SkyWay Series Multi-Point Installation Guide

for SkyWay-Net and SkyMate Wireless Bridge/Routers





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- Model Number
- Type of Ethernet connection your SkyWay-Net Bridge/Router
- Network operating system, e.g., Novell Netware, etc.
- Application using when problem was encountered, e.g., MS-Excel, etc.

- Symptoms and/or error codes that accompanied the problem
- Most recent bench test results

Safety

Electrical Guidelines

Observe the following electrical guidelines when working on the SkyWay-Net Bridge/Router.

- Do not work on the system or connect or disconnect cables under these conditions:
 - During a thunderstorm
 - When wearing a wool sweater or other heavy wool clothing
 - When power is applied
- Always ensure the power is off before connecting or disconnecting the 3 pin power cord connector.
- Do not touch the SkyWay-Net power supply when the power cord is connected. Because the SkyWay-Net Bridge/Router does not have a power switch, line voltages are present within the power supply when the power cord is connected to the Bridge/Router.
- The SkyWay-Net Bridge/Router relies on the building's installation for short-circuit (overcurrent) protection. Make sure that a fuse or circuit breaker not larger than 120 VAC, 15A U.S. (240 VAC, 10A international) is used on the phase conductors (all current-carrying conductors).
- Before working on the SkyWay-Net chassis, unplug the power cord from the AC outlet or disconnect the fuse or circuit breaker.
- Locate the emergency power-off switch for the AC source connected to the SkyWay-Net Bridge/Router. If an electrical accident occurs, use this switch to turn off power to the bridge.
- All antenna and data cables should be Listed for outdoor installation in accordance with the National Electrical Code, or acceptable to the local Authority Having Jurisdiction.
- Ungrounded or improperly grounded antennas constitute a hazard to personnel and equipment. A lightning strike on or near an improperly grounded antenna can cause severe injury or death as well as equipment destruction.

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The SkyWay-Net Wireless Bridge/Router operates in the 2.4 GHz band, complies with the IEEE 802.1D MAC bridging standard and supports SNMP monitoring if IP routing is enabled.

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CFR47 Part 15	IEC 60529	UL 950
CFR 21.1040	RSS 210	IP66
TYPE 4X	Low Voltage Directive including amendments by CE Marking Directive	

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Preface

This guide is designed to help you install, configure, manage, maintain, and troubleshoot your SkyWay Series wireless network comprised of Base station (SkyWay-Net) and substations (SkyWay-Net and/or SkyMate).

Intended Audience

This document contains information required for preparation, installation, and configuration for your SkyWay Series Wireless Bridge/Routers. The information in this manual written for a technical audience that meets the following requirements:

- You are functioning in an Information Services or Building Facilities capacity.
- You have more than one year's experience with networking, either wireless or traditional.
- You are familiar with basic networking concepts such as bridging, IP routing, WAN protocols, etc.
- You are familiar with your LAN or WAN's topology, configuration, and design.
- If you will be using Simple Network Management Protocol to manage SkyWay, you are familiar with the protocol's terms and usage.
- You are familiar with basic *RF*/wireless network design, even if you are not familiar with the particulars of any specific system.

Note If you do not meet these requirements, we recommend that you hire a consultant to assist you with installing and configuring your SkyWay network.

Summary of this Guide

The following includes a brief summary of what is in each chapter:

• Chapter 1: Getting Started

Discusses opening your SkyWay Series kit(s), checking all of the components, and an overview of the installation process.

• Chapter 2: Pre-Installation Considerations

Briefly discusses four aspects you should consider/perform prior to implementing your wirless network.

- Chapter 3: Connecting Your SkyWay Unit(s)
 Discusses how to connect SkyWay Series units for benchtesting.
- *Chapter 4: Benchtesting Your SkyWay Unit(s)* Discusses how to benchtest your units prior to installing them into their final field location.
- Chapter 5: Installing Your SkyWay Units

Describes how to install your SkyWay Series units in the field

• Chapter 6: SkyWay Series Warranty Information

Warranty and end user license agreement.

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For configuring and monitoring information and procedures, see the *SkyWay Series Multi-Point Operator's Guide*.

Chapter 1: Getting Started

This Installation Guide is the part of a series of guides on using the SkyWay Series products. This series includes:

- SkyWay Series Installation Guide (this book)
- SkyWay Series Operator's Guide

This book describes how to:

- Inspect your SkyWay Series kit(s) for all components
- Connect your SkyWay Series units/system
- Benchtest your SkyWay Series units/system prior to final installation
- Install your SkyWay Series units/system
- Bring your SkyWay Series units/system up for operation

Checking Your SkyWay Series Kit(s)

When you first receive your SkyWay Series kit, please inventory all components to ensure you have everything you need for installation.

SkyWay-Net Kit

Your SkyWay-Net kit should include the following components:



Customized components based upon your order include:

- Console Cable (length based on your request -100/200/300 ft)
- Antenna kit (not shown)

Take a moment to ensure you have all of the required components. If you do not have a component or the correct component, contact Solectek immediately so we resolve the problem as fast as possible.

