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Definitions

<u>Item</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Access Point	Communication hub for users to connect to a LAN. Access Points are important for providing heightened wireless security and for extending the physical range of service a wireless user has access to.
ACT LED	Ethernet data activity.
AES	Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)
Airlink	Physical radio frequency connections used for communications between units.
ARP	Address Resolution Protocol – Maps Internet address to physical address.
Backbone	The part of a network that connects most of the systems and networks together, and handles the most data.
Bandwidth	The transmission capacity of a given device, network, or physical channel.
Dwell Interval	Time between channel changes
Browser	An application program that provides a way to view and interact with all the information on the World Wide Web.
CSMA/CA	Carrier Sense Multiple Access/Collision Avoidance - A method of data transfer that is used to prevent data collisions.
COM Port	Both RS-232 serial communications ports of the HiPR-900 wireless radio modem are configured as DCE and are designed to connect directly to a DTE.
Default Gateway	A device that forwards Internet traffic from your local area network.
DCE	Data Communications Equipment. This designation is applied to equipment such as modems. DCE is designed to connect to DTE.
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol - A networking protocol that allows administrators to assign temporary IP addresses to network computers by "leasing" an IP address to a user for a limited amount of time, instead of assigning permanent IP addresses.
DNS	Domain Name Server - translates the domain name into an IP address.
Domain	A specific name for a network of computers.
DTE	Data Terminal Equipment. This designation is applied to equipment such as terminals, PCs, RTUs, PLCs, etc. DTE is designed to connect to DCE.
Dynamic IP Addr	A temporary IP address assigned by a DHCP server.
Ethernet	IEEE standard network protocol that specifies how data is placed on and retrieved from a common transmission medium.
Endspan PSE	Power Sourcing Equipment – Equipment used to inject PoE over the unused conductors, over the data baring conductor, or over both types of conductors of a 4-pair standard cable (E.g. CAT-5).
Feature Key	Method used to implement customer's option(s) selected at the time of radio modem purchase (factory-installation) or as add-on (field-installation).

FHSS Frequency Hop Spread Spectrum: a modulations technique which spreads data

across the entire transmission spectrum by transmitting successive data on differ-

ent channels ("hopping").

Firewall A set of related programs located at a network gateway server that protects the

resources of a network from users from other networks.

Firmware The programming code that runs a networking device.

Fragmentation Breaking a packet into smaller units when transmitting over a network medium

that cannot support the original size of the packet.

FTP File Transfer Protocol - A protocol used to transfer files over a TCP/IP network.

Gateway A device that interconnects networks with different, incompatible communica-

tions protocols.

HDX Half Duplex. Data transmission that can occur in two directions over a single

line, using separate Tx and Rx frequencies, but only one direction at a time.

HiPR-900TM Frequency hopping spread spectrum wireless modem that operates in the license

free 902-928 MHz band.

HTTP HyperText Transport Protocol - The communications protocol used to connect to

servers on the World Wide Web.

IPCONFIG A Windows 2000 and XP utility that displays the IP address for a particular net-

working device.

LNK LED Ethernet connection established.

MAC Media Access Control - The unique address that a manufacturer assigns to each

networking device.

MIB Management Information Base (MIB)-a logical, hierarchically organized data-

base of network management information. Used in SNMP.

Midspan PSE Power Sourcing Equipment – Equipment used to inject PoE over the unused

conductors of a 4-pair standard cable (E.g.: CATS)

MTU Maximum Transmission Unit - The largest TCP/IP packet that the hardware can

carry.

NAT Network Address Translation - NAT technology translates IP addresses of a local

area network to a different IP address for the Internet.

Network A series of computers or devices connected for the purpose of data sharing, sto-

rage, and/or transmission between users.

Network speed This is the *bit rate* on the RF link between units.

Node A network junction or connection point, typically a computer or work station.

OIP Optimized IP – Compresses TCP and UDP headers, and filters unnecessary ac-

knowledgments. This makes the most use of the available bandwidth.

OTA Over-The-Air - Standard for the transmission and reception of application-related

information in a wireless communications system

Parallel Decode Patented technology used by HiPR-900 products featuring dual receivers for

added data decode sensitivity in multi-path and fading environments. (United

States Patent No: 6,853,694 B1)

PHY A PHY chip (called PHYceiver) provides interface to the Ethernet transmission

medium. Its purpose is digital access of the modulated link (usually used together

with an MII-chip).

The PHY defines data rates and transmission method parameters.

Ping Packet Internet Groper - An Internet utility used to determine whether a particu-

lar IP address is online.

PLC Programmable Logic Controller. A user-provided intelligent device that can

make decisions, gather and report information, and control other devices.

PoE Power over Ethernet. Technology that allows the electrical current, necessary for

the operation of each device, to be carried by the wired Ethernet LANs data

cables rather than by power cords.

Powered Device Device that is drawing power from an Ethernet cable. A powered device is com-

patible with both midspan PSE and endspan PSE; it is insensitive to polarity

PWR LED Indicates presence of PoE or DC power input.

RIPv2 Dynamic IP routing protocol based on the distance vector algorithm.

Router A networking device that connects multiple networks together.

RS-232 Industry–standard interface for data transfer.

RSSI Received Signal Strength Indication- an indicator of the strength of the received

signal. Units are dBm. The lower the number the stronger the signal.

RTU Remote Terminal Unit. A user-provided SCADA device used to gather informa-

tion or control other devices.

SCADA Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition. A general term referring to systems

that gather data and/or perform control operations.

Smart Combining Digital processing method used to combine "Spatial Diversity" signals to optim-

ize performance.

SNMP Simple Network Management Protocol. Provides a means to monitor and control

network devices, and to manage configurations, statistics collection, perfor-

mance, and security.

SNTP Simple Network Time Protocol - Protocol for synchronizing the clocks of com-

puter systems over packet-switched, variable-latency data networks. Uses UDP

as its transport layer.

Spatial Diversity Composite information from independent diversity branches using antennas

spaced apart is used with "Smart Combining" to minimize fading and other unde-

sirable effects of multi-path propagation.

Spread Spectrum Wideband radio frequency technique used for reliable and secure data transmis-

sion.

Static IP Address A fixed address assigned to a computer or device that is connected to a network.

Static Routing Forwarding data in a network via a fixed path.

Subnet Mask An Ethernet address code that determines the size of the network.

Switch A data switch that connects computing devices to host computers, allowing a

large number of devices to share a limited number of ports.

Sync Data transmitted on a wireless network that keeps the network channels synchro-

nized.

TCP Transmission Control Protocol - A network protocol for transmitting data that re-

quires acknowledgement from the recipient of data sent.

TCP/IP Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol - A set of protocols to commu-

nicate over a network.

TDD Time Division Duplex - Allows (virtually) simultaneous transmission in both di-

rections. The uplink and downlink transmissions use the same frequency, but are

allocated different time slots.

TDD Segment A way of allocating a unique time slice to every unit in the network, so that no

units collide in the RF domain (see TDMA).

TDMA Time Division Multiple Access- A method of sharing a channel, by assigning dif-

ferent time slots to different users.

Telnet A user command and TCP/IP protocol used for accessing remote PCs.

TFTP Trivial File Transfer Protocol – UDP/IP based file transfer protocol.

Topology The physical layout of a network.

Transparent A transparent unit transmits all data without regard to special characters, formats

etc.

Terminal Server Acts as a converter between Ethernet/IP and RS-232 protocols.

Tx/Rx LED Airlink data activity

UDP User Datagram Protocol - A network protocol for transmitting data that does not

require acknowledgement from the recipient of the data that is sent.

