiation Pattern (5-GHz Elevation)
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Figure 7: C9104–S1-S2 Narrow 20° Pattern (5-GHz Azimuth)

Figure 8: C9104–S1-S2 Wide Radiation Pattern (5-GHz Azimuth)

Figure 9: C9104–IoT Antenna Radiation Pattern (2.4-GHz Azimuth)

Figure 10: C9104–IoT Antenna Radiation Pattern (2.4-GHz Elevation)
Safety Precautions

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 sound installation, read and follow these safety precautions. *They may save your life!*

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

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

- Call your electric power company. Tell them your plans and ask them to come and look at your proposed installation. It is a minor inconvenience considering your life is at stake.

- Plan your installation carefully and thoroughly before you begin. Successful raising of a mast or tower is essentially a matter of coordination. Assign each person a specific task and 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.

- When installing your antenna, remember:
  - *Do not* use a metal ladder.
• *Do not* work on a wet or windy day.

• *Do* dress properly: shoes with rubber soles and heels, rubber gloves, long-sleeved shirt, or jacket.

• If the assembly starts to drop, get away from it and let it fall. Remember, the antenna, mast, cable, and metal guy wires are all excellent conductors of electrical current. The slightest touch of these parts to a power line completes an electrical path through the antenna and the installer: *You!*

• If any part of the antenna system should contact a power line, don’t touch it or remove it yourself. Instead, call your local power company. They would remove it safely.

• If an accident occurs with the power lines, call for qualified emergency help immediately.

For a listing of all the warning statements and their translations, see *Translated Safety Warnings for Cisco Aironet Access Points* at:


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**Installation Notes**

Antennas transmit and receive radio signals susceptible to RF obstructions and common sources of interference that can reduce throughput and the range of the device connected with them. Therefore, follow these guidelines to ensure the best possible performance:

• Keep the antenna away from metal obstructions such as:
  • Heating
  • Air-conditioning ducts
  • Large ceiling trusses
  • Building superstructures
  • Major power cabling runs

If necessary, use a rigid conduit to lower the antenna away from these obstructions.

• In an outdoor environment, connect the antenna to a lightning arrester and ensure proper grounding.

• The density of the materials used in a building’s construction determines the number of walls the signal can pass through and maintains adequate signal strength. Consider the following before choosing the location for your antenna:
  • Signals penetrate paper and vinyl walls with little change to signal strength.
  • Signals penetrate only one or two solid and precast concrete walls without degrading signal strength.
  • Signals penetrate three or four concrete and woodblock walls without degrading signal strength.
  • Signals penetrate five or six walls constructed of drywall or wood without degrading signal strength.
  • Signals are likely to reflect off a thick metal wall and may not penetrate it at all.
  • Signals are likely to reflect off a chain–link fence or wire mesh spaced between 1 and 1 1/2 inches. (2.5 cm and 3.8 cm) The fence acts as a harmonic reflector that blocks the signal.
• Install the antenna away from microwave ovens and 2-GHz cordless phones. These products can cause signal interference because they operate in the same frequency range as the device.

Contents of the Antenna and Bracket Kit

Figure 13: Contents of the Antenna Bracket Kit

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<td>Mounting Arm</td>
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<td>M8 x 20 screws</td>
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<td>M8 nut</td>
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<td>Set screws (mast/pole mount only)</td>
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<td>3.0 to 3.5 Nm</td>
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Dimensions of the Antenna and Brackets

The dimensions noted in the following illustrations are all in millimeters, unless noted otherwise.
Figure 14: Dimensions of the Antenna with Brackets and Cables

The pressure vent and mounting screw hole locations at the back of the antenna.

Figure 15: Locations of Screw Holes and Pressure Vent at the Back of the Antenna

The mounting hole location on the articulating mount flange.

|   | Pressure Vent |   |   |   | VESA 75 mount pattern |
View the assembly of the Cisco C-ANT9104 antenna with the Cisco Catalyst 9130AX AP.

