



Cisco Aironet Dual-Band MIMO Wall-Mounted Omnidirectional Antenna (AIR-ANT2544V4M-R and AIR-ANT2544V4M-RS)

Last Updated: February 06, 2020

This document outlines the specifications for the Cisco Aironet 2.4-GHz/5-GHz Dual-Band MIMO Wall-Mounted Omnidirectional Antennas (AIR-ANT2544V4M-R and AIR-ANT2544V4M-RS) and provides instructions for mounting them. Both antennas operate in the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz frequency ranges and are designed for indoor or outdoor use. The AIR-ANT2544V4M-RS antenna includes self-identifying circuitry.

The following information is provided in this document.

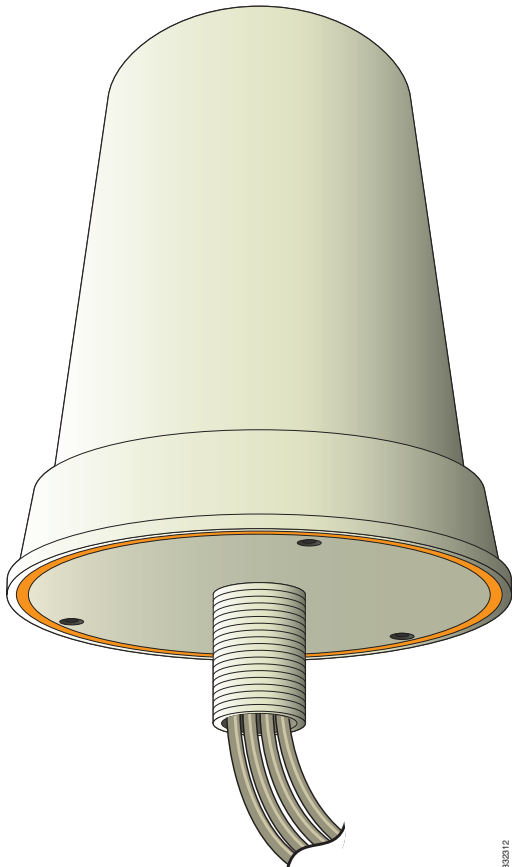
- [Technical Specifications, page 2](#)
- [System Requirements, page 4](#)
- [Safety Precautions, page 5](#)
- [Installation Notes, page 6](#)
- [Installing the Antenna, page 7](#)
- [Connecting the Antenna to the Access Point, page 13](#)
- [Obtaining Documentation and Submitting a Service Request, page 13](#)



Americas Headquarters:
Cisco Systems, Inc., 170 West Tasman Drive, San Jose, CA 95134-1706 USA

Technical Specifications

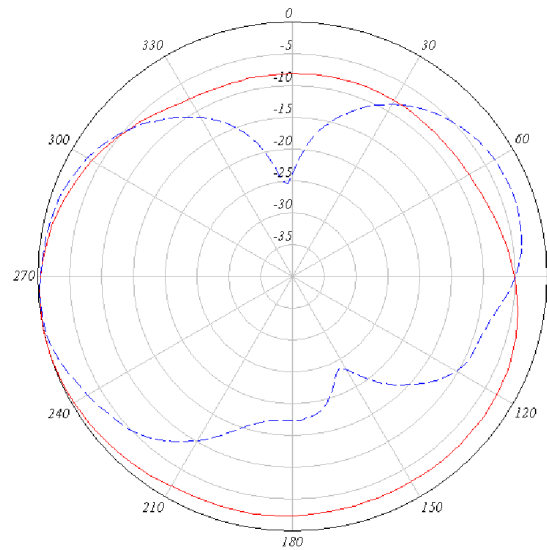
Table 1 *AIR-ANT2544V4M-Rx Dual-Band MIMO Wall-Mounted Omnidirectional Antenna Specifications*