Upgrade To replace existing software or firmware with a newer version.

URL Universal Resource Locator - The address of a file located on the Internet.

VPN Virtual Private Network - A security measure to protect data as it leaves one net-

work and goes to another over the Internet.

WINIPCFG A Windows 98 and Me utility that displays the IP address for a particular net-

working device.

WLAN Wireless Local Area Network - A group of computers and associated devices that

communicate with each other wirelessly.

1. Product Overview

This document provides information required for the operation and verification of the DATARADIO[®] HiPR-900® Spread Spectrum wireless modem.

1.1 Intended Audience

This manual is intended for system designers, professional installers, and maintenance technicians.

1.2 General Description

CalAmp's Dataradio HiPR-900 FHSS modem with patented Parallel Decode® is a Frequency-Hopping Spread-Spectrum wireless radio modem that operates in the license-free 902-928 MHz band. HiPR-900 is designed for SCADA, telemetry, control, and industrial applications in Point-to-Point, Point-to-Multipoint, and complex network topology configurations.

HiPR-900 supports serial and Ethernet/IP Remote Terminal Units (RTU) and programmable logic controllers (PLC). It is standard IEEE 802.3af compliant.



Figure 1 - HiPR-900

The HiPR-900 wireless modem consists of a logic PCB that includes modem circuitry and a radio module installed in a cast aluminum case.

The HiPR-900 wireless modem "hops" from channel to channel several times per second using a "hop" pattern defined by the unit user-configured as Master. Spread-spectrum users can share the frequency band with other microwave radio users without one group interfering with the other. A distinct hopping pattern is used by HiPR-900 units based on System IDs to minimize the chance of interference with other spread spectrum networks. In the United States and Canada, no license is necessary to install and operate this type of spread spectrum system.

The unit is not hermetically sealed and should be mounted in a suitable enclosure when dust and/or a corrosive atmosphere are anticipated. There are no external switches or adjustments; all operating parameters are set via a web browser.

1.2.1 Characteristics

HiPR-900 has the following operational characteristics:

- HiPR RF deck, frequency range of 902 to 928 MHz (simplex), 490 kHz channel bandwidth, and 51 RF channels.
- High-speed user-selectable data rates of 256 or 512 Kbps.
- Built-in adjustable 0.1 to 1 watt transceiver.
- Used as an access point or an end point with each configurable in:
 - ♦ Bridge IP Forwarding mode for quick setup of units on same network
 - ♦ Router IP Forwarding modem for advanced networks
- Embedded web server to access status and/or setup information.
- Remote access for over-the-air system firmware upgrades.
- Parallel Decode® with SMART COMBINING dual receivers for added decode sensitivity in multipath and fading environments.
- Wide input power range of 10 to 30 volts DC
- Flexibility of Power over Ethernet (PoE).
- AES 128-bit data encryption
- Superior data compression
- Native UDP and TCP/IP support
- Optimized IP (OIP) protocol reduction
- Diagnostics
- Built-in Spectrum Analyzer

1.2.2 Configuration

HiPR-900 units are factory-configured to default settings. Configuration changes or upgrades are web browser-based.

1.2.3 Accessories and Options

Table 1 lists various accessory items available for the HiPR-900 Wireless Modem.

Table 1 - Accessories

Accessory	Dataradio Part Number
POE Power Injector	250-5099-001
HiPR-900 DIN-rail Mounting Kit	250-5099-005
Antenna kits	
8.5 dBi Yagi Antenna Kit	250-5099-011
12.1 dBi Yagi Antenna Kit	250-5099-021
5.1 Omni Antenna Kit	250-5099-031
Stand-alone Antennas	
8.5 dBi Yagi Antenna	250-5099-010
12.1 dBi Yagi Antenna	250-5099-020
5.1 Omni Antenna	250-5099-030
HiPR-900 Repeater Station	Contact your Account Representative

For information on accessories and options, contact your sales representative. In the United States, call 1-800-992-7774 or 1-507-833-8819. For International inquiries, call 507-833-8819.

1.3 Factory Technical Support

M-F 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM Central Time

CalAmp 299 Johnson Ave. Ste 110, Waseca, MN 56093

Tel 507.833.8819 Fax 507.833.6758 Email imcsupport@calamp.com

For application assistance, consult the Technical Support Application Notes (TSAN) at: www.calamp.com

1.4 Product Warranty, RMA and Contact Information

CalAmp guarantees that every HiPR-900 Radio Modem will be free from physical defects in material and workmanship for two (2) years from the date of purchase when used within the limits set forth in the Specifications section of this manual.

The manufacturer's warranty statement is available in Appendix 2. If the product proves defective during the warranty period, contact Customer Service to obtain a Return Material Authorization (RMA).

1.4.1 RMA REQUEST

Contact Customer Service: 299 Johnson Ave., Ste 110, Waseca, MN 56093 Tel 1.507.833.8819 Email rma-waseca@calamp.com

BE SURE TO HAVE THE EQUIPMENT MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBER, AND BILLING AND SHIPPING ADDRESSES ON HAND WHEN CALLING. You may also request an RMA online at www.calamp.com

When returning a product, mark the RMA clearly on the outside of the package. Include a complete description of the problem, as well as the name and telephone number of a contact person. RETURN REQUESTS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION.

For units in warranty, customers are responsible for shipping charges to CalAmp. For units returned out of warranty, customers are responsible for all shipping charges. Return shipping instructions are the responsibility of the customer.

1.4.2 PRODUCT DOCUMENTATION

CalAmp reserves the right to update its products, software, or documentation without obligation to notify any individual or entity. Product updates may result in differences between the information provided in this manual and the product shipped. For the most current product documentation, visit www.calamp.com for datasheets, programming software, and user manuals.

1.5 Unpacking

When ready for installation, carefully unpack your HiPR-900 shipping carton and identify each item as listed below:

- One HiPR-900 radio modem
- Power cable (5 ft) and connector with in-line 3A fuse
- Ethernet cable (5 ft)
- Quick Start Guide

If damage has occurred to the equipment during shipment, file a claim with the carrier immediately.

2. Installation

2.1 UL Approved for Class I, Division 2 or Zone 2

The HiPR-900 is suitable for use in Class I, Division 2, Groups A, B, A, D or non-hazardous locations. To meet UL compliance, the HiPR-900 must be installed in an enclosure and power must be supplied by a SELV (Safety Extra Low Voltage), non-energy hazardous source. This device may be powered via Power-over-Ethernet (PoE) when it remains internal to the building and/or via the terminal block (±) connection.

Warning – Explosion Hazard – Do not disconnect while circuit is live unless area is know to be non-hazardous. Substitution of components may impair suitability for Class I, Division 2 or Zone 2 operation.

2.2 Antenna Installation

2.2.1 Professional Installation & RF Exposure Compliance Requirements

The HiPR-900 radio modem is intended for use in the Industrial and SCADA market. The HiPR-900 must be professionally installed and must ensure a minimum separation distance of more than 14.58 in. (37 cm) between the radiating structure and any person. An antenna mounted on a pole or tower is the typical installation in some (this allows for mount) instances, a 1/2-wave whip antenna is used.



The HiPR-900 radio modem uses a low power radio frequency transmitter. The concentrated energy from an antenna may pose a health hazard. People should not be in front of the antenna when the transmitter is operating.

The installer of this equipment must ensure the antenna is located or pointed such that it does not emit an RF field in excess of Health Canada limits for the general population. Recommended safety guidelines for the human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic energy are contained in the Canadian Safety Code 6 (available from Health Canada) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Bulletin 65. Proper installation of the transceiver antenna of HiPR-900 products, as summarized in section 2.2.2 below, will result in user exposure substantially below the recommended limits for the general public.

