



SpotCell[®] 250Xe User Manual



Technical Support

SpotCell® 250Xe serial numbers must be available to authorize technical support and/or to establish a return authorization for defective units. The serial numbers are located on the back of the Coverage Unit (CU) and the Donor Unit (DU), as well as on the box in which they were delivered. Additional support information may be obtained by accessing the Spotwave Wireless Inc. website at www.spotwave.com. To contact support by telephone, call your local Spotwave vendor; or if you are unable to reach your vendor, contact Spotwave Wireless at **877-610-9586**.

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The DU and CU of the SpotCell are low power transmitters. As with a cell phone antenna, avoid unnecessary contact with the front of the units when they units are operating. Mount the units in a location where people will not approach within 1 meter of the front of the DU and 20 centimeters in front of the CU.

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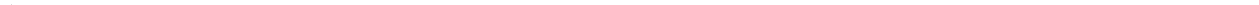
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1 – Introduction

1.1 This Manual

The content of this manual complements the SpotCell® 250Xe Quick Install Guide. It provides more detailed information that may be referred to if necessary during installation of a SpotCell adaptive coverage system.

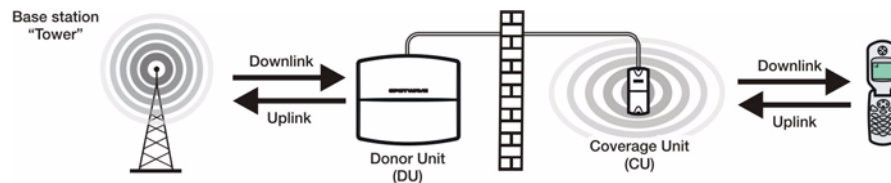
1.2 No Special Knowledge

Installation of the SpotCell SpotCell 250Xe does not require any specialized technical knowledge.

The SpotCell coverage system can be installed by any person(s) with the ability to use a screwdriver, and in some situations may require the use of a ladder, drill, and additional related tools.

1.3 SpotCell System at a Glance

The purpose of the SpotCell system is to enable personal wireless communications in specific locations within a wireless service area where cell phones do not work, or work poorly, for example inside a building, or at the cell boundary.





The SpotCell system receives signals from a wireless base station and relays the signal to areas where cell phones do not work or work poorly due to obstructions or the remoteness of the location.

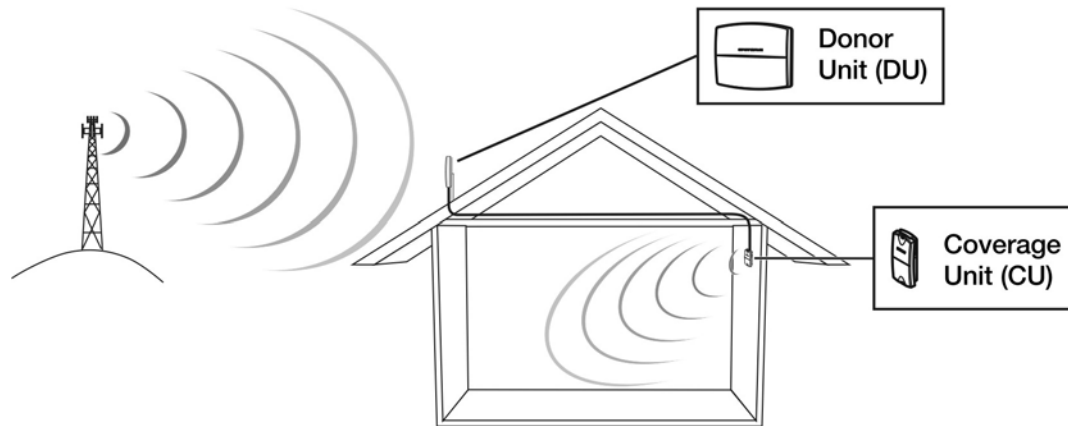


Figure 1.1: SpotCell 250Xe in-building coverage

The basic SpotCell adaptive coverage system is comprised of a Donor Unit (DU), a Coverage Unit (CU) and a power supply. The DU is the outward facing part of the system that communicates with the base station. The DU is connected (via coaxial cable) to the CU which provides wireless coverage to indoor areas.

The SpotCell 250Xe adaptive system provides dual band, carrier selective, on-frequency, in-building coverage in the cellular and PCS bands.

The SpotCell 250Xe supports all network types: GSM, GPRS, EDGE, UMTS, CDMA, 1xRTT, and 1xEVDO.

The SpotCell system uses proprietary, patented, adaptive techniques that allow a SpotCell solution to be installed and operated without engineering intervention or support.



1.3.1 The Donor Unit (DU)



The DU has a 3 meter (10 foot) RG6 coaxial cable on the bottom and indicators for showing received signal strength and system status on the back.

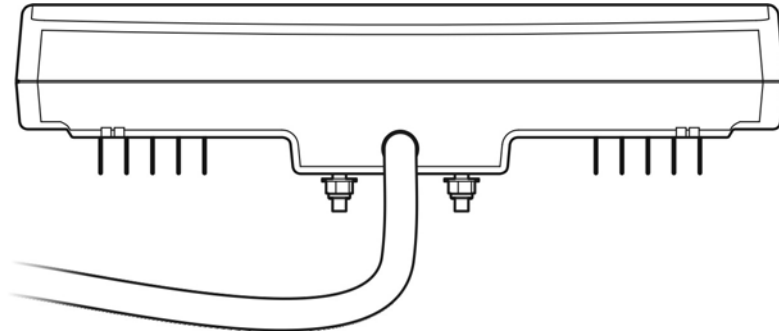


Figure 1.2: Bottom view of DU and cable

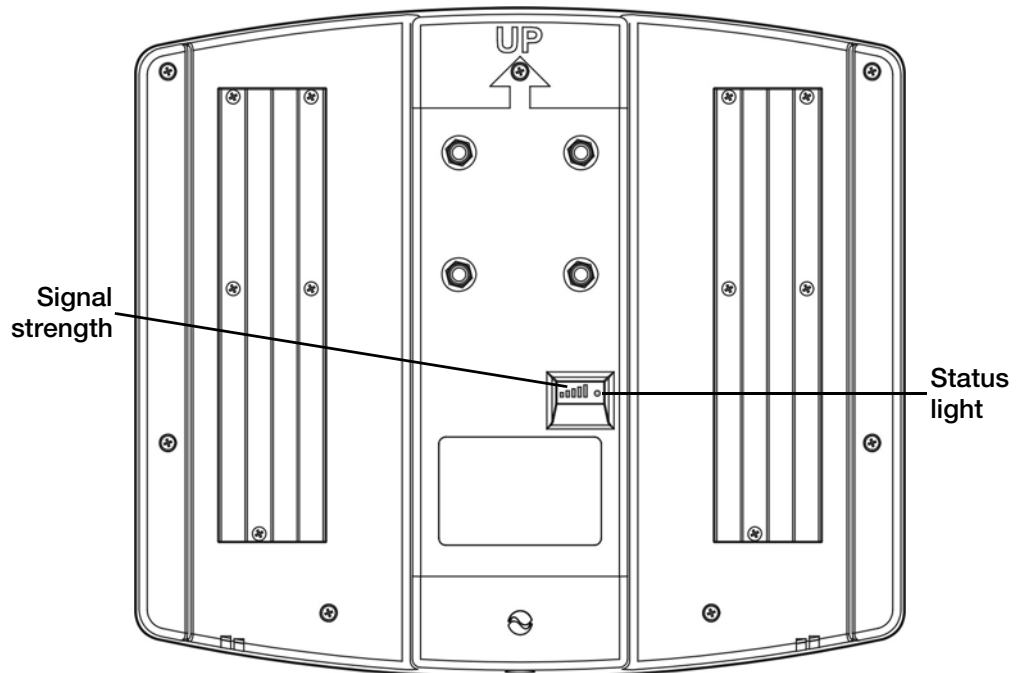


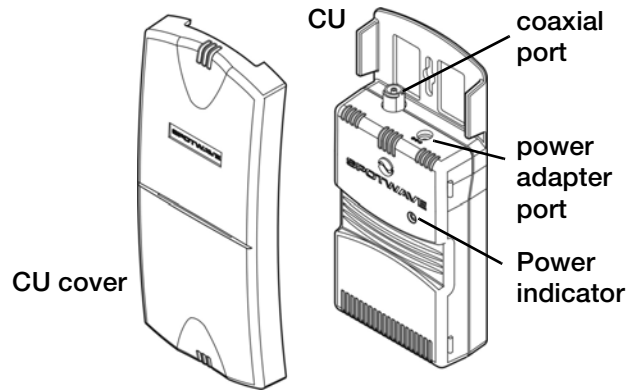
Figure 1.3: Back view of DU



1.3.2 The Coverage Unit



The CU for the SpotCell 250Xe has one F-type coaxial port, a power adapter port and a power indicator on the front.