Antenna type	4-element MIMO omnidirectional	
Operating frequency range	2400–2484 MHz	
	5150–5850 MHz	
Nominal input impedance	50 Ohms	
VSWR	2:1 or less	
Peak gain	2.4-GHz band: 4 dBi	
	5-GHz band: 4 dBi	
Polarization	Linear, vertical	
Azimuth plane (3 dB beamwidth)	Ominidirectional	
Elevation plane (3 dB beamwidth)	2.4-GHz band: 60°	
	5-GHz band: 33°	
Length	8.6 in (21.8 cm)	
Diameter	6.3 in (16 cm)	
Weight	Antenna: 1.48 lb. (671.5 g);	
Cable	3-ft. (91.4 cm) plenum	
Connector	RP-TNC	
Environment	Indoor/outdoor	
Temperature range	-22° F to 158° F (-30° C to 70° C)	

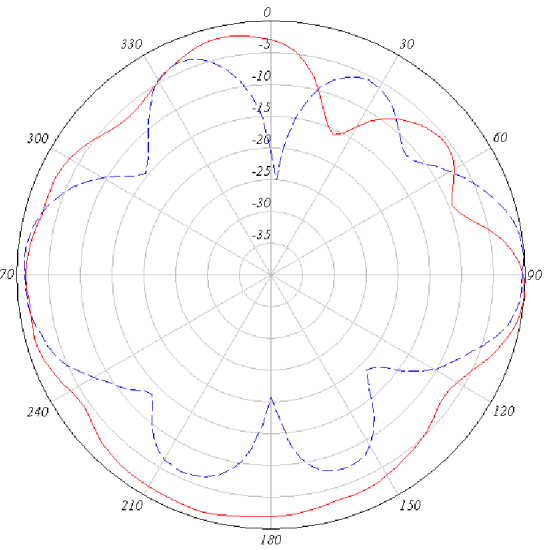
332012

The figures below show the azimuth plane patterns (indicated by red lines) and elevation plane patterns (indicated by blue lines) for each element in the antenna.

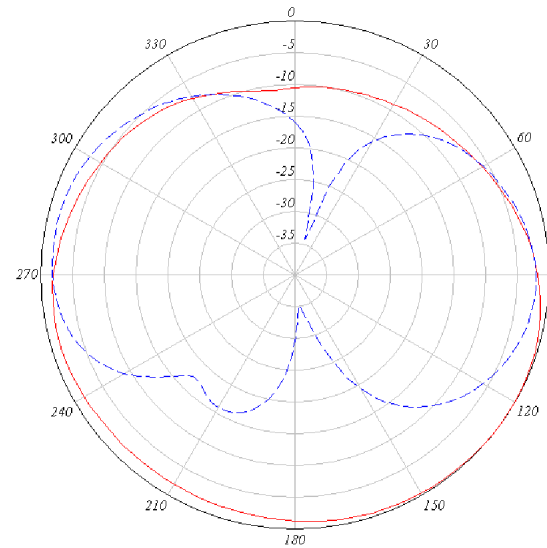
2.4-GHz Antenna 1 Azimuth and Elevation Plane Patterns



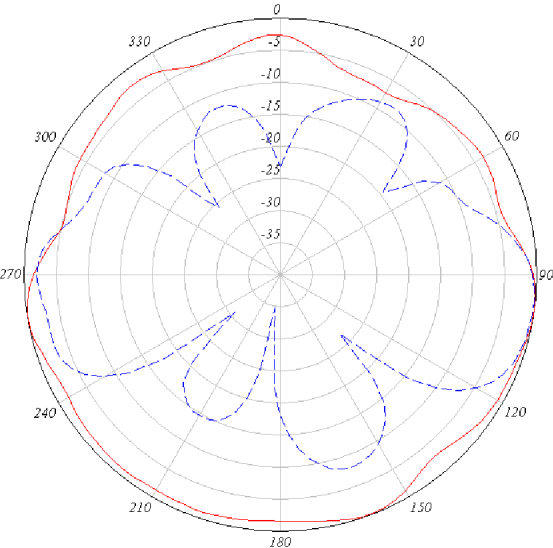
5-GHz Antenna 1 Azimuth and Elevation Plane Patterns

