



DATA SHEET



3Com® OfficeConnect® Wireless 11g Access Point, PC Card, and USB Adapter

Key Benefits

High Performance and Wide Coverage

For simple, reliable, high-speed 802.11g wireless connections choose a winning trio: the 3Com® OfficeConnect® Wireless 11g Access Point, 3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g PC Card, and 3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g USB Adapter. With these products, users can roam about the office—accessing network resources, the Internet, and e-mail—all at speeds up to 54 Mbps at distances up to 100 meters (328 feet). These 11g products operate at almost five times the speed of existing 802.11b devices, so they are ideal for multimedia or other high-bandwidth applications.

Compatible

Your existing wireless network investment is preserved because the 3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g Access Point supports 802.11b as well as 802.11g wireless devices. Wi-Fi certification helps ensure interoperability with certified products from other vendors.

Economical

Wireless networks can be a viable alternative to wired network expansions and an attractive solution for home and branch offices, remote sites, and classrooms. Since there's no need to drill holes or run Ethernet cabling, it's also cost-effective for temporary networks. The access point supports up to 128 simultaneous users, which gives your organization plenty of room to grow.

Simple Installation and Use

Setup and operation are extraordinarily easy, making these OfficeConnect products an intelligent choice for first-time wireless users and small offices. Plug the access point into a power source and it's ready for use—typically no manual configuration is required. To speed setup for specific configurations, a single access point configuration can be copied to other access points on the network. The PC Card and USB adapter feature Wireless Card Manager that lets an administrator create profiles for mobile users that reflect specific wireless LAN settings for each place they travel: users just select the proper profile and they are configured for connection.

Secure

To protect wireless connections, these products support up to 256-bit WPA encryption for high-level security, and 40/64- and 128-bit WEP shared-key encryption for legacy clients.

Reliable Connections

Dynamic rate shifting automatically matches the best connection speed in response to physical and traffic conditions so wireless connections stay reliable. Clear Channel Select enables the access point to scan the spectrum and select the least busy channel.

Features and Benefits

Feature	Benefit
Powerful	
High-speed access and wide coverage	802.11g standard supports speeds up to 54 Mbps at distances up to 100 meters (328 feet)*.
User growth support	The 11g access point supports up to 128 simultaneous users, allowing plenty of room for growth.
Compatible	
Backward-compatible to 802.11b	The 11g access point supports both 802.11g and 802.11b users, preserving existing wireless investments.
Wi-Fi certified	Helps ensure interoperability with Wi-Fi certified products from other vendors.
Easy to Use	
Simple installation	No need to drill holes or run Ethernet cabling to set up your network.
Wireless Card Manager (PC Card and USB Adapter)	Lets administrators create profiles for each place mobile users travel. Also displays connection status and features simple-to-use diagnostic tools.
USB adapter with hinged antenna and swiveling USB connector	Delivers the flexibility and convenience of USB connections without sacrificing performance. Hinged antenna works with a variety of desktop or notebook designs.
Access Point Discovery program	Automatically identifies network access points for easy setup and configuration.
Save and restore feature (Access Point)	Copies settings to additional devices on the network, simplifying and speeding setup of additional access points.
Web-based administration (Access Point)	Familiar browser interface lets administrators configure and manage access points from anywhere on the network.
Reliable	
Dynamic rate shifting	Automatically matches the best connection speed in response to changing traffic and environmental conditions.
Clear Channel Select (Access Point)	Selects the channel with the least traffic for clear, quick connections.
Secure	
WPA and WEP encryption	Help keep wireless transmissions private using up to 256-bit encryption. (PC Card and USB Adapter support WPA in Windows XP using Microsoft Zero Config utility.)

*Range depends on physical conditions, building construction, electrical devices in the area, and other environmental factors.

Specifications

3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g Access Point Specifications	Receive Sensitivity
Minimum System Requirements	802.11g
Computer with an Ethernet 10BASE-T, 10/100, or 10/100/1000 interface configured for Internet communication. Operating system that supports an Ethernet connection with an IP stack. Installation CD requires Windows 98SE/ME/XP/2000. For wireless access, PCs and laptops require 802.11g, 802.11b, or 802.11a/b/g PC, PCI, or USB cards and adapters.	54 Mbps: -66 dBm 48 Mbps: -69 dBm 36 Mbps: -72 dBm 24 Mbps: -75 dBm 18 Mbps: -79 dBm 12 Mbps: -82 dBm 9 Mbps: -82 dBm 6 Mbps: -85 dBm
Users Supported	802.11b
128 simultaneous users	11 Mbps: -82 dBm
Physical Ports	5.5 Mbps: -85 dBm
LAN: 1 10/100 Port	2 Mbps: -87 dBm 1 Mbps: -90 dBm

