

Understand Aironet and Catalyst Access Point Power Requirements (Quick Reference)

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Introduction

This document describes different Power over Ethernet standards, lists power requirements, and compatible power supplies for Cisco APs.

PoE Standards

Power over Ethernet (PoE) refers to the system where electrical power is transferred along with data via twisted pair Ethernet cabling. The convenience of PoE allows Cisco APs to use a single cable to provide both power and data, which makes deployments much more cost-effective.

As of 2020, there are four Powers over Ethernet standards utilized by Cisco access points. This table lists them along with their characteristics:

Codename	Maximum Power [W]	IEEE Standard
PoE	15.4	802.3af
PoE+	30	802.3at
UPoE	60	Cisco proprietary
UPoE+	90	802.3bt

Table 1. PoE Standards

Power Cisco Access Points

There is no power difference between different regulatory domains of the same AP model. For example, Cisco 4800I-E and 4800I-S have identical power draw and power requirements.

Compatible Power Injectors and DC Power Supplies

Table 2. lists all officially supported PoE injectors for the latest Cisco AP models:

AP Model	PoE Injectors	AC/DC Power Adapter
9124	AIR-PWRINJ-60RGD1 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ-60RGD2 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ6 = (medium power)	Auxiliary DC input, 24V to 56V support 60W, model not specified in data sheet
9166	AIR-PWRINJ7 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ6 = (medium power), MA-INJ-6 (full power)	MA-PWR-50WAC (full power)
9164	AIR-PWRINJ7 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ6 = (medium power), MA-INJ-6 (full power)	MA-PWR-50WAC (full power)
9162	AIR-PWRINJ7 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ6 = (full power), MA-INJ-6 (full power)	MA-PWR-30W (full power)
9136	AIR-PWRINJ7 = (full power)	X
9130	AIR-PWRINJ6 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ5 = (medium power)	X
9124	AIR-PWRINJ6 = (medium power), AIR-PWRINJ-60RGD1 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ-60RGD2 = (full power)	X
9120	AIR-PWRINJ6 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ5 = (medium power)	X
9117	AIR-PWRINJ6 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ5 = (medium power)	X

	power)	
9115	AIR-PWRINJ6= (full power), AIR-PWRINJ5= (medium power)	X
9105	AIR-PWRINJ6= (full power), AIR-PWRINJ5= (medium power)	X
4800	AIR-PWRINJ6= (full power)	AIR-PWR-50= (full power)
3800	AIR-PWRINJ6= (full power)	AIR-PWR-50= (full power)
2800	AIR-PWRINJ6= (full power)	X
3700	AIR-PWRINJ6= (full power), AIR-PWRINJ4= (medium power)	AIR-PWR-B= (full power)
2700	AIR-PWRINJ6= (full power), AIR-PWRINJ4= (full power)	AIR-PWR-C= (full power), AIR-PWR-D= (full power)
1700	AIR-PWRINJ5= (full power)	AIR-PWR-C= (full power), AIR-PWR-D= (full power)
1850	AIR-PWRINJ4= (full power), AIR-PWRINJ5= (medium power)	AIR-PWR-C= (full power)
1840	AIR-PWRINJ6= (full power), AIR-PWRINJ5= (medium power)	X
1830	AIR-PWRINJ6= (full power), AIR-PWRINJ5= (medium power)	AIR-PWR-C= (full power)
1815i and 1815m	AIR-PWRINJ6= (full power), AIR-PWRINJ5= (full power)	X