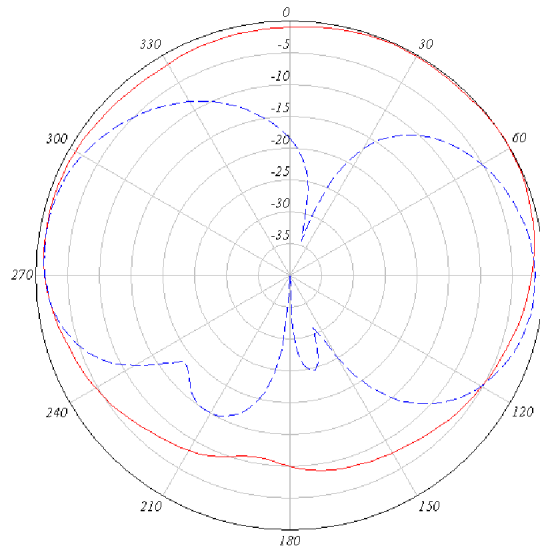
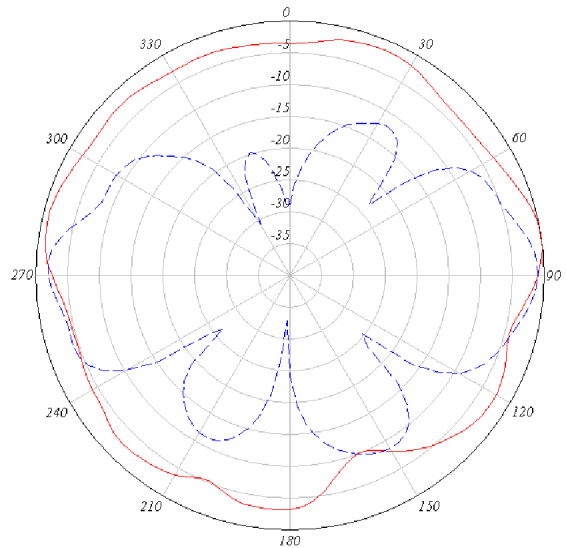
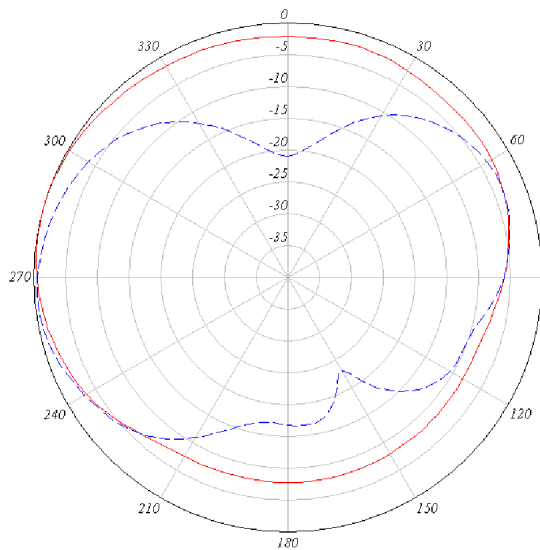
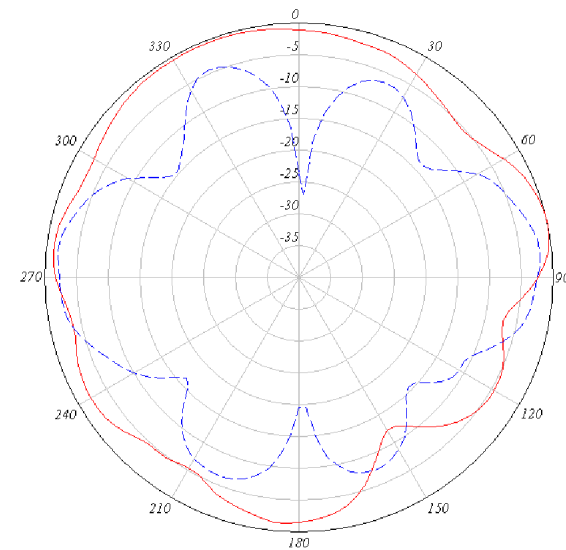


2.4-GHz Antenna 2 Azimuth and Elevation Plane Patterns



5-GHz Antenna 2 Azimuth and Elevation Plane Patterns



2.4-GHz Antenna 3 Azimuth and Elevation Plane Patterns**5-GHz Antenna 3 Azimuth and Elevation Plane Patterns****2.4-GHz Antenna 4 Azimuth and Elevation Plane Patterns****5-GHz Antenna 4 Azimuth and Elevation Plane Patterns**

System Requirements

This antenna is designed for indoor and outdoor use with any Cisco Aironet radio device with dual-band (2.4- and 5-GHz) RP-TNC connectors.

