

Radio Site Planning

Proper site selection and planning before installing your ASWipLL devices will ensure a successful deployment of your ASWipLL system. Site planning includes the following considerations:

- Minimum obstructions (e.g. buildings) in the radio path between Base Station radio (i.e. BSR) and subscriber radios (i.e. SPR/IDR).
- Minimum incursions on Fresnel Zone (recommended minimum of 60% clearance of first Fresnel Zone).
- Mount radios as high as possible to avoid obstructions in the wireless path.
- Check possibility of future obstructions such as plans to erect buildings and trees that may grow tall enough to obstruct the wireless path.
- Align antennas for maximizing received signal strength (RSS)
- Consider nearby sources of interference that could degrade performance of radio. Mount radios as far from sources of interference as possible
- Ensure Base Station radio and subscriber premise's radio are within maximum coverage **range of reception**
- Maximum CAT-5 cable length connecting the outdoor radio to the indoor terminating equipment (i.e. switch/hub) is 100 meters
- Ensure that you have sufficient **wiring conduit** and cable ties to channel and protect the CAT 5 cable connecting the outdoor radio to the indoor hub/switch.
- Ensure required **power mains outlet** is available at the site.

5.1. Minimal Radio Path Obstructions

ASWipLL radios communicate by propagation of waves. Thus, ensure minimum obstructions (from, e.g. buildings and trees) in the radio path between Base Station radio (i.e. BSR) and subscriber radios (i.e. SPR/IDR). It is essential that the ASWipLL radios or antennas be installed in such a way that their radio paths have a clear path with each other.

5.2. Fresnel Zone Clearance

There must be sufficient open space around the radio path to minimize interference with the radio beam. A minimum of **60% of the first Fresnel Zone** of the path should be clear of obstructions. Despite a clear line-of-site, objects close enough to the transmission path may cause attenuation in signal strength and an increase in signal interference. Objects with reflective surfaces that seem relatively far away, but yet still encroaching on Fresnel Zone, may cause these interferences.

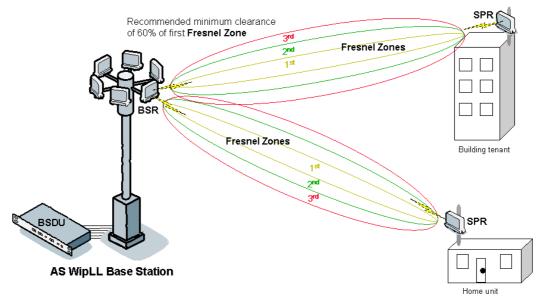


Figure 5-1: At least 60% of first Fresznel Zone should be clear

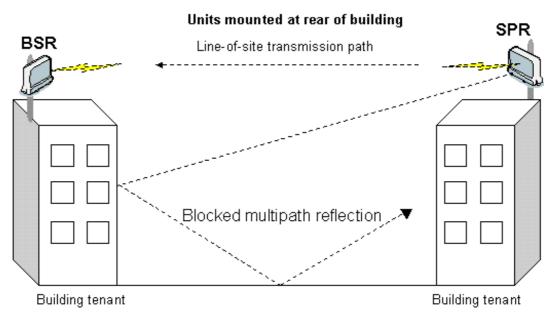
Fresnel Zones define the amount of clearance required from obstacles. These zones are composed of concentric ellipsoid areas surrounding the straight-line path

between two antennas. Thus, the zone affects objects to the side of the path and those directly in the path. The first Fresnel Zone is the surface containing every point for which the distance from the transmitter to any reflection point on the surface point and then onto the receiver is one-half wavelength longer than the direct signal path. For calculating Fresnel Zone, refer to the *ASWipLL System Description*.

5.3. Multipath Fading

Some of the transmitted signals may be reflected from a nearby building, by water under the signal path, or from any other reflectors. This reflected ("bounced") signal can then be received by the radio receiving the signal and superimposed on the main received signal, thereby degrading the signal strength.

To avoid multipath fading from nearby buildings etc., Airspan recommends installing the outdoor radios at the rear end of the buildings instead of at the front. When you install at the rear end of the building, the front-end of the building blocks incoming signals from multipath reflections.





5.4. Spectrum Analysis for Locating Clear Frequencies

Before setting up your wireless link between Base Station and subscribers, Airspan recommends (especially in unlicensed bands), analyzing the RF spectrum at the Base Station to select only clear frequency channels (i.e. without interferences) for building a frequency table for wireless communication between Base Station and subscriber.

Prior to performing this test, you need to mount the radio/antenna in the desired installation spot. In general, you will be looking for frequencies with signal strengths of -85 dBm or greater.

For using Airspan's spectrum analyzer tool, refer to the *WipConfig User's Guide*. For evaluating link quality using the Spectrum Analyzer, see Appendix E, "Evaluating Link Quality".

5.5. Adjacent Base Station Radios

For installations involving co-location of BSRs, it is important to assign frequencies of maximum spacing. This is to reduce possible radio interference between adjacently installed BSRs. In addition, a 1-meter separation must exist between adjacent BSRs.

5.6. Radio Antenna Alignment

Once the subscriber unit (i.e. SPR/IDR) is installed and aimed in the general direction of the BSR, it is recommended to measure the received signal strength (RSS) to determine the signal strength received from the BSR, and to precisely align the SPR/IDR for maximum signal strength.

You need to orientate (up/down, left/right) the SPR/IDR until the maximum RSSI levels are achieved, and then secure the SPR/IDR. For short links you can expect an RSSI of -60 dBm or better. For longer links, an RSSI of -75 dBm is acceptable. Any RSSI of less than -80 dBm may be too weak for the radios to reliably communicate.

Airspan offers various tools for measuring RSS (check with your Airspan representative regarding cost and supply):

SPR:

- RSS LED adapter (see Part II, Chapter 17, "Antenna Alignment using RSS LED Adapter")
- WipConfig program (see Appendix E, "Evaluating Link Quality")
- IDR: built-in RSSI LEDs (see Part III, Chapter 24, "Antenna Alignment Using RSS LEDs")

5.7. Considerations when Using External Antennas



Notes:

1) To avoid unnecessary RF cable loss, use short-length cables and with low attenuation.

- 2) Antennas should have a VSWR of less than 1:1.5.
- 3) Ensure BSR and SPR/IDR use the same antenna polarity.
- 4) When using an omni-directional antenna, choose a type providing a wide
- vertical beam width (of at least 8°) to allow connection of closer CPEs.
- 5) Antenna must be DC grounded.

