



airFiber[®] NxN

Scalable airFiber[®]
MIMO Multiplexer

Models: AF-MPx4, AF-MPx8

QUICK START GUIDE

Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the Ubiquiti Networks® airFiber NxN MIMO Multiplexer. This Quick Start Guide is designed to guide you through installation and also includes warranty terms.

Package Contents



AF-MPx4
airFiber NxN Multiplexer

or



AF-MPx8
airFiber NxN Multiplexer



4x4 Radio Bracket



8x8 Radio Bracket*



Protective Shrouds
(Left and Right)



M4x12 Screws
(Qty. 2)



M3x8 Screws*
(Qty. 4)



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* Only included with the AF-MPx8.

TERMS OF USE: Ubiquiti radio devices must be professionally installed. Shielded Ethernet cable and earth grounding must be used as conditions of product warranty. TOUGH Cable™ is designed for outdoor installations. It is the customer's responsibility to follow local country regulations, including operation within legal frequency channels, output power, and Dynamic Frequency Selection (DFS) requirements.

airFiber X Compatibility

The airFiber NxN is designed for use with airFiber 5X radios, (model AF-5X) and 5 GHz airFiber X or RocketDish™ antennas.

-  **Note:** The airFiber X Antenna OMT Conversion Kit (AF-5G-OMT-S45) is highly recommended when using a RocketDish for proper fitting and improved frequency isolation.

Installation Requirements

- (2) airFiber 5X radios for AF-MPx4
- (4) airFiber 5X radios for AF-MPx8
- airFiber X or RocketDish antenna
- Clear view of the sky for proper GPS operation
- Ground wires – min. 10 AWG (5 mm²) and max. length: 1 m. As a safety precaution, ground the airFiber radios to grounded masts, poles, towers, or grounding bars.

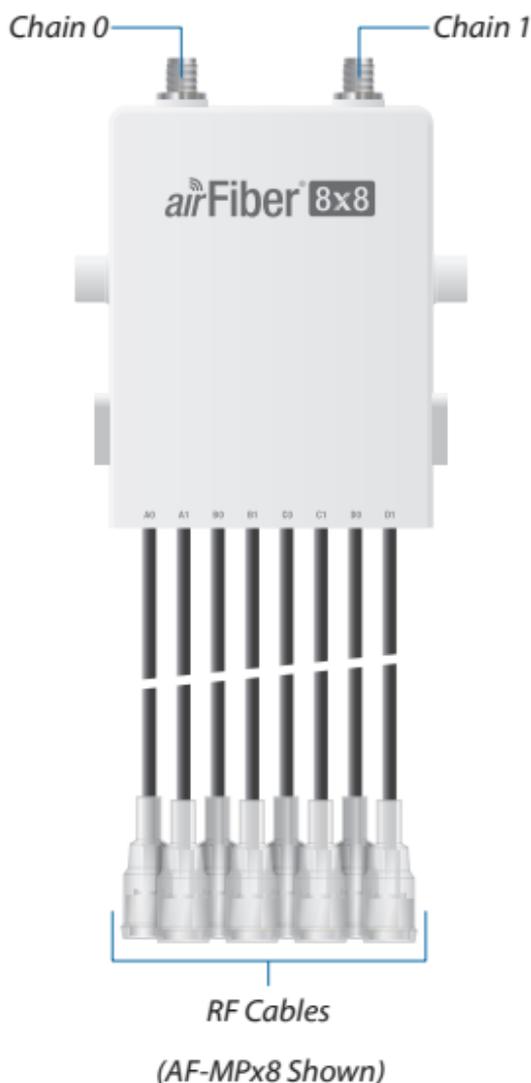
 **WARNING: Failure to properly ground your airFiber radio will void your warranty.**

 **Note:** For guidelines about grounding and lightning protection, follow your local electrical regulatory codes.

- Outdoor, shielded Category 6 (or above) cabling and shielded RJ-45 connectors are required for all wired Ethernet connections.

Hardware Overview

airFiber NxN Multiplexer



Chain 0 Connect the antenna RF +45° to this connector.

Chain 1 Connect the antenna RF -45° to this connector.

RF Cables Connect each *RF Cable* pair to the corresponding RF connection chain on each airFiber 5X radio. For example, connect cable **A0** to **Chain 0**, and cable **A1** to **Chain 1**.

Configure the airFiber 5X Radio



Note: The airFiber 5X radios must be running airOS® F v3.2.1 or newer. The latest firmware is available at: downloads.ubnt.com/airfiber

Each airFiber 5X radio must be preconfigured for use with the airFiber NxN before installing them at the site. Configuration details are available in the airFiber X User Guide, available at: downloads.ubnt.com/airfiber

Enable airFiber NxN support on each radio:

1. Log into the airOS F Configuration Interface.
2. Click the **Wireless** tab.
3. Enter the additional *Cable Loss* value (dB):
 - a. **4.1** for the AF-MPx4, or
 - b. **7.2** for the AF-MPx8
4. For the *NxN Radio* setting, select **Enable**.