The Self Identifying Antenna model AIR-ANT2544V4M-RS= is supported only on Cisco Catalyst 9800 Series Wireless Controllers running an IOS-XE 17.4.1 release or a later release. This antenna model is not supported on Cisco AireOS Wireless Controllers.

Safety Precautions



Warning

Do not locate the antenna near overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can come into contact with such circuits. When installing the antenna, take extreme care not to come into contact with such circuits, as they may cause serious injury or death. For proper installation and grounding of the antenna, please refer to national and local codes (e.g. U.S.: NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, Article 810, Canada: Canadian Electrical Code, Section 54). Statement 280

For your safety, read and follow these safety precautions.

1. Before you install an antenna, contact your Cisco account representative to explain which mounting method to use for the size and type of antenna that you are about to install.
2. Find someone to help you—installing an antenna is often a two-person job.
3. Select your installation site with safety, as well as performance, in mind. Remember that electric power lines and phone lines look alike. For your safety, assume that any overhead line can kill you.
4. Contact your electric power company. Tell them your plans and ask them to come look at your proposed installation.
5. Plan your installation carefully and completely before you begin. Each person involved in an installation should be assigned to a specific task, and should know what to do and when to do it. One person should be in charge of the operation to issue instructions and watch for signs of trouble.
6. When installing your antenna, follow these guidelines:
 - a. Do not use a metal ladder.
 - b. Do not work on a wet or windy day.
 - c. Do dress properly—wear shoes with rubber soles and heels, rubber gloves, and a long-sleeved shirt or jacket.
7. If the assembly starts to drop, move away from it and let it fall. Because the antenna, mast, cable, and metal guy wires are all excellent conductors of electrical current, even the slightest touch of any of these parts to a power line completes an electrical path through the antenna and the installer.
8. If any part of the antenna system should come in contact with a power line, do not touch it or try to remove it yourself. Call your local power company to have it removed safely.
9. If an accident should occur with the power lines, call for qualified emergency help immediately.

Installation Notes

Antennas transmit and receive radio signals which are susceptible to RF obstructions and common sources of interference that can reduce throughput and range of the device to which they are connected. Follow these guidelines to ensure the best possible performance:

- Install the antenna vertically and mount it with the cables pointing towards the ground.
- Keep the antenna away from metal obstructions such as heating and air-conditioning ducts, large ceiling trusses, building superstructures, and major power cabling runs. If necessary, use a rigid conduit to lower the antenna away from these obstructions.
- The density of the materials used in a building's construction determines the number of walls the signal can pass through and still maintain adequate signal strength. Consider the following before choosing the location for your antenna:
 - Signals penetrate paper and vinyl walls with little change to signal strength.
 - Signals penetrate only one or two solid and pre-cast concrete walls without degrading signal strength.
 - Signals penetrate three or four concrete and wood block walls without degrading signal strength.
 - Signals penetrate five or six walls constructed of drywall or wood without degrading signal strength.
 - Signals will likely reflect off a thick metal wall and may not penetrate it at all.
 - Signals will likely reflect off a chain link fence or wire mesh spaced between 1 and 1 1/2 in. (2.5 and 3.8 cm). The fence acts as a harmonic reflector that blocks the signal.
- Install the antenna away from microwave ovens and 2-GHz cordless phones. These products can cause signal interference because they operate in the same frequency range as the device to which your antenna is connected.

Choosing a Mounting Location

The antenna should be mounted clear of any obstructions to the sides of the radiating elements. Generally, the higher an antenna is above the floor, the better it performs. If possible, find a mounting place directly above your wireless device to ensure the lead-in cable can be as short as possible.