5.7.1. Cable Loss

Airspan's ASWipLL radios provide transmit power compensation for power attenuation caused by cable loss (in cable connecting to external antenna). Cable loss is the loss of radio transmit (Tx) power as heat, and directly proportional to cable length and quality, and operating frequency.

To adhere to EIRP limitations in the regulatory domain in which you are operating your ASWipLL system, when purchasing antenna cables take into consideration cable loss per cable length. EIRP is calculated using cable loss (i.e. EIRP = max. power output + antenna gain - cable loss). For example, FCC regulations state that when operating in unlicensed bands, the external antennas must provide an EIRP of less than or equal to 36 dBm to prevent interference with other radios. Thus, knowing this EIRP parameter, you can choose the cable that ensures adherence to this parameter value.

The table below lists examples of cable loss per cable length.

Cable type	Cable length (ft)	Tx power (dBm)	Cable loss (dB)	Max. Antenna gain (dBi)	Max. EIRP (dBm)
BELDEN -	10	21.1	0.6	15.5	36
9913	30	22	1.5	15.5	36
	100	23	4.4	15.5	34.1
BELDEN - 89907	10	22.4	1.9	15.5	36
	30	23	5.2	15.5	33.3
	100	23	16.3	15.5	22.2

Table 5-1: Examples of cable loss per cable length



Note: Airspan does not supply external antenna cables. It is the responsibility of the installer to provide the cable and ensure the cable characteristics (e.g. length and cable loss) enables adherence to EIRP regulations of the country or area in which the ASWipLL system is operating.

5.7.2. Omni-Directional Antennas

In some scenarios, where capacity demand is relatively low, external omnidirectional antenna use at the Base Station may seem attractive. However, it is recommended to avoid using omni-directional antennas (if possible), due to the following disadvantages that these antennas pose compared to directional antennas:

- Higher sensitivity to external interferences.
- **Higher sensitivity to multipath**, resulting in the following:
 - The root mean square (RMS) delay spread at the Base Station is substantially higher.
 - Multipath interference at the CPE side (when using omni-directional antenna at the Base Station) is substantially higher. In fact, when using an omni-directional antenna, the existence of clear Fresnel zone between BSR and SPR/IDR is insufficient to eliminate multipath interference, since multipath, in this case, can be caused by reflections originating from obstacles outside the Fresnel zone.
- **Higher sensitivity to alignment**. Since the omni-directional antenna gain is achieved by narrowing the vertical beam width, a relatively low deviation in the antenna alignment will result in severe signal attenuation.

5.7.3. Operating in Band-C for FCC Markets

Some operators (e.g. in the USA) have licenses for Band-C (710 - 716 MHz and 740 - 746 MHz). ASWipLL 700 provides an external antenna, allowing coverage in the entire 700 MHz band (698 to 746 MHz), including the licensed A and B bands used in USA.

A maximum of four BSRs operating in Band-C are allowed at a Base Station (in accordance with FCC regulations). This regulation ensures minimum RF interference with other radio devices that may be operating in nearby frequencies.

In the 1 Megasymbols per second (Msps) mode, the center frequencies are 711.5, 712.5, 713.5, 714.5, 741.5, 742.5, 743.5, and 744.5. Thus, the frequency allocation for four BSRs is **711.5**, **741.5**, **714.5**, and **744.5**.

In **the 1.33 Msps** mode, the center frequencies are 712, 713, 714, 742, 743, and 744. Thus, the frequency allocation for four BSRs is **712**, **742**, **714**, and **744**.

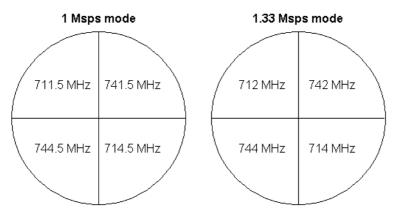


Figure 5-3: Frequency allocation in a four-sector Base Station

Radio interference may occur between the BSRs operating in the upper frequency range (i.e. 742 MHz and 744 MHz) and the lower frequency range (i.e. 712 MHz and 714 MHz). To overcome this interference, a **1-meter vertical separation** is recommended between the BSRs operating in the upper frequency and the BSRs operating in the lower frequency.



Part I

Base Station Installation

Part I describes the procedures for installing the ASWipLL devices located at the Base Station, and includes the following chapters:

- Chapter 6, "Basic Design of Devices"
- Chapter 7, "Mounting the Devices"
- Chapter 8, "Network Cabling"
- Chapter 9, "Serial Cabling"
- Chapter 10, "Connecting Third-Party External Antennas"
- Chapter 11, "Power Cabling"

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Basic Design of Devices

This chapter describes the basic design of the ASWipLL devices that can be installed at the Base Station:

- BSR
- BSDU
- **SDA-1/48V**
- GPS
- BSPS

6.1. BSR

The BSR is an encased outdoor radio providing access to the BSR's communication ports on its front panel. The BSR's bottom panel provides holes for mounting the BSR to, for example, a pole or wall.

6.1.1. Physical Dimensions

The BSR's physical dimensions are described in the table below.

Parameter	Value	Comment					
Height	400 mm (15.74 inches)	The BSR's physical dimensions					
Width	317 mm (12.48 inches)	exclude the mounting kit					
Depth	65.5 mm (2.58 inches)						
Weight	4.7 kg						

Table 6-1: BSR physical dimensions

6.1.2. Ports

The BSR provides various ports on its front panel, as displayed below:





The table below describes the BSR ports.

Port	Interface					
15-pin D-type	• Ethernet (10BaseT): with the BSDU (or SDA)					
	Synchronization: of BSRs controlled by BSDU					
	• Power: supplied by BSDU (or SDA)					
9-pin D-type	Serial (RS-232) local initial configuration (using WipConfig tool) during installation					
N-type	For attaching third-party external antennas. BSR models for the 700 and 900 MHz bands provide two N-type ports. BSR models with built-in antennas do not provide N-type ports.					

Table 6-2: BSR ports



Mounting the Devices

This chapter describes the mounting procedures for the following devices:

- BSR
- **BSDU**
- **SDA-1/48V**
- BSPS

7.1. Pole-Mounting the BSR

The BSR is typically mounted on a pole, however, it can be wall mounted as well. Pole mounting allows the BSR to be easily adjusted in the horizontal (azimuth) and vertical (elevation) planes for antenna alignment.



Note: In the standard BSR kit, Airspan does not supply wall-mounting brackets. To order wall-mounting brackets, contact your Airspan representative. BSR wall mounting is identical to SPR wall mounting. Therefore, for a detailed description of wall mounting, see SPR wall mounting in Part II, Chapter 13, "Mounting the Devices".

