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# airMAX<sup>®</sup> ac BaseStation with airPrism<sup>®</sup> Technology

Model: R5AC-PRISM

Worldwide, Full-Band 5 GHz Coverage

airMAX ac Technology for up to 500+ Mbps Throughput

Revolutionary airPrism Active RF Filtering Technology



### Overview

Ubiquiti Networks has designed airMAX ac radios with high performance and ease of installation in mind. The Rocket®5ac Prism features both airMAX ac and airPrism technologies for maximum wireless performance in high-density areas.

Pair the Rocket ac with airMAX ac antennas for optimal performance:

- PtP backhaul RocketDish<sup>™</sup> ac Antenna
- PtMP links airMAX ac Sector

### Worldwide 5 GHz Coverage

Deploy the Rocket5ac Prism anywhere in the world. It delivers complete coverage of the 5 GHz spectrum with a single radio. The Rocket5ac Prism allows for flexibility in configuring channel bandwidths (subject to local country regulations).

## Software air0S°7

Sporting an all-new design for improved usability, airOS® v7 is the revolutionary operating system for Ubiquiti® airMAX ac products.

### **Powerful Wireless Features**

- airMAX ac Protocol Support
- Long-Range PtP Link Mode
- Selectable Channel Width
  - PtP: 10/20/30/40/50/60/80 MHz
    PtMP: 10/20/30/40 MHz
- Automatic Channel Selection
- TX Power Control: Auto/Manual
- Automatic Distance Selection (ACK Timing)
- Strongest WPA2 Security

#### **Usability Enhancements**

- Dynamic Configuration Changes
- Instant Input Validation
- HTML5 Technology
- Optimization for Mobile Devices
- Detailed Device Statistics
- Diagnostic Tools, including Ethernet Cabling Test, RF Diagnostics, and airView<sup>®</sup> Spectrum Analyzer





### **Advanced RF Analytics**

airMAX ac devices feature a multi-radio architecture to power a revolutionary RF analytics engine.

An independent processor on the PCBA powers a second, dedicated radio, which persistently analyzes the full 5 GHz spectrum and every received symbol to provide you with the most advanced RF analytics in the industry.

Data from the spectrum analysis and RF performance monitoring is displayed on the *Main* tab and airView Spectrum Analyzer.

### **Real-Time Reporting**

The *Main* tab displays the following RF information:

- Persistent RF Error Vector Magnitude (EVM) constellation diagrams
- Carrier to Interference-plus-Noise Ratio (CINR) histograms
- Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) time series plots

### **Spectral Analysis**

airView allows you to identify noise signatures and plan your networks to minimize noise interference. airView performs the following functions:

- Constantly monitors environmental noise
- Collects energy data points in real-time spectral views
- Helps optimize channel selection, network design, and wireless performance

airView runs in the background without disabling the wireless link, so there is no disruption to the network.

In airView, there are three spectral views, each of which represents different data.

- Waterfall Aggregate energy collected for each frequency
- Waveform Aggregate energy collected
- Ambient Noise Level Background noise energy shown as a function of frequency

airView provides powerful spectrum analyzer functionality, eliminating the need to rent or purchase additional equipment for conducting site surveys.

### **Multi-Radio Architecture**



### **Constellation Diagrams and CINR Histograms**



### **SNR Time Series Plots**



### **Dedicated Spectral Analysis**



### Technology airMAX®

Unlike standard Wi-Fi protocol, Ubiquiti's Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) airMAX ac protocol allows each client to send and receive data using pre-designated time slots scheduled by an intelligent AP controller.

This time slot method eliminates hidden node collisions and maximizes airtime efficiency, so airMAX ac technology provides performance improvements in latency, noise immunity, scalability, and throughput compared to other outdoor systems in its class.

**Intelligent Qos** Priority assigned to voice/video for seamless streaming.

**Scalability** High capacity and scalability.

**Long Distance** Capable of high-speed, carrier-class links.

### **Superior Performance**

The next-generation airMAX ac technology boosts the advantages of our proprietary TDMA protocol.