Installing the Antenna

You can install the antenna on any flat vertical surface, on a pole, or on a ceiling. All hardware for mounting the antenna on a wall or ceiling is provided. If you intend to install your antenna on another surface, you must provide the appropriate hardware.

Tools and Equipment Required

A mounting installation kit is included with the antenna and consists of the following hardware:

- Mount interface bracket
- Mount base
- Wall bracket
- One 1/4–20 x 1/2-in. cap screw
- One 1/4–20 wing screw
- Two #10 x 3/4-in. screws
- Two #10 x 1/2-in. screws
- One screen mesh washer
- One spherical washer
- 3/16 allen wrench
- Rubber gasket
- Jam nut

You may need the following tools and equipment, which are not provided.

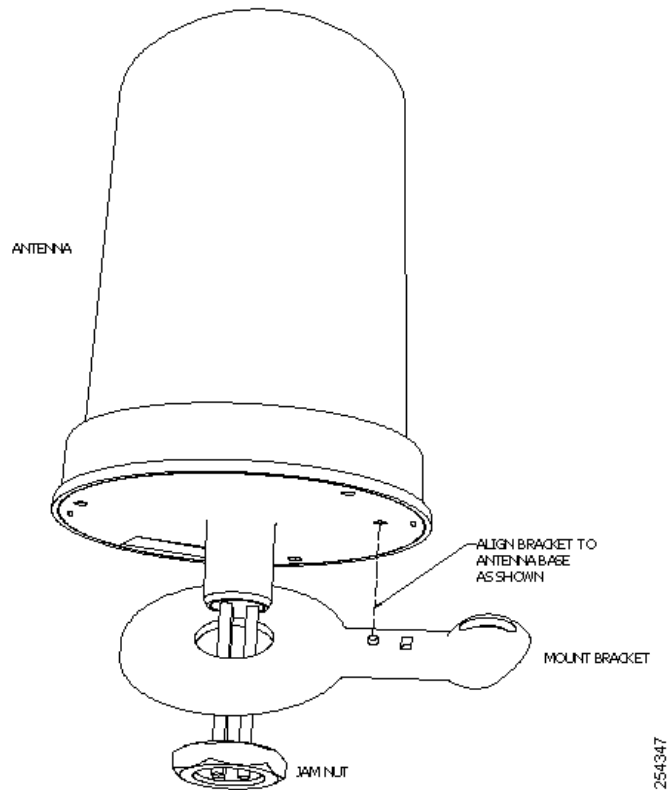
- A #2 Phillips screwdriver
- A drill and drill bit
- A pencil
- Two hose clamps

Mounting on a Vertical Surface

Follow these steps to mount your antenna on a vertical surface.