1815t	X	AIR-PWR-D= (full power)
1815w	AIR-PWRINJ6= (full power), AIR-PWRINJ5= (full power)	X
1810	AIR-PWRINJ6= (full power), AIR-PWRINJ5= (full power)	AIR-PWR-D= (full power)
1572	AIR-PWRINJ1500-2= (full power)	
1562I	AIR-PWRINJ-60RGD1= (full power), AIR-PWRINJ-60RGD2= (full power), AIR-PWRINJ6= (medium power)	AIR-PWRADPT-RGD1= (full power)
1562E and 1562D	AIR-PWRINJ-60RGD1 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ-60RGD2 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ6 = (full power)	AIR-PWRADPT-RGD1 = (full power)
1542	AIR-PWRINJ-60RGD1 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ-60RGD2 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ6 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ5 = (full power)	X
IW6300	AIR-PWRINJ6 = (full power)	IW-6300H-AC-X-K9 (full power), IW-6300H-DC-X-K9 (full power), IW-6300H-DCW-X-K9 (full power)
IW3700	AIR-PWRINJ1500-2 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ-60RGD1 = (full power), AIR-PWRINJ-60RGD2 = (full power)	AIR-PWRADPT3700NA = (full power), AIR-PWRADPT3700IN = (full power)

Table 2. Power Injectors and DC Power Adapters

Compatible PoE Standards

Table 3. contains information about what features are available when APs are powered with the use of different PoE standards. As of this article last update, all APs have full functionality with UPoE+ standard (802.3bt), so it is not included in the table. This table assumes that no PoE passthrough (PoE Out) is used.

Note: Unless APs are provided the full power they require, they show up with a Low/Medium Power in Wireless Controller Web interface.

AP Model	Max Power Draw [W]	If powered with UPOE	If powered with PoE+	If powered with PoE
9124	TBD (Not published in the datasheet)	Full functionality	2.4GHz & 5GHz radios at 2x2, 6GHz radio shut down, Multigigabit port speed 1000mbps, SFP port disabled, PoE out disabled, Downlink ethernet interface enabled	Multigigabit port speed 1000mbps, all radios are shut down, SFP port disabled, PoE out disabled, Downlink GigabitEthernet interface disabled
9166	30.5	Full functionality	USB port disabled	Multigigabit port speed 1000mbps, all radios are shut down, USB port disabled
9164	30	Full functionality	USB port disabled	Multigigabit port speed 1000mbps, all radios are shut down, USB port disabled
9162	25.5	Full functionality	Full functionality	2.4 GHz radio disabled 5GHz & 6GHz radios at 1x1, Multigigabit port speed 1000mbps, USB port disabled
9136	47.3	Full functionality	2.4GHz radio at 2x2, 5GHz radio at 4x4, 6GHz radio at 2x2, Multigigabit port speed 2.5gbps, second multigigabit port disabled, USB port disabled	Multigigabit port speed 1000mbps, all radios are shut down, USB port disabled
9130	30.5	Full functionality	Before 17.10: USB	USB port disabled,

			port disabled, 17.10 and later: full functionality	ethernet port speed 1000mbps, both radios at 1x1
9124	TBD (Not published in the datasheet)	Full functionality	Multigigabit port speed 1000mbps, both radios at 2x2, SFP port disabled, PoE out disabled (AUX port still operational for data)	Multigigabit port speed 1000mbps, both radios disabled, SFP port disabled, PoE out/AUX port disabled
9120	25.5	Full functionality	Full functionality	USB port disabled, ethernet port speed 1000mbps, with both radios at 1x1 or one of the radios on 2x2 with another one disabled
9117	28.9	Full functionality	If the USB port is enabled, the 5GHz radio is reduced to 4x4	USB port disabled, ethernet port speed 2500mbps, both radios at 2x2
9115	21.4	Full functionality	Full functionality	USB port disabled, ethernet port speed 1000mbps, both radios at 2x2
9105	TBD (Not published in the datasheet)	Full functionality	Full functionality	USB port disabled, PoE out disabled
4800	31	Full functionality	USB port disabled, primary ethernet port speed 1000mbps, second AUX ethernet port disabled	AP does not power on
3800	30	Full functionality	Full functionality	Both radios are shut down, but AP powers up and is able to join WLC