The HiPR-900 complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules and must be professionally installed. Operation must conform to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference.
- This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Notes:

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance (in the country where used) could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

2.2.2 Antenna Connection

This equipment has been tested and approved with antennas having a maximum gain of 10 dBi. Transmit antennas with a higher gain are strictly prohibited (by Industry Canada regulations). The required antenna impedance is 50 ohms. In order to reduce potential radio interference, the antenna type and its gain should be chosen to ensure the effective isotropic radiated power (EIRP) is not more than required for successful communication.

FCC/IC Rule: The output power is not to exceed 1.0 watt (30 dBm) and the EIRP not to exceed 6 dBi gain (+36dBm). A sample calculation is provided below.

Referring to Figure 2:

Sample Calculation: Yagi Antenna: 8.5 dBi, which exceeds 6 dBi gain by 2.5 dB

Cable Loss: 1.5 dB

HiPR-900 output initially set to 30 dBm (1 watt).

(Initial output level) dBm - (excess antenna gain) dB + (cable loss) dB = (new power setting) dBm

Therefore, the sample calculation becomes: 30dBm - 2.5 dB + 1.5dB = 29 dBm

The HiPR-900 output must be reduced by 1 dB to 29 dBm.

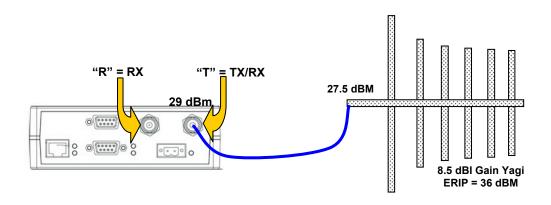


Figure 2 - Sample equation

2.2.3 Spacing and Constraints

Referring to Figure 3 HiPR-900 radio modems commonly use two separate antennas

- "T" Main transceiver Constraints are the limit of 14.58 in/37 cm (see 2.2.1 above) and omnidirectional factors
- "R" Auxiliary receiver Constraints are the receiver spacing of at least $5/8 \lambda$ (wavelength) from transceiver antenna and omni-directional requirements (8in. / 21cm). There is no gain restriction.

For installation of ground-plane dependent antennas, the center of the surface used for mounting is preferable for best omni-directional pattern. For ground-plane independent antennas, installation may be close to the edges of the mounting surface.

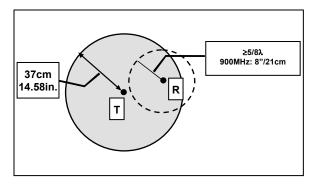


Figure 3 - Antenna Spacing

2.2.4 RF Path and communications range

The range of the HiPR-900 is dependent on terrain, RF (radio frequency) path obstacles, and antenna system design. To assure reliable communications, a competent professional should study the RF path to determine what antennas are required and whether or not a repeater is needed.

2.2.5 Antennas

The antennas listed in Table 1 (page 3), were tested and typed for maximum gain. These antennas are FCC-approved for use with the HiPR-900. Similar antenna types from other manufacturers are equally acceptable.

2.3 Parallel Decode

Dataradio's patented¹ Parallel Decode technology combines Spatial Diversity and Smart Combining to provide increased sensitivity plus improved immunity to multi-path fading. Even in the absence of motion, the changing wavelengths inherent in frequency-hopping systems make it possible for stationary sites to experience frequency-selective interference. Parallel Decode technology receives and continuously combines signals from two antennas a short distance apart, ensuring a more reliable link.

Full 1W transmit power can be used with up to 6 dBi antenna gain on the TX/RX port. The dual antenna connections also permit the use of a higher-gain antenna for the receiver (RX only).

Dual antenna ports also permit receiving from a far distant site with a high- gain antenna while using an omni directional to serve local stations. The Parallel Decode receiver algorithm automatically and continually decodes signals from both antennas.

In special applications such as rotating machinery, dual antenna ports allow the use of cross-polarized antennas, automatically selecting the best received signal regardless of the orientation of the machine.

¹ (United States Patent No: 6,853,694 B1)

3. Physical Description

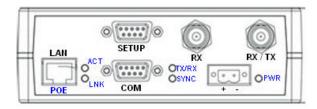


Figure 4 - HiPR-900 Front Panel

Only the front panel has connections and indicators. They are:

- One standard RJ-45 auto-sensing 10/100 UTP Ethernet connection with Auto-MDIX. Supports
 direct connection to both Terminal Devices and Ethernet hubs or switches without resorting to
 crossover cables. LED indicators make it simple to verify that Ethernet cables and connections
 are good.
- Two DE-9F RS232 ports. Serial baud rates from 300 to 115,200 are supported. HiPR-900 units are factory set (default) for 115,200 b/s, 8 bits, no parity, and 1 stop bit.
- The antenna connector for the transceiver is a female 50-ohm TNC type. The HiPR-900 is designed to operate with an antenna having a maximum gain of 10 dBi. Transmitting antennas with higher gain are strictly prohibited (FCC and Industry Canada).
- One TNC-type female antenna connector for the PD receiver (RX antenna used may be of higher-gain than the RX/TX antenna)
- One right-angle power connector. The 10 to 30 VDC wide-range switching power supply permits powering from 12 volt as well as 24 volt systems, and the high-efficiency switching design runs cooler with less loss. The HiPR-900 can be supplied power at its DC input (10-30V) or its PoE input; the DC input is given priority. The unit will switch between power sources according to the transition table below. This minimizes the load on PoE Ethernet switches while allowing them to possibly act as a backup to the local power supply.

Note: Area shading identifies the steady states

Table 2 - States & Transitions of PoE Input versus DC Input

PoE Input States & Transitions **PRESENT** ABSENT REMOVE **APPLY** Draws **Draws** PRESENT power from power from No effect No effect DC DC DC Input **REMOVE** Restarts Shuts down Shuts down Restarts (10-30V) States & Draws power from **ABSENT Transitions** Shuts down Off Starts up PoE May **APPLY** Starts up Restarts Starts up restart

3.1 LEDS

HiPR-900 has five dual-color LED indicators. Their functions are shown in Table 3.

Table 3 - HiPR-900 LEDs indications

LED	Color	Definition	
ACT	Green	Data transmission or reception activity - Off if no activity	
LINK	Green	Connection OK, no collision	
LINK	Amber	Connection OK, with collision	
	Green	Data reception activity	
Tx / Rx	Amber	Data transmission activity	
	Red	Receive CRC error or incomplete packet	
	Groon	Remote/Repeater: In sync with Master	
SYNC	Green	Master: Normal	
STNC	Red	Remote/Repeater: Loss of Master sync	
	Reu	Steady red = Master failure	
	Green	Steady green = Normal	
Gre	Green	Flashing green = Driver error	
	Amber (at boot-up)	Normal (approx 5 secs)	
PWR	Amber	Application failure	
		Steady red = Hardware failure	
	Red	Flashing red = Power ON Self-test hardware error detection*	

^{*} Unit will reset (*similar to power input recycling*) 5 minutes after self-test hardware error is detected (only done at Power ON).

Note:

Power LED steadily lit red or flashing red will require factory repair. Power LED flashing green will require factory repair only if the unit is unable to transport traffic. Refer to section 1.4.1, RMA REQUEST for mandatory factory repair procedure.

