

DATA SHEET

ARUBA 228 ACCESS POINT

802.11ac for rugged indoor locations

Rugged indoor Aruba 228 wireless APs deliver gigabit Wi-Fi performance to 802.11ac mobile devices in harsh indoor environments such as warehouses and stadiums



With a maximum data rate of 1.3 Gbps in the 5-GHz band and 600 Mbps in the 2.4-GHz band, 220 series APs are three-times faster than 802.11n APs and provide performance similar to a wired connection.

The 228 APs include ClientMatch™ technology, which eliminates sticky clients by continuously gathering session performance metrics from mobile devices. This information is then used to steer each mobile device to the best AP and radio on the WLAN.

Proactive and deterministic, ClientMatch dynamically optimizes Wi-Fi client performance as users roam and RF conditions change. If a mobile device moves out of range of an AP or RF interference impedes performance, ClientMatch automatically steers it to a better AP.

With ClientMatch, 228 APs load web pages faster, deliver video streams with improved quality and support high densities of mobile devices. An 802.11ac network without ClientMatch performs no different than an 802.11n WLAN.

The 228 APs additionally support priority handling and policy enforcement for individual Microsoft Lync media on the same device, including encrypted videoconferencing, voice, chat and desktop sharing.

UNIQUE BENEFITS

- Industrial design for rugged indoor environments
 - Extends temperature range for indoor environments that lack heating and cooling
 - Connectorized antenna ports support high gain large public venue antennas
 - Designed for enhanced physical security

- Delivers 1.9 Gbps aggregate throughput.
 - EtherChannel link aggregation on two Gigabit Ethernet ports provides 1.9 Gbps throughput.
- 600 Mbps in the 2.4-GHz band.
 - Supports up to 600 Mbps for TurboQAM-enabled mobile devices operating in the 2.4-GHz band – an industry first.
- Best-in-class RF management
 - Integrated Adaptive Radio Management™ technology manages the 2.4-GHz and 5-GHz radio bands and ensures that APs stay clear of RF interference.
- Spectrum analysis
 - Capable of part-time or dedicated air monitoring, the spectrum analyzer remotely scans the 2.4-GHz and 5-GHz radio bands to identify sources of RF interference.
- Wireless mesh
 - Wireless mesh connections are convenient where Ethernet drops are not available.
- Security
 - Integrated wireless intrusion protection offers threat protection and mitigation and eliminates the need for separate RF sensors and security appliances.
 - With an [OpenDNS](#) service subscription, Aruba Instant APs delivers integrated web filtering, malware and botnet protection to every device connected to the WLAN.
 - Encrypted IPsec VPN tunnels securely connect remote users to corporate network resources.
 - Integrated Trusted Platform Module (TPM) for secure storage of credentials and keys.
 - Securejack-capable for secure tunneling of wired Ethernet traffic.

CHOOSE YOUR OPERATING MODE

The 228 APs offer a choice of operating modes to meet your unique management and deployment requirements.

- Controller-managed AP or Remote AP (RAP) running ArubaOS™. When managed by Aruba Mobility Controllers, 228 APs offer centralized configuration, data encryption, policy enforcement and network services, as well as distributed and centralized traffic forwarding.
- Aruba Instant™ AP running InstantOS™. In Aruba Instant mode, a single AP automatically distributes the network configuration to other Instant APs in the WLAN. Simply power-up one Instant AP, configure it over the air, and plug in the other APs – the entire process takes about five minutes.
- Spectrum analysis identifies sources of RF interference
- Air monitor provides wireless intrusion protection
- Hybrid AP serves Wi-Fi clients and provides wireless intrusion protection and spectrum analysis
- Secure enterprise mesh

For large installations across multiple sites, the Aruba Activate™ service significantly reduces deployment time by automating device provisioning, firmware upgrades, and inventory management. With Aruba Activate, Instant APs are factory-shipped to any site and configure themselves when powered up.

