AWK-4252A Series

Outdoor industrial Wi-Fi 5 (802.11ac) wireless AP/bridge/clients

Features and Benefits

- IEEE 802.11ac Wi-Fi 5 AP/bridge/client
- Concurrent dual-band Wi-Fi with aggregated data rates up to 1.267 Gbps
- Adaptive self-forming, self-healing, and controller-agnostic mesh network with AeroMesh
- IP68-rated weatherproof housing designed for outdoor applications and -40 to 75°C wide operating temperature range
- Built-in 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz band pass filter for more reliable wireless connections
- Power and antenna port isolation for enhanced ESD/surge protection and durability in extreme conditions

Certifications

Introduction

The AWK-4252A Series are a range of 3-in-1 industrial wireless AP/bridge/clients engineered for reliable wireless connectivity in harsh outdoor environments such as mining, oil and gas, and transportation. Their robust enclosure provides superior protection against the elements, while antenna isolation and power isolation protect against ESD and power surges. The built-in 2.4/5 GHz band-pass filter minimizes out-of-band interference.

Featuring AeroMesh technology, the AWK-4252A Series simplifies network deployment where cabling is impractical or costly. Self-forming and self-healing wireless paths speed up deployment and configuration in highly dynamic applications while minimizing downtime.

Tailored Industrial Wireless Technology

- AP-agnostic seamless roaming with client-based Turbo Roaming[1] for sub-150 ms roaming recovery times between APs (in Client mode)
- 802.11r Fast Roaming enables faster, more reliable Wi-Fi client roaming and improved third-party interoperability
- DFS channel support for a wider range of 5 GHz channels to avoid interference from existing wireless infrastructure
- AP-based client disconnection mechanism to help wireless clients without roaming intelligence obtain optimal AP services
- Universal (UN) models with configurable country for more flexible global deployment
- Dedicated MXview Wireless network management software with dynamic topology view, interactive roaming history playback, and detailed device information and performance indicator charts
- Latest WPA3 encryption for enhanced wireless network security

Industrial Compliance and Certifications

- CC-Link IE TSN certified time-sensitive performance required to integrate wireless devices into advanced factory automation networks
- Compliant with EN 18031-1 to ensure both EU regulatory alignment and enhanced protection against cyberthreats

Specifications

WLAN Interface

WLAN Standards	2.4 GHz: 802.11b/g/n with 256 QAM support 5 GHz: 802.11a/n/ac Wave 2 with 256 QAM support WMM for QoS
Frequency Band for US (20 MHz operating channels)	AWK-4252A-US models only: 2.412 to 2.462 GHz (11 channels) 5.180 to 5.240 GHz (4 channels) 5.260 to 5.320 GHz (4 channels)[2]

1. The Turbo Roaming recovery time indicated herein is an average of test results documented, in optimized conditions, across APs configured with interference-free 20-MHz RF channels, WPA2-PSK security, and default Turbo Roaming parameters. The clients are configured with 3-channel roaming at 100 Kbps traffic load. Other conditions may also impact roaming performance. For more information about Turbo Roaming parameter settings, refer to the product manual.
2. DFS (Dynamic Frequency Selection) channel support: In AP mode, when a radar signal is detected, the device will automatically switch to another channel. However, according to regulations, after switching channels, a 60-second availability check period is required before starting the service.