SkyMate Kit

Your SkyMate kit should include the following components:



- SkyMate unit
- Power Supply & Cord
- Serial Port Cable
- Software CD
- SkyMate Quick Start Guide
- Antenna Cable (not shown)
- Antenna Kit (not shown)

Summary of the Installation Process

The installation process is divided into the following four phases:

- Pre-Installation Considerations
- Connecting Your SkyWay Unit(s)
- Benchtesting Your SkyWay Unit(s)
- Installing Your SkyWay Units

Pre-Installation Considerations

There are four aspects that must be considered prior to installing your wireless network:

1. Assess Your Network Requirements

Prior to choosing the equipment, research what your wireless network will need. Find out how many sites you want to include, their requirements (bandwidth, protocols, etc.).

2. Map Wireless Network Pre-Design

Create a map with every site nodes shown - each with all of the vital information (lat/long, antenna heights, etc.)

3. Perform a Site Survey

A Site Survey allows you to assess the requirements of each site in the wireless network.

4. *Finalize the Design*

Once you have a Site Survey for each site, you can incorporate these factors into your final design requirements.

Connecting Your SkyWay Unit(s)

This chapter focuses on preparing your units for benchtesting. With all of the units in one room, it is much easier to connect, configure, and verify all of the units are performing properly - as opposed to miles apart and on top of towers and buildings.

1. Connecting Your SkyWay Series Units for Benchtesting

This section provides instructions and diagrams for connecting the units.

2. Powering Up

Once you power on the unit, you need to establish communication to the unit - via the Console.

3. Console Interface

Once connected, use the Console to configure and view your unit. Once all are connected and configured, you can command any of the units from the Base unit.

Benchtesting Your SkyWay Unit(s)

This chapter includes step-by-step procedures on how to benchtest the units.

1. Why Benchtest?

A brief discussion on why you *really* want to benchtest before you install the units.

2. Starting the Benchtesting

Step-by-step procedures to walk you through the process.

Installing Your SkyWay Units

This chapter provides detailed information and procedures for installing the units.

1. Before Installing

Two words: **SAFETY FIRST!** Do's and don't before you begin.

2. Installing the Units

Detailed instructions for both SkyWay-Net and SkyMate units.

3. Mounting the Antenna

Discusses all aspects of installing the antenna.

Chapter 2: Pre-Installation Considerations

Planning and feasibility studies are critical to successfully integrate the SkyWay Series Bridge/Router with your network. There are additional factors, for example, Radio Line of Sight and overall RF environmental issues, which must be taken into account for wireless connectivity.

Deploying a successful network requires feasibility studies and careful planning, particularly for wireless connectivity solutions where additional factors must be considered. Radio Line of Sight and overall RF environment must be assessed and documented to assist in determining the initial installation as well as providing a baseline for future RF environmental measurements when suspected local RF environment changes occur.

Pre-installation Checklist

Assess Your Network Requirements

Solectek recommends the following in determining the feasibility of a wireless internet working solution using Solectek wireless bridges and routers:

- Identify, list and classify the data resource centers by type and number of users.
- Layout the topology of voice, data and video networks indicating bandwidth requirements, protocols, and media of each network segment.
- Plan and layout the IP addressing scheme for IP networks.
- Ensure all protocols deployed in the planned network, including planned wireless segments, can be encapsulated in Ethernet frame 802.3 and Ethernet II.
- Identify protocols and network segments which will require encapsulation in IP packets and consequent routing.

Map Wireless Network Pre-Design

Next, provide details about locations to be connected; for example, building-tobuilding, or server-to-ISP.

- Identify and mark the locations of the main nodes of the network on a geographical map of the region. Attach full street addresses and building characteristics to each location.
- Gather site coordinates (latitude and longitude) for each location.
- Use the site coordinates to determine optimal geographical layout of desired link paths for wireless network segments, and complete the wireless network geographical map.
- Determine minimum antenna height requirement for each location, ensuring each link's path at least 60% of Fresnel zone is unobstructed.

Perform a Site Survey

Assess the Line of Sight and RF environmental factors.

- Check for competing RF signals using a spectrum analyzer.
- Detect and measure the potential sources of interference in selected RF bands for each site.
- Mark the direction and nature of detected RF interference on the wireless network map (created in step two).
- Determine the height of obstacles (trees, buildings, highways) in each link's path.

Finalize the Design

Adjust your plan and select equipment.

- Adopt changes in the network layout to overcome RF interference, and to guarantee the minimum required bandwidth for each link.
- Adjust antenna height requirements based on identified obstacles in the site survey.
- Select the antenna types for each site, based on the link distance and minimum antenna co-location requirements.
- Select an RF channel and antenna polarity plan for each link.
- Select cable types and lengths.

Chapter 3: Connecting Your SkyWay Unit(s)

Connecting Your SkyWay Series Units for Benchtesting

Once you ensure you have all of the components, the next step is to connect your system for benchtesting.

The following illustration shows the proper configuration for connecting two SkyWay:



Powering Up

1. Once your system is connected, open a HyperTerminal[™] session on each PC.

In MS-Windows®, choose: Start/Programs/Accessories/Communications/ HyperTerminal. A pop-up window will open and click on the Hypertrm.exe, as shown in the following illustration:



2. When you initially open HyperTerminal, you automatically create a new connection. Enter a name for this connection (e.g., SkyWay-Net 1, Sky-Mate-2, etc.) and select an icon.