1.3.3 SpotCell 250Xe Configuration

The basic SpotCell 250Xe system configuration is one DU connected with a coaxial cable to a CU which is connected to an AC adapter that supplies power to both units.

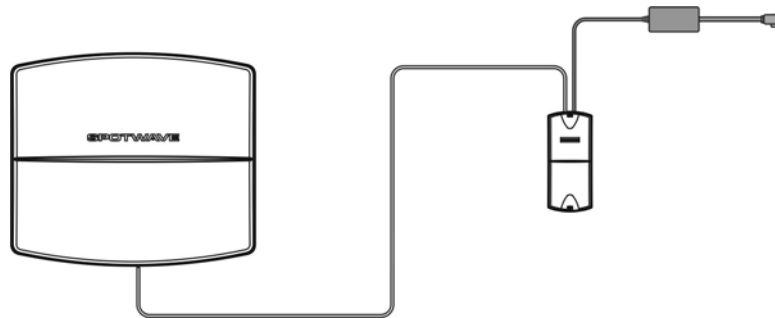


Figure 1.4: Basic SpotCell configuration

With the optional Hidden Cable kit, a BIAS-T (power inserter) can be used to discreetly power the system or power the system from a more conveniently located AC outlet.

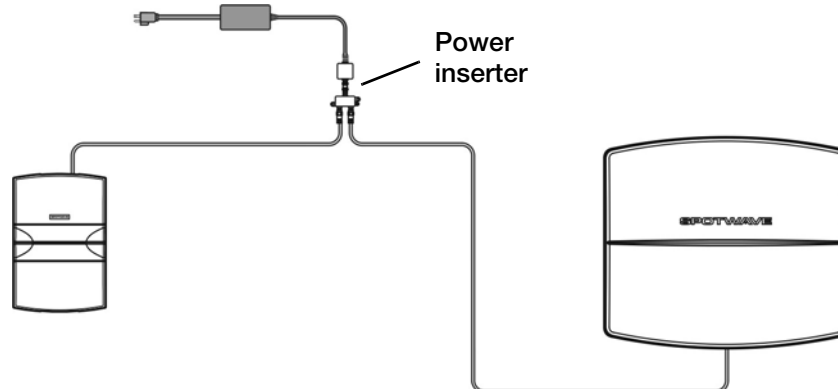


Figure 1.5: SpotCell configured with BIAS-T (power inserter)



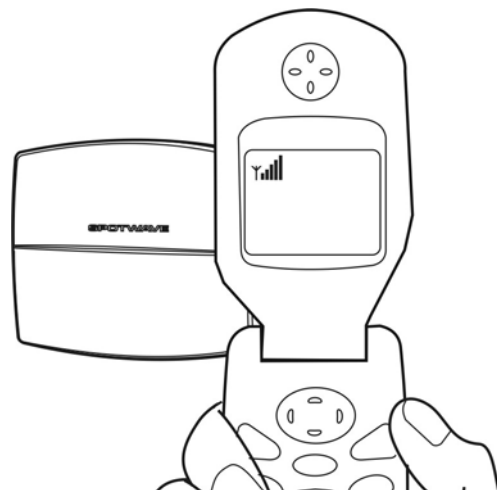
2 – Installation

2.1 Preparation

The following are general considerations and preparations that should be looked at before installing the SpotCell 250Xe system.

2.1.1 Signal Strength

The SpotCell system brings signals from an area of adequate signal level to an area with poor or non-existent signal level. It is the DU which captures a good signal, and the CU that provides the signal to the area with poor cell phone coverage. The DU can be mounted inside or outside, as long as it is in an area where your cell phone works. Generally, the better your cell phone works at the location the DU is mounted, the better the system will perform. See Appendix B – “250Xe Coverage Area vs. RSSI” for information on coverage expectations based on the received signal strength.



2.1.2 DU Height

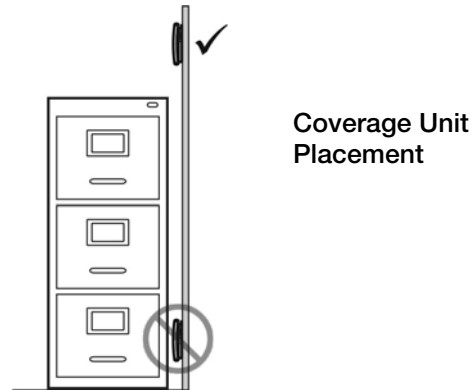
In fringe areas, locating the DU as high as possible above the ground will provide optimal performance.



2.1.3 Avoid obstructions

General placement of the DU and CU must be in unobstructed areas.

For example, the CU should not be placed on a wall behind any type of furniture (behind items such as metal filing cabinets would be a particularly poor location). Similarly for the DU, the front of the unit should not be directly facing any type of metal structures.



2.1.4 Proximity to power source

The indoor unit (CU) must be located within 12 feet (3 meters) of a power source, unless the optional Hidden Cable kit is used. This optional kit includes a power inserter that allows the system to be powered from a AC outlet located within 20 feet (6 meters) anywhere along the coaxial cable. See *Using the Hidden Cable kit* on page 21.

2.1.5 Distance between DU and CU

Although you should separate the DU and CU as much as possible, the maximum length of Spotwave RG-6 cable that can be used to connect the two units is 82 feet (25 meters). For greater DU to CU separation, use 164 feet (50 m) of RG-11 Spotwave double shielded cable.

Make sure the general location of the two units is within these limits. Use only Spotwave Wireless approved cable.

2.1.6 Orientation of DU relative to CU

If possible locate the CU so it is behind the DU while maintaining maximum separation. While not a requirement, most installations will perform better if the units are positioned in this manner. This is generally more important for an inside mounted DU than one mounted outside on a roof or an external wall.

2.1.7 Barrier between DU and CU

The greater the physical obstruction between the DU and CU, the better the performance. Dense obstructions such as brick, concrete or metal walls are better than wooden or plaster walls.



2.2 Packing List

The SpotCell solution is shipped with the following components:

- Donor Unit (DU) - this is the outward facing part of the system.
- Coverage Unit (CU) - this is the indoor part of the system.
- Power Adapter - to be plugged into an electrical outlet and connected to the CU.
- Coaxial cable
- Mounting Kit - for mounting the DU and CU
- Quick Installation Guide

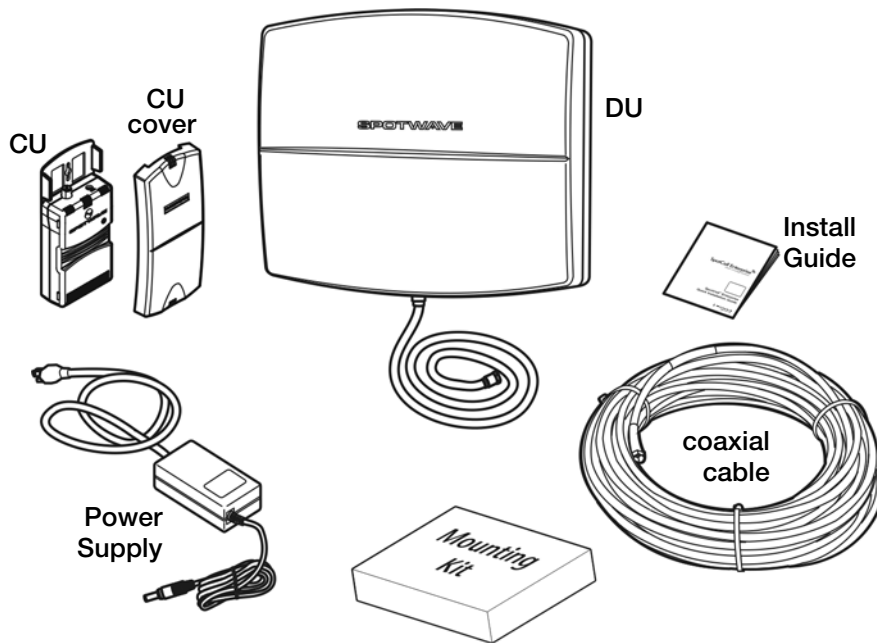


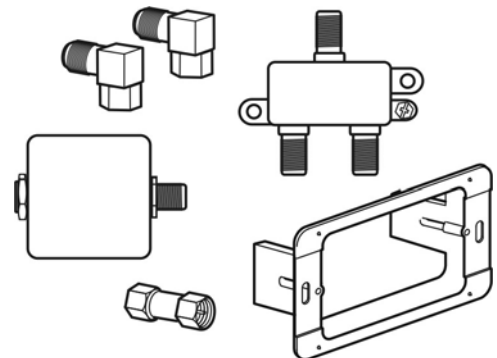
Figure 2.1: SpotCell 250Xe kit

2.2.1 Hidden Cable Kit

The optional Hidden Cable kit makes it easier to hide the RF and power cables that are normally connected directly to the CU. The optional Hidden Cable kit ships with:

- 90° F connectors (2)
- power inserter assembly
- cut-in mounting ring

Note: The power inserter is for indoor use only and cannot be installed outdoors.