3.2 User Connector Pin-outs

3.2.1 Ethernet LAN Port

Table 4 - Pin-out for IEEE-802.3af RJ-45 receptacle contacts

Contact	10/100Base-T signal	
1	TXP (1)	
2	TXN ⁽¹⁾	
3	RXP (1)	
4	SPARE +	
5	SPARE +	
6	RXN (1)	
7	SPARE -	
8	SPARE -	
SHELL	Shield	

⁽¹⁾ The name shows the default function. Given the auto-MDIX capability of the Ethernet transceiver, TX and RX function could be swapped.

Note

The HiPR-900 unit accepts PoE over the cable spare conductors and/or Data baring conductors as follows:

Spare conductors: pins [4,5] as (+) or (-), pins [7,8] as the other polarity

Data baring conductors: in common mode, pins [1,2] as (+) or (-), pins [3,6] as the other polarity

3.2.2 SETUP & COM Ports

For serial ports considerations:

- HiPR-900 radio modem is a DCE
- Equipment connected to the HiPR-900 SETUP / COM serial port is a DTE

Table 5 - Pin-out for DCE J11A & B, 9-contact DE-9 connect	Table 5 - Pin-out	for DCE J11A & B.	9-contact DE-9 connec
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Contact	EIA-232F Function	Signal Direction
1	DCD	DTE ← DCE
2	RXD	DTE ← DCE
3	TXD	DTE → DCE
4 ⁽¹⁾	DTR	DTE → DCE
5	GND	DTE DCE
6 ⁽²⁾	DSR	DTE ← DCE
7 ⁽³⁾	RTS	DTE → DCE
8	CTS	DTE ← DCE
9	RING (4)	DTE DCE

- (1) Depends on connection control mode
- (2) Always keeps DSR asserted
- (3) Ignores status of RTS (internally always asserted)
- (4) For future use

DCD (pin 1) handling by HiPR UART

- Asserts the DCD signal while sending data on the UART
- Negates the DCD signal when it no longer has data queued up for TX on the UART

DTR (Data Terminal Ready) (pin 4) signal handling by HiPR UART - Depends on the serial port's connection control mode.

The connection control mode dictates how the HiPR establishes/breaks the connection (referred to as "session") between the HiPR serial ports and the selected HiPR service (CLI, Serial/RF bridge, Online Diagnostics, etc.)

- Permanent (3-wire) connection control In this mode, the session is permanently established, so the HiPR ignores the status of the DTR signal.
- Switched (DTR bringup/teardown) connection control In this mode, the HiPR monitors the status of the DTR signal.
 - Upon DTR assertion: the session in established (bringup) phase
 - Upon DTR negation: the session in closed (teardown) phase

CTS (Clear to Send) (pin 8) signal handling by the HiPR UART

- If CTS-based flow control is not used, always asserts CTS
- If CTS-based flow control is used:
 - Asserted If level of unprocessed data in internal RX buffers is below a threshold watermark
 - ♦ Negated If level of unprocessed data in internal RX buffers is above a threshold watermark

4. Browser-Based Interface

A built-in web server makes configuration and status monitoring possible from any browser-equipped computer, either locally or remotely. Status, configuration, and online help are available without requiring special client software. Setup is password-protected to avoid tampering or unauthorized changes.

Both the configuration parameters and operating firmware can be updated remotely, even over the RF network itself, using the standard File Transfer Protocol (FTP).

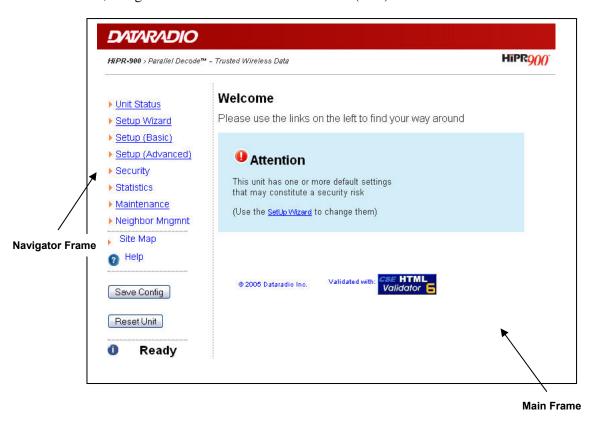


Figure 5 - Web Interface

4.1 Interface Setup and Status

The HiPR-900 user interface is used to configure and view your network settings. Figure 5 shows the welcome screen of the Web Interface. The screen is subdivided in two frames: the frame on the left allows the user to navigate through the menus, while the main frame on the right displays the selected page. The menu system is two-leveled; some of the top-level menus expand to offer submenus. The *Site Map* link can be found right below the menus on the navigator pane. Help is available for each page displayed in the main frame. It can be accessed at all times by clicking the *Help* icon. The remaining buttons on the bottom of the Navigator frame are used to save your configurations and reset the unit. Refer to section 6 for details on HiPR-900 user interface operation and configuration.

5. Network Applications

HiPR-900 is suited to a variety of point-to-point, point-to-multipoint, and complex topology applications. This section gives an overview of some common configurations.

5.1 Operating Modes

Any HiPR-900 unit can be configured to operate in master, remote, or repeater mode.

Within a HiPR network, one unit has to be configured as a master that the remotes synchronize to. It can be any unit in a system but is normally the one considered the base unit for coverage and support reasons.

Selection of operating modes, IP forwarding modes as well as data delivery conditions is done using the web browser.

Note:

Only one radio model is needed because the HiPR-900 can be configured for bridge or router mode, router gateway (access point), remote station, or even as a combined store-and-forward remote with a local drop.

5.1.1 Master mode

A unit in master mode is the RF network sync master, the HiPR-900 unit dedicated to controlling the network to changing channels as per FCC 15.247 rules.

5.1.2 Remote mode

A unit in remote mode is a HiPR-900 unit that follows the master's lead for changing channels.

5.1.3 Repeater Mode

By setting a unit to repeater mode, it becomes possible to extend the coverage of a HiPR-900 network without requiring back to back repeaters. A unit in repeater mode follows the master's lead for changing channels and repeats sync for distant units. A unit in repeater mode acts as a remote that always repeats sync, repeats directed traffic in router mode, and optionally repeats broadcast traffic.

5.2 IP Forwarding Modes

5.2.1 Bridge mode

Bridge mode provides for fast set-up. IP bridging allows for quick deployment of basic point-to-point and point-to-multipoint networks with minimal configuration to all units on a same network. Bridge mode carries ARP and is transparent to any IP-based or IP-encapsulated protocols. In Bridge mode, packets received from the Ethernet interface of a unit are passed over the RF interface so that all other units in the system can receive the packets. Although Bridge mode is simpler to configure, the router mode is more efficient in filtering out unwanted traffic over the RF.

5.2.2 Router mode

Used in advanced networks, router mode enables OIP optimization for reduced overhead and improved throughput, and supports more complex network topologies such as store-and-forward and multi-hop links. In router mode, packets are routed from one unit to the other with the help of the IP routing tables inside each unit.

5.3 Connections

The connections required are shown in

Figure and

Figure below and on the next page. While serial and/or Ethernet RTU or PLC are shown in the diagrams, master stations often use a PC running an application designed to communicate with remote RTUs or PLCs, or intelligent controllers.