Ubiquiti's airMAX engine with custom IC dramatically improves TDMA latency and network scalability. The custom silicon provides hardware acceleration capabilities to the airMAX scheduler, to support the high data rates and dense modulation used in airMAX ac technology.

### Throughput Breakthrough

airMAX ac supports high data rates, which require dense modulation: 256QAM – a significant increase from 64QAM, which is used in airMAX.

With their use of proprietary airMAX ac technology, airMAX ac products supports up to 500+ Mbps\* (maximum 80 MHz channel width) real TCP/IP throughput – up to triple the throughput of standard airMAX products.

#### airMAX ac TDMA Technology



Up to 100 airMAX ac stations can be connected to an airMAX ac Sector; four airMAX ac stations are shown to illustrate the general concept.

#### airMAX ac Network Scalability



### **Superior Throughput Performance**





To enhance airMAX ac performance, Ubiquiti Networks introduces our patented airPrism technology, which is featured on the Rocket5ac Prism, model R5AC-PRISM.

#### **Improves SNR**

High data rates require a high Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR), which is challenging to achieve, especially in noisy, high-density areas.

Integrated into Ubiquiti's custom silicon, airPrism technology creates a high SNR by isolating signals within the operating channel and rejecting interference using specialized circuitry, the High-Selectivity Receiver (HSR).

#### **Removes Interference**

Depending on the product model and operating mode, available channel widths may include 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, and/or 80 MHz.

Theoretically APs operate on different channels; however, because of the wider channel bandwidths, there can be overlap in spectrum usage.

airPrism technology removes up to an additional 30+ dB of adjacent channel interference through the active filtering design, so an airMAX ac AP with airPrism technology can provide significantly greater performance than a typical AP.

**Active Radio Frequency Filtering** 

### **Facilitates AP Co-Location**

Co-location is vital in many scenarios. For example, a WISP may have limited tower space, so it must co-locate all APs within that allotted footprint. Shielding and other means can lessen interference but may be impractical.

By deploying airMAX ac APs with airPrism technology, you can co-locate APs and enhance the overall performance of your wireless network.

Number of APs	Channel Width	
4	80 MHz*	
8	40 MHz	
16	20 MHz	

\* PtP only



What the Radio Sees







The Rocket5ac Prism is designed to deliver maximum spectral efficiency and throughput.

#### Features

**5 GHz Frequency Band** With plenty of available spectrum, this unlicensed band works well for long-distance links. The Rocket5ac Prism features full-band 5 GHz coverage and maximizes output power for the US market, meeting strict OOBE requirements.

**airView** Use the real-time spectrum analyzer so you can identify noise signatures and design your wireless links to minimize noise interference.

**High Performance** To take full advantage of its design and capabilities, deploy the Rocket5ac Prism for PtP or PtMP links in high RF noise environments.

**airPrism Sector Antenna** You can mount three Rocket5ac Prism radios on the airPrism 5 GHz 3x30° HD Sector Antenna, model AP-5AC-90-HD, for PtMP links. Each Rocket radio corresponds with a specific 30° beamwidth and independently transmits and receives.

**EMI-Shielded Metal Housing** Helps protect the Rocket5ac Prism against electromagnetic interference.

**Gigabit Ethernet** Delivers high throughput over its wired connection.

Passive Power over Ethernet (PoE)

24V Passive PoE functionality is included. Both power and data are carried over a single Ethernet cable to the Rocket ac. Use the included PoE Adapter or an optional PoE switch.

**Plug and Play Integration** Every airMAX antenna has a built-in Rocket mount, so no tools are needed to install the Rocket5ac Prism. (airMAX ac antennas are recommended for optimal performance.)



