Overview

TP-LINK’s Pharos series outdoor CPEs are dedicated to outdoor wireless network solutions. This guide is applicable to products including CPE210, CPE220, CPE510 and CPE520.

• Package Contents

![Package Contents Diagram]

- Pharos CPE
- Passive PoE Adapter
- Power Cord
- Pole Mounting Straps
- Installation Guide

• LED Explanation

![LED Diagram]

**AP/AP Router mode:**
All four LEDs remain solid.

**Client/Bridge/Repeater/AP Client Router mode:**
That the more LEDs lit will indicate better wireless signal strength.

**On:** A device is connected to this port, but there is no activity.

**Flashing:** A device is connected to this port, and is active.

**On:** The CPE is powered on.
• Panel Layout

Pharos CPE:

- **Grounding Terminal**
- **Shielded Ethernet Port LAN0 (Passive PoE in)**
- **Shielded Ethernet Port LAN1**
- **RESET**

**Passive PoE Adapter:**

- **Power LED**
  The Power LED indicates the status of the electric current: green (0~0.8A), red (0.8A~1A).
Hardware Connection

1. Site Consideration

- Mounting Height

Ensure a clear line of sight between the wireless devices for an optimum performance. An elevated location is recommended as obstacles like trees, buildings and large steel structures will weaken the wireless signal.

See 'Q2' in 'FAQ' for details about how to calculate the minimum mounting height of the devices.
• **Orientation**

Install the CPE devices with the front facing the intended signal receiving devices. You can orient the devices with the assistance of Google Maps, GPS and some landmarks according to the horizontal beamwidth listed below.

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2. Connection and Installation

Please connect and install the device as shown in the figure below.

You should prepare an adequate Ethernet cable to connect the CPE and the passive PoE adapter. Shielded CAT5e (or above) cable with ground wire is recommended (refer to the next section).

Connect to a computer, router or switch. (Depending on your intended usage and/or network topology.)

At the selected site, approximately align the CPE to the direction that you have oriented.

Slide to replace the cover of the CPE when all connections are finished.
3. Lightning & ESD Protection

Proper grounding is extremely important for outdoor devices. By using shielded CAT5e (or above) cable with ground wire for the connection and the provided PoE adapter (method 1), you can effectively eliminate ESD attacks. If you use the general CAT5e cable for the connection, then it is necessary to connect the grounding terminal of the CPE to earth ground through grounding cable (method 2).

Two Methods:
1. Shielded CAT5e (or above) Cable with Ground Wire
2. Grounding Terminal and Cable
Shielded CAT5e (or above) Cable with Ground Wire
Software Configuration

This chapter introduces the login to the PharOS Web Interface and the software configurations.

1. Logging into the PharOS

1. Before accessing the PharOS Web Interface, you need to assign a static IP address 192.168.0.X (X ranges between 2 and 253, e.g. 192.168.0.10) to your computer.

2. Open a web browser, type http://192.168.0.254 into the address field and press Enter (Windows) or return (Mac). It is recommended to use the latest version of Google Chrome, Firefox or Safari.
3. Enter **admin** for both **User Name** and **Password**, then select your **Language** from the drop-down list. Read and agree the terms of use, then click **Login**.

4. Change the default User Name and Password to protect your CPE. Let’s start configuring the CPE.

⚠️ *For subsequent logins, use the new username and password.*
2. Configuration for Typical Applications

The typical topology is as follows. A wireless bridge is built between two locations that are far from each other. Follow the instructions below to configure the Access Point and the Client.

**Configure the Access Point (AP)**

1. Log in to PharOS and go to the Quick Setup page.
2. Operation Mode: Select **Access Point** and click **Next**.
3. LAN Settings: Click **Next**.
4. Wireless AP Settings:
   a. Create a new SSID (Network name) for your wireless network.
   b. Select **WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK** for the Security method and create a PSK Password to protect your AP.
   c. Enter the distance between the Access Point and the Client into the Distance Setting field.
   d. Select the **MAXtream** checkbox (Refer to Q3 in FAQ for details about MAXtream), and click **Next**.
5. Finish: Verify your settings and click **Finish** to complete the configuration.

**Configure the Client**

1. Log in to PharOS and go to the Quick Setup page.
2. Operation Mode: Select **Client** and click **Next**.
3. LAN Settings: Change the IP Address to 192.168.0.X (X ranges between 2 and 253), the same subnet with the access point, and click Next.

4. Wireless Client Settings:
   a. Click Survey and select the SSID of the Access Point in the AP list, then click Connect.
   b. Select WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK from the Security option, enter the same PSK password and distance value of the Access Point, then click Next.

5. Finish: Verify your settings and click Finish to complete the configuration.
Antenna Alignment

In order to get the best performance, you can precisely align the direction of the CPE with the assistance of **Wireless Signal Quality** on STATUS page of the PharOS Web Interface.

