DATASHEET

PowerBeam® ac

High-Performance airMAX® Bridge

Models: PBE-5AC-300, PBE-5AC-400, PBE-5AC-500, PBE-5AC-620

Uniform Beamwidth Maximizes Noise Immunity

Innovative Mechanical Design

High-Speed Processor for Superior Performance

UBIQUITI® NETWORKS

Overview

Ubiquiti Networks launches the latest generation of airMAX® CPE (Customer Premises Equipment), the PowerBeam® ac.

Improved Noise Immunity

The PowerBeam ac directs RF energy in a tighter beamwidth. With the focus in one direction, the PowerBeam ac blocks or spatially filters out noise, so noise immunity is improved. This feature is especially important in an area crowded with other RF signals of the same or similar frequency.

Integrated Design

Ubiquiti's InnerFeed® technology integrates the radio into the feedhorn of an antenna, so there is no need for a cable. This improves performance because it eliminates cable losses.

Featuring high performance and innovative mechanical design, the PowerBeam ac is versatile and cost-effective to deploy.

Software

airOS 7

Sporting an all-new design for improved usability, airOS® v7 is the revolutionary operating system for Ubiquiti® airMAX ac products.

Powerful Wireless Features

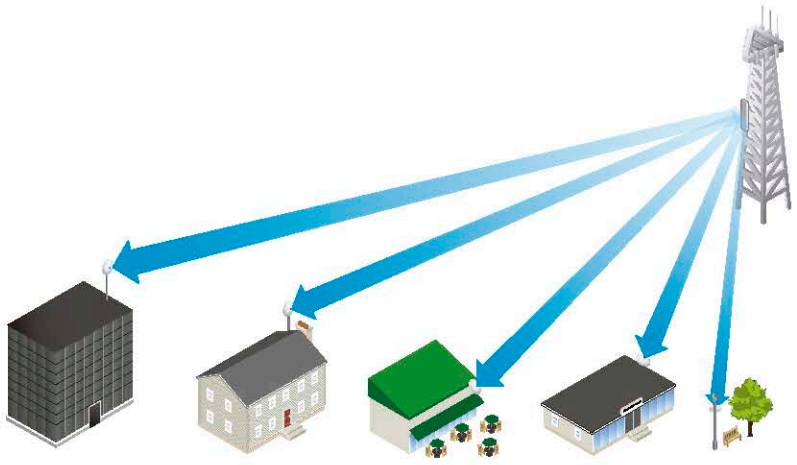
- airMAX ac Protocol Support
- Long-Range Point-to-Point (PtP) Link Mode
- Selectable Channel Width
  - PtP: 10/20/30/40/50/60/80 MHz
  - PtMP: 10/20/30/40 MHz
- Automatic Channel Selection
- Transmit Power Control: Automatic/Manual
- Automatic Distance Selection (ACK Timing)
- Strongest WPA2 Security

Usability Enhancements

- Dynamic Configuration Changes
- Instant Input Validation
- HTML5 Technology
- Optimization for Mobile Devices
- Detailed Device Statistics
- Comprehensive Array of Diagnostic Tools, including Ethernet Cabling Test, RF Diagnostics, and airView® Spectrum Analyzer