The screenshot displays the airOS F Configuration Interface, specifically the 'Wireless' tab. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Basic Wireless Settings:** Includes fields for Wireless Mode (Slave), Link Name (UBNT), Country Code (Locked), Channel Bandwidth (10MHz), Output Power (ERP) (15 dBm), Antenna Gain (0 dB), Cable Loss (0 dB), Maximum Modulation Rate (8x (250QAM MIMO)), Automatic Rate Adaptation (checked), and NxN Radio (Enable).
- Frequency Settings:** Shows valid frequency ranges (5100-5245 MHz, 5255-5345 MHz, 5475-5720 MHz, 5730-5845 MHz) and TDD Split Frequency Mode (Disable). Frequency 1 is set to 5800 MHz (Current State: Operating).
- Wireless Security:** Shows Key Type (HEX) and Key (0000:0000:0000:0000).

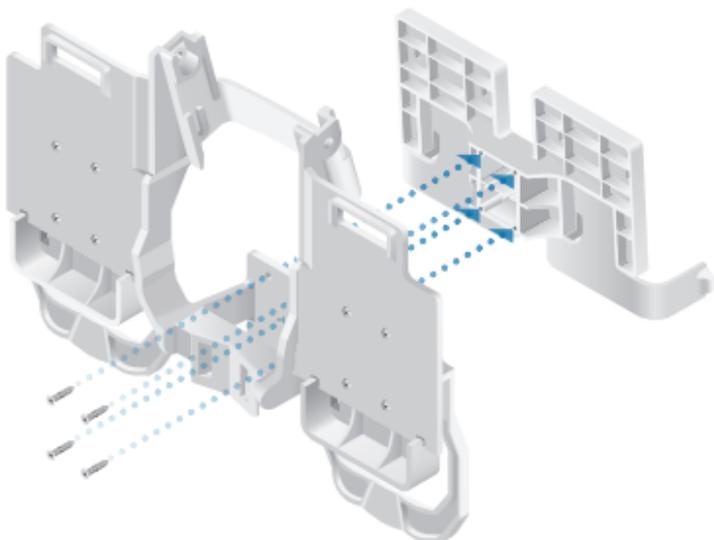
A 'Change' button is located at the bottom right of the configuration area. The footer includes the Ubiquiti logo and copyright information: © Copyright 2006-2015 Ubiquiti Networks, Inc.

5. Click **Change**, and then click **Apply**.

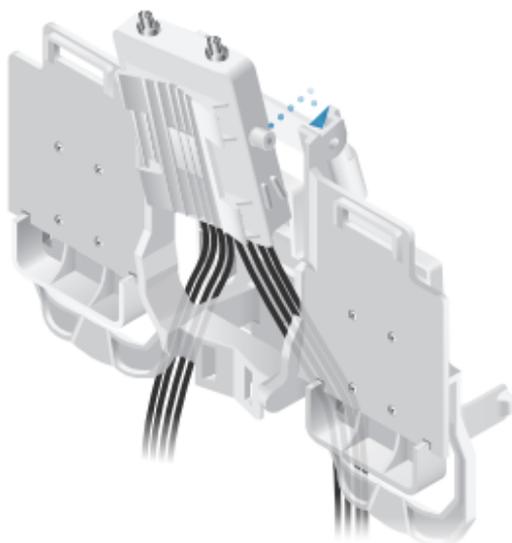
Hardware Installation

The following installation shows the AF-MPx8. For the AF-MPx4 installation, only the mounting and connecting of two airFiber 5X radios apply.

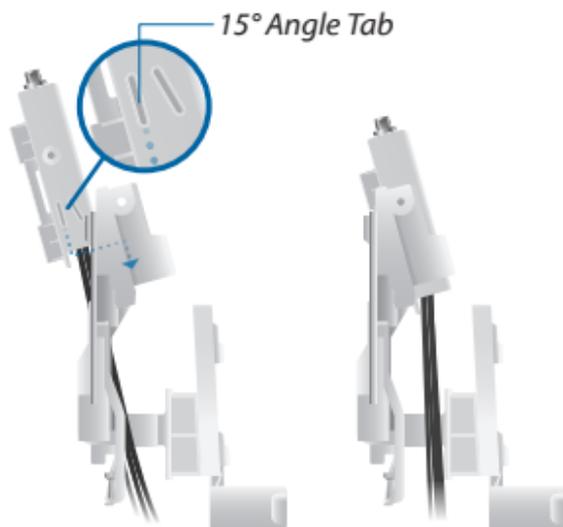
1. (For AF-MPx8 only) Attach the *8x8 Radio Bracket* to the *4x4 Radio Bracket* using four *M3x8 Screws*.