Note: You may also need to purchase additional hardware specific to your mounting environment (such as a non-penetrating roof mount) before you begin the installation.

2.2.2 Unpacking the Equipment

Physically inspect the box for shipping damage before unpacking the SpotCell System.

1. Remove the SpotCell components from the box.
2. Remove all packing material from the Donor Unit (DU) and the Coverage Unit (CU). Save the packaging in case the system is ever stored or shipped for service.
3. Check the contents of the package to make sure you have received everything ordered and the kits contains all the listed parts.

Check the DU and CU for shipping damage. Pay particular attention to the unit's outer shell casing and the short cable attached to the DU.

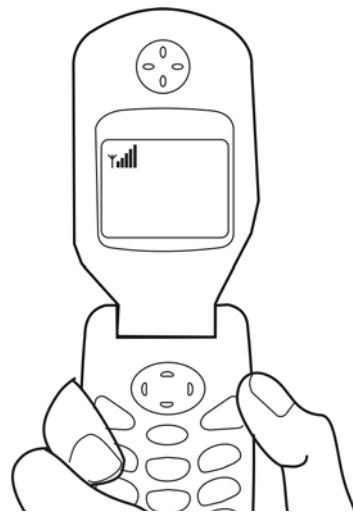
2.3 Choosing a location for the DU

The DU is the outward facing unit. It is the unit that picks up the signal from and communicates with the service providers base station network.

It may not be possible to install the DU indoors when installing the SpotCell solution in remote areas. An effort should be made to install the DU outdoors and the DU should be installed as high as possible when the installation is in a remote area.

Use your mobile phone handset to identify the inside location with the strongest received signal, or the outside roof or external wall location where the strongest signal is received.

See Appendix B –“250Xe Coverage Area vs. RSSI” for information on coverage expectations based on the received signal strength.





2.3.1 Positioning the DU

The following outlines the procedure for locating a DU inside a building, on a rooftop, and on the outside surface of an external wall.

1. Remove the angle bracket from the DU and position the DU (but do not mount it) as close to the final desired mounting location as possible.

Indoors	Outside on a Roof	Outside on an External Wall
While not a requirement, it is highly recommended the DU be installed 3 to 4 feet away from the glass when facing a tinted window ^a .	Although it is sometimes convenient to temporarily have the CU outside while positioning the DU, the CU should not be brought outdoors if it is raining, below freezing or above 105 F° (40 C°).	

a. Tinted windows may contain metallic particles which can degrade the radio signal more than the adjacent exterior wall.

2. Temporarily connect the DU to the coax port on the top of the CU with copper core coax cable. The full 82 feet (25 meters) of supplied coax cable must be used to make this connection and it is recommended that the CU be located at least 30 feet (10 meters) behind the DU.

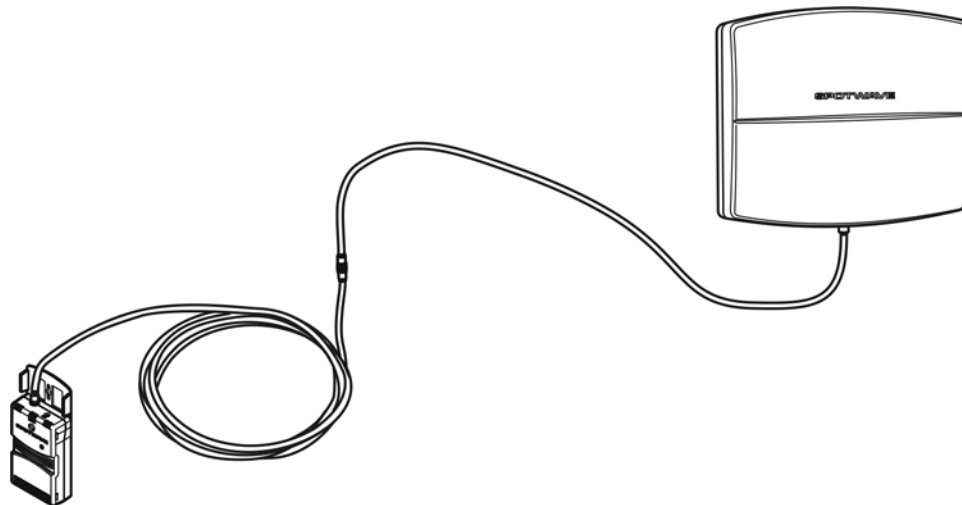


Figure 2.2: Temporarily connect CU to DU



3. Connect the power supply to the CU and plug the power supply adapter into a wall socket.

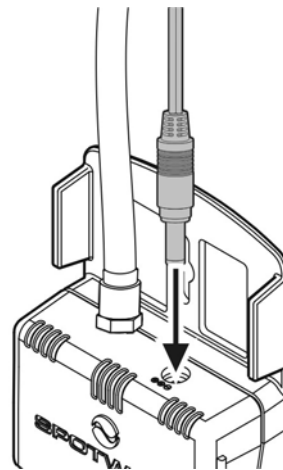
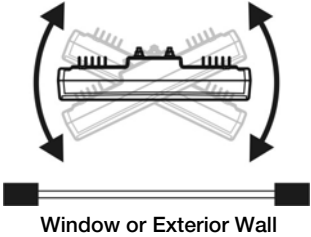
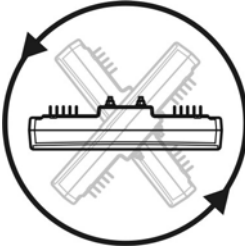
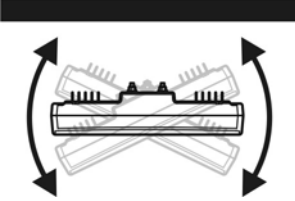


Figure 2.3: Connect power to CU



Note: Only use the power supply provided with the SpotCell 250Xe. Connecting a power supply from another product or another SpotCell system may damage the unit and cause it to fail.

4. Wait until the DU completes the self test and the DU status LED is solid blue (takes approximately 60 seconds) before proceeding to the next step.
5. **Alignment.** Hold the DU upright and pointing away from you, while:

<u>Indoor DU</u>	<u>Outdoor DU On a Roof</u>	<u>Outdoor DU on an External Wall</u>
<p>Slowly rotating the DU left to right with the DU facing to the outside through the window or exterior wall.</p>  <p>Window or Exterior Wall</p> <p>If not in front of a window, rotate the DU in a complete 360° circle.</p>	<p>Slowly rotating the DU in a complete 360° circle.</p> 	<p>Slowly rotating the DU left to right with the DU facing away from the exterior wall.</p> <p>Exterior Wall</p> 



Monitor the number of bars displayed on the signal strength indicator during the rotation. The number of bars is an indication of the signal strength the DU is receiving from the wireless base station. The DU should display at least 2 bars of signal strength in order to improve coverage at the CU. See *DU signal level indicators*: on page 26 for details on the signal level indicator.

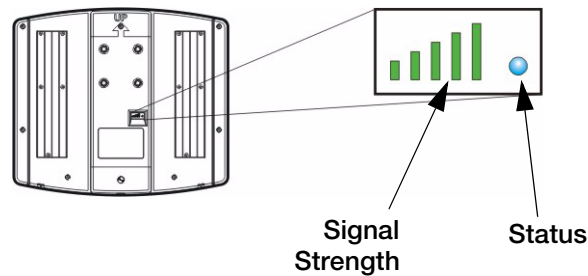


Figure 2.4: Signal strength indicator on back of DU

- Note the direction the DU is facing when the greatest number of bars is displayed and the Status LED is blue (normal operation). This is the direction the DU must face when it is mounted. Do not position the DU in a direction where the status LED is yellow, as this will reduce the available coverage due to signal overload (possibly caused by a different carrier's base station).