	5.500 to 5.700 GHz (11 channels)[3] 5.745 to 5.825 GHz (5 channels)
Frequency Band for UN (20 MHz operating channels)	AWK-4252A-UN models only: 2.412 to 2.472 GHz (13 channels) 5.180 to 5.240 GHz (4 channels) 5.260 to 5.320 GHz (4 channels)[3] 5.500 to 5.700 GHz (11 channels)[3] 5.745 to 5.825 GHz (5 channels) Available channels change depending on the selected country or region code.
Wireless Security	WPA/WPA2/WPA3-Enterprise (IEEE 802.1X/RADIUS, TKIP, AES) WPA/WPA2/WPA3-Personal
Wireless Roaming	Turbo Roaming[4] 802.11r
Transmission Rate	2.4 GHz: Up to 400 Mbps 5 GHz: Up to 867 Mbps
Transmitter Power for 802.11a (Dual Chain)	24±1.5 dBm @ 6 Mbps 22±1.5 dBm @ 54 Mbps
Transmitter Power for 802.11n (5 GHz, Dual Chain)	24±1.5 dBm @ MCS0 20 MHz 21±1.5 dBm @ MCS7 20 MHz 23±1.5 dBm @ MCS0 40 MHz 21±1.5 dBm @ MCS7 40 MHz
Transmitter Power for 802.11ac (Dual Chain)	23.5±1.5 dBm @ MCS0 20 MHz 20.5±1.5 dBm @ MCS8 20 MHz 23.5±1.5 dBm @ MCS0 40 MHz 20±1.5 dBm @ MCS9 40 MHz 22.5±1.5 dBm @ MCS0 80 MHz 20±1.5 dBm @ MCS9 80 MHz
Transmitter Power for 802.11b (Dual Chain)	27.5±1.5 dBm @ 1 Mbps 28±1.5 dBm @ 11 Mbps
Transmitter Power for 802.11g (Dual Chain)	28±1.5 dBm @ 6 Mbps 25±1.5 dBm @ 54 Mbps
Transmitter Power for 802.11n (2.4 GHz, Dual Chain)	26±1.5 dBm @ MCS0 20 MHz 24±1.5 dBm @ MCS7 20 MHz 26±1.5 dBm @ MCS0 40 MHz 24.5±1.5 dBm @ MCS7 40 MHz
Receiver Sensitivity for 802.11a (measured at 5.680 GHz)	Typ. -88 @ 6 Mbps Typ. -71 @ 54 Mbps
Receiver Sensitivity for 802.11n (5 GHz; measured at 5.680 GHz)	Typ. -87 dBm @ MCS0 20 MHz Typ. -68 dBm @ MCS7 20 MHz Typ. -83 dBm @ MCS0 40 MHz Typ. -66 dBm @ MCS7 40 MHz
Receiver Sensitivity for 802.11ac	Typ. -87 dBm @ MCS0 20 MHz Typ. -64 dBm @ MCS8 20 MHz Typ. -84 dBm @ MCS0 40 MHz Typ. -59 dBm @ MCS9 40 MHz Typ. -81 dBm @ MCS0 80 MHz Typ. -56 dBm @ MCS9 80 MHz
Receiver Sensitivity for 802.11b (measured at 2.437 GHz)	Typ. -93 dBm @ 1 Mbps Typ. -86 dBm @ 11 Mbps Note: Concurrent USB read/write activity on the device may generate interference and may mildly affect receiver sensitivity performance. It is recommended to avoid USB activity on the device in mission-critical applications.

3. DFS (Dynamic Frequency Selection) channel support: In AP mode, when a radar signal is detected, the device will automatically switch to another channel. However, according to regulations, after switching channels, a 60-second availability check period is required before starting the service.
4. The Turbo Roaming recovery time indicated herein is an average of test results documented, in optimized conditions, across APs configured with interference-free 20-MHz RF channels, WPA2-PSK security, and default Turbo Roaming parameters. The clients are configured with 3-channel roaming at 100 Kbps traffic load. Other conditions may also impact roaming performance. For more information about Turbo Roaming parameter settings, refer to the product manual.

Receiver Sensitivity for 802.11g (measured at 2.437 GHz)	Typ. -88 dBm @ 6 Mbps Typ. -71 dBm @ 54 Mbps Note: Concurrent USB read/write activity on the device may generate interference and may mildly affect receiver sensitivity performance. It is recommended to avoid USB activity on the device in mission-critical applications.
Receiver Sensitivity for 802.11n (2.4 GHz; measured at 2.437 GHz)	Typ. -87 dBm @ MCS0 20 MHz Typ. -68 dBm @ MCS7 20 MHz Typ. -84 dBm @ MCS0 40 MHz Typ. -66 dBm @ MCS7 40 MHz Note: Concurrent USB read/write activity on the device may generate interference and may mildly affect receiver sensitivity performance. It is recommended to avoid USB activity on the device in mission-critical applications.
WLAN Operation Mode	Access point Client Client-Router Master Slave Sniffer Mesh
Antenna	External, 3/6 dBi Omni-directional
Antenna Connectors	2 x N-type female

Ethernet Interface

Standards	IEEE 802.3 for 10BaseT IEEE 802.3u for 100BaseT(X) IEEE 802.3ab for 1000BaseT(X) IEEE 802.3af for PoE IEEE 802.3at for PoE IEEE 802.3az for Energy-Efficient Ethernet IEEE 802.1Q for VLAN Tagging IEEE 802.1X for authentication
10/100/1000BaseT(X) Ports (RJ45 connector)	1
PoE Ports (10/100/1000BaseT(X), RJ45 connector)	1

Ethernet Software Features

Management	DHCP Server DHCP Client DNS HTTP IPv4/IPv6 LLDP SMTP SNMPv1/v2c/v3 Syslog TCP/IP Telnet UDP VLAN MXconfig MXview One MXview Wireless Turbo Roaming Analyzer
Routing	Port forwarding Static Route NAT
Security	HTTPS/SSL RADIUS SSH Certificate Management
Time Management	SNTP Client