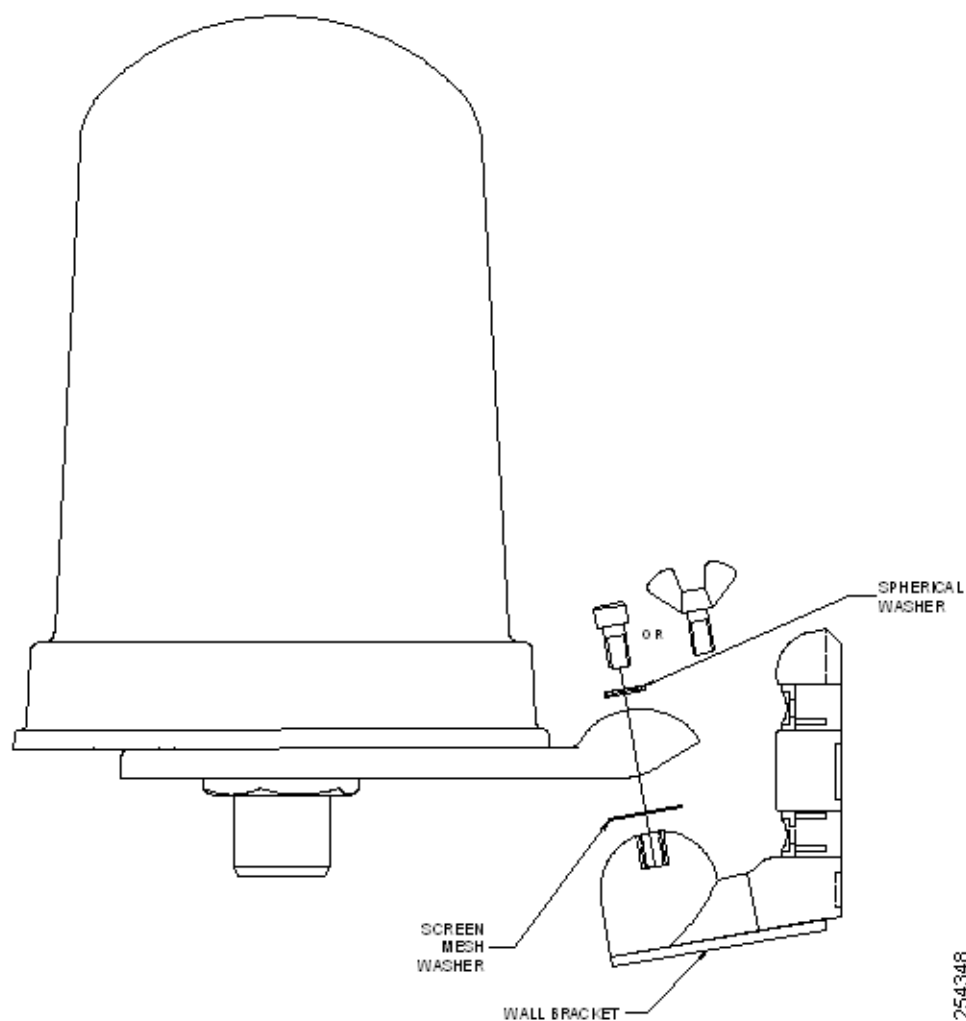
- Step 1** Attach the antenna bracket to the antenna using the jam nut provided ([Figure 1](#)).

Figure 1 **Antenna Bracket**

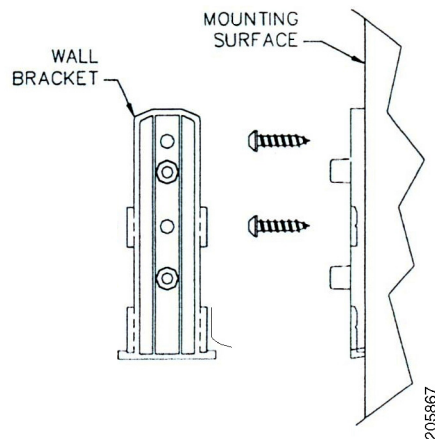


- Step 2** With the screen mesh washer between the two brackets, attach the antenna bracket to the mounting bracket using the spherical washer and wing bolt provided (Figure 2).

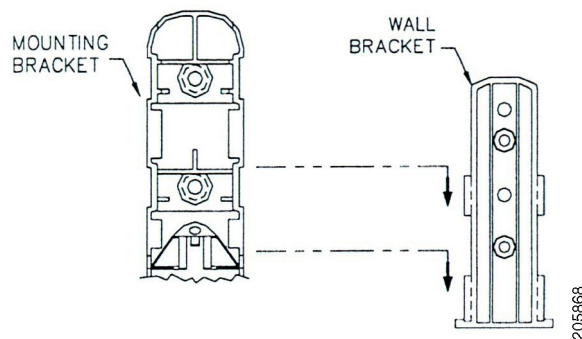
Figure 2 *Antenna Bracket Attached to Mounting Bracket*



- Step 3** Determine the mounting location for the antenna.
- Step 4** Attach the wall bracket to the wall using the two screws provided (Figure 3).