3. Click on OK and the Connect To window will appear.

4. In the Connect To window, select the applicable COM port (COM1, COM2, etc.) from the pull-down menu.

Connect To	? ×
\bigotimes SkyWa	y-Net 1
Enter details for	the phone number that you want to dial:
<u>C</u> ountry code:	United States of America (1)
Ar <u>e</u> a code:	
Phone number:	
Connect using:	Direct to Com1
	Direct to Com1 Direct to Com2
	Direct to Com3
	TCP/IP (Winsock)

- 5. Click on OK and the COM Properties window will appear.
- 6. Change Port Settings to the match the following window:

COM1 Properties	?	
Port Settings		
<u>B</u> its per second:	: 115200 💌	
<u>D</u> ata bits:	8	
Parity:	None	
<u>S</u> top bits:	: 1	
Elow control:	None	
Advanced	<u>R</u> estore Defaults	
OK Cancel Apply		

7. Under the File Menu, select Properties; on the Settings Tab, set Emulation to VT100.

SkyWay-Net 1 Properties	? X	
Connect To Settings		
Function, arrow, and ctrl keys act as		
Backspace key sends		
Emulation:		
Terminal Setup		
Tel <u>n</u> et terminal VT100		
Backscroll buffer lines: 500		
E Beep three times when connecting or disconnecting		
ASCII Setup		
OK Car	ncel	

8. Save, exit, and restart your HyperTerminal session and your session will start the SkyWay Series Login screen.



9. Log in to the system; your user name & password are *solectek*.

Repeat Steps 2-8 for each SkyWay-Net unit before proceeding.

Console Interface

Once you have logged in to the system, the Main menu will appear.

Main Menu	
1. Configuration Menu 2. Status and Control 3. Utilities 4. Diagnostics 5. Start Application 6. Log Off	
Arrow keys then Enter – select an item; $ackslash$ – Go up one level; . – commands	

All screens have three areas: Title, Menu/Field, and Command Line.

Screen Title:	Title of Menu or Screen - changes based on the screen accessed.
Menu/Field:	Menu items or fields - contains menu items or fields you can monitor, execute, etc.
Command Line:	Instructions/options or command line - onscreen instructions for navigating or displays command line instruction.

Navigating the Screens

In the Menu/Field area of the Main Menu, note that each menu item has a number next to it. A blinking cursor indicates where on the screen you are at. Moving the cursor up/down/left/right using the Arrow Keys and pressing Enter allows you to access the command.

However, pressing the corresponding number next to a menu item also allows you to navigate throughout the program. For example, if you press 1., the screen changes to the Configuration Menu, 2. changes to the Status and Control Menu, etc. This allows you to enter a string of numbers, for example - by typing 1234 allows you to access the Configuration Menu, Port Configuration Menu, RF Port Configuration Menu, and finally stop at the RF Level Control Screen. This is easier than pressing the arrow keys numerous times to access the same screen in four keystrokes.

Chapter 3: Connecting Your SkyWay Unit(s)

Chapter 4: Benchtesting Your SkyWay Unit(s)

Since the SkyWay Series bridge/router is a ruggedized device installed outside the building, Solectek recommends spending some time planning the installation and testing the configuration before permanently mounting the units.

Why Benchtest?

Benchtesting your SkyWay Series Bridge/Router (system) prior to installing it in its permanent location is <u>strongly recommended</u>. Benchtesting allows you to test and configure the equipment to your requirements prior to final installation. It allows you to become familiar with the equipment's operation and capabilities in a user-friendly environment. Installers who benchtest all equipment and configurations have a significantly higher success rate during field installation than those who skip the benchtest.

The following items are required for the benchtest:

- At least 2 Skyway units (-Net and/or -Mate)
- SkyWay Series power cable and AC/DC converter
- Console cable and RS-422 to RS-232 converter
- Test antenna for each SkyWay Series RF port
- Two terminals or workstations with VT-100 emulation capability (one for each SkyWay Series), or one workstation with two RS-232 ports to accommodate two SkyWay Series.

Minimum Settings and Defaults for Benchtest

- **RF Frequency**: Use the most efficient RF frequency for your SkyWay Series as determined during the site survey.
- **Tap Value**: During installation, the installer decides on an appropriate tap value for your SkyWay Series so that there is no interference with other SkyWay Series traffic.

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Mode: Designate one SkyWay Series as the base station and the other as the substation.

Starting the Benchtesting

Benchtesting is a critical phase to properly installing your SkyWay Series system. Benchtesting allows you to check all of the component connections and operations prior to mounting the units on towers miles apart. To benchtest your system, use the following procedure:

- 1. Setting the Date and Time
 - From the Main Menu, select the *Configuration Menu*.
 - Select System Configuration.
 - Select General Parameters Configuration.

1.1.4. Gener	al Parameters C	onfigu r ation	
Date : 13 Sep 2000 Time : 10:29:57			
∖ – return to menu	. – commands	TAB – next available field	ENTER – edit

- Set the current *time* and *date*.
- Type .w (Write).
- Press \setminus (*backslash*) **3** times to return to the Main Menu.
- 2. Configure the RF Diagnostic Ports for Base and Sub units.
 - From the Main Menu, select the Configuration Menu.
 - Select Port Status and Control.
 - Select RF Port Configuration.
 - Select *RF Diagnostic Port Configuration*.