**Note**
Removing back plate will void product warranty.

*Figure 16: Assembly view of C-ANT9104 Antenna*
Installing the Antenna

You can install the antenna on a wall or ceiling (must be a flat surface) or on a pole with a minimum diameter of 2 inches (5.08 cm) and a maximum diameter of 5 inches (12.7 cm).

Procedure

Step 1  Decide on a mounting location.
See Deciding on a Mounting Location, on page 12.

Step 2  Ensure that you have the required tools and fasteners ready
See Required Tools and Equipment, on page 12.

Step 3  Proceed with mounting the antenna.
When mounting the antenna:
  a.  Assemble the bracket hardware.
  b.  Connect the antenna and the bracket to the mounting surface.
  c.  Secure the antenna using the tether anchor (tether strap not included).
  d.  Connect the antenna to ground using the included ground screw and Electrical Joint Compound.
  e.  Adjust the antenna orientation.

The mounting options available are:

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<td>Pole / Mast mounting set screw holes</td>
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<td>Slotted holes for hose clamps</td>
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Deciding on a Mounting Location

The antenna should be mounted clear of any obstructions to the side or front of the enclosure, which contains the radiating elements. Remember to aim this antenna at the intended coverage area. Therefore, you should mount the antenna and adjust it to achieve the desired mechanical tilt.

Caution
As with all the outdoor installations, you must install the antenna with cables exiting downward which helps prevent water from accumulating around the cable exit points.

Required Tools and Equipment

Danger IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS Before you work on any equipment, be aware of the hazards involved with electrical circuitry and be familiar with standard practices for preventing accidents. Read the installation instructions before using, installing, or connecting the system to the power source. Use the statement number provided at the end of each warning statement to locate its translation in the translated safety warnings for this device. SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS Statement 1071

Danger Only skilled person should be allowed to install, replace, or service this equipment. Refer to Statement 1089 for description of skilled person. Statement 1090

Danger To reduce the risk of electric shock, refer to national and local codes for proper installation and grounding of antennas. Statement 1052

Danger To reduce the risk of electric shock, the chassis of this equipment needs to be connected to permanent earth ground during normal use. Statement 0445
The fasteners and the mounting surface should be capable of maintaining a minimum pullout force of 150 pounds (68 kg) to support the weight of the antenna and bracket, along with the potential wind loading on the antenna.

Caution

The pole or mast must be rigid enough to hold the weight of the antenna along with the associated forces produced by wind loads. Also, the pole or mast must be structurally strong enough to withstand the clamping force of the hose clamps.

Before you mount the antenna, go through the supported mounting procedures and ensure that you have all tools and fasteners mentioned therein ready. The following is a general list of fasteners and tools not included in the antenna and brackets kit:

- To mount the antenna on a wall or ceiling, you need four mounting M8 screws or bolts and wall anchors.
- To mount the antenna on a pole or mast, you may need either or both of these supplies:
  - A slotted screwdriver or a wrench to tighten the screws on the hose clamps
  - A Hex key to tighten set screws

Mounting on a Wall or Ceiling Using Articulating Bracket

Note

Tether antenna assembly and mounting hardware to a secure mounting surface using the tether anchor on the antenna. The mounting kit does not include the tether strap.
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Mounting on a Wall or Ceiling Using Articulating Bracket

Figure 18: Exploded View of Antenna and Bracket Hardware Assembly

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<td>3.0 Nm to 3.5 Nm</td>
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Figure 19: Close-Up View of the Azimuth and Elevation-Adjustment Pivots

Angular markings at every 5°, labels at 25° and 50°

Figure 20: Azimuth Adjustment
**Procedure**

**Step 1**  
Determine the mounting location for the antenna.

**Step 2**  
Attach one of the mount flanges to the wall or ceiling using four M8 screws through the holes in the bracket. The mounting kit includes the mount flanges. See Figure 13: Contents of the Antenna Bracket Kit, on page 8.