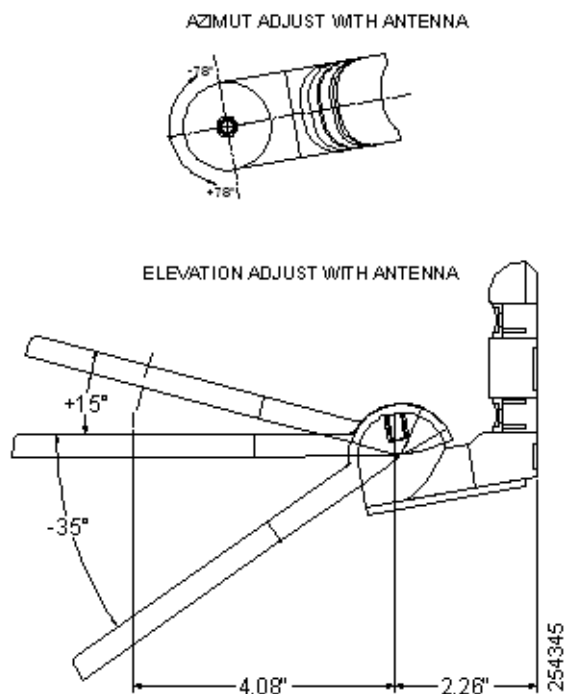
Figure 3 *Wall Mounting*

- Step 5** Slide the mounting bracket onto the wall bracket and secure it in place (optional) with the two screws provided (Figure 4).

Figure 4 *Attaching Mounting Bracket to Wall Bracket*

Once the antenna is secured on the wall, you can adjust the azimuth and elevation.

- Step 6** To adjust the azimuth and elevation, loosen the bolt that attaches the antenna bracket to the mounting bracket (Figure 5). Azimuth can be adjusted ± 90 degrees. Elevation can be adjusted $+15$ degrees and -35 degrees.

Figure 5 Azimuth and Elevation Adjustment

Outdoor Installations

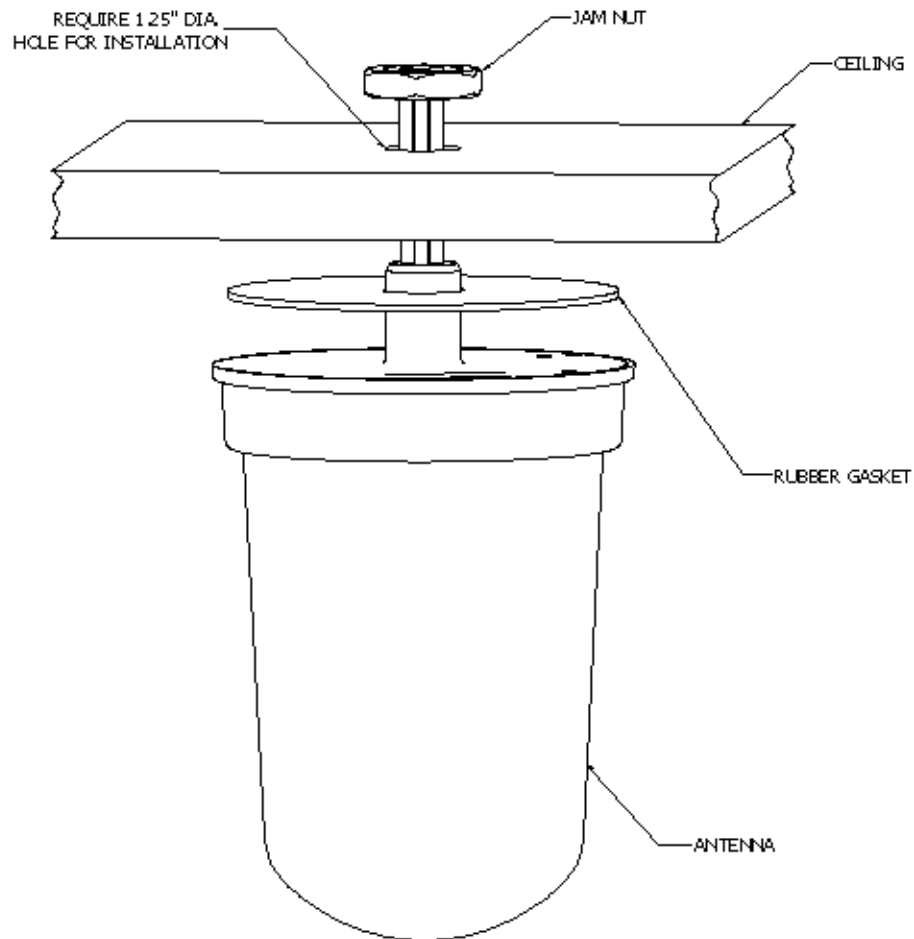
You can mount this antenna outdoors. If you mount the antenna outdoors, you must ensure that the antenna cables exit from the bottom to prevent any water intrusion and to provide a drain for any moisture that may accumulate inside the antenna.