1.2.3.2. RF Diagnosti	c Port Configuration	Record 1 of 1
Port Number	: Э	
Configuration Status Port Type Max Buffers Transmit Buffers Receive Buffers Maximum Frame Size	: On-line : RF Master Diagnostic Port : 800 : 338 : 140 : 3200	
Record Type	: Valid	
∖-return to menucomm	ands TAB-nextavailable	field ENTER-edit

- Set the Base unit *Port Type* to *WCOPP Base Diagnostic Port* and Sub unit(s) *Port Type* to *WCOPP Sub Diagnostic Port*.
- Type .w (Write).
- Press \setminus 4 times to return to the Main Menu.
- 3. Configure IP Address for Port 3.
 - From the Main Menu, select the *Configuration Menu*.

- Select Router Configuration.
- Select IP Configuration.
- Select IP Port Configuration.
- Type .*n* (Next) changes to the Port 3.

1.5.1.2. IP F	ort Configurati	ion Record	l 2 of 2
Port Number IP Address Primary IP Address	: 3 : 192.168.03 : Yes	4.069	
IP Mask IP Encapsulation IP MTU Disable IP Routing Proxy ARP ARP Retry Timeout ARP Aging Timeout ARP Max Retries	: 255.255.25 : SNAP RF : 3170 : No : Disabled : 30 : 300 : 5	5.000	
Row Status	: Active		
∖ – return to menu	. – commands	TAB — next available field	ENTER - edit

- Change IP Address to address from the network administrator.
- Type .w (Write) this changes the port configuration status.
- Press \setminus 3 times to return to the Main Menu.
- 4. Activate New RF Diagnostic Ports.
 - From the Main Menu, select the *Status and Control*.
 - Select Port Status and Control.
 - Select Generic Port Status and Control.
 - Type .*n* (Next) twice to change to Port Number 3.
 - Change Administrative Status to Cycle Port.
 - Type .w (Write).

2.2.1. Generic Port	Status and Control	Record 3 of 3
Port Number Port Type Port Data Rate Largest Datagram Size Physical Address	3 WCOPP Base Diag 11 Mbps 3184 00:00:00:00:00:00:00	
Administrative Status : Operational Status :	Up Port Transitioning Up	
Last Status Change : Maximum Transmit Buffers :	500 800	
Bytes Unicasts Non-Unicasts Discards Errors Unknown Protocols	In Out 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	
∖-return to menuco	mmands TAB-next	available field 🛛 ENTER - edit

Port Status momentarily changes to *Transitioning Up*.

- Type .*r* (Read) and verify status is **Up Port** & **Online**.
- Press \ until you return to the Main Menu.

Note: Perform Steps 1-4 for all units before proceeding.

- 5. Start Diagnostic Tests
 - From the Main Menu, select *Diagnostics*.

ON THE BASE UNIT:

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Select RF Base Radio Test.

(1 DE Rosa Padia Tast					
4.1. NF DASE NAUIU 1851					
** Note – Diagnostic Driver Must Be Installed **					
RF Port Number : 3 Test Timeout : 8 milliseconds Test to Run :[Single Frame Ping Pong Mode]					
Number of Frames or Bursts, 1 - 65535 or 0 For Continuous : 0 Frame Length or Maximum Burst Size, 3 - 3200 : 1530					
\-return to menucommands TAB-next available field ENTER-edit					
 Ensure <i>Test Timeout</i> to <u>8 ms</u>. Change <i>Test to Run</i> to <u>Single Frame Ping Pong Mode</u>. Type .w (Write) - this starts the test on Base unit. ON THE SUB UNIT: Select <i>RF Sub Radio Test</i>. 					
4.2. RF Sub Radio Test					
** Note - Diagnostic Driver Must Be Installed **					
RF Port Number : 3 Test to Run :[Single Frame Ping Pong Mode]					
<code>\-return</code> to menu <code>commands</code> <code>TAB</code> - <code>next</code> available <code>field</code> <code>ENTER</code> - <code>edit</code>					

- Change Test to Run = <u>Single Frame Ping Pong Mode</u>.

- Type .w (Write) starts test on Sub unit.
- Press \ until you return to the Main Menu.
- 6. Verify Base & Sub Unit(s) Status
 - From the Main Menu, select *Status and Control*.
 - Select Port Status and Control.
 - Select *RF Port Status*.
 - Select *RF Port Status* (again).
 - Type .z (Zero) and .m (Monitor). While the unit is in Monitor Mode, the numbers will change to reflect the transmission.

• After approximately 15 minutes, type **.r** - this captures the current screen transmission and allows you to read the numbers and determine the error count.

2.2.4.1. RF Por	t s	Status			Recor	d 1 of 1
Port Number Port Type Port Status RF Data Rate RF Channel		3 RF Base Po Online 11 Mbps 2438 Mhz	ort Diag			
Bytes IN Frames IN Discards IN	: : :	905724 112957 0		Bytes Frames Discards	OUT : OUT : OUT :	945284 232411 Ø
Digital Phase Lock Loop Frame Length Violation Non Octet Aligned Frame Abort Sequence CRC Error Overrun Carrier Detect Lost Underrun CTS Lost		0 0 1 0 59 0 0 0 0 0				
∖–return to menu .	- 0	commands	TAB – next	available	field	ENTER – edit

- Calculate the error count. To calculate, use the following formula:
 - Total the Digital Phase Lock Loop through CTS Lost numbers.