**Note**  
The mounting kit does not include the M8 screws for securing the bracket to the mounting surface.

**Step 3**  
Attach the other mount flange to the back of the antenna using four M8 screws through the holes in the bracket. Tighten the screws to 20.0 +/- 1.0 Nm torque.

**Step 4**  
Assemble the mounting arm to the flanges. Use a wrench to tighten all screws and nuts. See Figure 18: Exploded View of Antenna and Bracket Hardware Assembly, on page 14.

**Step 5**  
Orient the antenna correctly so that the antenna cable exits downwards. Use a wrench to loosen or tighten the fasteners at the azimuth and elevation- adjustment pivots.

**Step 6**  
Adjust the azimuth (side-to-side position) and elevation (up-and-down position) of the antenna. Loosen the adjustment pivot nuts slightly to allow for adjustment. Use the azimuth and elevation markings on the articulating mounting arm and the flange brackets as a guide. See Figure 19: Close-Up View of the Azimuth and Elevation-Adjustment Pivots, on page 15. You may adjust the azimuth angle up to ±60 degrees, see Figure 20: Azimuth Adjustment, on page 15, and elevation up to ±60 degrees see Figure 21: Elevation Adjustment, on page 16.

**Step 7**  
After adjusting the antenna position, tighten the pivot nuts. Tighten all nuts at the pivot points to 25.0 +/- 1.0 Nm torque.
Step 8 Connect the Ethernet cable to the antenna using the termination kit.
Step 9 Connect the antenna to the building ground using the grounding kit.

Mounting on a Pole or Mast

Figure 22: Antenna Bracket Hose Clamp Assembly for Pole Mounting

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<td>Screws holes to mount the assembly to a wall</td>
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Before you begin

The pole or mast must be rigid enough to hold the weight of an antenna along with the associated forces produced by wind loads. In addition, the mast must be structurally strong enough to withstand the clamping force of the hose clamps.

Note
**Procedure**

**Step 1** Determine the mounting location for the antenna on the pole or mast.

**Step 2** Position and mount the mounting flange bracket onto the pole or mast using the hose clamps provided in the kit. The hose clamps should pass through the slots on the free mounting flange bracket.

**Step 3** Tighten the hose clamps and set screws until the antenna is fully secure on the mast. Then, adjust the antenna to its final position. Then, use a slotted screwdriver to tighten the screws on the hose clamps.

**Step 4** Attach the other mount flange through the holes in the bracket to the back of the antenna using four M8 screws. The mounting kit includes the mounting flange and M8 screws. Tighten the screws to 20.0 +/- 1.0 Nm torque.

**Step 5** Assemble the mounting arm to the flanges. Use a wrench to tighten all screws and nuts.

**Step 6** Ensure that the antenna cannot rotate about the mast.

**Step 7** Adjust the azimuth (side-to-side position) and the antenna’s elevation (up-and-down position). Loosen the adjustment pivot nuts slightly to allow for adjustment.

You can use the azimuth and elevation markings on the articulating mounting arm and the flange brackets as a guide. See Figure 19: Close-Up View of the Azimuth and Elevation-Adjustment Pivots, on page 15. You can adjust the azimuth angle up to ±50 degrees, see Figure 20: Azimuth Adjustment, on page 15, and elevation up to ±50 degrees see Figure 21: Elevation Adjustment, on page 16.

**Step 8** After adjusting the antenna position, tighten all nuts at the pivot points to 25.0 +/- 1.0 Nm torque.

**Step 9** Connect the Ethernet cable to the antenna using the termination kit.

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**Grounding the Antenna**

The antenna must be grounded before connecting power.

**Procedure**

**Step 1** Install grounding standoff included in the solar shield kit when the optional solar cover is used. Use the included Electrical Joint Compound on both ends of grounding standoff and tighten the standoff to 10.2 +/- 1.0 kgf-cm of torque.