The BSR is mounted using the mounting holes located on the BSR's bottom panel (see Figure 7-1) and the supplied pole-mounting brackets. The pole-mounting bracket is designed to support the BSR on a round pole of 45 mm in diameter.

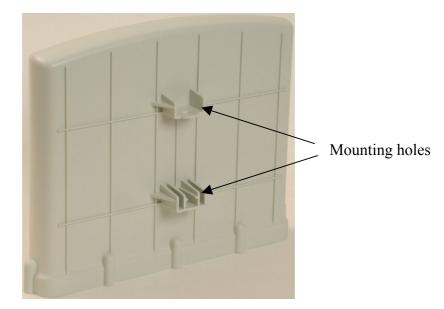


Figure 7-1: BSR bottom panel providing holes for mounting

To prevent radio interference, each BSR requires a minimum of 1-metre separation between adjacent BSRs (see Figure 7-2).

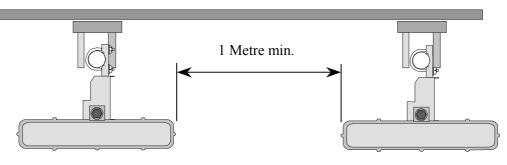
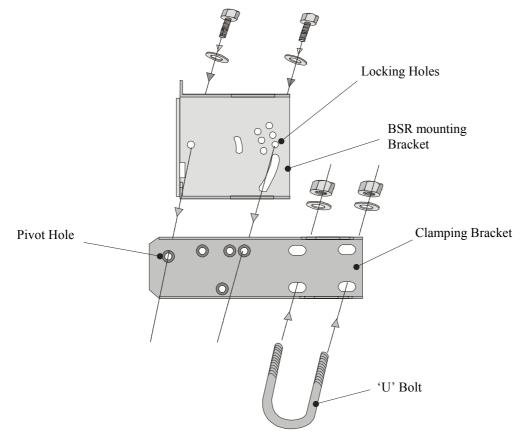


Figure 7-2: Minimum separation between mounted BSRs



A summary of the BSR pole-mounting procedure is displayed below.

Figure 7-3: Attaching BSR pole-mounting brackets

To pole mount the BSR:

- 1. Attach the mounting bracket to the BSR:
 - a. Align the mounting bracket with the BSR's mounting holes so that the mounting bracket's side with the built-in nut is aligned with the BSR's mounting holes furthest from the BSR's front panel, as shown in the figure below.

b. Slide an M10 flat washer and M10 spring lock washer onto an M10 hex head screw (ensure spring lock washer is closest to the bolt's head). From the external side, insert the M10 hex head screw through the mounting bracket and BSR's mounting holes. Fasten the M10 hex head screw (one is provided with a built-in nut while the other requires you to insert an M10-hex nut into the BSR's mounting hole).

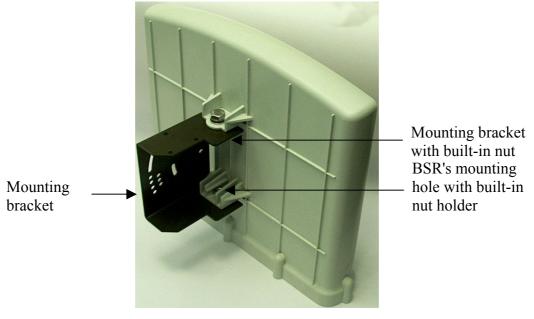


Figure 7-4: Mounting bracket connected to BSR

- 2. Attach the clamping bracket to the mounting bracket:
 - a. Slide an M6 spring lock washer onto an M6 hex head screw. Align the mounting bracket's and clamping bracket's pivot holes, such that the clamping bracket is aligned to the the inside of the mounting bracket. From the external side of the mounting bracket, insert the M6 hex head screw into the pivot holes and then fasten, but not tightly. (The clamping bracket provides a built-in nut.)

b. Choose an elevation hole on the mounting bracket and then align it with the corresponding hole on the clamping bracket. Slide an M6 spring lock washer onto an M6 hex head screw, and then from the external side of the mounting bracket, insert the M6 hex head screw through the elevation hole on the mounting bracket and into the clamping bracket's corresponding hole. Fasten but not tightly the M6 hex head screw (the clamping bracket provides built-in nut). The elevation hole can later be changed according to desired antenna orientation in the elevation plane.

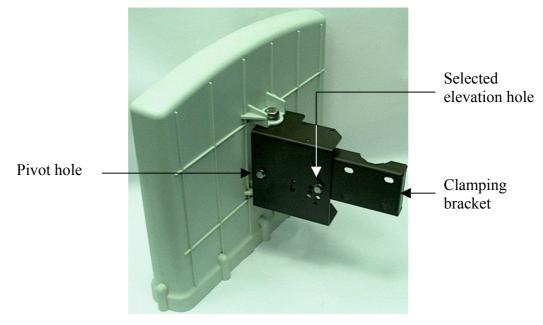


Figure 7-5: Clamping bracket attached to mounting bracket

- 3. Attach the U-bolt to the pole:
 - a. Place one U-bolt around the pole, and then insert the U-bolt screw side through the two corresponding holes (horizontally parallel) on the clamping bracket. Slide an M8 flat washer and M8 spring lock washer onto each U-bolt screw side (ensure that the flat washer is adjacent to the clamping bracket). Fasten each U-bolt side with the two M8 hex nuts.
 - b. Attach the second U-bolt as described above.

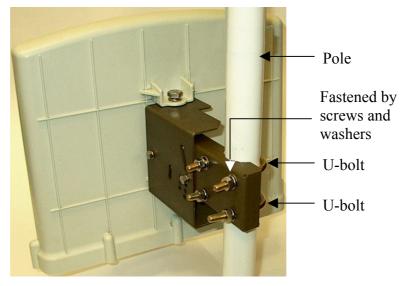


Figure 7-6: Attaching BSR to pole using U-bolts

- 4. Perform final BSR orientation:
 - a. Adjust the **vertical** position of the BSR by choosing a final elevation hole as described in Step 2. Lock the BSR at the desired position by inserting the locking bolt in the desired position and fastening it tightly. Fasten tightly the bolt in the pivot hole. See Figure 7-8 for a description of the angles (in degrees) of each elevation hole.
 - b. Adjust the **horizontal** position of the BSR by rotating the BSR about the pole, and then tightening the nuts of the U-bolts.

BSR positioning is obtained in two planes by adjustment of the mounting bracket assembly a shown in Figure 7-7.