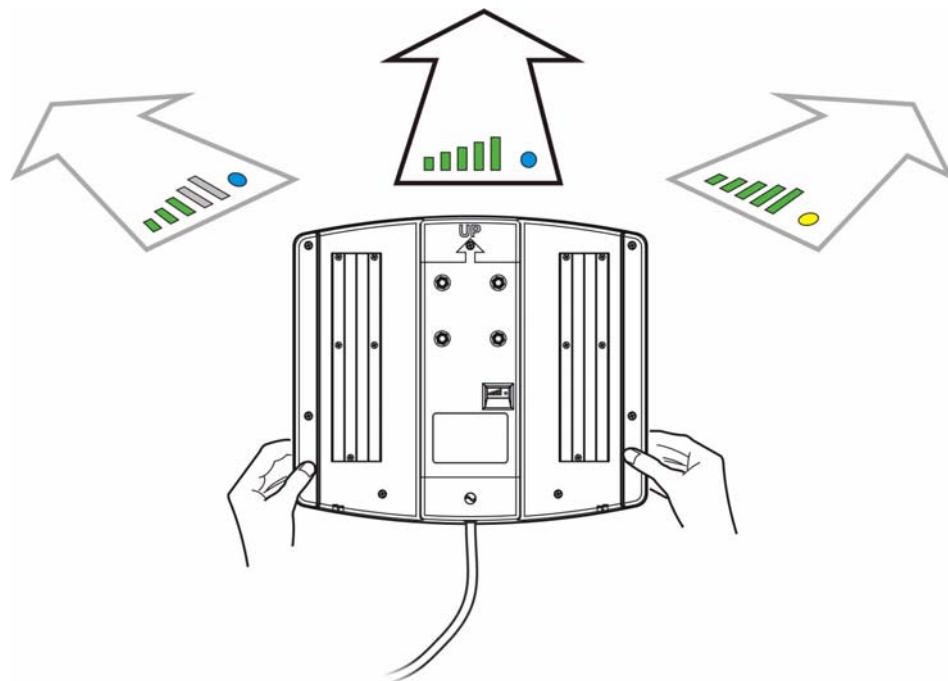
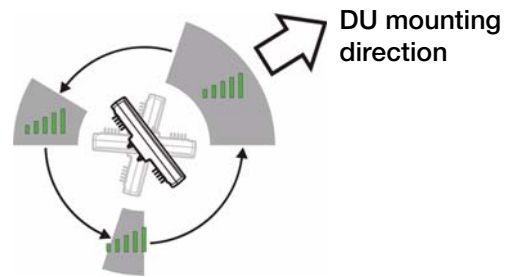


Figure 2.5: Note the DU direction with maximum number of bars and blue Status LED



When multiple locations show the same greatest number of bars, mount the DU facing in the direction where the number of bars was displayed for the longest period of time during rotation.

It is recommended that various outside roof and exterior wall locations, and locations within the building be tested to identify the best DU location.



7. Proceed to mounting the DU (in the location that has the highest indicated signal level) and installing the coaxial cable (see *Mounting the DU* on page 15). After the DU is mounted, it is recommended that you temporarily re-connect the CU to the DU and quickly verify that the expected greatest number of bars (as found in steps 4 and 5) is displayed.

2.4 Choosing a location for the CU

The CU location is optimized, after the DU location and orientation have been optimized, the DU has been mounted, and the copper core coaxial cable has been pulled from the DU to the location requiring improved coverage.

Generally, the CU should be mounted in a location as far as possible behind the DU, while being near the center of the area where you require improved coverage and within reach of the maximum allowed cable length (see *Distance between DU and CU* on page 6)

Wall mounted CU

If mounted on a wall, the coverage pattern for an open area would be similar to that as shown in Figure 2.6.

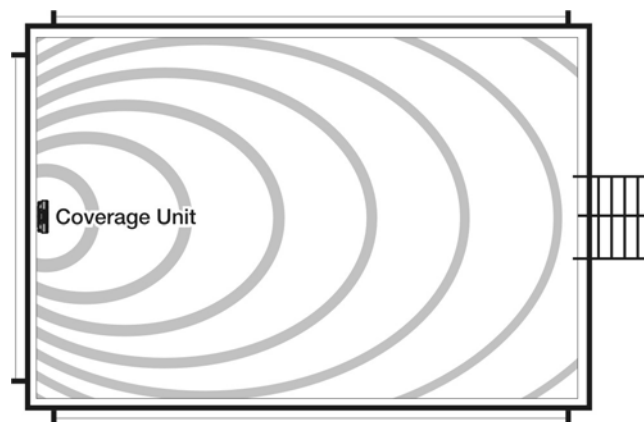


Figure 2.6: Coverage pattern in front of CU



The unit should be mounted as high on the wall as possible.

Ceiling Mounted CU

When mounting the CU on a ceiling, the unit should be mounted vertically and positioned in the middle of the area to be covered.

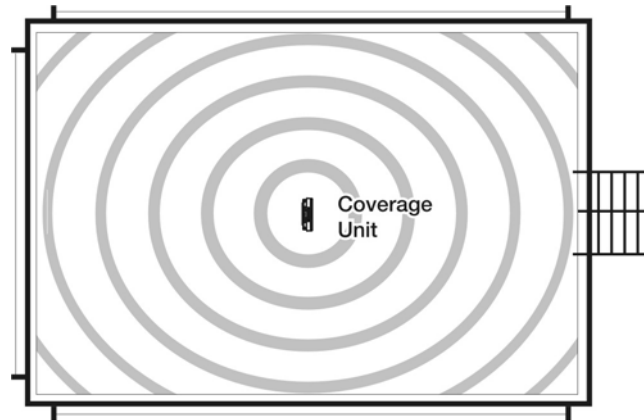


Figure 2.7: Coverage pattern from CU mounted on ceiling

2.4.1 Positioning the 250Xe CU

Before positioning the CU, ensure that the DU position has been optimized and the DU has been mounted in place.

To position the CU

1. Place the CU in the area needing coverage, but do not physically mount at this time.
2. Temporarily connect the cable from the DU to the coaxial port on the top of the CU.

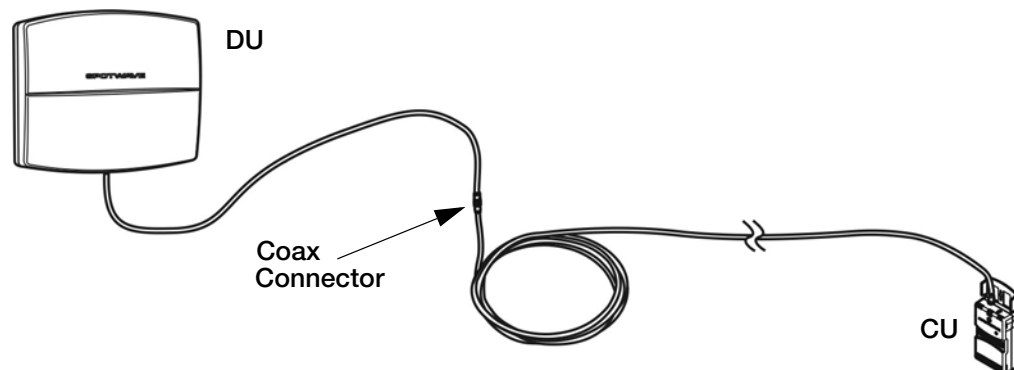




Figure 2.8: Connect CU to DU

3. Connect the power supply to the CU, and then plug the adapter into an AC outlet.
4. Verify the system is working by using your mobile phone to place a call in the room where the CU is placed. If a call cannot be made or the quality is poor, move the CU to other locations and try again.