Note: Error count is acceptable if less than 1% of total frames received.

- Return to the Main Menu.
- 7. Terminate Diagnostic Tests
 - From the Main Menu, select *Diagnostics*.

ON THE BASE UNIT:

- Select RF Base Radio Test.
- Change *Test to Run* to **Terminate Test**.
- Type .w (Write) this starts the test on Base unit.
- ON THE SUB UNIT:
 - Select RF Sub Radio Test.
 - Change *Test to Run* to <u>Terminate Test</u>.
 - Type .w (Write) starts test on Sub unit.
- Press \ until you return to the Main Menu.

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Chapter 5: Installing Your SkyWay Units

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Before Installing

To install your SkyWay Unit, you need the following items:

- *Cellular telephones* or *two-way radios* so you can communicate when aligning SkyWay Unit antennas during the installation process.
- *VT-100 console* or *workstation with VT-100 emulation capability* and *terminal emulation software* (HyperTerminalTM or ProCommTM) to configure the SkyWay Unit Bridge/Router
- 13 mm hex socket wrench for mounting bracket
- *Slotted screw driver* for mounting clamps
- *Modem (optional)* if you want to operate the SkyWay Unit Bridge/Router through a dial-up connection.

The following items are <u>optional</u> and are required *only if you find it necessary to cut the indoor connectors off* to accommodate pulling the cable through conduit:

- *Ethernet cable*: an RJ-45 cable crimper to terminate the RJ-45 connection to the Ethernet LAN during the installation process.
- *Serial cable*: a small screwdriver to disassemble the DB-9 case, a pin removal extractor tool or a replacement DB-9 jack.

• *Power cable*: a soldering iron

Safety Considerations

The following sections provide guidelines to ensure your safety when installing and working with the SkyWay Unit Bridge/Router.

General Safety Guidelines

Observe the following general guidelines to ensure safety:

- Keep tools away from walk areas where you and others could trip over them.
- Do not wear loose clothing that could get caught in the chassis mounting hardware. Fasten your tie or scarf and roll up your sleeves.
- Wear safety glasses when working under any conditions that might be hazardous to your eyes.
- Do not perform any action that creates a potential hazard to people or makes the equipment unsafe.

Electrical Safety Guidelines

Observe the following electrical guidelines when working on the SkyWay Unit:

- Do not work on the system or connect or disconnect cables under these conditions:
 - During a thunderstorm
 - When wearing a wool sweater or other heavy wool clothing
 - When power is applied
- Always ensure the power is off before connecting or disconnecting the 3 pin power cord connector.
- Do not touch the SkyWay Unit power supply when the power cord is connected. Because the SkyWay Unit Bridge/Router does not have a power switch, line voltages are present within the power supply when the power cord is connected to the Bridge/Router.
- The SkyWay Unit Bridge/Router relies on the building's installation for short-circuit (overcurrent) protection. Make sure that a fuse or circuit breaker not larger than 120 VAC, 15A U.S. (240 VAC, 10A international) is used on the phase conductors (all current-carrying conductors).
- Before working on the SkyWay Unit chassis, unplug the power cord from the AC outlet, disconnect the fuse, or trip the circuit breaker.
- Locate the emergency power-off switch for the AC source connected to the SkyWay Unit Bridge/Router. If an electrical accident occurs, use this switch to turn off power to the bridge.
- This product is intended to be supplied by an SELV source rated at 48VDC, minimum 1A.

Installing the Units

Once you have performed a successful bench test and configured the units to your satisfaction, you are ready to install and connect them.

Installation Precautions

Installers must ensure the SkyWay Unit and its peripheral equipment is kept at a safe distance away from hazardous systems, cables, and equipment.

The installer(s) should consult the *National Electrical Code, Sections 725 and 800*, specifically for clearances from power and lighting conductors, and transient protection.

Installing a SkyWay-Net

Mount The SkyWay-Net to an outdoor mast or wall.

Mounting to a Mast

Tools:

- 13 mm hex socket wrench
- Slotted screwdriver



Use the third central pair of slots for seating a third clamp if you want extra clamp security.

- 2. Thread two clamps into the outside pair of slots on the bracket. Ensure to thread them in the same direction.
- 3. Place the SkyWay Unit face down. Place the bracket and clamp assembly over the rear of the SkyWay Unit so that the four mounting holes align.
- 4. Place one spring lock washer (P/N 1225201) on each mounting bolt.
- 5. Using a 13 mm hex socket wrench, tighten a bolt and washer into each hole of the bracket to a maximum torque of 15-20 ft-lbs (to prevent stripping).

6. Position the bracketed SkyWay Unit against the mast with the connectors facing downward.



Note: The mast should be a minimum of 1 in. (25.4 mm) outside diameter.

7. Feed the end of each clamp around the mast into the locking mechanism at the other end. Using a slotted screwdriver or nut driver, tighten the clamp screws to a maximum torque of 45 ± 5 in-lbs.

CAUTION: The mast to which you mount the SkyWay Unit and/or antenna should be grounded. If the mast is not grounded, see "Installation Precautions" on page 21 and "Grounding the Unit and Antenna" on page 29.