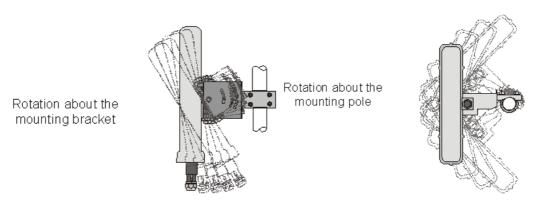


Figure 7-7: BSR orientation in vertical (top figure) and horizontal plane (lower figure)



Note: A thread-locking compound is to be used to prevent the bolts working loose. A loop should be left in the cable for maintenance purposes and to prevent the cable weight being taken directly on the connector.

The figure below displays the possible angles of elevation. As is shown, the BSR pole mounting bracket allows elevation between -18.5° to 26.3° .

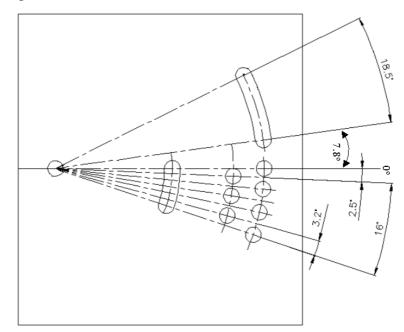


Figure 7-8: Orientating BSR in the elevation plane (side view of BSR)



Note: It is important to provide strain relief and drip loop for Cat-5 cables. Create a drip loop and strain relief using cable tie, to tie cable to pole, as displayed in the figure below.

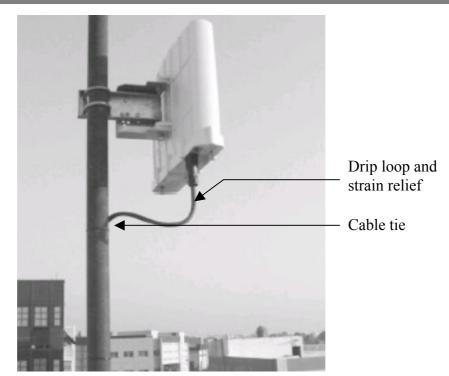


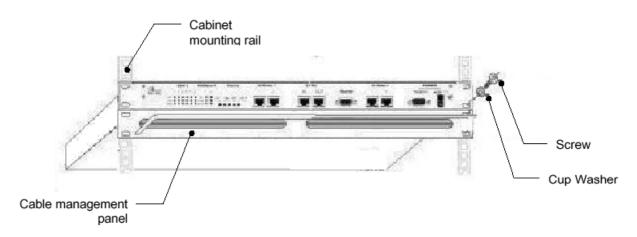
Figure 7-9: Pole-mounted BSR with cable drip loop and strain relief

7.2. Rack Mounting the BSDU

The BSDU is designed for mounting in a standard 19-inch (48.3 cm) equipment rack or telco rack with 1 rack unit (1-U) of vertical rack space. The sides of the BSDU chassis provide integrated front-rail mounting brackets. Therefore, all that is required for mounting the BSDU is to attach the BSDU front-rail mounting brackets to the rack. The mounting brackets are secured to the rack's mounting rails using the supplied four M5 mounting screws and plastic cup washers.

To rack-mount the BSDU:

- 1. Determine which rack rail holes—left and right side—will be used for attaching the chassis.
- 2. Insert four nuts into the rack's rail holes you designated in Step 1. These nuts are housed in Tinnerman clips, which allow you to fasten them into the rail holes. To insert the Tinnerman clips, hold the clips, squeeze them, and then insert them into the rail hole.
- 3. Carefully insert the BSDU into the rack, aligning the BSDU's mounting bracket holes with the rack rail holes.
- 4. Insert the M5-mounting screws, with plastic washers, into the BSDU mounting bracket holes, on each side, as shown in Figure 7-10. In this way, the chassis is supported until you tighten the chassis screws.
- 5. Tighten the M5 mounting screws to fasten the chassis to the cabinet.







Note: When mounting multiple BSDUs in a cabinet, vertical spacing—above and below—is required for feeding cables to the rear.

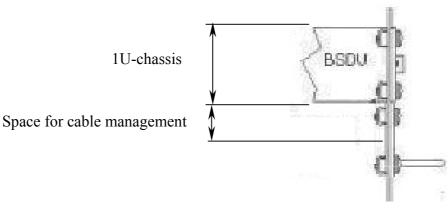


Figure 7-11: BSDU and vertical space for cables

7.3. Mounting the SDA-1/48V

The SDA-1/48V is simply placed on a desktop. In other words, no mounting is involved.

7.4. Mounting the BSPS (Optional)

The BSPS is supplied pre-mounted in a standard 19" x 11U rack, providing available space for additional equipment (i.e. BSDUs, which require 1U each). Thus, no mounting procedures are needed.

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Network Cabling

Network cabling at the Base Station depends on the ASWipLL devices implemented at the Base Station to provide the BSR with connectivity to the provider's backhaul and power source. These devices can be one of the following:

- **SDA:** Base Station providing AC power supply and consisting of a single BSR
- **BSDU:** Base Station consisting of multiple BSRs
- SDA-1/48V: Base Station providing DC power supply and consisting of a single BSR

8.1. BSR Connected to an SDA

An SDA is typically implemented at Base Stations that consist of only a single BSR. The SDA provides Ethernet interface between the BSR and the provider's backhaul network.



Notes:
1) The SDA is typically implemented at the subscriber's site with the SPR. For a detailed description of installing the SDA, see Part 2, "CPE Installation – SPR".
2) The SDA also supplies –48 VDC power to the BSR.

8.1.1. Connecting BSR to SDA

The BSR outdoor radio is connected to the indoor SDA device by a standard CAT 5 cable.

The following lists the BSR-to-SDA cable setup:

■ Cable: straight-through CAT-5 (100 meters) 4 Pair outdoor type – 24 AWG

Connectors:

- **BSR side:** 15-pin D-type male (only 8 pins are used)
- **SDA side:** 15-pin D-type male (only 8 pins are used)



Notes:

The maximum cable length between the BSR and SDA is 100 meters.
 Airspan supplies unterminated CAT 5 cables for 15-pin D-type connectors.
 For a detailed description on crimping cables, see Appendix C, "Cable Crimping".