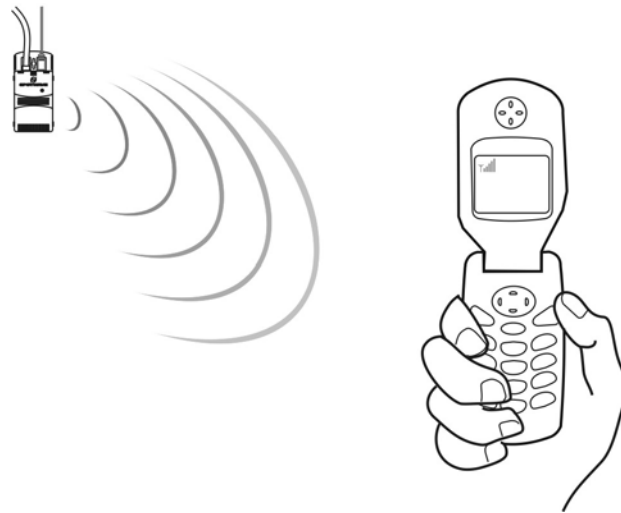


Figure 2.9: Verify coverage with mobile phone

5. Once the CU is positioned, permanently run the copper core coaxial cable from the DU to the CU location. See *Routing the cable* and *Bringing the cable indoors* on page 18.
6. Tighten the cable connection to the CU with a wrench, but be careful not to overtighten.
7. Refer to *Mounting the CU* on page 20 for mounting instructions.

2.5 Alternate cable

The SpotCell 250Xe can use either **82 feet (25 m) of RG-6** (the cable supplied with the system) to connect the DU to the CU or **164 feet (50 m) of RG-11** solid copper core coaxial cable

Using more than the recommended cable length may result in a reduction in coverage area or reduce the voltage at the DU below its safety threshold.



3 – Mounting the DU and CU

Mount the DU and CU only after the optimal locations for each unit has been determined (see 2.3“Choosing a location for the DU” and 2.4“Choosing a location for the CU”).

3.1 Mounting the DU

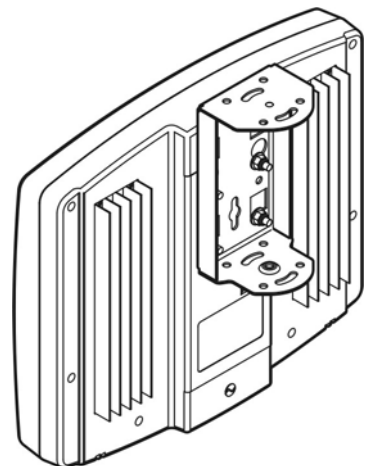
The DU may be indoor or outdoor mounted. Based on the direction the DU will point, consider possible mounting locations.

The SpotCell 250Xe ships with the basic hardware for mounting the DU to an inside or outside wall. The illustrations on the following pages show some of the possible mounting options.

3.1.1 Mounting Options

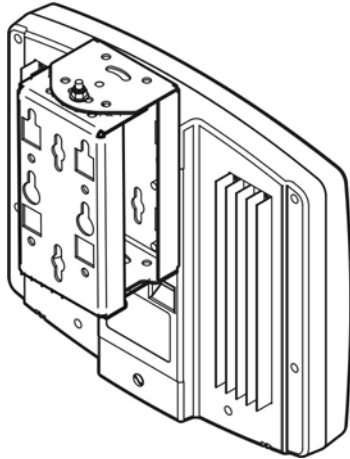
Overhead Mount

The overhead mount provides left to right rotation, but no up or down-tilt.



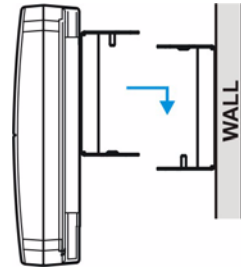


Wall Mount

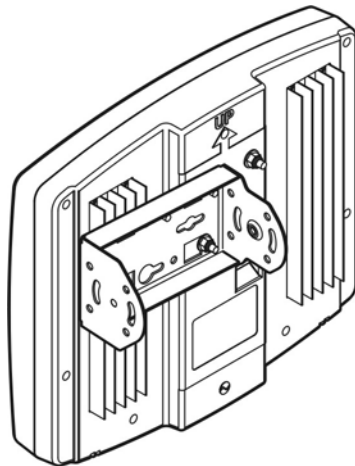


The wall mount configuration allows for some left to right rotation, but no up or down tilt.

The matching bracket halves should be mounted to the DU and wall separately and then fixed together.



Side Surface Mount (indoor only)

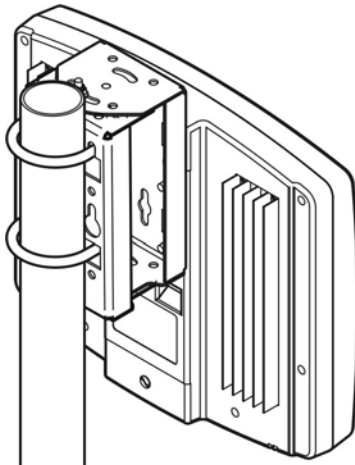


The side surface mount allows for some up and down tilt, but no left to right rotation.

There are two important concerns with this mounting configuration:

1. This configuration cannot withstand strong winds and should only be used indoors.
2. To keep the bracket secure, all four mounting nuts on the back of the DU must be in place and tightened, even if only two of the nuts are holding the bracket to the DU.

Pipe Mount



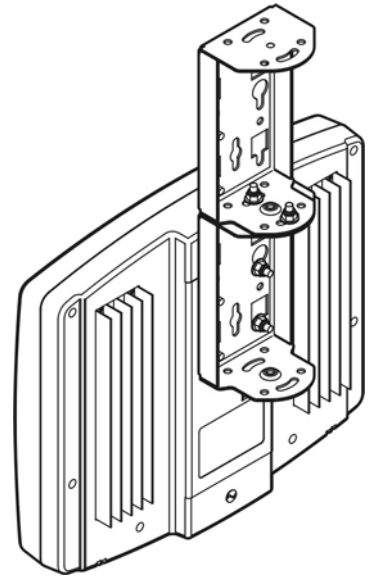
Use U-bolts to mount the unit to a 2-in pipe.

The pipe mount allows for complete left to right rotation with no range of up-tilt or down-tilt.



Extended Vertical Surface Mount

This configuration can be used to mount the DU from an overhead vertical surface (such as a beam or truss) and allows for full rotation either left to right or up and down, depending on how the mount is fastened to the DU.



3.1.2 DU Outdoor Mounting

The mounting bracket has holes, keyhole slots, and rounded slots for 1/4-in lag bolts.

Mounting to a wood structure

1. Use the holes in mounting bracket as a template and mark the hole locations.
2. Drill 1/8-in. diameter holes approximately 2.5-in. deep.
3. Install the DU mounting bracket using at least two 1/4-in. lag bolts.
4. Fasten the DU to the mounting bracket.

Mounting to a brick or concrete structure:

1. Use holes in mounting bracket as a template and mark the hole locations.
2. Use a masonry drill bit to drill 5/16-in. diameter holes, 2-in. deep.
3. Insert masonry screw anchors so that the anchor is flush to the mounting surface.
4. Install the DU mounting bracket using at least two 1/4" lag bolts.
5. Fasten the DU to the mounting bracket.



Mounting to a pipe:

1. Fasten the bracket to the DU before mounting to the pipe.
2. Feed the u-bolts through the rounded rectangular slots as shown in *Pipe Mount* on page 16.
3. Aim the DU at the signal source and tighten the u-bolts.



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Note: DO NOT use cable ties to mount the DU.
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Routing the cable

Take care not to kink or damage the short coaxial cable (extending from the DU) when routing the cable, especially in cold weather.

When routing the cable on a roof be sure to locate it where it will not be tripped over and use tie-wraps to attach the cable to existing pipes or other cable runs.

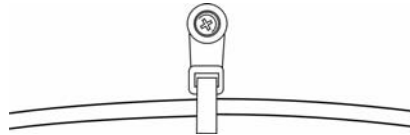


Figure 3.1: Cable Strap

Secure the cable to wood or siding walls using #6 x 1.5-in. wood screws and cable loop straps as shown in Figure 3.1:“Cable Strap”.

To attach the cable to a brick or concrete wall:

1. Drill a 3/16-in. diameter x 1-1/4 in. deep hole using a masonry drill bit.
2. Insert the anchor flush with the mounting surface.
3. Use cable clamps and screws to attach the cable to the wall.

Bringing the cable indoors

If it is necessary to run a cable through a wall, use a masonry or wood drill bit to drill a 3/4-inch diameter hole.

To bring the cable through an exterior wall:

1. Depending on the material the wall is made of use a wood or masonry drill bit to drill a 3/4-in. diameter hole.
2. Pass the connector and cable through the wall.
3. Use a putty or sealant to fill the hole around the cable.
4. Fashion a drip loop in the cable if the hole is not next to the ground block.



Grounding the DU

When the DU is installed outside, electrical (or building) code calls for the outer conductor of the coaxial cable to be grounded at or near the point of entrance of the cable into the building. A ground-block is provided with the DU installation kit.