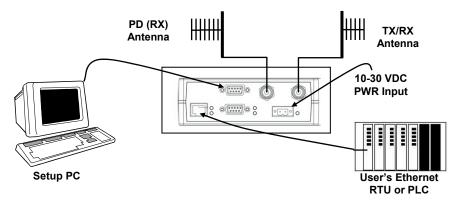
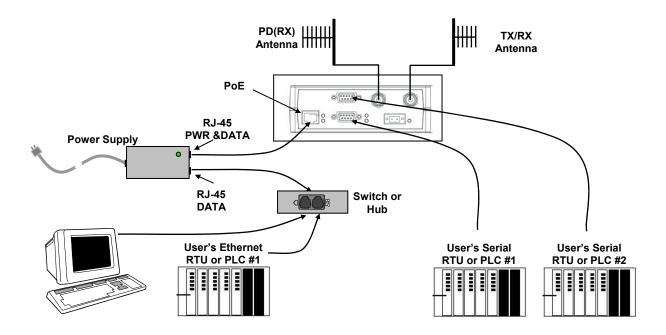


Figure shows a common connection scenario. The TX/RX antenna is required for basic operation. The power connection allows for a wide range of input DC power, whether the user system is a nominal 12 or 24 VDC supply system. A setup PC can be connected via the serial port, allowing for setup and configuration of the HiPR-900 as well as local and remote diagnostics. It may be left connected at all times but is not required for normal operation once the unit has been configured. The Ethernet port allows end users Ethernet-capable RTU or PLC to be connected.

Figure 6 - Basic Setup

Figure shows the various connection opportunities for the HiPR-900 radio modem. The TX/RX antenna is required for basic operation. The second RX (PD) antenna allows for the use of the Parallel decode technology, increasing receive capability by having a higher gain receive antenna separate from the rule-limited transmit antenna.

PoE allows for powering the HiPR-900 via the Ethernet port. A PoE power injector is required (*DRL part number 250-5099-001*). The switch or hub allows for a local Ethernet connection by the user's PC for the purpose of set-up, troubleshooting and diagnostics and avoids the need to disconnect Ethernet RTU or PLC. The two serial ports of the HiPR-900 can be setup to allow connections to legacy equipment such as serial RTUs and PLCs.



5.4 Selectable Data Rates

Switchable data rates of 256 or 512 Kbps allow optimizing installations for highest throughput or maximum range. The sophisticated DSP modem gives optimal performance in either mode, whether a short-range LAN extension or long-range link.

Figure 7 - Setup using Switch (or Hub) and PoE power injector

5.5 Network Topology

5.5.1 One Coverage Area

Shown below are typical point-to-point and point- to-multipoint connections between HiPR-900 units. See Figure and Figure . In a network topology with only a single coverage area (all units can talk to one another directly), one unit is chosen to be configured as a master and the rest are configured as remotes. The connections indicated allow for either Ethernet or serial interfaces. The Ethernet connection provides Ethernet IP connectivity for network devices. In bridge mode, all the network devices are on the same IP Subnet. In router mode, the Ethernet connection on master unit and the remote(s) use different IP Subnets. A hub or switch may be used to allow multiple Ethernet devices to connect to the HiPR-900. Serial connections are transparent pass-through connections, allowing the use of legacy serial devices in the HiPR-900 environment.

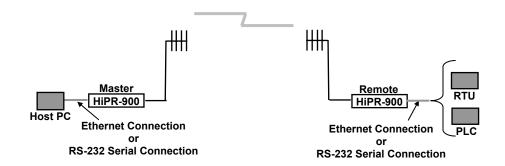


Figure 8 - Point-to-Point IP Network System

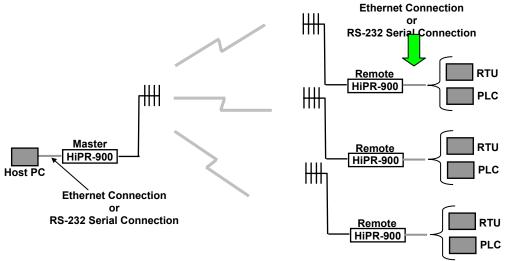


Figure 9 - Point-to-Multipoint System

5.5.2 Extending the coverage area

When units are spread over two RF coverage areas, the user needs to identify the one that will form the backbone between the coverage areas so that any unit can talk to any other one regardless of their locations. Identifying the backbone of the network should be done even before selecting IP Forwarding modes (Router/Bridge). Configuring the units to function in two coverage areas is a multi-step procedure. First, since all units in the network must be synchronized with the master unit, it is imperative to identify a unit that will be repeating the master sync for all distant units. This unit must be set to Repeater mode (see section 5.5.2.1). Next, the unit forming the backbone between the coverage areas must be configured to repeat all necessary information from one coverage area to the next. This unit is considered to be Broadcast Relay Point unit and must have Broadcast Relay Point parameter enabled (see 5.5.2.2). By default, a unit is not considered a Broadcast Relay Point.

5.5.2.1 Repeater Mode: Keeping your network in Sync

In a network topology with more than one coverage area, units that are not directly reachable by the master unit have to be synchronized through Repeater units. See example of a network topology with two RF coverage areas (Figure). Refer to section 6.7.2 for parameter setting. All units in the extended network must operate with the same network system ID. Site the repeater so it can easily hear a master and the distant unit site using the standard RF link budget rules.

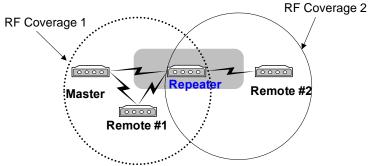


Figure 10 - Two RF Coverage Areas

5.5.2.2 Broadcast Relay Point: Relaying information to distant units

Units forming the backbone between the coverage areas are called Broadcast Relay Point units. These units will perform the necessary repeating of information from one coverage area to the next. In the example in Figure , Master and Remote #1 cannot reach directly Remote #2. They must pass by Repeater unit to get to Remote #2. The backbone between the two coverage areas will consist of the Repeater unit, which must be declared a **Broadcast Relay Point** unit. The backbone is represented by the grayed out section.

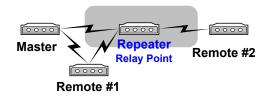


Figure 11 - Simple backbone

The network may be further expanded (example Figure) to allow for additional remote units.

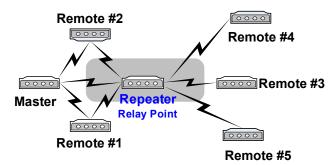


Figure 12 - Expanded Network

Notes:

- Repeater unit extends Master sync and unicast data
- Relay Point unit extends broadcast data
- Master unit can be located anywhere in the network

6. Operation & Configuration

Instructions and examples given in this manual are based on HiPR-900 operating software version at the time of writing this document and may not apply to earlier or later software versions. Screen captures used throughout this document may vary from actual screens.

6.1 LAN Setup

Check that DC power is applied to the HiPR-900 radio modem (*PoE or PWR input*). On a PC running MS-Windows with an existing LAN connection, connect to the RJ-45 input of the HiPR-900. Set-up PC as follows:

- 1. Click Start → Control Panel → Network Connections
- 2. Click on the relevant Local Area Connection
- 3. On the Local Area Connection Status screen, click Properties
- 4. On the Local Area Connection Properties screen, scroll the List Box until "Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)" is highlighted, click Properties
- 5. On the Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties screen, follow either method below:
- A) Select "Obtain an IP address automatically"
- B) Select "Use the following IP address" → Enter 192.168.204.254 in the IP address field → 255.255.255.0 in the Subnet mask → Leave the Default gateway blank.
- 6. Click the OK button

Note: Certain Operating Systems require rebooting to complete the connection process.