If WLAN and network requirements change, a built-in migration path allows 228 Instant APs to become part of a WLAN that is centrally managed by a Mobility Controller.

AP-228 SPECIFICATIONS

- 2.4-GHz (600 Mbps max) and 5-GHz (1.3 Gbps max) radios, each with 3x3 MIMO and six external antenna connectors.

WIRELESS RADIO SPECIFICATIONS

- AP type: Indoor, dual radio, 5 GHz 802.11ac and 2.4 GHz 802.11n
- In addition to 802.11n data rates, the 2.4-GHz radio supports 802.11ac data rates using 256-QAM modulation. This gives TurboQAM-enabled clients a 33% boost above the maximum supported data rate.

- Software-configurable dual radio supports 5 GHz and 2.4 GHz
- 3x3 MIMO with three spatial streams and up to 1.3 Gbps wireless data rate
- Supported frequency bands (country-specific restrictions apply):
 - 2.4000 GHz to 2.4835 GHz
 - 5.150 GHz to 5.250 GHz
 - 5.250 GHz to 5.350 GHz
 - 5.470 GHz to 5.725 GHz
 - 5.725 GHz to 5.850 GHz
- Available channels: Dependent upon configured regulatory domain
- Dynamic frequency selection (DFS) optimizes the use of available RF spectrum
- Supported radio technologies:
 - 802.11b: Direct-sequence spread-spectrum (DSSS)
 - 802.11a/g/n/ac: Orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing (OFDM)
 - 802.11n/ac: 3x3 MIMO with up to three spatial streams
- Supported modulation types:
 - 802.11b: BPSK, QPSK, CCK
 - 802.11a/g/n: BPSK, QPSK, 16-QAM, 64-QAM
 - 802.11ac: BPSK, QPSK, 16-QAM, 64-QAM, 256-QAM
- Transmit power: Configurable in increments of 0.5 dBm
- Maximum (aggregate, conducted total) transmit power (limited by local regulatory requirements):
 - 2.4-GHz band: +28 dBm (23 dBm per chain)
 - 5-GHz bands: +28 dBm (23 dBm per chain)
- Advanced cellular coexistence (ACC) feature to effectively deal with interference from cellular systems
- Maximum ratio combining (MRC) for improved receiver performance
- Cyclic delay diversity (CDD) for improved downlink RF performance
- Short guard interval for 20-MHz, 40-MHz and 80-MHz channels
- Space-time block coding (STBC) for increased range and improved reception
- Low-density parity check (LDPC) for high-efficiency error correction and increased throughput
- Transmit beam-forming (TxBF) for increased reliability in signal delivery

- Supported data rates (Mbps):
 - 802.11b: 1, 2, 5.5, 11
 - 802.11a/g: 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 54
 - 802.11n: 6.5 to 450 (MCS0 to MCS23)
 - 802.11ac: 6.5 to 1,300 (MCS0 to MCS9, NSS = 1 to 3)
- 802.11n high-throughput (HT) support: HT 20/40
- 802.11ac very high throughput (VHT) support: VHT 20/40/80
- 802.11n/ac packet aggregation: A-MPDU, A-MSDU

POWER

- Worst-case power consumption from the AP (excluding power drawn by an attached USB device): 23W
- Power sources sold separately
- Power over Ethernet (PoE+): 48 Vdc (nominal) 802.3at-compliant source

ANTENNAS

- Six RP-SMA connectors for external antennas.

OTHER INTERFACES

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Ethernet network interfaces (RJ-45)
 - Auto-sensing link speed and MDI/MDX
 - Load balancing support to achieve platform throughput greater than 1 Gbps

- 802.3az Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)
- PoE-PD: 48 Vdc 802.3at PoE+
- USB 2.0 port (Type A connector)
- Serial console interface (RJ-45)

MOUNTING

- Included with AP:
 - Mounting brackets (2) for attaching to 9/16-inch or 15/16-inch T-bar drop-tile ceiling
- Optional mounting kits:
 - AP-220-MNT-C2: Aruba 220 series AP mount kit contains two ceiling-grid rail adapters for Interlude and Silhouette style rails.
 - AP-220-MNT-W1: Aruba 220 series AP mount kit contains one flat-surface wall/ceiling mount bracket.
 - AP-220-MNT-W2: Aruba 220 series AP mount kit contains one flat-surface wall/ceiling secure mount cradle.