Firewall

Filter	ICMP MAC address IP protocol Port-based Wi-Fi ACL Client Isolation

Serial Interface

Console Port	RS-232 8-pin RJ45

LED Interface

LED Indicators	PWR, LAN1, LAN2, 2.4G, 5G, SYS

Input/Output Interface

Digital Inputs	2 Max. input current: 8 mA +13 to +30 V for state 1 +3 to -30 V for state 0
Alarm Contact Channels	Relay output with current carrying capacity of 1 A @ 24 VDC
Buttons	Reset button

Physical Characteristics

Housing	Metal
Dimensions	66.5 x 157.6 x 244 mm (2.56 x 6.20 x 9.61 in)
IP Rating	IP68
Weight	2024 g (4.7 lb)
Installation	Wall mounting DIN-rail mounting (with optional kit) Pole mounting (with optional kit)

Power Parameters

Input Current	12 to 48 VDC, 2.2 to 0.55 A
Input Voltage	12 to 48 VDC Redundant dual inputs 48 VDC Power over Ethernet
Power Connector	M12 A-coded 5-pin male connector
Power Consumption	28.4 W (max.)

Environmental Limits

Operating Temperature	-40 to 75°C (-40 to 167°F)
Storage Temperature (package included)	-40 to 85°C (-40 to 185°F)
Ambient Relative Humidity	5 to 95% (non-condensing)

Standards and Certifications

EMC	EN 61000-6-2/-6-4 EN 55032/35
EMI	CISPR 32, FCC Part 15B Class A
EMS	IEC 61000-4-2 ESD: Contact: 8 kV; Air: 15 kV IEC 61000-4-3 RS: 80 MHz to 1 GHz: 10 V/m

	IEC 61000-4-4 EFT: Power: 2 kV; Signal: 1 kV IEC 61000-4-5 Surge: Power: 2 kV; Signal: 1 kV IEC 61000-4-6 CS: 10 V/m IEC 61000-4-8 PFMF: 30 A/m
Cybersecurity	IEC 62443-4-2 Security Level 1 EN 18031-1
Safety	IEC 62368-1 UL 62368-1
Vibration	IEC 60068-2-6
Radio	EN 300 328, EN 301 489-1/17, EN 301 893, FCC, MIC, NCC, RCM, SRRC, WPC, KC, NBTC, IC

MTBF

Time	746,471 hrs
Standards	Telcordia Standard SR-332

Warranty

Warranty Period	5 years
Details	See www.moxa.com/warranty

Package Contents

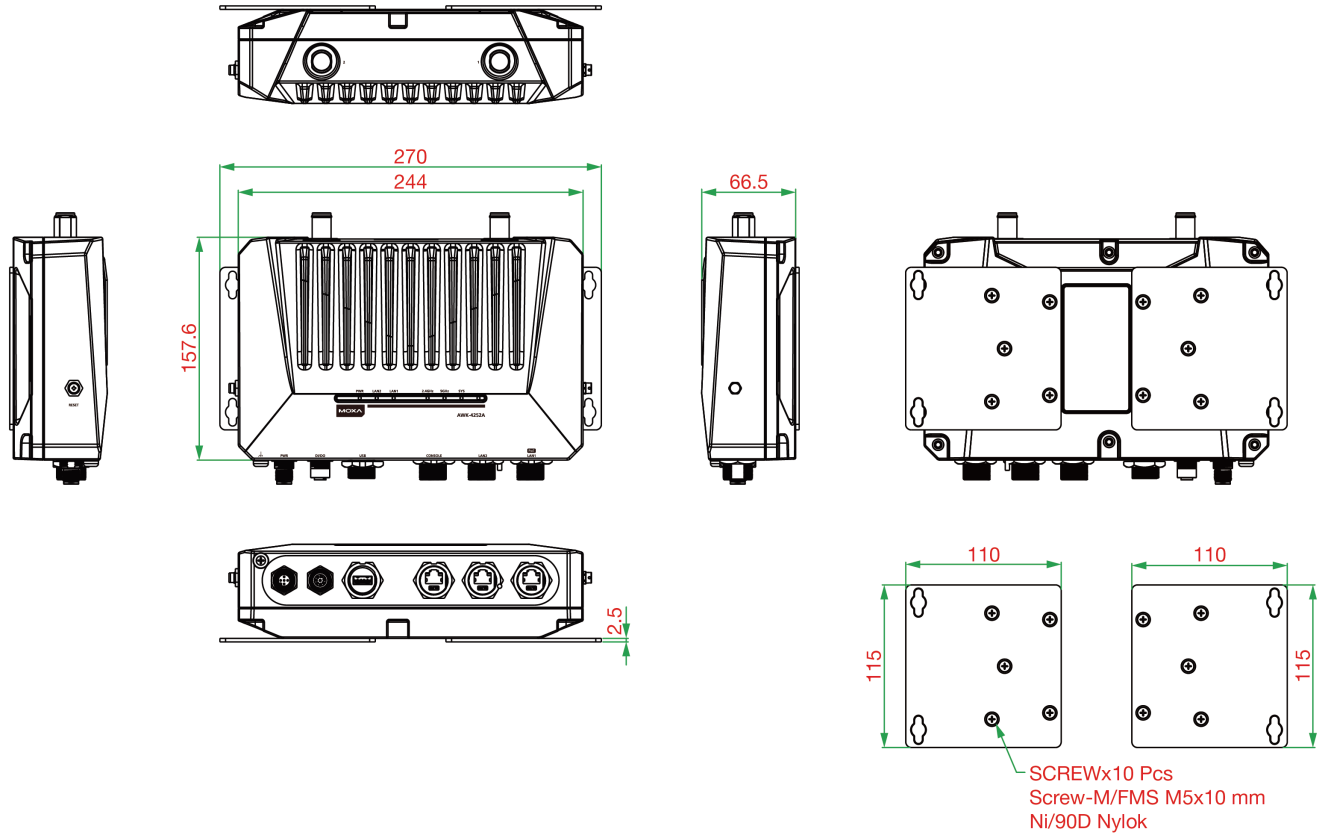
Device	1 x AWK-4252A Series wireless AP/bridge/client
Installation Kit	2 x cap, plastic, for N-type connector 4 x cap, metal, for Console/USB/LAN1/LAN2 1 x cap, metal, for DI/DO port 1 x wall-mounting kit
Antenna	2 x 2.4/5 GHz antenna
Documentation	1 x quick installation guide 1 x warranty card