Mounting to a Wall

The wall mount kit is optional and may be purchased separately.

Tools:

- 13 mm wrench
- 1. Place the SkyWay Unit face down.

2. Align the two brackets over the SkyWay Unit unit bolt holes, either along the length or width of the unit.



3. Insert bolts and tighten with a 13 mm wrench.

Note: The bolts can be found in the Mast Kit shipped with SkyWay Unit.

4. Fasten the SkyWay Unit to the wall using the slider slots and bolts (not supplied), making sure the SkyWay Unit connectors face downward.



CAUTION: The surface to which you mount the SkyWay Unit and/or antenna should be grounded. If the surface is not grounded, see "Installation Precautions" on page 21 and "Grounding the Unit and Antenna" on page 29.

Installing the SkyMate

Setting Up Your SkyMate

1. Remove the SkyMate equipment from the box.



Caution: In the following step, hand-tighten the antenna cable. <u>Do not</u> use a wrench or tool. Overtightening this cable may damage the connection.

- 2. Connect the Antenna, Power, Serial, and (if applicable) Ethernet cables to the SkyMate & your COM Port on your computer.
- . For antenna installation and configuration procedures, refer to the "Mounting the Antenna" on page27.
- 3. Plug the power cord in to the electrical outlet.
- Your SkyMate will perform a *boot-up sequence* (this may take a few minutes).



During the bootup sequence, the *Status LED* will display the following conditions:

Red - Initializing Green - Operational

Once complete, the SkyMate will show the status of the Status, RF Link, and Ethernet connections.

Status LED

Green - Operational

Flashing Red - Unknown failure (see the *Mounting the Antenna* section).

Ethernet LED and RF Link LEDs

Green - Link is up. Flashing Amber - Activity on line/link. No light - Link is down.

Status LED Indicators The <u>Status LED</u> may display a combination of Red and Green flashes to indicate an event or problem. For example, 2 Red flashes followed by 1 Green flash on the Status LED. The following tables describe the possible Status LED combinations:

Flashing Status LED	Indication/Problem
2 Red & 1 Green	All channels exhausted; search paused.
2 Red & 2 Green	Searching RF channels for a valid Base.
2 Red & 3 Green	Waiting for acceptance from Base; Standby.
2 Red & 4 Green	Association done IP Address will now be obtained (if DHCP is enabled).
Solid Green	Association with Base established (if DHCP is enabled).

WCOPP-AP Indications

DHCP Indications

Flashing Status LED	Indication/Problem
3 Red & 1 Green	Waiting for IP Address lease offer.
3 Red & 2 Green	Waiting for IP Address lease acknowledgement.
3 Red & 3 Green	Configuration not yet downloaded.
3 Red & 4 Green	Renewing IP Address lease.
Solid Green	Connection done.

Plug-n-Play vs. Configure Settings

Plug-n-Play

Once you have accessed the Console, determine if you are plug-n-play capable or you need to change the settings manually. The SkyMate comes preset with default or plug-n-play settings from the factory. Once you connect the cables to the SkyMate and install the antenna, an RF connection should be established within a few minutes. In this plug and play mode, all configuration is done on the SkyWay-Net Base station. If your SkyWay-Net Base station is configured correctly as a **DHCP Server** with a connection to a TFTP Server with SkyMate Runtime Database files, the SkyMate will automatically be assigned an IP address and download a runtime database from the TFTP Server, i.e., plug-n-play without having to worry about configuring the unit. Plug-n-Play settings include:

- Configuration Server is *Enabled* (set on Base)
- WCOPP-AP Mode is set to *Standby*.
- DHCP Client is *Enabled*

• Static Routing is *Enabled*

If your wireless network meets this criteria, skip to the "*Mounting the Antenna*" on *page27* to complete your installation. If your wireless network does not meet the criteria, proceed to the next section to configure your SkyMate.

Changing the Default Settings (Non Plug-n-Play)	 This section instructs you how to change from the default plug-n-play settings to the non plug-n-play settings. It serves as an introduction to basic steps to manually configure the SkyMate. For more information on reconfiguring the SkyMate, refer to the SkyWay Series Multi-Point Operator's Guide, Chapter 2. This procedure will change the following SkyMate settings: DHCP Client (TFTP Server) is Disabled. RF Port IP Address is manually assigned.
1	From the Main Menu, type 1541 and press Enter to go to the BOOTP/DHCP
	Protocol Configuration screen.
2	Change DHCP Client to <i>Disable</i> and type .w to execute the command.
3	Second down using the arrow loss and configuration screen, Port 2.
+	Network Administrator for address). When finished, type .w to execute the command.
5	Type . <i>n</i> to access Port 3 and configure the IP Address (see your Network Administrator for address). When finished, type . <i>w</i> to execute the command.
6	Type .1511 and press <i>Enter</i> to access the IP Protocol Configuration screen. Verify the Default Gateway Enabled field is set to Yes .
7	Enter the Default Gateway IP Address (RF Port of the BASE unit). Type .w to execute the command.
8	Return to the Main screen and restart the RunTime application. Type 5, select <i>RunTime</i> and type . <i>w</i> to execute the command.
9	Login (user & password = <i>solectek</i>) and type 2241 to go to the RF Port Status screen. Type <i>.m</i> to monitor the screen and watch the SkyMate begin searching the channels for a frequency lock.
Mounting the A	ntenna
T ir	his section of the chapter discusses the aspects of mounting the antenna, including:
	Selecting the Antenna and Pre-mount Considerations
	Grounding the Unit and Antenna

• Connecting the Cabling to the Unit, Power, LAN, and Console

Selecting the Antenna

Solectek supplies one of several different antennas, including both sectoral and omni models. Solectek's systems engineers will assist you with antenna selection, taking into account factors such as usage (point-to-point or multi-point), distance to substations, and interference from nearby antennas. Apart from the two omnidirectional antenna (7002301 6 dBi and 7002401 11 dBi), all Solectek antennas can be used as bridge antennas between two networks or point-to-point communications in the ISM band (2.4 GHz) only.