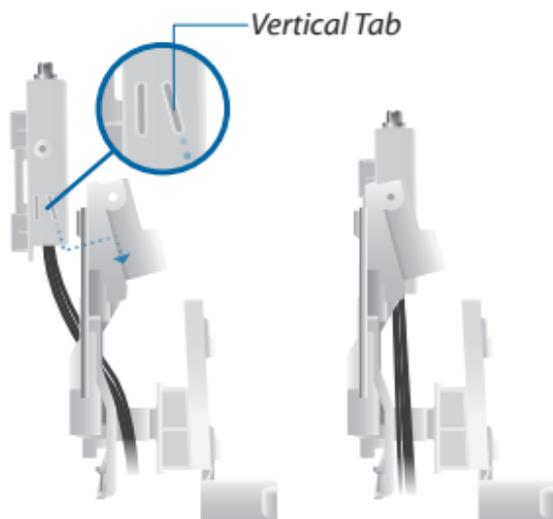
2. Seat the *airFiber NxN Multiplexer* into the *4x4 Radio Bracket* either at (a) a 15° angle or (b) vertically:



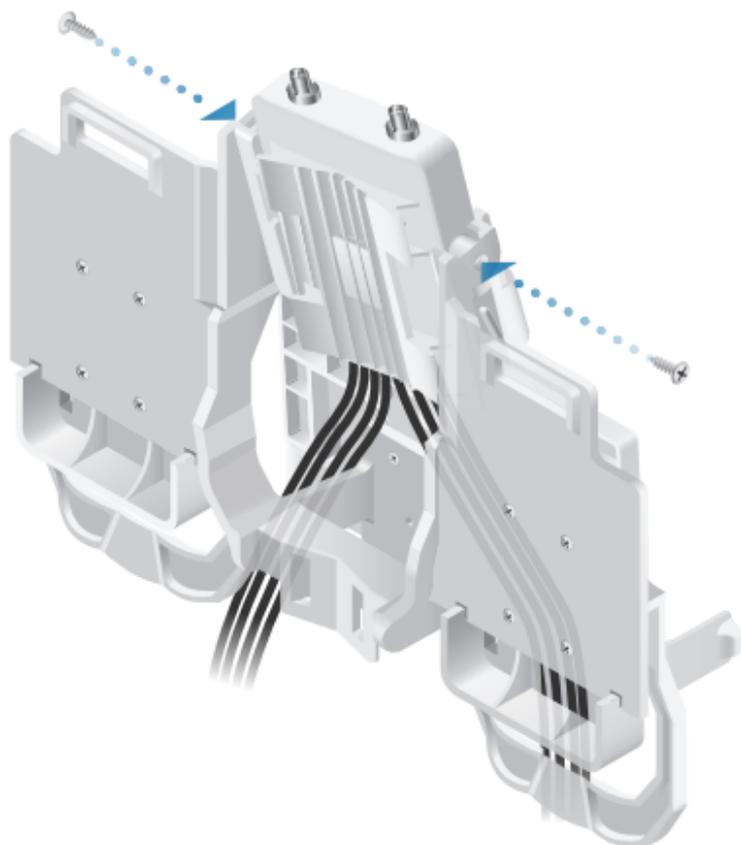
- a. For most antenna models, the *airFiber NxN Multiplexer* should be installed at a 15° angle. Insert the *airFiber NxN Multiplexer* from behind the *4x4 Radio Bracket* and slide the *15° Angle Tabs* into the slots on the bracket.



- b. For other antenna configurations that require the *airFiber NxN* assembly to be mounted to a pole, the *airFiber NxN Multiplexer* must be installed vertically. Insert the *airFiber NxN Multiplexer* from behind the *4x4 Radio Bracket* and slide the *Vertical Tabs* into the slots on the bracket.



3. Secure the *airFiber NxN Multiplexer* to the *4x4 Radio Bracket* using two *M4x12 Screws*.





Note: Ensure the airFiber 5X radios are preconfigured and the ground wires are installed as outlined in the radio's Quick Start Guide before mounting the radios.

4. Mount the airFiber 5X radios to the *4x4 Radio Bracket*:
 - a. Align the mounting tabs on the back of the radio with the mounting bracket.
 - b. Slide the radio down to lock it into place.



5. Mount the airFiber 5X radios to the *8x8 Radio Bracket*:
 - a. Align the mounting tabs on the back of the radio with the mounting bracket.
 - b. Slide the radio down to lock it into place.



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6. Connect the *RF Cables* to the airFiber 5X radios. Connect each *RF Cable* pair to the corresponding RF connection chain on each radio. For example, connect cable **A0** to **Chain 0**, and cable **A1** to **Chain 1**.