**Step 2** Connect the antenna to building ground with the included ground screw and included Electrical Joint Compound. Tighten the ground screw to 10.2 +/- 1.0 kgf-cm of torque.
Installing a CAT 5e Ethernet Cable to the Antenna

Figure 23: CAT 5e Cable Gland Assembly

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<td>Clamp ring</td>
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Before you begin

You must supply these tools and materials:

- Shielded outdoor-rated CAT 5e Ethernet cable with a diameter of 0.2 to 0.35 inch (5 to 9 mm)
- CAT 5e RJ-45 connector and installation tool
- Adjustable wrench or 28–mm box wrench
- CAT 5e gland kit is supplied standard with antenna

Procedure

Step 1

Disconnect power to the power injector and ensure all power sources to the antenna are turned off.

Danger  This unit might have more than one power supply connection. All connections must be removed to de-energize the unit.  Statement 1028

Step 2

Ensure a 6 AWG ground wire is connected to the antenna (see Grounding the Antenna, on page 18).

Step 3

Remove the covering cap from the PoE port.

Step 4

Loosen and remove the cable sealing nut of the cable gland by turning it counterclockwise.

Note  Verify that the cable gland has a rubber seal and ensure that it is not damaged.

Caution  If the cable gland and rubber gasket is not installed correctly, it causes the cable grip to leak.
Step 5  Insert the Ethernet cable's unterminated end through the sealing nut end of the cable gland.
Pass the Ethernet cable through the appropriate size cable seal and pull several inches of cable through the adapted components.

Step 6  Install an RJ-45 connector on the Ethernet cable's unterminated end using your Ethernet cable installation tool.

Step 7  Carefully connect the RJ45 cable connector to the PoE port on the antenna.

Step 8  Slide the cable gland with the rubber seal towards the antenna.
Screw the threaded end of the body into the antenna, and hand-tighten it.

Step 9  Use an adjustable wrench or a 28-mm wrench to tighten the body's threaded end into the enclosure.
Tighten to 15 lbf-in (17 kgf-cm) of torque.

Step 10 Use an adjustable wrench and tighten the thread-lock seal nut to 15 lbf-in (17 kgf-cm) of torque.

Step 11 Route your Ethernet cable and cut off any excess cable.

Step 12 Install an RJ45 connector on the unterminated cable end and insert it into the power injector.

Step 13 Turn on the power to the power injector.

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### Painting the Antenna

Painting the antenna and the bracket does not affect its performance when you use standard exterior-grade, oil-based, or latex paint. Do not use metallic or metallic-flake paints, which may degrade antenna performance.

**Note**

Before painting the antenna, cover the pressure-release vent on the rear, lower-left of the antenna with masking tape to prevent clogging. Ensure that you remove the tape afterward.
Installing the Solar Shield

Figure 24: Solar Shield

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<td>M4 screws to install the solar shield on to the antenna.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Grounding point when solar shield is used</td>
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If the installation location exposes the antenna to the sun, you may order and install the solar shield, an optional accessory to protect the AP from the sun. Install the solar shield on the antenna using the four M4 screws before mounting it to a wall or pole.

**Procedure**

**Step 1** Install grounding standoff included in the solar shield kit when the optional solar cover is used.
Use the included Electrical Joint Compound on both ends of grounding standoff and tighten the standoff to 10.2 +/- 1.0 kgf-cm of torque.

**Step 2**
Connect the antenna to building ground with the included ground screw and included Electrical Joint Compound. Tighten the ground screw to 10.2 +/- 1.0 kgf-cm of torque.

**Step 3**
Attach tether strap to tether anchor before installing solar shield.

**Note**
Tether strap not included in the package.

**Step 4**
Install the solar shield before mounting antenna to wall or pole.

*Figure 25: Installing the Solar Shield to the Antenna*

Use the four M4 screws to install the solar shield and tighten to 10.2 +/- 1.0 kgf-cm of torque.

**Step 5**
Mount antenna to wall or pole.

**Step 6**
Connect the antenna to ground.
Apply the Electrical Joint Compound on the included ground screw and tighten to 10.2 +/- 1.0 kgf-cm of torque.
Installing the Solar Shield