MECHANICAL

- Dimensions/weight (unit, excluding mount accessories):
 - 230 mm (W) x 220 mm (D) x 130 mm (H),
9.0" (W) x 8.7" (D) x 5.1" (H)
 - 2145 g/76 oz

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Operating:
 - Temperature: -40° C to +60° C (-40° F to +140° F)
 - Humidity: 5% to 95% non-condensing
- Storage and transportation:
 - Temperature: -40° C to +70° C (-40° F to +158° F)

REGULATORY

- FCC/Industry of Canada
- CE Marked
- R&TTE Directive 1995/5/EC
- Low Voltage Directive 72/23/EEC
- EN 300 328
- EN 301 489
- EN 301 893
- UL/IEC/EN 60950
- EN 60601-1-1, EN60601-1-2

For more country-specific regulatory information and approvals, please see your Aruba representative.

REGULATORY MODEL NUMBERS

- AP-228 and IAP-228: APIN0228

CERTIFICATIONS

- CB Scheme Safety, cTUVus
- UL2043 plenum rating
- Wi-Fi Alliance certified 802.11a/b/g/n/ac

WARRANTY

- [Limited lifetime warranty](#)

MINIMUM OPERATING SYSTEM SOFTWARE VERSIONS

- ArubaOS 6.4.3.0
- Aruba Instant 4.2.0.0

RF PERFORMANCE TABLE

	Maximum transmit power (dBm) per transmit chain	Receiver sensitivity (dBm) per receive chain
802.11b 2.4 GHz		
1 Mbps	23.0	-92.0
2 Mbps	23.0	-92.0
5.5 Mbps	23.0	-90.0
11 Mbps	23.0	-88.0
802.11g 2.4 GHz and 802.11a 5 GHz		
6 Mbps	23.0	-88.0
54 Mbps	18.0	-75.0
802.11n HT20 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz		
MCS0/8	23.0	-88.0
MCS7/15	17.0	-71.0
802.11n HT40 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz		
MCS0/8	23.0	-85.0
MCS7/15	17.0	-68.0
802.11ac VHT20 5 GHz		
MCS0	23.0	-88.0
MCS9	16.0	-65.0
802.11ac VHT40 5 GHz		
MCS0	23.0	-85.0
MCS9	16.0	-62.0
802.11ac VHT80 5 GHz		
MCS0	23.0	-82.0
MCS9	16.0	-59.0

ORDERING INFORMATION

Part Number	Description
AP-220 Series Access Points	
AP-228	Aruba AP-228 Wireless Access Point, 802.11ac, 3x3:3, dual radio, antenna connectors
IAP-228-RW	Aruba Instant IAP-228 Wireless Access Point, 802.11ac, 3x3:3, dual radio, antenna connectors – Restricted regulatory domain: Rest of World
IAP-228-US	Aruba Instant IAP-228 Wireless Access Point, 802.11ac, 3x3:3, dual radio, antenna connectors – Restricted regulatory domain: United States
IAP-228-JP	Aruba Instant IAP-228 Wireless Access Point, 802.11ac, 3x3:3, dual radio, antenna connectors – Restricted regulatory domain: Japan
AP-220 Series Access Points (FIPS/TAA)	
AP-228-F1	Aruba AP-228 Wireless Access Point, 802.11ac, 3x3:3, dual radio, antenna connectors (FIPS/TAA)

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Part Number	Description
Generic Indoor AP Accessories (see info on Aruba web site for part numbers)	
PD-9001GR-AC	30W 802.3at POE midspan injector, 10/100/1000Base-T Ethernet
	PoE injectors
	Antennas



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