6.2 Default IP Settings

- Default Operating mode is Remote
- Default IP Forwarding mode is Bridge
- Time Division Duplex (TDD) RF protocol is enabled by default

6.2.1 Ethernet Interface

MAC: 00:0A:99:XX:YY:ZZ

IP ADDR: 192.168.204.1NETMASK: 255.255.255.0

Default Gateway: 0.0.0.0DHCP Server Enabled

6.2.2 RF Interface

MAC: 00:XX:YY:ZZ
 IP ADDR: 10.XX.YY.ZZ
 NETMASK: 255.0.0.0
 TCP Proxy Disabled

Notes:

RF Interface IP settings are irrelevant in bridge mode. XX:YY:ZZ refer to lower three bytes of Ethernet MAC address

6.3 IP Network Settings

For Advanced IP Settings, web interface screen captures, and descriptions, see section 6.7.

6.3.1 Factory Settings in Bridge Mode

Referring to Figure, set one of the HiPR-900 as a Master for a basic Bridge network.

In the illustration, Host and RTU are part of the same IP subnet and IP addresses of HiPR-900 units are irrelevant in Bridge mode setup.

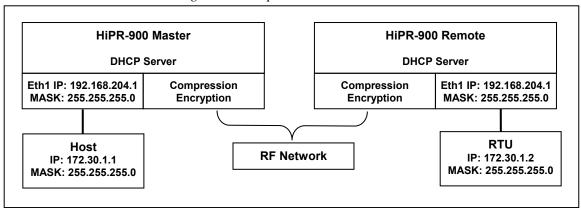


Figure 13 - Factory IP Network Settings in Bridge Mode with no services

6.3.2 IP Network Settings in Bridge Mode

Referring to Figure, set one of the HiPR-900 as a Master. Set the IP addresses and IP netmask.

In the illustration, Host, RTU, HiPR Master, and Remote are part of the same IP subnet. This setup not only acts as a transparent Bridge but also provides IP Services (web pages, Terminal Server, FTP etc...).

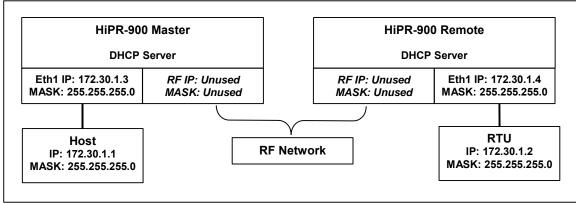


Figure 14 - IP Network Settings in transparent Bridge Mode with services

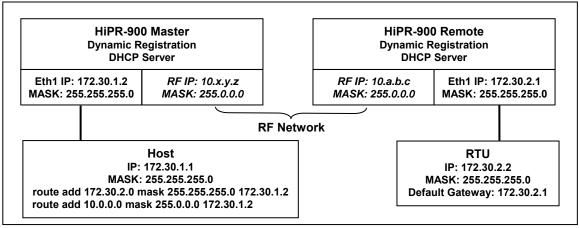
6.3.3 IP Network Settings in Router Mode (with Host)

Referring to Figure, set one of the HiPR-900 as a Master. Set the Router mode on the Master and Remote. Set the Eth1 IP addresses and IP netmask of both Master and Remote.

Keep the RF IP setting as is if not using the 10.0.0.0 IP network on your Intranet.

Enable the Dynamic Registration on both Master and Remote.

Add routes in the Host (route add...) and add Default Gateway to RTU



In the illustration, Host and RTU are part of different IP subnet.

Figure 15 - IP Network Settings in Router Mode (with Host)

6.3.4 IP Network Settings in Router Mode (with Router)

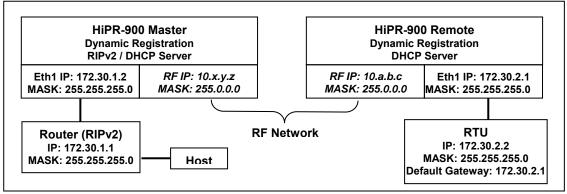
Referring to Figure, set one of the HiPR-900 as a Master. Set the Router mode on all units. Set the Eth1 IP addresses and IP netmask of both Master and Remote.

Keep the RF IP setting as is if not using the 10.0.0.0 IP network on your Intranet.

Enable the Dynamic Registration on both Master and Remote.

Add Default Gateway to the RTU

Enable RIPv2 on Master



In the illustration, Host and RTU are part of different IP subnet.

Figure 16 - IP Network Settings in Router Mode (with Router)

6.3.5 IP Network Settings in a Network with Repeater Unit

In router mode of operation, the RF network must be seen as a single IP network. All RF IP interfaces of all units must be part of the same IP network. All Ethernet IP interfaces of all units must be part of a distinct IP network (unless NAT is enabled).

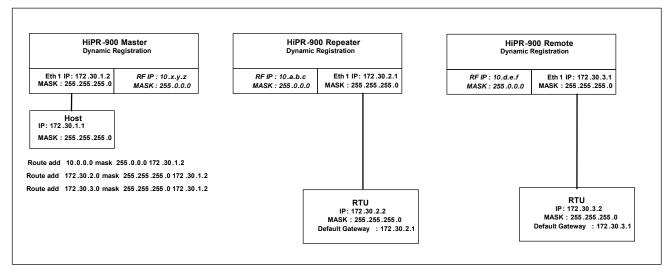


Figure 17 - IP Network Settings in Router Mode (with Repeater)

In Bridge mode, the IP settings of the RF interface are not needed. All Ethernet IP interfaces of all units must be part of the same IP network (if access to the units is required).

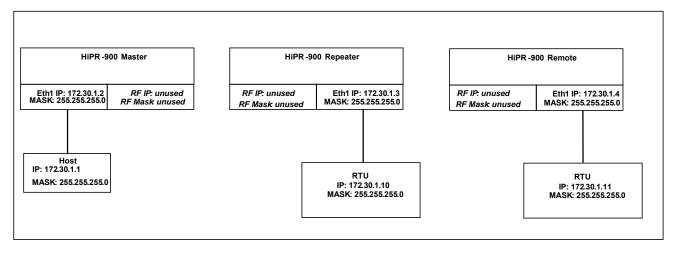


Figure 18 - IP Network Settings in Bridge Mode (with Repeater)

6.4 Login Screen

On your Internet browser address line, type the factory-default IP address given to all HiPR-900 radio modem units: 192.168.204.1. Press Enter. The Enter Network Password screen opens.



Figure 19 - Enter Network Password screen (appearance may vary with browser used)

6.4.1 Initial Installation Login

For an initial installation, enter a User Name of 1 to 15 characters and the default Password ADMINISTRATOR (upper case letters). Click OK. The web interface "Welcome" screen (Figure) opens together with the "Attention" sub-window.

CalAmp recommends immediately running the Setup Wizard. Once completed, proceed to change the HiPR-900 radio modem login password as detailed in section 6.7.4.1 below. Do not lose the new password! Should the password be lost, you will need to contact CalAmp support as detailed in section 1.3 earlier.

For subsequent access to the HiPR-900 unit, use the User Name and Password that you will have configured.

Note:

The User Name entry is currently not an access-limiting factor. It only serves to identify the person gaining access. User Name may be required by future versions.

6.5 Web Interface

Important note: Record all original HiPR-900 factory settings for possible future use.

Note: It is always possible to restore factory settings through the web interface (see section 6.7.6.2).

The HiPR-900 web user interface is used to configure and view your network settings. To navigate, use the nine top-level menus on the left, five of which expand to offer submenus.

Note: Screen captures used throughout this document may vary slightly from actual screens.

6.5.1 Apply, Cancel, Save Config, and Reset Unit

Several submenus have "Apply" and "Cancel" buttons. Apply Cancel

The navigation area has "Save Config" and Reset Unit" buttons.



When making an entry into a dialog box, click on Apply when satisfied to temporarily apply the value(s) entered to the relevant parameter(s). If not satisfied, click on Cancel button to restore to the value(s) present before a change was made.