### Specifications

R5AC-PRISM Physical / Electrical / Environmental Information		
Dimensions	88 x 40 x 230 mm (3.47 x 1.58 x 9.06")	
Weight	400 g (14.11 oz)	
Enclosure Characteristics	Die-Cast Aluminum with White Powder Coating	
Processor	Atheros MIPS 74Kc, 720 MHz	
Memory	128 MB DDR2 SDRAM, 16 MB NOR FLASH	
Networking Interface	(1) 10/100/1000 Mbps	
RF Connections	(2) RP-SMA (Waterproof), (1) GPS (Waterproof)	
LEDs	Power, LAN, GPS, (4) Signal Strength	
Max. Power Consumption	8.5W	
Power Supply	24V, 0.5A Gigabit PoE Adapter	
Power Method	Passive PoE (Pairs 4, 5+; 7, 8 Return)	
Supported Voltage Range	18-26VDC	
ESD/EMP Protection	± 24KV Air / Contact	
Operating Temperature	-40 to 80° C (-40 to 176° F)	
Operating Humidity	5 to 95% Noncondensing	
Shock and Vibration	ETSI300-019-1.4	

R5AC-PRISM Software Information		
Modes	Access Point, Station	
Services	Web Server, SNMP, SSH Server, Telnet , Ping Watchdog, DHCP, NAT, Bridging, Routing	
Utilities	Antenna Alignment Tool, Discovery Utility, Site Survey, Ping, Traceroute, Speed Test	
Distance Adjustment	Dynamic Ack and Ackless Mode	
Power Adjustment	Software Adjustable UI or CLI	
Security	WPA2 AES Only	
QoS	Supports Packet Level Classification WMM and User Customer Level: High/Medium/Low	
Statistical Reporting	Up Time, Packet Errors, Data Rates, Wireless Distance, Ethernet Link Rate	
Channel Sizes PtP Mode PtMP Mode	10/20/30/40/50/60/80 MHz 10/20/30/40 MHz	
Other	Remote Reset Support, Software Enabled/Disabled, VLAN Support, 256QAM, GPS, TX Filter	
Ubiquiti Specific Features	30/50/60 MHz Channels, airMAX ac Mode, Traffic Shaping with Burst Support, Discovery Protocol, Frequency Band Offset, Ackless Mode	

R5AC-PRISM Compliance		
Wireless Approvals	FCC, IC, CE	
RoHS Compliance	Yes	

n.	SAC-PRISM Operating Frequency
Operating Frequency	Worldwide: 5150 - 5875 MHz
	DTS: 5725 - 5850 MHz
Output Power	27 dBm

TX Power Specifications					
Modulation	Data Rate	Avg. TX	Tolerance	Modulation	
	1x BPSK (1/2)	27 dBm	±2dB		
	2x QPSK (1/2)	27 dBm	±2dB		
	2x QPSK (¾)	27 dBm	±2 dB		
	4x 16QAM (1/2)	27 dBm	±2 dB		
airMAX ac	4x 16QAM (¾)	27 dBm	± 2 dB	airMAX ac	
airM/	6x 64QAM (2/3)	27 dBm	±2 dB	airM/	
	6x 64QAM (¾)	26 dBm	± 2 dB		
	6x 64QAM (5%)	25 dBm	±2 dB		
-	8x 256QAM (¾)	23 dBm	±2 dB		
	8x 256QAM (%)	22 dBm	±2 dB		

RX Power Specifications			
n	Data Rate	Sensitivity	Tolerance
	1x BPSK (1/2)	-96 dBm	$\pm 2 dB$
	2x QPSK (1/2)	-95 dBm	±2dB
	2x QPSK (¾)	-92 dBm	±2dB
	4x 16QAM (½)	-90 dBm	± 2 dB
	4x 16QAM (¾)	-86 dBm	±2dB
	6x 64QAM (⅔)	-83 dBm	±2dB
	6x 64QAM (¾)	-77 dBm	±2dB
	6x 64QAM (%)	-74 dBm	± 2 dB
	8x 256QAM (¾)	-69 dBm	± 2 dB
	8x 256QAM (%)	-65 dBm	±2dB







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### **Plug and Play Integration**

Rocket radios and airMAX antennas have been designed to seamlessly work together. Every airMAX antenna has a built-in Rocket mount, so installation requires no special tools.





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