Before You Mount the Antenna

Use the following guidelines for installing the SkyWay Unit antennas:

- 1. **Avoid reflective environments:** Where possible, avoid mounting antennas in a "reflective environment," e.g., near objects that can reflect radio energy back to the antenna. Signal reflections from nearby objects are seen as noise by radio transceivers and can adversely affect the range or quality of your wireless link. Examples of reflective objects include:
 - Trees or bushes
 - Buildings
 - Air conditioning units and ductwork
 - Other radio antennas
 - Building structures made of any material such as steel, brick, or wood
 - Construction vehicles and equipment
- 2. Use the following safe handling procedures:
 - Do not perform antenna installation by yourself. Some antennas are large and hard to handle, especially when changing polarity or performing the final mounting on the mast. You need a second person to align the antenna; schedule as much antenna work as possible when at least two workers are available.
 - Use a bubble level (carpenter's level) to ensure all antennas are level. For antennas mounted to the wall, you may need additional spacers or washers to obtain a level installation.
- 3. **Mount antennas securely:** A small movement of the antenna caused by an insecure mount or weak mast results in a huge sweep at the other end of the link miles away.
 - Ensure the antenna is bolted securely to the mast.
 - Always use appropriate guy wires (see your local building codes for recommendations and requirements).
 - Weight non-penetrating roof mounts securely with concrete blocks or other ballast.
- 4. **Handle the antenna RF cable carefully:** Maintain a 12-inch bend radius if possible. Do not walk on or kink the cable. A kinked cable can cause severe signal attenuation and the link to fail.

Grounding the Unit and Antenna

Warning: Ungrounded or improperly grounded antennas constitute a hazard to personnel and equipment. A lightning strike on or near an improperly grounded antenna can cause severe injury or death as well as equipment destruction. Any Solectek equipment damaged by lightning is considered to be damaged by an Act of God and not covered under warranty.

Solectek antennas (2.4 GHz) and Bridge/Router(s) do not require additional grounding when mounted on antenna masts properly grounded per local electrical and building codes.

Supply grounding if the SkyWay Unit and its antenna are mounted on a nonpenetrating roof mount, a wall, or an ungrounded wooden mast. In these cases, attach one end of a bond wire to one of the bolts on the SkyWay Unit bracket. Attach the other end to another mast (properly grounded), a building ground, or an NEC ground.

Selecting a Ground Source

Caution: Always switch OFF the power to the SkyWay Unit before <u>connecting</u> or <u>disconnecting</u> the 3-pin power cable.

If the SkyWay Unit and its antenna are mounted on a non-penetrating roof, a wall, or an ungrounded wooden mast, attach a bond wire (minimum of 10 AWG) to one of the bolts on the SkyWay Unit mounting bracket and connect the other end of the wire to a properly-grounded mast, the building ground, or a NEC ground.

The installer(s) should consult the *National Electrical Code, Section 810*, specifically for clearances from power and lighting conductors, and if necessary, grounding.

Connecting Cabling

The SkyWay Unit connects to the antenna by a LMR-400 RF cable.

The SkyWay Unit connects to power and to the terminal, terminal emulator or LAN by three cables:

- Power
- Console
- Data (Ethernet copper or fiber-optic)

The three cables route into the building.

Routing Connected Cables

Determine where to route the cables within the building before you begin connecting the SkyWay Unit. SkyWay Unit's design enables you to route each cable to its most logical/convenient location. These locations may not be in the same room or even on the same floor. For example, it may make the most sense to route the power to a utility room on the top floor, the console to a secured room on the second floor, and the Ethernet to your LAN room on the first floor:



The length of the cable set you ordered determines the maximum distance for all connections, e.g., 100, 200, or 300 ft (300 ft is max. distance unless you use fiber-optics; fiber-optics max. distance is 4,000 ft.) Be sure to secure the cables to the mast at intervals to protect the cables and the connection.

Connecting an Antenna

The LMR-400 RF cable connects the SkyWay Unit with the antenna above it on the mast.

To connect an RF cable:	1.	Making sure the threads are properly aligned, tighten the cable's connector bolt snugly over the SkyWay Unit RF connector port using a 13/16 in wrench. Hand-tighten another 1/4 turn to lock it in place.
	2.	Connect the other end of the RF cable to the antenna's connector using the same technique.

Note: Allow sufficient slack in the cable for a maximum turning radius of 1 ft.



3. Seal the connections to both the antenna and the SkyWay Unit with "Coax Seal" (P/N 10702) to prevent water entry.

Connecting to Power

SkyWay Unit requires DC power to operate. Solectek supplies an AC-to-DC converter and a weather-rated DC power cable.