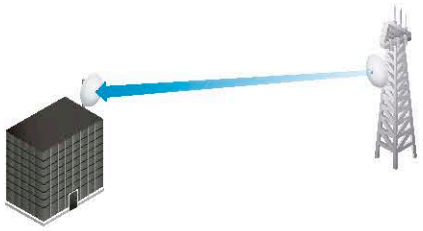
Application Examples

PtMP Client Links

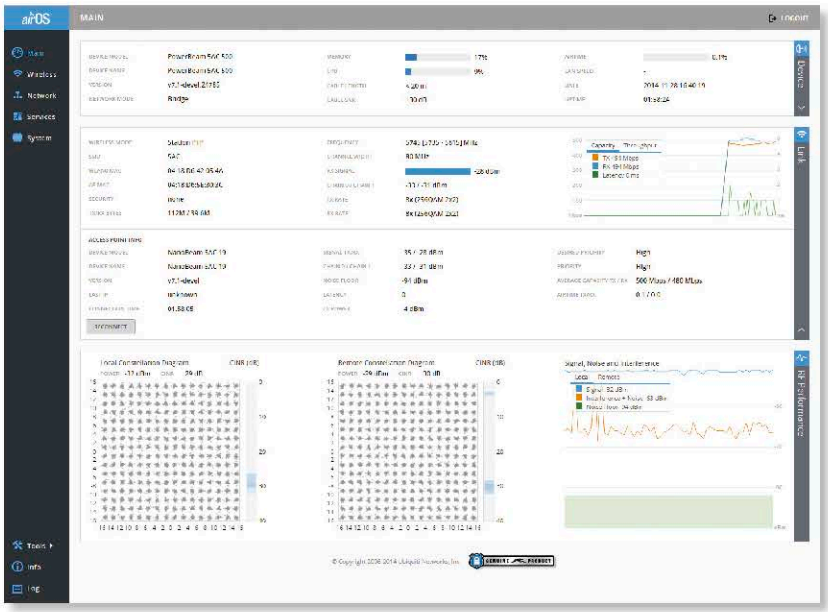


The PowerBeam ac used as a CPE device for each client in an airMAX PtMP network.

PtP Link



Use a PowerBeam ac on each side of a PtP link.



Advanced RF Analytics

airMAX ac devices feature a multi-radio architecture to power a revolutionary RF analytics engine.

An independent processor on the PCBA powers a second, dedicated radio, which persistently analyzes the full 5 GHz spectrum and every received symbol to provide you with the most advanced RF analytics in the industry.

Data from the spectrum analysis and RF performance monitoring is displayed on the *Main* tab and airView Spectrum Analyzer of airOS V7.

Real-Time Reporting

The *Main* tab displays the following RF information:

- Persistent RF Error Vector Magnitude (EVM) constellation diagrams
- Carrier to Interference-plus-Noise Ratio (CINR) histograms
- Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) time series plots

Spectral Analysis

airView allows you to identify noise signatures and plan your networks to minimize noise interference. airView performs the following functions:

- Constantly monitors environmental noise
- Collects energy data points in real-time spectral views
- Helps optimize channel selection, network design, and wireless performance

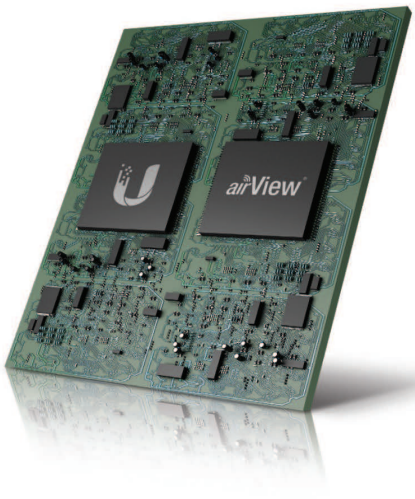
airView runs in the background without disabling the wireless link, so there is no disruption to the network.

In airView, there are three spectral views, each of which represents different data.

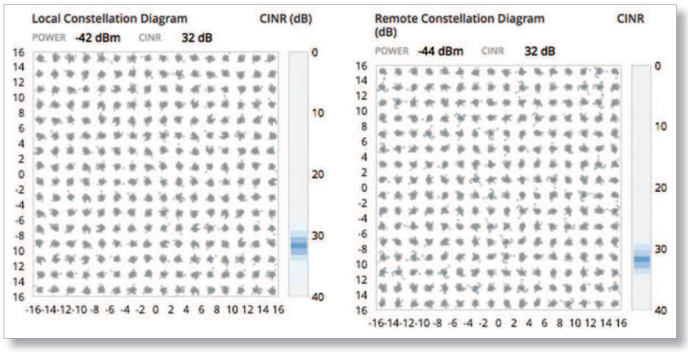
- **Waterfall** Aggregate energy collected for each frequency
- **Waveform** Aggregate energy collected
- **Ambient Noise Level** Background noise energy shown as a function of frequency

Available with a firmware upgrade to airOS v7.1, airView provides powerful spectrum analyzer functionality, eliminating the need to rent or purchase additional equipment for conducting site surveys.

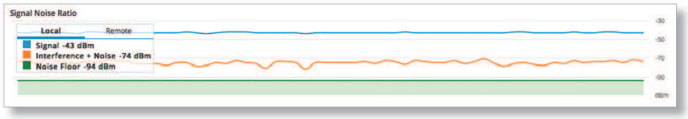
Multi-Radio Architecture



Constellation Diagrams and CINR Histograms



SNR Time Series Plots



Dedicated Spectral Analysis

Technology

airMAX ac

Unlike standard Wi-Fi protocol, Ubiquiti's Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) airMAX protocol allows each client to send and receive data using pre-designated time slots scheduled by an intelligent AP controller.