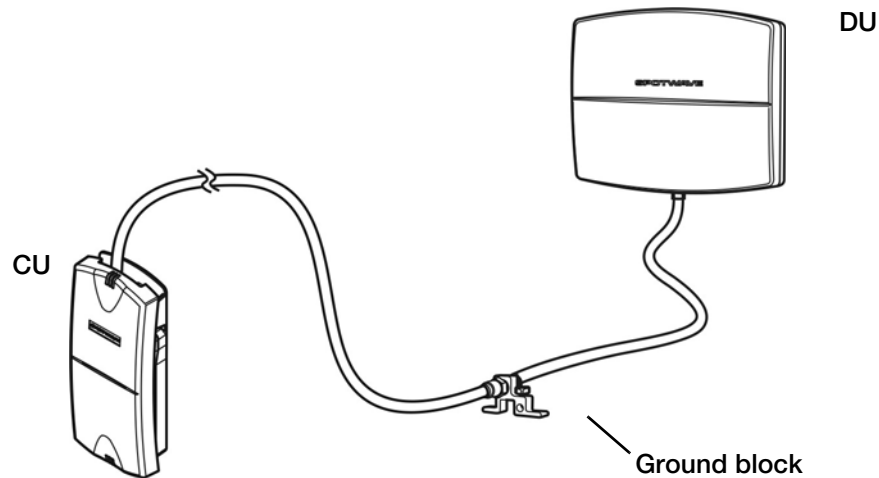


Figure 3.2: Ground coaxial cable with ground block

Drip Loops

While securing the cable outside, ensure that a drip loop is fashioned on both sides of the ground block and fasten a tie wrap around the loop to keep the loop secured.

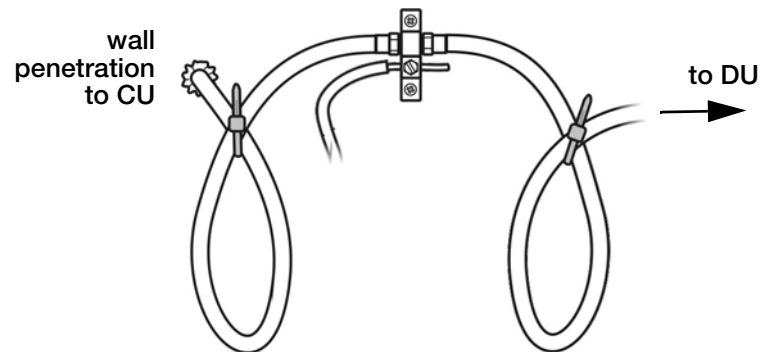


Figure 3.3: Drip loops on both sides of ground block

If where the cable enters the building is **not** next to the ground block, then another drip loop will also have to be fashioned at this point. The drip loop prevents water from collecting around the cable where it attaches to the block or where it enters the building.

Ideally the ground block should be bonded to the roof ground network, a metal cold water pipe, structural steel, or metal electrical conduit. Use #10-AWG solid-copper wire (minimum). Green insulation is preferred. Alternatively uninsulated #8-AWG aluminum may be permitted. Be sure to check national and local code requirements.



Connect the ground wire to the cold water pipe or alternative using an appropriate crimp-on ring or lug connector. Ground conductor and termination hardware are not supplied.



Warning! Failure to properly ground the DU will leave the unit and building vulnerable to damage from lightning strikes. Check local building and electrical code requirements and comply with both local and national regulations.

Ideally the DU ground wire should be bonded to the roof ground network. For roofs without such a network use a metal cold water pipe, structural steel, or metal conduit.

3.1.3 DU indoor mounting

To mount the DU indoors:

1. Use the mounting bracket as a template and mark the hole locations.
2. If the mounting is in a solid wood surface, or a stud covered by drywall, drill a 5/32 inch diameter hole. Mount the unit with 2 inch wood screws.

or

If the mounting is in drywall, drill a 1/4 diameter hole and insert an anchor. Mount the unit with 1/2 inch pan head screws.

3. Attach cables to the wall using tie wraps and mount directly to the wall where possible (using 1/2 inch pan head screws). If an anchor is required drill a 3/16 inch diameter hole, insert the anchor, and fasten with 1/2 inch pan head screws.

3.1.4 Cable inspection

Make sure the cable jacket is not cut or damaged before finishing the DU installation.

3.2 Mounting the CU

Find a suitable location to mount the unit that will provide good signal coverage. Refer to section 2.4 "Choosing a location for the CU".

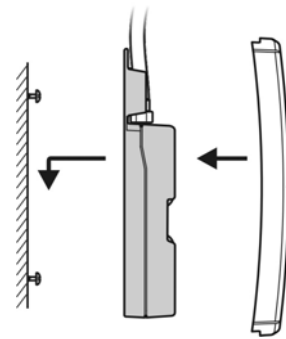
The Coverage Unit can be mounted to a wall or ceiling. If it makes cable routing easier, you can also mount the Coverage Unit upside down on the wall with the cables extending downward.

Mount the Coverage Unit only after the optimal location for the Donor Unit has been determined and the DU has been mounted.



3.2.1 To mount the Coverage Unit

1. Find a suitable location to mount the unit that will provide good signal coverage, not blocked by any obstructions and at least 3 feet away from where a mobile phone, cordless phone, WiFi device, personal computer or microwave oven would typically be used.
2. Fasten two 1¼" screws to the wall, 3¼ inches apart. Leave approximately a ¼ inch gap between the head of the screws and the wall.
3. Align the Coverage Unit's two keyholes over the screws and slide the unit down until it snaps into place.
4. Fit the cover onto the Coverage Unit.



3.3 Using the Hidden Cable kit

The Hidden Cable kit includes a BIAS-T (power inserter) and a F-90 connector that make it easier to hide the power and RF cables that are normally connected directly to the CU.

3.3.1 BIAS-T (power inserter)

The BIAS-T (power inserter) is for indoor use only and is used to power the system from a discreet or more conveniently located AC outlet.

To install the BIAS-T

1. Choose an indoor location along the coaxial cable run to install the BIAS-T. The BIAS-T location must be within 20 feet (6 meters) of an AC outlet so that the power adapter cord can reach.
2. If the AC adapter can reach the end of the 10 ft (3m) cable attached to the DU then simply attach the BIAS-T to the DU cable and then the cable coming from the CU.

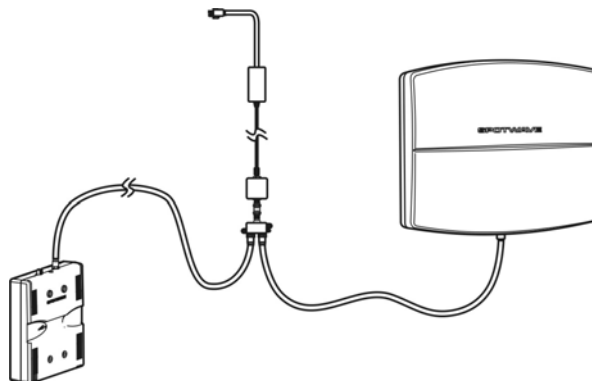


Figure 3.4: BIAS-T inserted near DU



If the DU is too far from the AC outlet, cut the coaxial cable at the chosen location, properly terminate both ends with Spotwave approved connectors, and attach the the BIAS to the two new connectors.

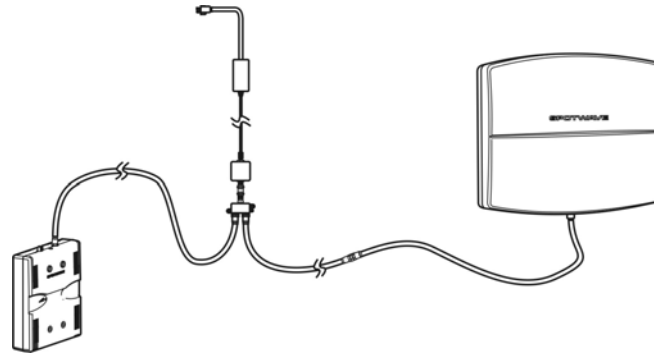


Figure 3.5: BIAS-T inserted far from DU

3. Connect the power supply to the power inserter and then plug the adapter into an AC outlet.

3.3.2 F-90 connectors

The 90 degree F connector included in the kit, allows the coaxial cable to be run through the CU mounting bracket and directly into the wall opening. Figure 3.6:“F-90 connector used to hide coaxial cable” shows how the cable runs from the cut-in ring in the wall, through the mounting bracket and connects to the F-90 connector on the CU. The CU is fastened to the cut in ring with a single #3 screw provided.