USB Interface

Storage Port	USB Type A (for ABC-02 only)

Dimensions

Unit: mm



Ordering Information

Model Name	Band	Standards	Operating Temp.
AWK-4252A-UN-T	UN	802.11a/b/g/n/ac Wave 2	-40 to 75°C
AWK-4252A-US-T	US	802.11a/b/g/n/ac Wave 2	-40 to 75°C

Accessories (sold separately)

Antennas

ANT-WSB-PNF-12-02	12 dBi at 2.4 GHz, N-type (female), single-band directional antenna
ANT-WSB5-PNF-16	16 dBi at 5 GHz, N-type (female), single-band directional antenna
ANT-WDB-ONM-0707	07 dBi at 2.4 GHz and 07 dBi at 5 GHz, N-type (male), dual-band omnidirectional antenna
ANT-WDB-PNF-1011	10 dBi at 2.4 GHz and 11 dBi at 5 GHz, N-type (female), dual-band directional antenna
ANT-WDB-ONF-0709	7 dBi at 2.4 GHz or 9 dBi at 5 GHz, N-type (female), dual-band, omnidirectional antenna
ANT-WDB-ANM-0306	3 dBi at 2.4 GHz or 6 dBI at 5 GHz, N-type (male), omnidirectional antenna
MAT-WDB-PA-NF-2-0708	2.4/5 GHz, panel antenna, 7/8 dBi, MIMO 2x2, N-type (female)
ANT-WDB-ANM-0502	5 dBi at 2.4 GHz or 2 dBI at 5 GHz, N-type (male), omnidirectional antenna

Wireless Antenna Cables

A-CRF-NMNM-LL4-900	N-type (male) to N-type (male) LMR-400 Lite cable, 9 m
A-CRF-NMNM-LL4-600	N-type (male) to N-type (male) LMR-400 Lite cable, 6 m
A-CRF-NMNM-LL4-300	N-type (male) to N-type (male) LMR-400 Lite cable, 3 m

Surge Arrestors

A-SA-NMNF-02	0 to 6 GHz, N-type (male) to N-type (female) surge arrester

A-SA-NFNF-02	0 to 6 GHz, N-type (female) to N-type (female) surge arrester

Wireless Terminating Resistors

A-TRM-50-NM	50-ohm termination resistor with N-type male connector

Mounting Kits

PK-DC2DOF	Pole mounting kit
PK-DC2DOF-02	PK-DC2DOF-02

Connectors

M12A-5P-IP68-SCREW	Field-installable A-coded M12 screw-in 5-pin (female) connector, IP68

Wireless Connector Caps

A-CAP-M12M-M	Metal cap for M12 male connector

Cables

CBL-RJ45F25-150	8-pin RJ45 to DB25 female serial cable, 1.5 m
CBL-RJ45F9-150	8-pin RJ45 to DB9 female serial cable, 1.5m