Note: Cancel command only affects the dialog boxes or radio buttons in the opened window



Figure 20 - Web User Interface - Welcome Screen



Figure 21 - Attention sub-window

If needed, go to other Submenu(s) and make more entries. Click Apply before leaving each window. When finished, click the Save Config button to make all changed entries permanent.

Notes:

"Apply" writes to RAM, thus failure to use the "Apply" command button before leaving a web page will result in the loss of temporarily entered selections, addresses, and values.

"Save Config" writes in flash, thus failure to use the "Save Config" command button will result in the loss of temporarily entered parameters. A "Reset" is required to make flash changes take effect.

Use the Save Config command button before doing a Reset Unit otherwise temporarily entered parameters would be lost.

Click on Save Config button:

- If there are changes to be saved, saving occurs automatically.
- If there are no changes to be saved, a sub-window prompts user to confirm saving.

Click on "Reset Unit" button:

- If there are changes to be saved, a sub-window prompts user to confirm resetting.
- If there are no changes to be saved, resetting occurs automatically.

A "Station Reset" 20-second timer counts down while the status reports: "Working..." When done, the status reports: "Ready"

6.6 Setup Wizard (Bridge Mode)

Four pages of the quick setup wizard have buttons to "Apply your changes" or to "Cancel your changes" during the setup process. Once all five pages are done, use the "Save Config" and the "Reset Unit" buttons to make parameter settings permanent.

If a change is made to any parameter marked: you will need to do a "Save Config" and a "Reset Unit" in order for the change to take effect.

6.6.1 Procedure

- 1. Select "Setup Wizard" on the top-level menu list, or click the link on the "Attention" sub-window (Figure) above.
- 2. On step one (Figure) of the Setup Wizard, read the on-screen instructions. Once the Operating mode is selected, click Apply Your Changes. Wait for the Progress bar activity to stop (right side of the Status bar). Click on Proceed to Next Step. If no change is made to the Operating mode, click on Proceed to Next Step.
- 3. On step two (Figure) of the Setup Wizard, read the on-screen instructions. Once the System ID is entered, click Apply Your Changes. Wait for the Progress bar activity to stop (right side of the Status bar). Click on Proceed to Next Step. If no change is made to the System ID dialog box, click on Proceed to Next Step.



Figure 22 - Setup Wizard - Step One



Figure~23-Setup~Wizard-Step~Two

4. On step three (Figure) of the Setup Wizard, read the on-screen instructions. Once the Encryption Pass Phrase is entered, note the Encryption Key. Click Apply Your Changes. Wait for the Progress bar activity to stop (right side of the Status bar). Click on Proceed to Next Step. If no change is made to the Encryption dialog box, click on Proceed to Next Step.

Important: Be sure to record your encryption pass phrase for future reference.

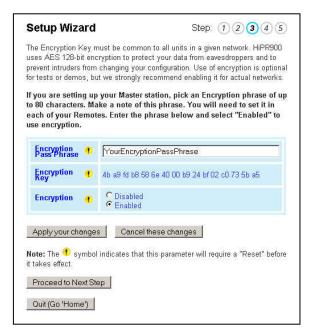


Figure 24 - Setup Wizard - Step Three

- 5. On Step 4 (
- 6. Figure) of the Setup Wizard, read the on-screen instructions. Once the IP Address and Network Mask are entered (optional at this point), click Apply Your Changes. Wait for the Progress bar activity to stop (right side of the Status bar). Click on Proceed to Next Step. If no changes are made to the IP dialog boxes, click on Proceed to Next Step.

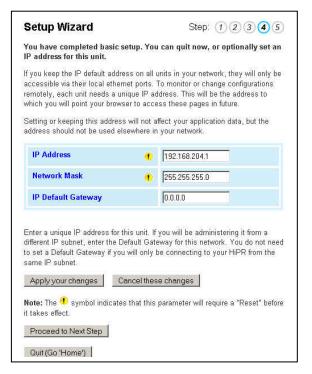


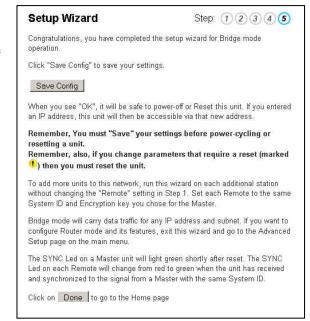
Figure 25 - Setup Wizard - Step Four

7. On step five of the Setup Wizard, read the on-screen instructions (Figure).

Click one of the "Save Config" buttons. Wait for the Progress bar activity to stop.

The status reports "Success". Click on "Reset Unit" button. Wait for the Progress bar activity to stop. A "Station Reset" 20-second timer counts down while the status reports "Working...".When done, the status reports "Ready".

Note: The Setup Wizard configurations are for Bridge mode only. If in router mode, click the "Switch to Bridge mode" button and follow the instruc-



tions below (

Figure).

Figure 26 - Setup Wizard - Step Five (Bridge Mode)

Setup Wizard Step: (1 (2 (3 (4)5) Congratulations, you have completed the setup wizard for Bridge mode operation, but your unit is not currently configured to operate in Bridge mode. Click below to configure for Bridge mode operation:- Switch to Bridge mode Click "Save Config" to save your settings. Save Config When you see "OK", it will be safe to power-off or Reset this unit. If you entered an IP address, this unit will then be accessible via that new address. Remember, You must "Save" your settings before power-cycling or Remember, also, if you change parameters that require a reset (marked 1) then you must reset the unit. To add more units to this network, run this wizard on each additional station without changing the "Remote" setting in Step 1. Set each Remote to the same System ID and Encryption key you chose for the Master. Bridge mode will carry data traffic for any IP address and subnet. If you want to configure Router mode and its features, exit this wizard and go to the Advanced Setup page on the main menu. The SYNC Led on a Master unit will light green shortly after reset. The SYNC Led on each Remote will change from red to green when the unit has received and synchronized to the signal from a Master with the same System ID. Click on Done to go to the Home page

6.7 Basic and Advanced Parameter Settings

6.7.1 Unit Status

6.7.1.1 Unit Status

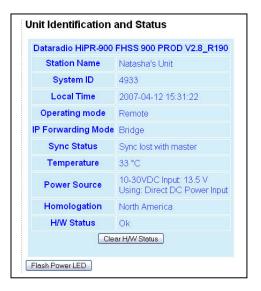


Figure 28 - Unit Status

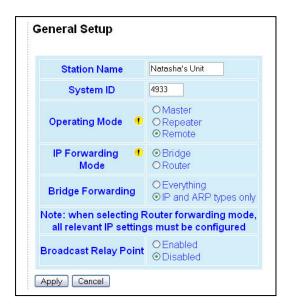
Item	Description		
	Displays HiPR-900 software revision information retrieved from the connected unit. Have this information handy if contacting CalAmp support.		
	The Banner fields are deciphered as following:		
	HiPR-900:	Product name	
Banner	FHSS (Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum):	Protocol Name	
	900	Band(s) of operation	
	PROD	Production build	
	V2.8	Vx.y Major.minor version number	
	R190	Rxx Sequential Package Release Build Number	
Otation Name	Displays name of the connected unit.		
Station Name	Configured under Setup Basic → General → Station Name		
System ID	Displays System's unique identification number		
System ID	Configured under Setup Basic → General → System ID		
Local Time	Displays time of configured time zone computed using UTC time and configured Time Zone (If SNTP is enabled)		
Operating made	Displays operating mode (Remote Master or Repeater)		
Operating mode	Configured under Setup Basic → General → Operating Mode		
IP Forwarding mode	Displays IP forwarding mode (Bridge or Router)		
ir i orwarding mode	Configured under Setup Basic → General → IP Forwarding Mode		
Item(cont'd)	Description		