Adjust the direction of the CPE until the device reaches the highest SNR.
# Specifications

## HARDWARE FEATURES

| Dimensions | CPE520/CPE220: 275.83*79*60.3mm  
| CPE510/CPE210: 224.34*79*60.3mm  |
| Interface | LAN0: 10/100Mbps Ethernet Port (PoE IN)  
| LAN1: 10/100Mbps Ethernet Port  
| GND: Grounding Terminal for Lightning Protection  
| RESET: Button to restore the device to Factory Default |
| Power Supply | 24V Passive PoE Adapter Included |
| ESD Protection\(^1\) | 15kV |
| Lightning Protection\(^1\) | Up to 6kV |
| Operating Temperature | -30°C ~ 70°C (-22 °F ~ 158 °F) |
| Operating Humidity | 10% ~ 90% |
| Certification | CE, FCC, RoHS, IPX5 |

## WIRELESS FEATURES

| Models | CPE210 | CPE220 | CPE510 | CPE520 |
| Antenna Gain | 9dBi | 12dBi | 13dBi | 16dBi |
| Horizontal Beamwidth/Elevation Beamwidth\(^2\) | 65°/ 35° | 60°/ 30° | 45°/ 30° | 45°/ 30° |
| 802.11 Standards | 11b/g/n | 11b/g/n | 11a/n | 11a/n |

**Note:**

1. Estimation is based on copper grounding cable and shielded CAT5e cable with ground wire.
2. Beamwidth values may vary throughout operating frequency.
Q1. How to restore the CPE to its factory default settings?

With the CPE powered on, press and hold the RESET button on the CPE or the Remote Reset button on the passive PoE adapter for about 8 seconds until the Wireless Signal Strength LEDs flash.

Method 1:

Method 2:
Q2. How to calculate the minimum mounting height of the devices?

In order to maximize the received signal strength of the devices, installers need to minimize the effect of the out-of-phase signals, which is caused by obstacles in the path between the transmitter and the receiver. Fresnel Zone is a usual method to calculate this path, as shown in the formula and the figure below.

\[ r = \frac{d_1 \times d_2 \cdot c}{\sqrt{d_1 + d_2} \cdot f} \]

where,
- \( r \) = Fresnel zone radius in meters
- \( c = 3 \times 10^8 \) m/s, speed of light
- \( f \) = operating frequency of the devices in Hz
- \( d_1 \) & \( d_2 \) = the distances between the point and the devices in meters

For example, assume \( d_1 \) is 2km, \( d_2 \) is 8km, and \( f \) is 2.4GHz, then \( r \) would be 14.142m. Considering a toleration of 40%, allowable radius would be 8.485m. Assume \( h \) is 10m, then the result of the minimum mounting height based on this point would be 18.485m. Similarly, calculate the results based on all the points where there are obstacles, and the maximum value would be the final result.

For more information, please refer to:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fresnel_zone
Q3. What is Pharos MAXtream?

Pharos MAXtream is a proprietary protocol developed on the basis of Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) by TP-LINK. The MAXtream technology has the following advantages:

- Eliminates hidden node collisions & improves channel efficiency.
- Lower latency, higher throughput, larger network capacity & more stability.
- Improves the QoS for video, voice and sound data stream.

By dividing the timing of transmission into different time slots, MAXtream allows the Pharos devices to transmit in rapid succession, one after another, each using its own time slot to transmit and receive their own frames, which greatly reduces the chance of collision.

Pharos MAXtream is a non-standard Wi-Fi protocol that is only compatible with TP-LINK’s Pharos series products. Please notice that you will not be able to connect other Wi-Fi devices to an AP with MAXtream enabled.

Q4. How can I use Spectrum Analysis to find the appropriate channel for the devices?

1. Log in to PharOS, click Spectrum Analysis in the tools drop-down list, a window will pop up to remind you that all wireless connections will be lost during spectrum analysis. Click Yes to continue to the Spectrum Analysis page.

2. Click Start, the PharOS will begin to analyze the power of frequency. Observe the curves for a period of time, and then click
Stop. Note that the relatively low and continuous part of the average curve indicates less radio noise. Here, we use the figure below as an example.

![Graph showing frequency and power levels.](image)

⚠️ CPE510 and CPE520 have a select box of Frequency Range at the top-left corner. Select the required range and then click Start.

When choosing channel/frequency, you should avoid the spectrum with large radio noise. In this example, the recommended channel/frequency is 1/2412MHz and 6/2437MHz.
FCC STATEMENT

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1) This device may not cause harmful interference.
2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Note: The manufacturer is not responsible for any radio or TV interference caused by unauthorized modifications to this equipment. Such modifications could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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CE 1588

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Industry Canada Statement

CAN ICES-3 (A)/NMB-3(A)

EAC

This product can be used in the following countries:

Safety Information

- When product has power button, the power button is one of the way to shut off the product; when there is no power button, the only way to completely shut off power is to disconnect the product or the power adapter from the power source.
- Don't disassemble the product, or make repairs yourself. You run the risk of electric shock and voiding the limited warranty. If you need service, please contact us.
- Avoid water and wet locations.

Use only power supplies which are provided by manufacturer and in the original packing of this product. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

NCC Notice & BSMI Notice

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