This time slot method eliminates hidden node collisions and maximizes airtime efficiency, so airMAX technology provides performance improvements in latency, noise immunity, scalability, and throughput compared to other outdoor systems in its class.

Intelligent QoS Priority assigned to voice/video for seamless streaming.

Scalability High capacity and scalability.

Long Distance Capable of high-speed, carrier-class links.

Superior Performance

The next-generation airMAX ac technology boosts the advantages of our proprietary TDMA protocol.

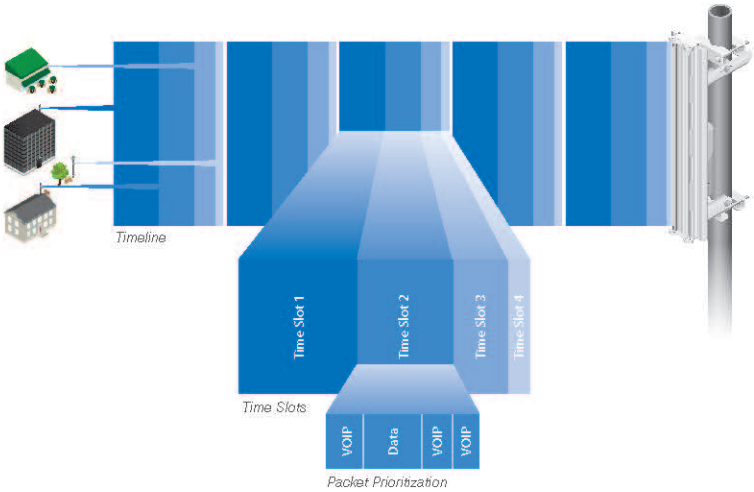
Ubiquiti's airMAX engine with custom IC dramatically improves TDMA latency and network scalability. The custom silicon provides hardware acceleration capabilities to the airMAX scheduler, to support the high data rates and dense modulation used in airMAX ac technology.

Throughput Breakthrough

airMAX ac supports high data rates, which require dense modulation: 256QAM – a significant increase from 64QAM, which is used in airMAX.

With their use of proprietary airMAX ac technology, airMAX ac products supports up to 450+ Mbps real TCP/IP throughput – up to triple the throughput of standard airMAX products.

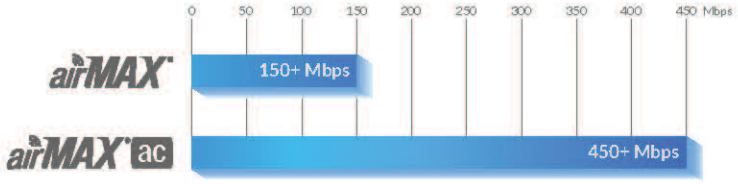
airMAX ac TDMA Technology



Up to 100 airMAX ac stations can be connected to an airMAX ac Sector; four airMAX ac stations are shown to illustrate the general concept.

airMAX Network Scalability

Superior Throughput Performance



Hardware Overview

Innovative Mechanical Design

- **Built-in mechanical tilt** All mounting brackets conveniently offer elevation adjustments:
  - PBE-5AC-300: ± 20° tilt
  - PBE-5AC-400/PBE-5AC-500: 20° uptilt and 10° downtilt
  - PBE-5AC-620: ± 15° tilt
- **Quick assembly** Minimal fasteners simplify installation.
- **Easy removal** The antenna feed can be detached with the push of a button.

Industrial-Strength Construction

- **Fasteners** GEOMET-coated for improved corrosion resistance when compared with zinc-plated fasteners.
- **Dish and brackets** Made of galvanized steel that is powder-coated for superior corrosion resistance. The hardware also prevents paint from being removed from the metal brackets for improved corrosion resistance.
- **Protective radome** Shields the radio from the elements. It is included with the PBE-5AC-500 and available as an optional accessory for the PBE-5AC-400.

Models

Using airMAX ac technology, the PowerBeam ac supports up to 450+ Mbps real TCP/IP throughput. The PowerBeam ac launches with PtP functionality, and a client mode feature will be added with a future firmware upgrade.