Connector pinouts:

Straight-through CAT-5 UTP PVC 4 Pair 24 AWG cables								
15-pin	BSR		Wire color	Wire	SDA		15-pin	
D-type male	Pin	Function		pair	Pin	Function	D-type male	
	1	+48 VDC	Blue / White	1	1	+48 VDC		
1 8 00000000 9 15	2	48 RTN	Blue	1	2	48 RTN		
	3	Tx+	Orange / White	2	3	Rx+	90000	
	4	Tx-	Orange		4	Rx-	15	
	5	Rx+	Green / White	3	5	Tx+	15000∞	
	6	Rx-	Green		6	Tx-		

Table 8-1: BSR-to-SDA cable connector pinouts



Notes:

1) Only pins 1 to 6 are used.

2) The wire color-coding is ASWipLL's standard for wire color-coding (for a detailed description of ASWipLL's wire color-coding standard, see Appendix C, "Cable Crimping"). However, if you implement your company's wire color-coding scheme, ensure that the wires are paired and twisted according to the pin functions listed in Table 8-1 (e.g. Rx+ with Rx-).

To connect the BSR to the SDA:

- 1. Connect the 15-pin D-type male connector, at one end of the CAT 5 cable, to the BSR's 15-pin D-type port, labeled DATA POWER SYNC.
- 2. Connect the 15-pin D-type male connector, at the other end of the CAT 5 cable, to the SDA.

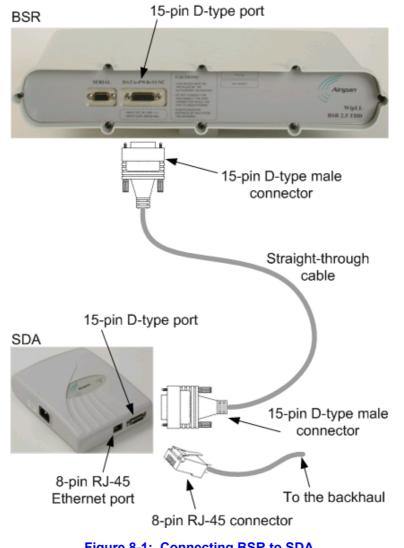


Figure 8-1: Connecting BSR to SDA

8.1.2. Connecting SDA to Provider's Ethernet Network

The SDA is typically implemented at the subscriber's premises with the SPR. For a detailed description of connecting the SDA to the Ethernet network, see Part 2, Chapter 14, "Network Cabling".

8.2. BSR Connected to a BSDU

Multiple BSRs at a Base Station interface with the provider's backhaul network through the BSDU. Each BSDU can support up to six BSRs, and each Base Station can support up to four BSDUs. Thus, at full configuration, 24 BSRs (i.e. 4 BSDUs multiplied by 6 BSRs) can be implemented at a Base Station.

8.2.1. Connecting BSR to BSDU

The BSR's 15-pin D-type port is connected to one of the six BSDU's rear panel 15-pin D-type ports (labeled **BSR** #).

The BSR-to-BSDU cable setup is as follows:

- Cable: straight-through 10Base-T Ethernet 4 Pair Cat 5 outdoor type 24 AWG (100 meters)
- **Connectors:**
 - **BSR side:** 15-pin D-type male (only 8 pins are used)
 - **BSDU side:** 15-pin D-type male (only 8 pins are used)



Note: Airspan supplies unterminated CAT 5 cables for 15-Pin D-type connectors. For a detailed description on crimping cables, see Appendix C, "Cable Crimping".

Connector pinouts:

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Straight-through CAT-5 UTP PVC 4 Pair 24 AWG cables							
15-pin	BSR		Wire color	Wire	BSDU		15-pin
D-type male	Pin	Function		pair	Pin	Function	D-type male
	1	+48 VDC	Blue / White	1	1	+48 VDC	
	2	48 RTN	Blue	1	2	48 RTN	1
1 8 00000000 9 15	3	Tx+	Orange / White	2	3	Rx+	
	4	Tx-	Orange		4	Rx-	
	5	Rx+	Green / White	3	5	Tx+	
	6	Rx-	Green		6	Tx-	000 15
	7	Sync.+	Brown / White	4	7	Sync.+	
	8	Sync	Brown		8	Sync	

Table 8-2: BSR-to-BSDU cable connector pinouts



Notes:

1) Only pins 1 to 8 of the 15-pin D-type connector are used.

2) The wire color-coding described in the table is ASWipLL's standard for wire color-coding (for a detailed description of ASWipLL's wire color-coding standard, see Appendix C, "Cable Crimping"). However, if you implement your company's wire color-coding scheme, ensure that the wires are paired and twisted according to the pin functions listed in the table above to prevent electrical interference between the transmitter pins (e.g. Rx+ with Rx-).

To connect the BSR to the BSDU (Figure 8-2):

- 1. Connect the **15-pin D-type male** connector, at one end of the CAT 5 cable, to the BSR's 15-pin D-type port labeled **DATA POWER SYNC**.
- 2. Connect the **15-pin D-type male** connector, at the other end of the CAT-5 cable, to one of the six BSDU's **15-pin D-type** ports labeled **BSR**, located at the rear of the BSDU.



Serial Cabling

This chapter describes serial cabling for the following devices:

- BSR
- BSDU
- BSPS

9.1. Serial Cabling BSR to a PC

The BSR provides an RS-232 port for serial interface with a PC. This serial interface allows you to perform local BSR configuration using WipConfig.



Notes:
 1) For serial configuration, the BSR must remain connected to the BSDU/SDA (i.e. the BSR's 15-pin D-type port remains connected to the BSDU's/SDA's 15-pin D-type port).
 2) For a detailed explanation on performing BSR initial configuration, refer to *WipConfig User's Guide* or *WipConfig PDA User's Guide*.

The following lists the BSR-to-PC serial cabling:

- **Cable:** crossover serial cable
- **Connectors:**
 - **BSR side:** 9-pin D-type male
 - **PC side:** 9-pin D-type female
- **Connector pinouts:**

Table 9-1: BSR-to-PC serial connector pinouts

Crossover serial cable							
BSR				PC			
9-pin D-type Pin Function male		Pin	Function	9-pin D-type female			
1 5 6 9 6 9	2	RS232 Rx	3	Tx	-		
	3	RS232 Tx	2	Rx			
	5	GND	5	GND	9		

Note: Pins not mentioned are not connected.

To connect the BSR to a PC for serial configuration (see Figure 9-1):

- 1. Connect the **9-pin D-type male** connector, at one end of the serial cable, to the BSR's serial port, labeled **Serial**.
- 2. Connect the **9-pin D-type female** connector, at the other end of the serial cable, to the PC's serial port.