To connect SkyWay Unit to power:

1. First confirm the power is off before making or breaking this connection. Connect the power cable's 3-pin connector to the SkyWay Unit power port. Plug in and lock it by turning the connector shell in a clockwise direction.



Note: For extra power protection, plug the AC power cord into a UPS (200 W minimum).

Connecting to the Administration Console

Use this connection to:

- Make and apply configuration settings to the unit
- Monitor performance
- Obtain transmission statistics

Solectek supplies an RS-422 weather-rated cable and an RS-422-to-RS-232 converter for connecting to a serial communications port on the console or modem.

Connect a terminal directly to the unit's RS-422 port to provide secure access for a single console.

1. Connect the console cable's 6-pin connector to the SkyWay Unit console port.

Note: You can use a modem for remote console access to SkyWay Unit configuration features. You can also use SNMP Manager on a workstation connected to the LAN to access most of the SkyWay Unit configuration objects. For security reasons, not all the features are accessible using SNMP.

To connect directly to a administration console:



2. Route the cable to the console; ensure you create a drip loop.

3. Connect the cable at the opposite (indoor) end of the console cable (DB-9 connector) to the RS-422 converter, then to the serial communication port on the console terminal or terminal emulator.

To connect to a dedicated modem and data line:

- 1. Connect and route the console cable as described in the preceding, except that you will connect the cable to a modem instead of the terminal or terminal emulator.
- 2. Connect a standard phone cable from the modem to the dedicated data line wall jack. For more information on configuring the modem and accessing the SkyWay Unit remotely, see "Accessing the SkyWay Series Bridge/Router" on page 13.

Connecting to Your LAN

Connect the SkyWay Unit to your LAN via copper or fiber-optic cable.

Copper cable. The 10 Base-T/100 Base-TX (twisted pair) cable is available in 100, 200, and 300 foot lengths. This cable is terminated on the indoor side with a standard RJ-45 connector and is intended to connect to an Ethernet hub or switch. If a cable length of longer than 300 feet is needed, you must order the SkyWay Unit configured to use a fiber-optic LAN connection. See the following section on Fiber-optics for more information.

Fiber-optic cable. Fiberoptic cable is available in longer lengths. Fiber-optic cable transmission is not affected by the noise that can affect a copper cable, because electrical transmission is converted into optical transmission. This cable is terminated on the indoor side with a standard S/C fiber-optic connector and is intended to be connected to a fiber-optic port on an Ethernet hub or switch.

To connect an1.Connect the Ethernet cable's 8-pin connector (10 Base-T/100 Base-TX) or 2-pin connector (100 Base-FX) to the Ethernet port. Plug in and lock clockwise.



- 2. Route the cable to the console; ensure to create a drip loop.
- 3. Connect the opposite (indoor) end of the Ethernet cable to the appropriate Ethernet port (RJ-45 or S/C) on your LAN hub or switch.

Antenna Alignment and RF Link Verification

Once you have mounted and grounded your antenna, you need to align the antenna to produce the best possible RF link. Both the SkyWay-Net and SkyMate software now incorporate a away to help you maximize your RF link. Use the following procedure to align your antenna.

- 1. Once you have mounted the antenna and connected the antenna cable, return to the unit and Console.
- From the Main menu, type 264 on the SkyWay-Net or type 262 on the SkyMate to access the RF Signal Strength screen. Adjust your antenna (up/ down/left/right) and monitor the <u>Signal/Noise Ratio (dB)</u> field for both the

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Local and *Remote* columns (the higher the numbers, the stronger the RF Link), as shown in the following SkyMate screen:

	2.6.2. WCOPP Signal Status					Re	cord 1 of 1
Port	Signal Local	Level (dBm) Remote	Noise Le Local	vel (dBm) Remote	Signal/No Local	oise (dB) Remote	Rcv Timeouts/Sec
3	16	-20	-91	-92	107	72	0
Х — Р	eturn to	menu	commands	TAB -	next avai	lable fie	ld ENTER-edit

- 3. Type .221 and press *Enter* to access the Generic Port Status and Control screen.
- 4. Type .*n* twice to access Port 3.
- 5. Change **Administrative Status** to *Cycle Port* and type .*w* to execute the command.
- 6. Verify the unit status is Up Port and On Line.
- 7. Verify the BASE unit shows the sub unit status is *Up Port* and *On Line*.
- 8. On the Base, type .2241 and view the Frames versus the CRC Error count fields, as shown in the following SkyWay-Net screen:

2.2.4.1. RF Por	t S	tatus	Record 1 of 1
Port Number Port Type Port Status RF Data Rate RF Channel		3 RF Sub Port Online 11 Mbps 2438 MHz	
Bytes IN Frames IN Discards IN	:	1133489 94049 0	Bytes OUT : 791502 Frames OUT : 94070 Discards OUT : 0
Digital Phase Lock Loop Frame Length Violation Non Octet Aligned Frame Abort Sequence CRC Error Overrun Carrier Detect Lost Underrun CTS Lost		0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	
imes - return to menu .	- c	ommands TAB -	next available field ENTER - edit

A good link is indicated when the CRC Error count is less than 1% of the Frames.

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Warranty

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