Specifications continued

Performance Features	3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g PC Card and USB Adapter Specifications
Clear Channel Select	
Installation, Configuration, and Management	System Requirements
Browser-based access point administration	<i>PC Card:</i> Notebook PC with an available Type II or Type III 32-bit PC Card slot (3.3V)
Wireless-installation and device-discovery wizards	<i>USB Adapter:</i> Notebook or desktop PC with USB port; USB 2.0 required for 54 Mbps data rate
Pre-set defaults	Notebook or desktop PC must be running Windows 98SE/ME/XP/ 2000
Save and restore configuration files	
LED Indicators	Drivers/Supported Operating Systems
Power; Alert/diagnostics	NDIS 5: Windows ME, 2000, 98SE
LAN port status—Link, Speed, and Activity	NDIS 5.1: Windows XP
WLAN port status—Link, Activity	
Dimensions and Weight	Receive Sensitivity (PC Card)
Height: 2.5 cm (1 in)	<i>802.11g</i>
Width: 22 cm (8.7 in)	54 Mbps: -67.6 dBm
Depth: 13.5 cm (5.3 in)	48 Mbps: -69.6 dBm
Weight: 592 g (1.3 lb)	36 Mbps: -78.8 dBm
	24 Mbps: -79.8 dBm
Power	18 Mbps: -85.4 dBm
Supplied with external OfficeConnect® power adapter:	12 Mbps: -85.6 dBm
<i>Operating input voltage:</i> 10–30V	9 Mbps: -88.5 dBm
<i>Operating frequency:</i> 47–63Hz	6 Mbps: -88.0 dBm
<i>Maximum power consumption:</i> 6.5W	<i>802.11b</i>
Regulatory/Agency Approvals	11 Mbps: -82.8 dBm
<i>Safety:</i> UL 1950, EN 60950 CSA 22.7 #950, IEC 60950	5.5 Mbps: -78.8 dBm
<i>Emissions:</i> EN 55022 Class B, EN 55024, FCC Part 15, Class B ICES-003 Class B, CNS 13438 Class A	2 Mbps: -89.9 dBm
<i>Environmental:</i> EN 60068 (IEC 68), UL Listed—CSA certified	1 Mbps: -89.9 dBm
Environmental Range	Receive Sensitivity (USB Adapter)
<i>Operating temperature:</i> 0° to 40°C (32° to 105°F)	<i>802.11g</i>
<i>Non-operating temperature:</i> -40° to 70°C (-40° to 158°F)	54 Mbps: -68 dBm
<i>Operating humidity:</i> 0 to 90% non-condensing	48 Mbps: -68 dBm
Package Contents	36 Mbps: -75 dBm
3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g Access Point	24 Mbps: -79 dBm
OfficeConnect power adapter	18 Mbps: -82 dBm
Quick Start Guide	12 Mbps: -84 dBm
CD-ROM with Access Point Discovery program and user guide	9 Mbps: -87 dBm
One straight-through category 5 UTP patch cable	6 Mbps: -88 dBm
Four rubber feet	<i>802.11b</i>
	11 Mbps: -82 dBm
	5.5 Mbps: -84 dBm
	2 Mbps: -86 dBm
	1 Mbps: -88 dBm
Installation, Configuration, and Management	Installation, Configuration, and Management
Wireless Card Manager	Wireless Card Manager
Pre-set defaults	
LED Indicators	
Link, Activity	

Specifications continued

Dimensions (PC Card)	Common Specifications
Height: 11.3 cm (3.9 in)	
Width: 5.4 cm (2.8 in)	
Depth: 0.5 cm (0.2 in)	
Dimensions (USB Adapter)	Data Rates
Height: 10.7 cm (4.2 in)	802.11g: 54, 48, 36, 24, 18, 12, 9, and 6 Mbps
Width: 2.8 cm (1.1 in)	802.11b: 11, 5.5, 2, and 1 Mbps
Depth: 1.1 cm (0.4 in)	
Operating Voltage	Frequency Band
3.0V–3.6V	2.4-2.4835 GHz
Regulatory/Agency Approvals	Wireless Medium
<i>Safety:</i> UL/CSA 60950, EN 60950	DSSS and OFDM
<i>Emissions:</i> FCC Part 15.247, RSS-210, EN 300 328-2, FCC Part 15 Subpart B, (SAR) FCC OET Bulletin 65, RSS-102, prEN 50371	
Environmental Range	Media Access Protocol
<i>Operating temperature:</i> 0° to 50°C (32° to 122°F)	CSMA/CA
<i>Operating humidity:</i> 0 to 90% non-condensing	
Package Contents (PC Card)	Operating Channels (PC Card)
3Com OfficeConnect® Wireless 11g PC Card	5-7 (Israel)
Quick start guide	10-13 (Jordan)
CD-ROM with drivers, installation and diagnostics software, and documentation	1-11 (U.S., Canada, Colombia, Mexico, Taiwan)
	1-13 (France, Argentina, Brazil)
Package Contents (USB Adapter)	Operating Channels (USB Adapter)
3Com OfficeConnect® Wireless 11g USB Adapter	1-13 (3 non-overlapping)
CD-ROM with drivers and documentation	
Installation guide	Operating Range
	100 meters (328 feet)
	Performance Features
	Dynamic rate shifting
	Security
	256-bit WPA encryption (Access Point and PC Card)
	WPA encryption (USB Adapter)
	40/64-bit and 128-bit WEP shared-key encryption (all)
	Standards Conformance
	WPA certified, IEEE 802.11b, IEEE 802.11g
	Warranty and Non-Warranty Services
	PC Card, USB Adapter, and Access Point: One year hardware warranty.
	Refer to www.3com.com for details.

Ordering Information

3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g Access Point	3CRWE454G72
3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g PC Card	3CRWE154G72
3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g USB Adapter	3CRWE254G72

The 3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g products can be used with all 3Com Wireless LAN products, including these products below:

3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11g Cable/DSL Gateway	3CRWE554G72
3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11a/b/g PC Card	3CRWE154A72
3Com OfficeConnect Wireless 11a/b/g Access Point	3CRWE454A72