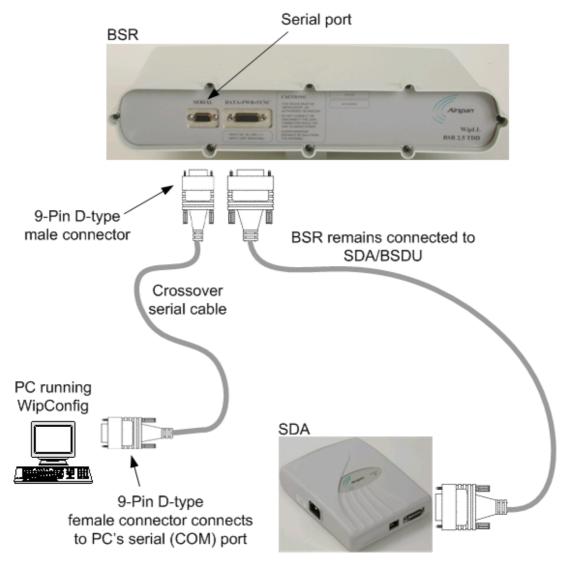


Figure 9-1: BSR-to-PC serial cabling (e.g. of BSR connected to SDA)

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Connecting Third-Party External Antennas

This chapter describes the procedures for connecting third-party external radio and Global Positioning System (GPS) antennas to the BSR and BSDU respectively. The implementation of these antennas depends on the BSR model (with respect to radio antennas) and the need for synchronization of the ASWipLL system (with respect to GPS antennas).

10.1. Connecting Radio Antennas to BSR

The BSR model without a built-in radio antenna provides an N-type port(s) for connecting a third-party external antenna(s). The BSR models for the 900 MHz and 700 MHz bands provide two N-type connectors for connecting two third-party external antennas. Two antennas provide dual-antenna diversity, whereby data is transmitted using only the main antenna, while data is received by the antenna (main or secondary) with the best radio frequency (RF) reception.



Warning: It is the responsibility of the person installing the ASWipLL system to ensure that when using the outdoor antenna kits in the United States (or where FCC rules apply), that only those antennas certified with the product are used. The use of any antenna other than those certified with the product is expressly forbidden in accordance with FCC rules CFR47 part 15.204. The installer should configure the output power level of antennas according to country regulations and per antenna type.



Warning: For ASWipLL 700 (i.e. 700 MHz band), where four BSRs are installed at a Base Station, a 1-meter separation must be provided between the antennas of the BSRs operating in the lower frequencies (i.e. 711.5 and 714.5 for 1 Msps mode; and 712 and 714 for 1.33 Msps mode) and the antennas of the BSRs operating in the upper frequencies (i.e. 741.5 and 744.5 for 1 Msps mode; and 744 for 1.33 Msps mode).



Warning: In accordance with FCC regulations, ensure that when operating in unlicensed bands, the external antennas provide a maximum EIRP of 36 dBm to prevent interference with other radios operating in the unlicensed band. The EIRP is defined as: Max. Power Output + Antenna Gain + Cable Loss ≤ 36 dBm (EIRP)

The following lists the BSR-to-third party external antenna cable setup:

- **Cable** (third party): RF coaxial
- **Connector** (third party): N-type male.

The usage of N-type ports for models (i.e. in 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands) with two N-type ports:

- If you are using only one antenna, connect the antenna to the N-type port labeled **Primary**.
- If you are using two antennas, connect the second antenna to the N-type port labeled Secondary.



Warnings:

1) Before connecting the external antenna, ensure that the BSR is **NOT** connected to the power source.

2) Before powering on the BSR, ensure that some type of equipment such as an antenna or an RF attenuator is connected to the N-type port. This eliminates the risk of damaging the BSR device.

To connect the BSR to a third-party external antenna:

Connect the third-party **N-type male** connector, at the end of the RF cable, to the N-type port located on the BSR's front panel, as displayed in Figure 10-1.

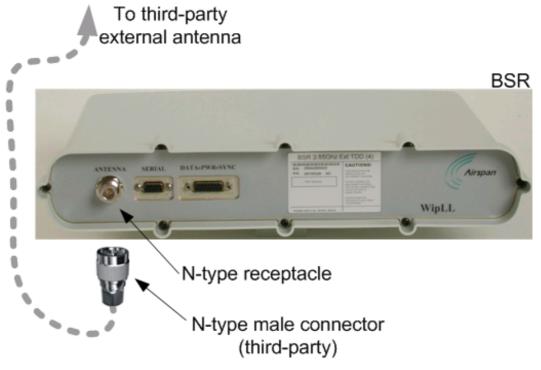


Figure 10-1: Attaching third-party external antenna



Notes:

1) For crimping RF coaxial cables to N-type connectors, see Appendix C, "Cable Crimping".

2) Ensure that the third-party antenna cable is of sufficient quality to reduce or eliminate loss when operating in the required frequency band.

3) For a description of third-party antennas offered by Airspan for BSRs operating in the 700 MHz and 900 MHz bands, see Appendix G, "Third-Party Antenna Specifications".



Part II

CPE Installation: Subscriber Premises Radio (SPR)

Part II describes the procedures for installing the ASWipLL equipment located at the subscriber's premises when implementing an SPR.

Part II includes the following chapters:

- Chapter 12, "Basic Design of Devices"
- Chapter 13, "Mounting the Devices"
- Chapter 14, "Network Cabling"
- Chapter 15, "Serial Cabling"
- Chapter 16, "Connecting Third-Party External Antennas"
- Chapter 17, "Antenna Alignment using RSS LED Adapter"
- Chapter 18, "Power Cabling"

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Basic Design of Devices

This chapter describes the basic design of the ASWipLL devices installed at a subscriber site when an SPR is implemented:

- SPR
- **SDA**
- RSS LED Adapter

12.1. SPR

This section describes the SPR's basic design.

12.1.1. Physical Dimensions

The SPR's physical dimensions are described in the following table.

	SPR			
Parameter	Standard Gain Antenna	High Gain Antenna	Comment	
Height	311 mm (12.24 inches)	400 mm (15.74 inches)	The SPR's physical dimensions exclude the mounting kit. SPR models with an N-type receptacle for attaching a third-party external antenna are also available.	
Width	224 mm (8.82 inches)	317 mm (12.48 inches)		
Depth	65.5 mm (2.58 inches)	65.5 mm (2.58 inches)		
Weight	2.5 kg	4.7 kg		

 Table 12-1:
 SPR physical dimensions

12.1.2. Ports

The SPR is an encased outdoor radio providing access to the SPR's sole communication port (15-pin D-type) at the front panel (see figure below). The SPR's bottom panel provides holes for mounting the SPR to, for example, a pole or wall.