2800	26.5	Full functionality	Full functionality	Both radios are shut down, but AP powers up and is able to join WLC
3700	19.6	Full functionality	Full functionality	Both radios at 3x3 without Wireless Security Module (WSM) or both radios at 2x2 with WSM
2700	15	Full functionality	Full functionality	Both radios at 3x3
1700	15	Full functionality	Full functionality	Full functionality
1850	20.9	Full functionality	Full functionality	USB port disabled, AUX ethernet port disabled, 2.4 GHz radio at 2x3
1840	17.8	Full functionality	Full functionality	USB port disabled
1830	15.4	Full functionality	Full functionality	USB port disabled
1815i & 1815w	8.5	Full functionality	Full functionality	Full functionality
1815m	13.9	Full functionality	Full functionality	Full functionality
1810	15.4	Full functionality	Full functionality	Full functionality
1572	31	No PoE out	AP does not power up	AP does not power up
1562i	32	Full functionality	Both radios at 2x2	Both radios are shut down, but AP powers up and is able to join WLC
1562e & 1562d	25	Full functionality	Full functionality	Both radios are shut

				down, but AP powers up and is able to join WLC
1542	13.9	Full functionality	Full functionality	Full functionality
IW6300	28	No PoE out	No PoE out	AP does not power up
IW3700	30	1 heater active, no PoE out	1 heater active, no PoE out	No heaters are active, and both radios are at 2x2

Table 3. Compatible PoE Standards

Note: For additional information about each AP model refer to their data sheets and the installation guides.

Troubleshoot

Verify Switch Power Budget

These switch commands display the current switch, port, power allocation, and budget:

```
<#root>
```

```
Switch#
```

```
show power inline
```

```
Module   Available      Used      Remaining
         (Watts)        (Watts)   (Watts)
-----
1         472.0          344.5     127.5
Interface Admin  Oper      Power   Device      Class Max
         (Watts)
-----
Gi1/0/1  auto   on        25.5    C9120AXI-A   4    30.0
Gi1/0/2  auto   on        25.5    C9120AXI-A   4    30.0
Gi1/0/3  auto   on        25.5    C9120AXI-A   4    30.0
Gi1/0/4  auto   on        25.5    C9120AXI-A   4    30.0
...
```

Verify Power Negotiation

The default interface configuration works well in most deployments provided there is enough power budget, and the switch supports the minimum PoE standard requirement for a given AP model. Particular caution has to be paid when you deal with power requirements greater than PoE (802.3af), as either CDP or LLDP needs to remain enabled (both globally and on the port level) to ensure proper power negotiation with the connected AP.

Ensure these options are not disabled (these commands are not visible in a normal running configuration as they are there by default):

```
<#root>
Switch(config)#
cdp advertise-v2

Switch(config)#interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1
Switch(config-if)#
cdp enable
```

To verify if CDP is enabled you can use this command:

```
<#root>
Switch#
show cdp

Global CDP information:
  Sending CDP packets every 60 seconds
  Sending a holdtime value of 180 seconds
  Sending CDPV2 advertisements is enabled
```

Common Issues Cisco TAC Encounters

- Power an Access Point with PoE standard that does not provide enough power that it requires and results in AP showing up in the WLC web interface with a Low/Medium Power . In some cases, this results in a non-functional AP that cannot even turn on its radios (for example, when 3800 AP is powered with the use of 802.3af), or it can result in reduced performance (for example, when 9115 AP is powered with the use of 802.11af and radios fall back to 2x2). Please take a look at Table 3. for the exact behavior of each AP model.
- Not all APs from the same series have the same power draw. For example, the 1562i can draw up to seven watts more than the 1562d version.
- Connecting AP to the power source with the use of a very long or non-certified cable can result in a higher power draw at the power source.
- When you use external or industrial APs, it is crucial to ground them. Refer to the 'AP deployment guides' for further information on the results of not properly grounding the AP.
- When you use power injectors, it is impossible to have mGig port speeds higher than 1000 Mbps.