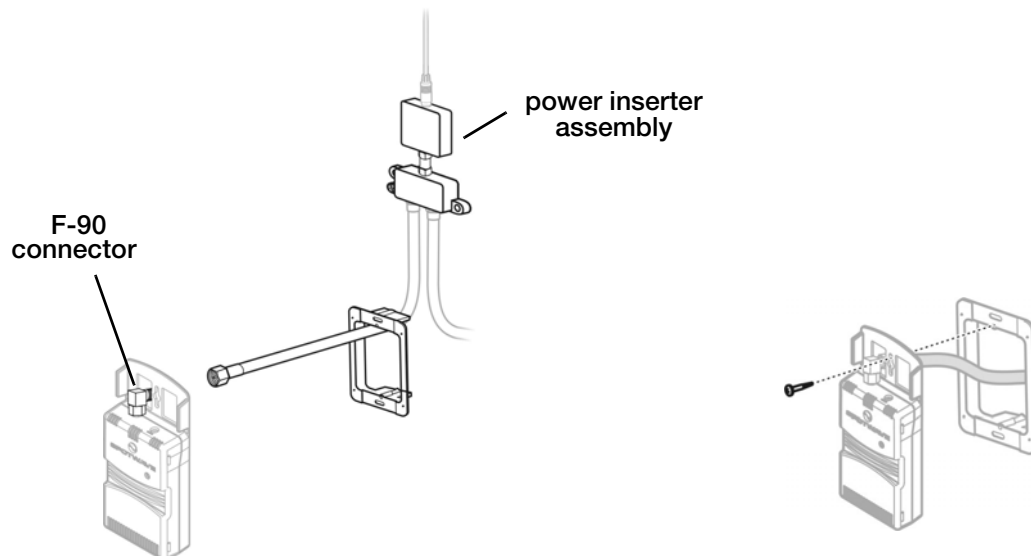


Figure 3.6: F-90 connector used to hide coaxial cable

With the CU cover in place, the connector and cable are hidden from view.



4 – Trouble-Shooting

1. **Status:** The Status LED on the back of the DU should normally be blue, signifying that the system is operating normally. The Status LED can also be red, yellow, or off when the system is not operating correctly.
Action: A red DU LED indicates a fault condition, a yellow LED indicates an overdrive condition, and blue indicates power on, no faults. A blue LED on the CU indicates the system is powered.
2. **Status:** The LED on the DU is not illuminating.
Action: Ensure the following:
 - The cable from the DU is connected to the CU port coaxial port.
 - The blue LED on the CU is illuminated.
 - The power supply is connected to the CU or BIAS-T (power inserter).
 - The power supply is plugged into an electrical outlet.
 - If the LED is still not illuminating, contact technical support.
3. **Status:** My cell phone does not work around the location I would like to install the SpotCell DU.
Action: Try finding another location, possibly outside and as high as possible. If no location can be found where your phone works, then the SpotCell 250Xe will not work either.
4. **Status:** The DU and CU are installed properly (blue Status LED on DU), but your cell phone only works in close proximity to the CU.
Action: There are three factors that may be affecting coverage as described below:
 - Visually inspect the area around the CU. Ensure that there are not any large metallic objects directly between the CU and the area where cell phone coverage is not adequate. Remount the CU so that it is out in the open.
 - If the signal the DU is receiving is very weak (although still strong enough to allow operation), the area around the CU within which a cell phone can function will be relatively small. An effort can be made to improve system performance by raising or otherwise repositioning the DU in an effort to obtain a stronger signal.
 - check with your vendor that your SpotCell product is compatible with your cell phone service.



5. **Status:** The coverage area around the CU suddenly shrinks after a long period of reliable operation.

Action: This is most likely due to a change in the cellular network or man made environmental influences such as a large building being erected somewhere in between the DU and the location the DU is receiving a signal from. Repeating the install procedure with the DU in its current position may improve system performance (i.e. re-aligning it in the direction that provides greater signal strength). If this does not help, the DU may have to be physically repositioned at a different location; going through the install procedure starting at *Choosing a location for the DU* on page 8, is necessary at this point.

6. Information: **Performance in remote locations.**

In order for the SpotCell system to function, there are two basic parameters that must be met. The DU must receive a minimum amount of wireless signal, and a physical environment that blocks wireless signals must be in between the DU and CU (i.e. a wall).

If the DU is not receiving an adequate signal, the system will not work, or, it will work but provide a very limited area around the CU in which a cell phone will function. In this instance, it may be possible that only one cell phone will be capable of using the system at a time. This is typical of applications that are on the fringe, or outside of a wireless providers advertised coverage area. Improved performance will typically only be attained by moving the DU to a higher location.

7. Information: **Building installations that do not provide for brick, concrete, metal, or other dense material between the DU and CU.**

Action: In this situation it is possible that the signal emitted by the DU will be received by the CU. This will result in the system lowering the power of the signal it is emitting; and therefore the area around the CU in which a cell phone will function will become smaller. To improve performance in this scenario, it is important to:

- Maximize the height of the DU
- Separate the DU and CU horizontally as much as possible (within the maximum cable limits as shown in *Distance between DU and CU* on page 6).
- Maximum separation between the DU and CU, and back-to-back positioning of the CU behind the DU will optimize performance.

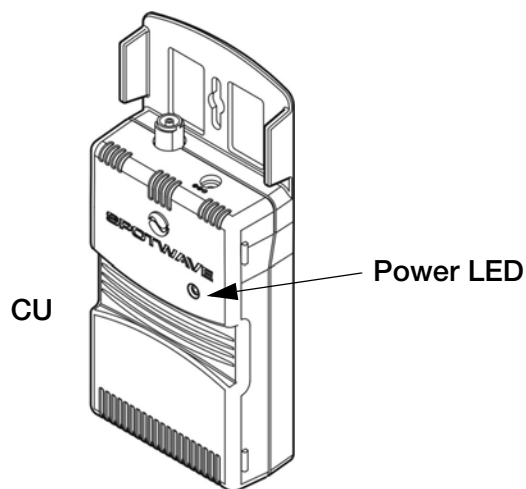
Appendix A – 250Xe System Specifications



Note: Spotwave Wireless has the right to change specifications without notice.



A.1 CU indicators

The SpotCell 250Xe CU has one power LED indicator on the front.



CU Power LED

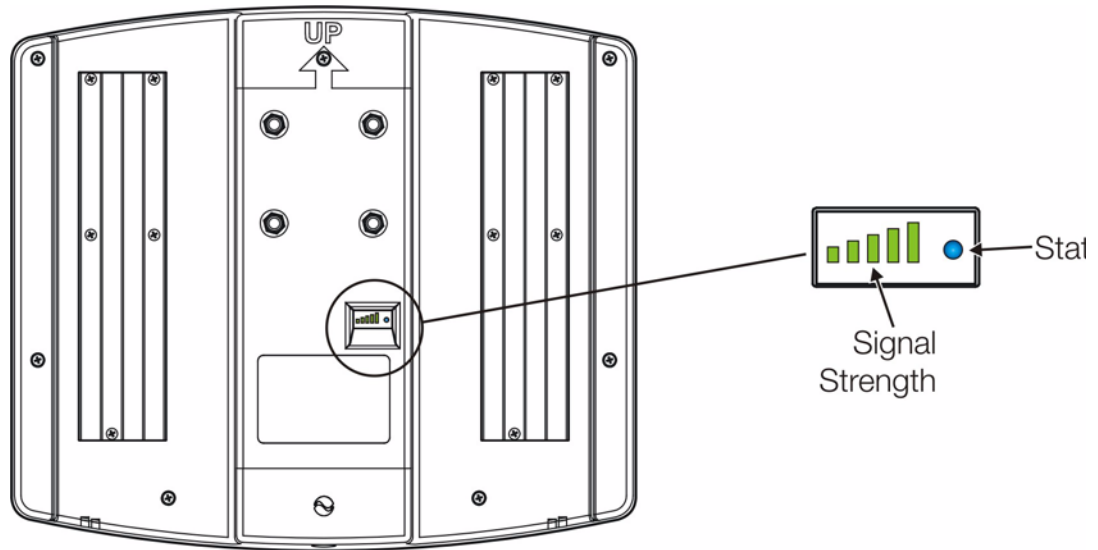
The power of the SpotCell system is indicated by the single blue LED located on the front of the CU.

Color	Status
 Off	No power.
 Blue	Power on.