15-pin D-type port

Figure 12-1: SPR (with built-in antennal)



Notes:

1) SPRs without built-in antennas provide an N-type port for connecting a third-party external antenna. 2) Previous SPR models also provide a 9-pin D-type port for serial interface.

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Mounting the Devices

This chapter describes the procedures for mounting the following devices:

- SPR
- SDA

13.1. Wall Mounting the SPR

The SPR is typically mounted on a wall. However, the SPR can also be polemounted. SPR pole mounting is identical to BSR pole mounting, thus, for a detailed description on pole mounting, see Chapter 7, "Mounting Devices".



Note: The standard SPR kit includes wall-mounting brackets. For ordering pole-mounting brackets (supply and costs), please contact your Airspan representative.

The SPR is mounted using the mounting holes located on the SPR's bottom panel (see Figure 13-1), and the wall-mounting brackets (provided).

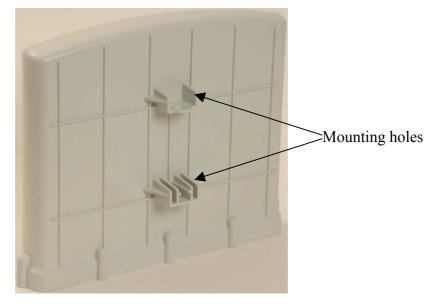


Figure 13-1: SPR bottom panel providing holes for mounting

A minimum of 3-meter separation is required between mounted SPRs and existing customer radio equipment when **not transmitting on the same sector** (see Figure 13-2).

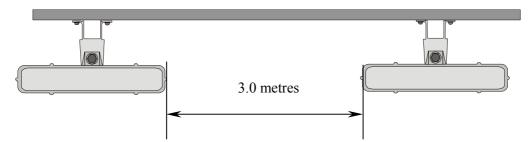


Figure 13-2: SPR separation when not transmitting on the same sector

A 1-meter separation is required between SPRs when on the **same sector** and transmitting to the same BSR without requiring shielding (see Figure 13-3).

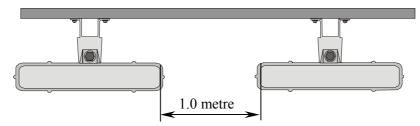


Figure 13-3: SPR separation when transmitting on the same sector to the same BSR

SPR wall mounting is performed in two stages:

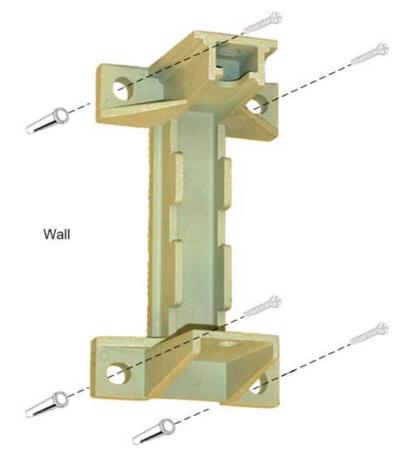
- Attaching the mounting bracket to the SPR's mounting holes.
- Attaching the mounting bracket (attached to the SPR) to the wall.

To wall mount the SPR:

- 1. Position the mounting bracket on the mounting surface (e.g. wall), and then use a pencil to mark the position of the four mounting holes.
- 2. Drill holes for each hole that you marked in the step above.
- 3. Insert wall anchors (not supplied) into each of the drilled holes.
- 4. Align the mounting bracket's four holes with the wall anchors, and then insert a screw (not supplied) through the mounting bracket holes into each wall anchor, and tighten.



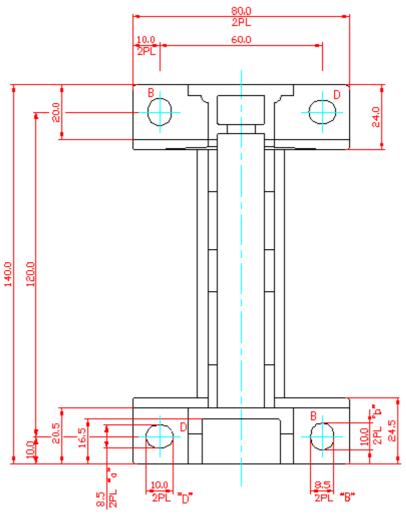
Note: Airspan does not provide screws for attaching the mounting bracket to the wall. The screw size depends on the structure of the building to which the bracket is to be attached. When selecting screw sizes, consideration must be given to the weight of the SPR and load that may be induced in windy conditions.



The figure below displays relevant dimensions of the mounting bracket. Note the two different sized fixing holes.

Figure 13-4: Attaching mounting bracket to wall

Below is a diagram illustrating the fixing dimensions of the mounting bracket. Ensure that the distance between the hole centers are 120 mm and 60 mm.



All dimensions in millimeters (mm)



- 5. Attach the SPR to the mounting bracket by performing the following:
 - a. Slide an M10 spring lock washer and then an M10 plain washer onto each M10 hex head screw (ensure lock washer is nearest to head of screw bolt).
 - b. Align the mounting bracket's holes with the BSR's mounting holes as displayed below. (The mounting bracket side that provides a groove for inserting a nut must be aligned with the BSR's mounting hole that is nearest to the BSR's rear panel.)
 - c. From the external sides, insert the M10 hex head screws through the mounting bracket's holes and BSR's mounting holes. Loosely fasten with the M10 hex nuts.

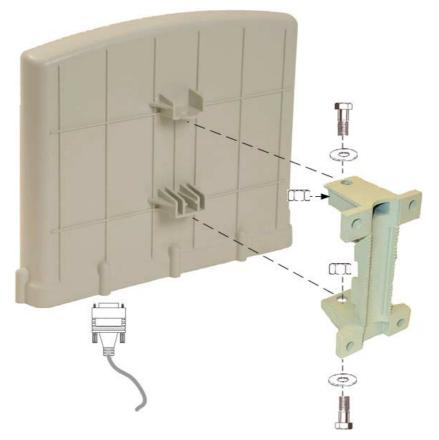


Figure 13-6: Attaching SPR to mounting bracket

6. Adjust the horizontal positioning of the SPR, and then tighten the two M10 hex head screws with the M10 hex nuts.

Rotation is restricted in the horizontal plane only. The permissible rotation is shown in Figure 13-7.