Mounting on a Ceiling

To mount the antenna on a ceiling, follow these steps:

- Step 1** Drill a hole in the ceiling approximately 1.25 in. in diameter.
- Step 2** Fit the rubber gasket onto the bottom of the antenna.
- Step 3** Insert the antenna shaft through the hole in the ceiling.
- Step 4** Thread the jam nut onto the antenna shaft and tighten.

[Figure 6](#) shows the ceiling mount process.

Figure 6 **Mounting on a Ceiling**

254346

Mounting on a Mast

The antenna can be mounted on a mast rather than on a wall using two 1/2 inch-wide hose clamps (not provided).

To mount the antenna on a mast, follow these steps:

-
- Step 1** Follow Steps 1 and Step 2 from the [“Mounting on a Vertical Surface”](#) section on page 8.
 - Step 2** Position the antenna, mounting bracket, and hose clamps on the mast.
 - Step 3** Tighten the hose clamps until the antenna is secure on the mast.

Once the antenna is secured on the mast, you can adjust the azimuth and elevation.

- Step 4** To adjust the azimuth and elevation, loosen the bolt that attaches the antenna bracket to the mounting bracket ([Figure 5](#)). Azimuth can be adjusted ± 90 degrees. Elevation can be adjusted +15 degrees and -35 degrees.

Connecting the Antenna to the Access Point

The AIR-ANT2544V4M-R has four cables with orange labels. The four cables can be connected to any of the four ports on the access point.

The AIR-ANT2544V4M-RS includes circuitry to enable self-identification of the antenna by the Cisco Catalyst 91xx Series access points. The antenna has three cables with orange labels and one cable with a purple label. The self-identifying function is indicated by the purple label on this cable. Ensure that this antenna cable is connected to Port A on the AP, which is also designated by purple text around the RP-TNC connector. The AIR-ANT2544V4M-RS antenna has a built-in EEPROM that can be read by the AP to automatically configure the antenna type and gain in the wireless controller.

Suggested Cable

Cisco recommends a high-quality, low-loss cable for use with the antenna.



Note

Coaxial cable loses efficiency as the frequency increases, resulting in signal loss. The cable should be kept as short as possible because cable length also determines the amount of signal loss (the longer the run, the greater the loss).

Communications, Services, and Additional Information

- To receive timely, relevant information from Cisco, sign up at [Cisco Profile Manager](#).
- To get the business impact you're looking for with the technologies that matter, visit [Cisco Services](#).
- To submit a service request, visit [Cisco Support](#).
- To discover and browse secure, validated enterprise-class apps, products, solutions and services, visit [Cisco Marketplace](#).
- To obtain general networking, training, and certification titles, visit [Cisco Press](#).
- To find warranty information for a specific product or product family, access [Cisco Warranty Finder](#).

Cisco Bug Search Tool

[Cisco Bug Search Tool](#) (BST) is a web-based tool that acts as a gateway to the Cisco bug tracking system that maintains a comprehensive list of defects and vulnerabilities in Cisco products and software. BST provides you with detailed defect information about your products and software.

Cisco and the Cisco logo are trademarks or registered trademarks of Cisco and/or its affiliates in the U.S. and other countries. To view a list of Cisco trademarks, go to this URL: www.cisco.com/go/trademarks. Third-party trademarks mentioned are the property of their respective owners. The use of the word partner does not imply a partnership relationship between Cisco and any other company. (1721R)

Any Internet Protocol (IP) addresses and phone numbers used in this document are not intended to be actual addresses and phone numbers. Any examples, command display output, network topology diagrams, and other figures included in the document are shown for illustrative purposes only. Any use of actual IP addresses or phone numbers in illustrative content is unintentional and coincidental.

© 2020 Cisco Systems, Inc. All rights reserved.