PowerBeam ac

Model	Frequency	Gain	Dish Reflector
PBE-5AC-300	5 GHz	22 dBi	300 mm

PowerBeam ac

Model	Frequency	Gain	Dish Reflector
PBE-5AC-400	5 GHz	25 dBi	400 mm

PowerBeam 400 mm Radome

Model	Frequency	PBE-5AC-400	Dish Reflector
PBE-RAD-400	5 GHz	✓	400 mm

A protective radome is available as an optional accessory for the PBE-5AC-400. It is also compatible with the PBE-M2-400 and PBE-M5-400.

Models

PowerBeam ac

Model	Frequency	Gain	Dish Reflector
PBE-5AC-500	5 GHz	27 dBi	500 mm

PowerBeam ac

Model	Frequency	Gain	Dish Reflector
PBE-5AC-620	5 GHz	29 dBi	620 mm

PowerBeam® ac Accessories

IsoBeam™

Model: ISO-BEAM-620

The IsoBeam™ is an isolator radome that is available as an optional accessory for the PBE-5AC-620 and other models:

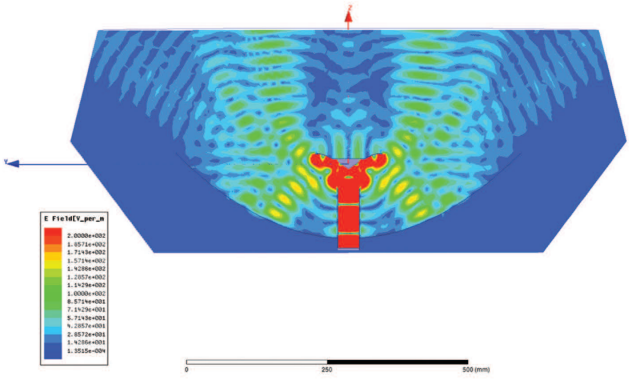
- PowerBeam PBE-M5-620
- RocketDish™ RD-5G30-LW

The innovative RF-choke perimeter of the IsoBeam delivers superior noise immunity in co-location deployments; its perimeter corrugation provides enhanced RF shielding. Compare the two near-field plots below, and note the breakthrough isolation performance of the IsoBeam.

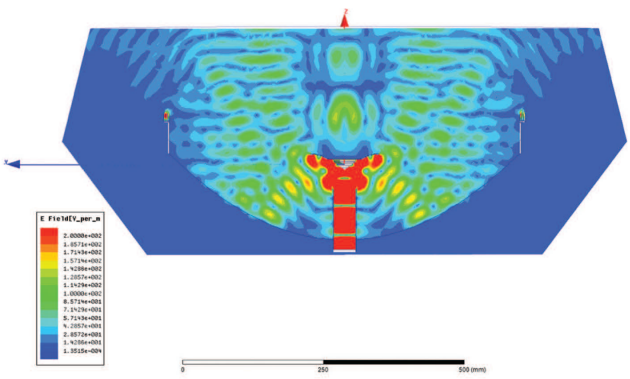
Both near-field plots are displayed in watts and use a linear scale. The strength of the electromagnetic field is color-coded:

- Red: Highest strength
- Green: Medium strength
- Indigo: Lowest strength

Without IsoBeam

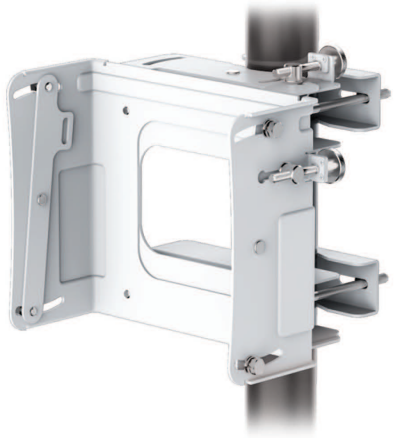


With IsoBeam



Precision Alignment Kit

Model: PAK-620



The Precision Alignment Kit is available as an optional accessory for the PBE-5AC-620. It features 15° of azimuth adjustment and 15° of elevation adjustment to enable extremely accurate aiming for optimal PtP link performance.