7. Attach the airFiber NxN assembly to the airFiber X or RocketDish antenna:
 - a. Align the mounting tabs on the back of the *airFiber NxN Multiplexer* with the mounting bracket.
 - b. Slide the *airFiber NxN Multiplexer* down to lock it into place on the bracket.



Note: The airFiber NxN assembly may be pole-mounted if it cannot be attached to the antenna. See the *Pole-Mounting* section for details.

8. Connect the RF cables from the antenna to the RF connectors on the *airFiber NxN Multiplexer*. Connect $+45^\circ$ to *Chain 0* and -45° to *Chain 1*.



9. Attach the GPS antennas to each of the airFiber 5X radios.
10. Mount the GPS antennas in a location that has a clear view of the sky, and is above and as far away from the radios as possible.



11. Attach the *Protective Shrouds*:

- a. Insert the *Protective Shroud's* attachment tab between the airFiber 5X radio and the *4x4 Radio Bracket*.
- b. Push the *Protective Shroud* down until the attachment tab locks into place.



12. Secure the grounding wire from each radio to a grounded mast, pole, tower, or grounding bar.



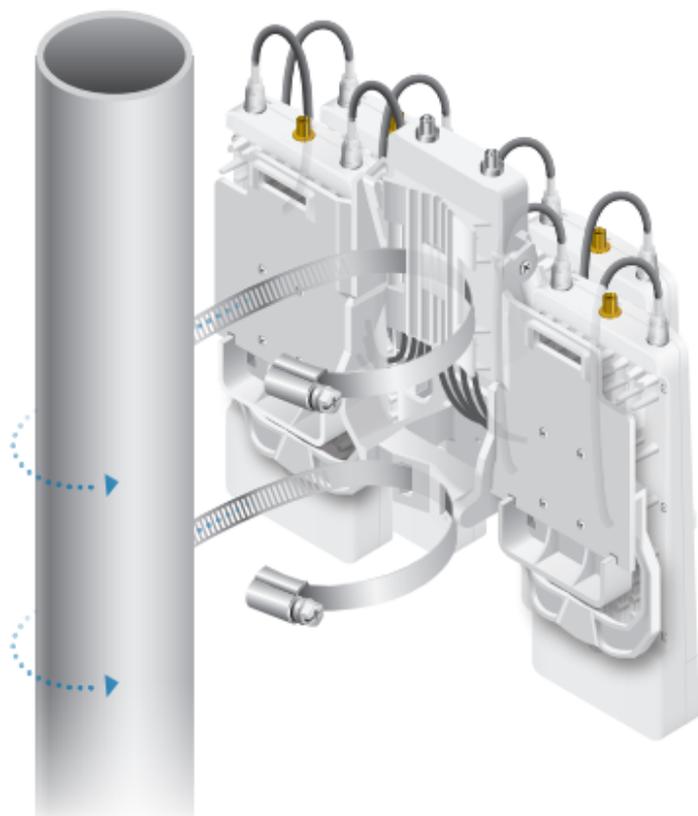
WARNING: Failure to properly ground your airFiber radio will void your warranty.



Note: The ground wire should be as short as possible and no longer than one meter in length.

Pole-Mounting

1. Ensure the *airFiber NxN Multiplexer* is installed vertically in the *4x4 Radio Bracket*.
2. Mount the *airFiber NxN* assembly to the pole using two metal straps (not included):
 - a. Insert a metal strap through each mounting bracket on the back of the *airFiber NxN Multiplexer* and *4x4 Radio Bracket*.
 - b. Secure both straps around the pole.



3. Connect the RF cables from the antenna to the RF connectors on the *airFiber NxN Multiplexer*. Connect +45° to Chain 0 and -45° to Chain 1.

Specifications

AF-MPx4	
Dimensions	197.5 x 240.9 x 103.2 mm (7.78 x 9.48 x 4.06")
Weight	0.4 kg (0.8 lb)
RF Connectors	(2) RP-SMA Weatherproof (CH0, CH1) (4) RP-SMA Weatherproof (A0, A1, B0, B1)
Cable Loss	4.1 dB
Supported airFiber X Radio	AF-5X
Multiplex MIMO	2 x (2x2)
Mounting	airFiber X/Rocket Mount Compatible

AF-MPx8	
Dimensions	210.5 x 240.9 x 109 mm (8.29 x 9.48 x 4.29")
Weight	0.45 kg (1.0 lb)
RF Connectors	(2) RP-SMA Weatherproof (CH0, CH1) (8) RP-SMA Weatherproof (A0, A1, B0, B1, C0, C1, D0, D1)
Cable Loss	7.2 dB
Supported airFiber X Radio	AF-5X
Multiplex MIMO	4 x (2x2)
Mounting	airFiber X/Rocket Mount Compatible

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