A.2 DU signal level indicators:

The SpotCell 250Xe DU has two indicators on the back, a multi-color LED for status and a 5 bar indicator for received signal level.



DU Status LED







The status of the SpotCell system is indicated by the single multi-color LED located on the back of the DU. The meaning of each status LED color is listed below.

Color	Status
 Off	No power.
 Blue	Power on, no faults.
 Yellow	Overdrive condition (either adjacent or in-band, not discriminated).
 Red	Fault condition (could indicate a system fault, upgrade failure, or expired activation period).



DU Signal Level Indicator

The graduated bars on the DU indicate the signal level received by the DU

	0 bars indicate the received signal is too low (less than -95 dBm) or that the power is off.
	1 bar indicates the received signal level from the base station is very low (-85 to -95 dBm). Operation may be intermittent.
	2 bars indicate the received signal is just within operational range (between -85 and -75 dBm).
	3 bars indicate the received signal is between -75 and -65 dBm .
	4 bars indicate the received signal is between -65 and -55 dBm .
	5 bars indicate the received signal is at the highest level (greater or equal to -55 dBm).

A.3 Antenna Specifications:

	Cell		PCS	
	DU Antenna	CU Antenna	DU Antenna	CU Antenna
Gain (dBi)	9 dBi	0 dBi	12 dBi	0 dBi
Elevation Beamwidth - typical (dg)	60°	90°	45°	NA
Azimuth Beamwidth - typical (dg)	45°	360°	22°	360°
Front-to-Back Ratio (dB)	>20 dB	0 dB	>20 dB	0 dB
Polarization	Vertical			



A.4 Architecture

Frequency Bands	PCS Uplink: 1850-1910 MHz Downlink: 1930-1990 MHz
	Cell Uplink: 824-849 MHz Downlink: 869-894 MHz
Sub-Bands	Operator sub-bands: Operator Specific Primary sub-band: Cell (A+A'+A'' or B+B') PCS (5, 10, 15 MHz)
Formats Supported	GSM / GPRS / EDGE / UMTS and IS-95 / CDMA / 1XRTT / 1XEVD0
Typical Coverage Area	2,500 sq. ft (230 m ²) (if RSSI shown on DU is greater than 3 bars)
System Gain (fully adaptive, includes antenna)	Uplink: 0 to +70 dB maximum Downlink: 0 to +70 dB maximum
System Stability Margin	> 10 dB (fully adaptive)
Downlink Operating Range	-85 to -45 dBm EIRP (composite) -105 to -85 dBm at reduced coverage
Maximum Input Level (receive isotropic power)	Uplink: -10 dBm Downlink: -45 dBm
Output Level -EIRP (fully adaptive)	Uplink: +30 dBm EIRP maximum (fully adaptive) Downlink: maximum -5 dBm composite
Third Order Intercept (EIRP, radiated)	PCS Uplink: +50 dBm Downlink: +15 dBm
	Cell Uplink: +53 dBm Downlink: +15 dBm
Power Consumption	< 35 W

A.4.1 Physical

	DONOR UNIT	COVERAGE UNIT
Operating Temperature	-40° to 130 F° (-40° to +55° C)	32° to +104° F (0° to +40° C)
Size	14 x 12.5 x 3 in. (36 x 31.5 x 8 cm)	2.75 x 6. x 1.25 in. (7.0 x 15.3 x 3.2 cm)
Weight	12 lb. (5.5 kg)	< 0.5 lb. (0.23 kg)
RF Connectors	Type F: Coverage Port (weatherproof)	Type F: Donor Port
RF Cable	Coverage specification is met with up to 25m RG-6 (9 dB insertion loss) cable between Donor & Coverage Unit	
Power Supply	Universal power adapter (90 - 260 VAC, 47 -63 Hz)	



A.4.2 Installation

Installation Time	Less than one hour typical
Donor (outward facing) Unit Alignment	No prior knowledge of base station location required. Built in alignment algorithm (LED Indicator on Donor Unit).
Test Equipment	None required. No RF knowledge required for installation. Easy-to-read LED indicators guide installation
User Controls	None, setup and operation is fully automatic.

A.4.3 Diagnostics

User Interface	Built-in power LED on Coverage Unit Built-in signal strength display on Donor Unit
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Appendix B – 250Xe Coverage Area vs. RSSI

The coverage area around the CU is dependent on the received signal strength at the DU. Figure B.1: “Expected coverage vs. signal strength at DU” shows the different levels of coverage that can be expected if the DU is mounted where a cell phone showed between 2 and 5 bars of signal strength.

For example, if you were to mount the DU in a location where your cell phone showed 4 bars of signal strength, you could expect the SpotCell 250Xe to have a working range of up to 30 feet (free of obstacles) from the CU.

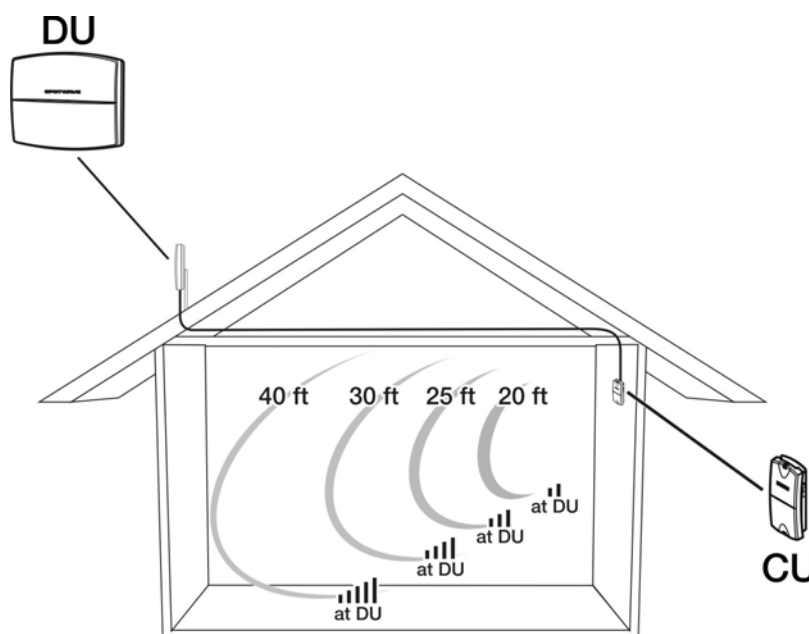


Figure B.1: Expected coverage vs. signal strength at DU

For the system to improve coverage there must be at least 2 bars of signal strength showing on the DU.

NOTES

FCC Declaration of Conformity

This equipment complies with CFR 47, Part 15.19 of the FCC rules. Operation of the equipment is subject to the following conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference; and
- This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Information to the User for Class B Digital Equipment

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation.

If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna;
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver;
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected;
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

FCC Regulatory Compliance

This equipment has been tested and complies with the following FCC requirements:

- FCC Part 22, subpart H: Cellular Radiotelephone Services.
- FCC Part 24, subpart E: Broadband PCS.
- FCC Part 15, subpart C - Intentional radiators.

Health and Authorization for Use

The SpotCell 250Xe emits radio frequency electromagnetic energy to enhance signals received by mobile devices for in-building coverage. However, the energy level of these emissions is by far much less than the electromagnetic energy emitted by other wireless devices.

Caution! To maintain compliance with the FCC's RF exposure guidelines, this equipment shall be installed and operated with a minimum distance of 20cm between the radiator and your body. Unauthorized modification of any hardware and attachment may violate FCC regulations.

Warning! The use of shielded-type power cord is required in order to meet FCC emission limits and to prevent interference to nearby radio or television reception. It is essential that only the supplied power cord be used. You are cautioned that changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void your authority to operate the equipment.

Maximum Permissible Exposure Statement

The SpotCell 250Xe is a low power repeaters for in-door coverage. The electromagnetic radiation emitted is much less than what is specified by FCC. The products have been evaluated under the FCC Bulletin Office of Engineering Technology 65c - Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields. This equipment is complaint to the requirements as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulation 47, section 2.1091 (Radio frequency radiation exposure evaluation), section 1.1310 (Radio frequency Radiation Exposure Limits). **Nevertheless, this equipment shall be installed and operated with a minimum distance of 20cm between the radiator and your body.** Use of this equipment in a body-worn manner is strictly prohibited.

Safety Information

The CSA mark indicates that this Equipment meets the CAN/CSA C22.2 N° 60950-00 and ANSI/UL Std N° 60950-00 - Safety of Information Technology Equipment.



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