The Precision Alignment Kit is also compatible with other dish antennas:

- airFiber® AF-5G30-S45
- PowerBeam PBE-M5-620
- RocketDish RD-5G30-LW

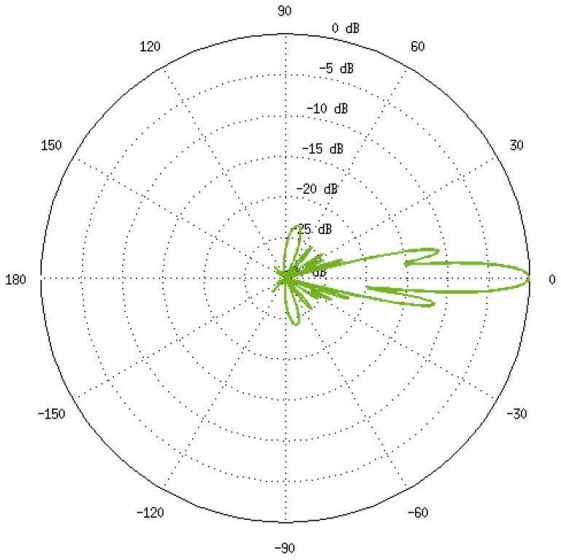
Specifications

PBE-5AC-500					
Dimensions	Radome Excluded			Radome Included	
	520 x 520 x 308 mm (20.47 x 20.47 x 12.13")			525 x 525 x 315 mm (20.67 x 20.67 x 12.40")	
Weight	Radome Excluded			Radome Included	
	2.35 kg (5.18 lb)			3.15 kg (6.95 lb)	
Power Supply	24V, 0.5A Gigabit PoE				
Max. Power Consumption	8.5W				
Power Method	Passive PoE (Pairs 4, 5+; 7, 8 Return)				
Supported Voltage Range	20-26VDC				
Operating Frequency	Worldwide	USA: U-NII-1	USA: U-NII-2A	USA: U-NII-2C	USA: U-NII-3
	5150 - 5875 MHz	5150 - 5250 MHz*	5250 - 5350 MHz*	5470 - 5725 MHz*	5725 - 5850 MHz*
Gain	27 dBi				
Networking Interface	(1) 10/100/1000 Ethernet Port				
Processor Specs	Atheros MIPS 74Kc, 720 MHz				
Memory	128 MB DDR2, 16 MB Flash				
LEDs	(1) Power, (1) LAN, (4) WLAN				
Signal Strength LEDs	Software-Adjustable to Correspond to Custom RSSI Levels				
Max. VSWR	1.5:1				
Channel Sizes	PtP Mode			PtMP Mode	
	10/20/30/40/50/60/80 MHz			10/20/30/40 MHz	
Polarization	Dual Linear				
Enclosure	Outdoor UV Stabilized Plastic				
Mounting	Pole-Mount (Kit Included)				
Wind Loading	264.6 N @ 96 km/h (60 lbf @ 60 mph)				
Wind Survivability	96 km/h (60 mph)				
ESD/EMP Protection	Air: ± 24 kV, Contact: ± 24 kV				
Operating Temperature	-40 to 70° C (-40 to 158° F)				
Operating Humidity	5 to 95% Noncondensing				
Wireless Approvals	FCC, IC, CE				
RoHS Compliance	Yes				
Salt Fog Test	IEC 68-2-11 (ASTM B117), Equivalent: MIL-STD-810 G Method 509.5				
Vibration Test	IEC 68-2-6				
Temperature Shock Test	IEC 68-2-14				
UV Test	IEC 68-2-5 at 40° C (104° F), Equivalent: ETS 300 019-1-4				
Wind-Driven Rain Test	ETS 300 019-1-4, Equivalent: MIL-STD-810 G Method 506.5				