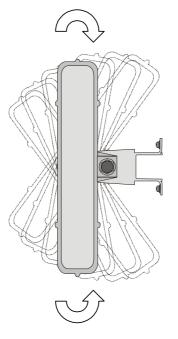


Figure 13-7: Horizontal rotation of the SPR (top view)



Note: A third-party thread-locking compound must be applied to the M10 hex head screws to prevent the bolts working loose.

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Serial Cabling

The SPR's 15-pin D-type port provides serial interface with a PC for configuring the SPR through an RS-232 communication mode. The 15-pin D-type port uses three pins for serial interface with the PC, and six pins for interfacing with the SDA (with which the SPR is connected). A Y-cable (splitter) is used to connect the SPR's 15-pin D-type port to both the PC and the SDA.



Note: For performing SPR initial configuration, refer to the *ASWipLL WipConfig User's Guide*.

The SPR-to-PC and SDA cable connections for SPR serial configuration are as follows:

Connectors:

- **SPR side:** 15-pin D-type male (only 6 pins used)
- **PC side:** 9-pin D-type (RS-232)
- **SDA side:** 15-pin D-type male
- **Cable:** straight-through Y-cable

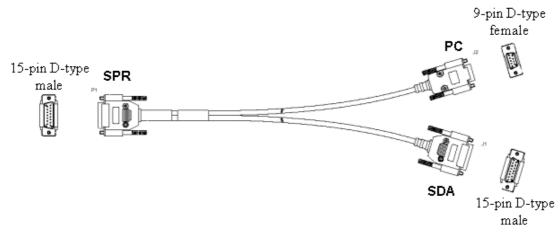
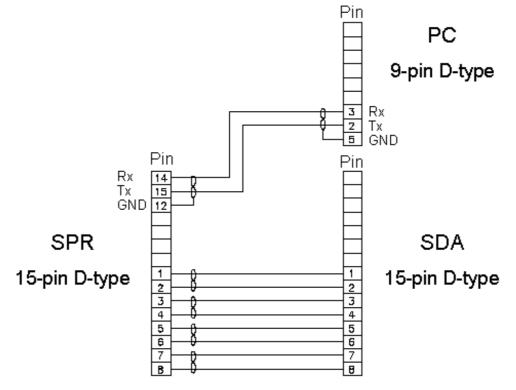


Figure 15-1: Y-cable for serial connection

Connector pinouts:

Table 15-1: Y-cable connector pinouts

Straight-through Y-cable								
SPR			SDA					
15-pin D-type male	Pin	Function	Pin	Function	15-pin D-type male			
	1	+48 VDC	1	+48 VDC	1 1			
	2	48 RTN	2	48 RTN				
	3	Ethernet Tx+	3	Rx+	ĕ8			
_	4	Ethernet Tx-	4	Rx-				
<u>_</u>	5	Ethernet Rx+	5	Tx+	1500 B			
	6	Ethernet Rx-	6	Tx-				
	SPR		PC					
15	Pin	Function	Pin	Function	9-pin D-type female			
_	12	GND	5	GND	-			
	14	RS232 Rx	3	Rx				
	15	RS232 Tx	2	Тх	u e e			



The Y-cable connector pin assignments are displayed schematically in Figure 15-2.

Figure 15-2: Y-cable connector pin assignment

To connect the SPR to a PC for serial configuration (see Figure 15-3):

- 1. Connect the **15-pin D-type male** connector, at the one end of the Y-cable, to the SPR.
- 2. Connect the **15-pin D-type male** connector, at the other end of the Y-cable, to the SDA.
- 3. Connect the **9-pin D-type female** (RS232) connector, at the other end of the Y-cable, to the PC's serial port.

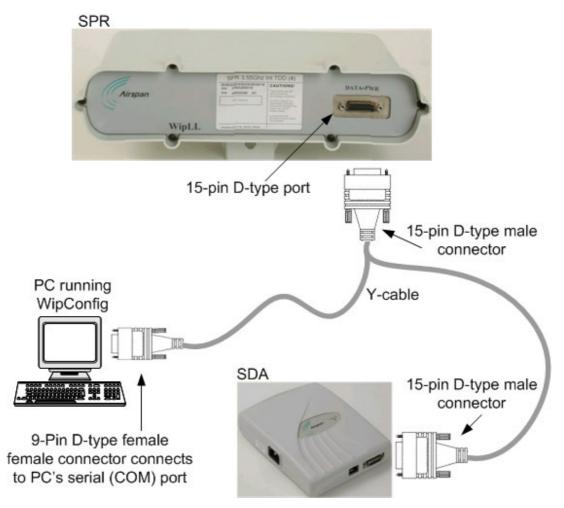


Figure 15-3: SPR serial cable connections using a Y-cable



Notes: For SPR serial configuration, the SPR remains connected to the SDA.

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Connecting Third-Party External Antennas

The SPR model without a built-in antenna provides an N-type port for connecting a third-party external antenna. The addition of an external antenna allows greater RF sector coverage than the standard SPR built-in antenna models.

The following lists the SPR-to-third party external antenna cable setup:

- **Cable:** RF coaxial
- **Connector:** N-type male



Warning: Before connecting the external antenna, ensure that the SPR is NOT connected to the power source.



Warning: Before powering on the SPR, ensure that some type of equipment such as an antenna or an RF attenuator is connected to the N-type receptacle. This eliminates the risk of burning the SPR device.



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Warning: In accordance with FCC regulations, ensure that for external antennas, the maximum EIRP is 36 dBm. The EIRP is defined as: **Max. Power Output + Antenna Gain + Cable Loss \leq 36 dBm (EIRP)**

To connect the SPR to a third-party external antenna:

Connect an N-type male connector of the third-party antenna to the N-type port located on the SPR's front panel, as displayed in Figure 16-1.

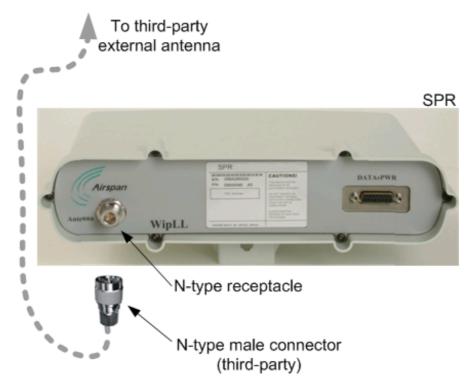


Figure 16-1: SPR model with N-type connector for attaching an external antenna



Notes:

1) For crimping RF coaxial cables to N-type connectors, see Appendix C, "Cable Crimping".

2) For a description of third-party antennas offered by Airspan for SPRs operating in the 700 MHz band, see Appendix G, "Third-Party Antenna Specifications.