PBE-5AC-500 Output Power: 24 dBm							
TX Power Specifications				**RX Power Specifications**			
Modulation	Data Rate	Avg. TX	Tolerance	Modulation	Data Rate	Sensitivity	Tolerance
airMAX ac	1x BPSK (½)	24 dBm	± 2 dB	airMAX ac	1x BPSK (½)	-96 dBm	± 2 dB
	2x QPSK (½)	24 dBm	± 2 dB		2x QPSK (½)	-95 dBm	± 2 dB
	2x QPSK (¾)	24 dBm	± 2 dB		2x QPSK (¾)	-92 dBm	± 2 dB
	4x 16QAM (½)	24 dBm	± 2 dB		4x 16QAM (½)	-90 dBm	± 2 dB
	4x 16QAM (¾)	24 dBm	± 2 dB		4x 16QAM (¾)	-86 dBm	± 2 dB
	6x 64QAM (⅔)	23 dBm	± 2 dB		6x 64QAM (⅔)	-83 dBm	± 2 dB
	6x 64QAM (¾)	22 dBm	± 2 dB		6x 64QAM (¾)	-77 dBm	± 2 dB
	6x 64QAM (⅚)	21 dBm	± 2 dB		6x 64QAM (⅚)	-74 dBm	± 2 dB
	8x 256QAM (¾)	20 dBm	± 2 dB		8x 256QAM (¾)	-69 dBm	± 2 dB
	8x 256QAM (⅚)	19 dBm	± 2 dB		8x 256QAM (⅚)	-65 dBm	± 2 dB

* Some frequencies may require activation; visit: **https://www.ubnt.com/fcclabelrequest**

Vertical Azimuth



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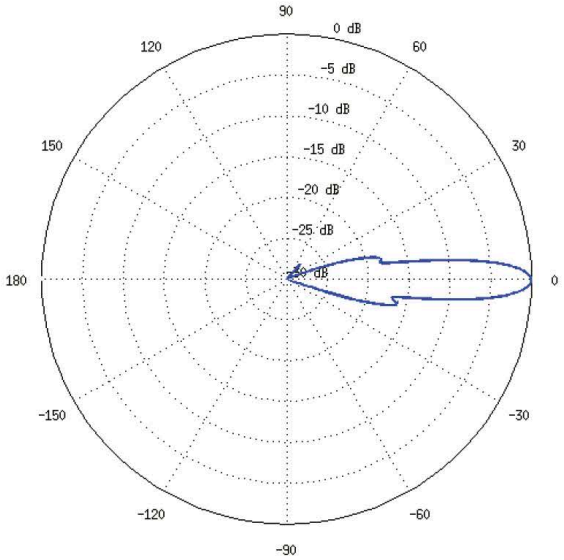

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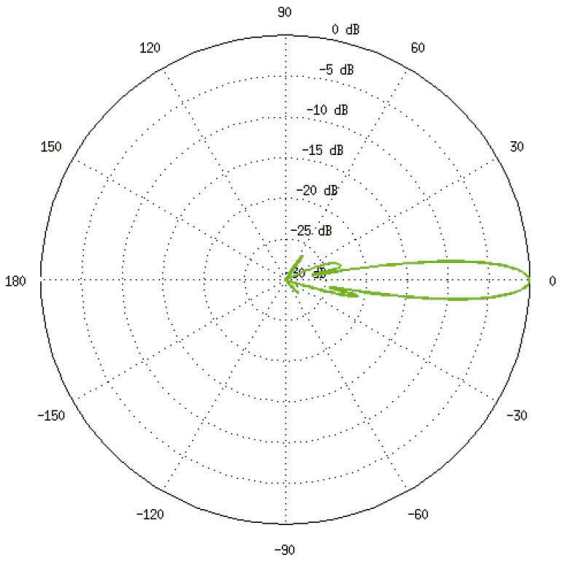

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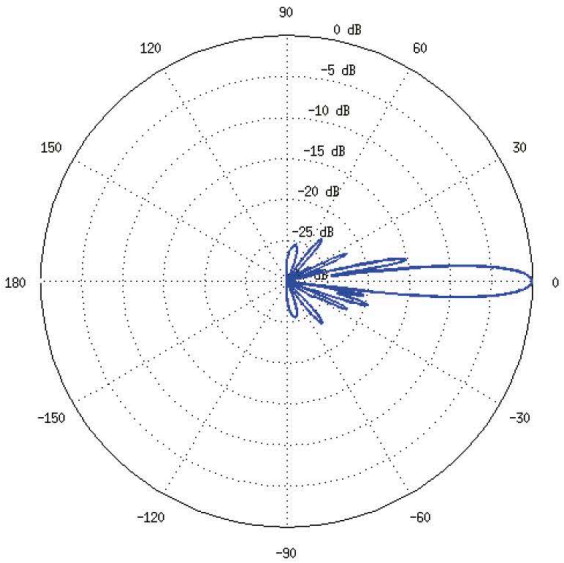

Return Loss