Sync Status	For remote and repeater units - Displays unit sync status in relation to Master	
Temperature	Displays unit's internal temperature	
Power Source	Indicates voltage input used: "Power over Ethernet "or "DC input"	
	Summary report of hardware error checking at Power ON self-test. Works in conjunction with the front panel Power LED (flashing red). Displayed sentence always starts with "HW failure". Unit will reset (as if power was cycled) 5 minutes after a self-test error is detected.	
H/W Status	Summary report of driver error detection. Works in conjunction with the front panel Power LED (flashing green). Unit will not reset.	
	For both types of reports, have the displayed H/W Status message (or combination of messages) handy if contacting CalAmp support. Also required if returning unit for service under RMA.	
Homologation	Factory-set. Shows the territory the unit has been configured for operation and approved by the appropriate governmental authority.	
	Informational display: North America, New Zealand, or Australia	
	Button allowing user to acknowledge and clear errors.	
Clear H/W Status	Errors remain stored, even after cycling power, to aid in troubleshooting intermittent faults. Press the "Clear H/W Status" button to return web page displays and Power LED function to normal operation.	
	Button allowing user to assure that he/she is setting up the correct unit.	
Flash Power LED	Press "Flash Power LED" button to see the power LED flash on this unit for 30 seconds.	

6.7.2 Setup (Basic)

6.7.2.1 Setup (General)

Figure 29 - Setup (Basic) General - HiPR-900



Item	Description	
Station Name	Station name identifier – Enter string up to forty characters in length	
System ID	Factory default ID is zero. CalAmp recommends, for security reasons, changing it to some other value unique to each HiPR-900 network thus preventing collision.	
	Upper limit is 16,382	
	Master/Repeater/Remote	
Operating mode	Within a HiPR network, one unit has to be configured as a Master that the remotes synchronize to. It can be any unit in a system but is normally the one considered the base unit for coverage and support reasons. By setting a unit to repeater mode, it becomes possible to extend the coverage of a HiPR-900 network without requiring back to back repeaters. A unit in repeater mode follows the Master's lead for changing channels and repeats sync for distant units. Otherwise, it operates as a Remote.	
IP Forwarding mode	Bridge / Router – Defaults to Bridge mode. Use Router for more advanced IP configurations.	
Bridge Forwarding	By default, the HiPR-900 only forwards IP and ARP packets (Ethernet II types: 0x0800, 0x0806) By selecting the "Everything" setting, the HiPR-900 will forward all 802.3 Ethernet II packets types. Use this setting to transport protocols such as IPX, 802.1Q, etc.	
	Note that the "Everything" option is not available in router mode.	
	Enabled/Disabled (default)	
Broadcast Relay Point	For units that are spread over multiple RF coverage areas, the user needs to identify the ones that will form the backbone between the coverage areas so that any unit can talk to any other unit in the network regardless of their locations. The units that are forming the backbone between the coverage areas are called Relay Point units. Enabling this parameter will force the unit to repeat all necessary information from one coverage area to the next.	

6.7.2.1.1 Forwarding Mode

Selection of the forwarding mode should be done early on in the setup process. This section will help the user to identify the most appropriate forwarding mode for their application.

In general, bridge mode will transmit all traffic to all units in the network; unicast, broadcast, and multicast packets are flooded through the network by the Relay Point units. While in router mode, unicast packets are routed through the system by the IP stack. Broadcast and Multicast packets are flooded through the system by the Relay Point units. IP Forwarding mode selection depends on user's requirements and applications. Table 6 below gives a brief outline of advantages and disadvantages of each mode.

Table 6 - IP Forwarding Modes

Bridge Mode	Router Mode
Does not block any broadcast or multicast traffic	Blocks and provides protection against broadcast storms
Transparent bridge; both IP and Non-IP protocols are supported	Only IP protocol is supported
Neighbor Management cannot be enabled	Neighbor Management can be enabled
Multiple coverage areas are supported	Multiple coverage areas are supported
Access Point (Default Gateway) cannot be enabled	Access Point (Default Gateway) can be enabled if all units in the network are operating in router mode
RIPv2 cannot be enabled	RIPv2 can be enabled

6.7.2.1.1.1 Router Mode

In router mode, a unit detects the presence of other units with the help of the neighbor discovery module. When a unit has detected the presence of another unit, it updates its IP routing table. A unit can learn about any unit that is not directly reachable from a unit that is directly reachable.

Each unit keeps at most two paths to each destination. The primary path is the one with the least number of hops. If there is more than one route with the same number of hops, the newest one discovered will be the primary route.

Note: The primary (least number of hops) path may not be the most RF reliable. The user can toggle between the primary and backup paths.

- The route that is flagged "Active" is used when installing the internal IP routes
- The list of all neighbors for any given unit is displayed and accessible through the web-browser. The user can manually switch the path to secondary route.

6.7.2.1.1.2 Bridge Mode

In Bridge mode of operation, each Unit repeats the traffic from its LAN interface to its RF interface and vice versa (see Figure).

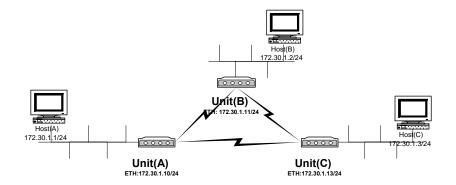


Figure 30 - Bridge Mode: Sample Setup with one coverage area

6.7.2.2 Basic IP Configuration

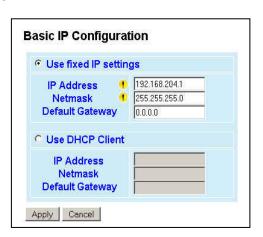


Figure 31 - Setup (Basic) – Basic IP Configuration

Item	Description
Use fixed IP settings	Enables the top three IP dialog boxes and disables the lower three. You may need to ask your network administrator for the appropriate IP settings.
	See section 6.3 for further details.
Use DHCP Client	To activate, select the "DHCP Client" radio button, click on the "Apply" button, click on the "Save Config" button and reboot the Host PC. On restart, the top three dialog boxes are disabled and the lower three read-only IP dialog boxes are populated with the IP settings automatically assigned (if your network supports the DHCP Server capability).
	NOTE: Activating this option will reset the unit's IP address. If your network supports the DHCP Server capability, make sure the IP address assigned by the DHCP server will be accessible to you. If your network does not support DHCP server capability, the unit will be reset to a default (192.168.204.1) IP address within the first 5 minutes.
IP Address	In "Use fixed IP settings" window, set to valid unique IP address for each individual unit
Netmask In "Use fixed IP settings" window, set to valid IP netmask for each individual unit (m same or different depending on customer's IP network topology).	
Default Gateway	In "Use fixed IP settings" window, set to valid Default Gateway.
Delault Galeway	May change for different groups or locations.

6.7.2.3 RF Setup

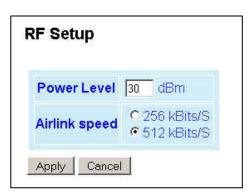


Figure 32 - Setup (Basic) – RF Setup

Item	Description	
Power Level	Set power level between 20.0 dBm and 30.0 dBm (0.1 and 1.0 watt)	
	Default is 30.0 dBm	
Airlink speed	256kBits/S, 512kBit/S (Default) - Sets the maximum speed the HiPR-900 will use for data packet transmissions. Slower speed preferred for longer range.	

6.7.2.4 Serial Ports Setup

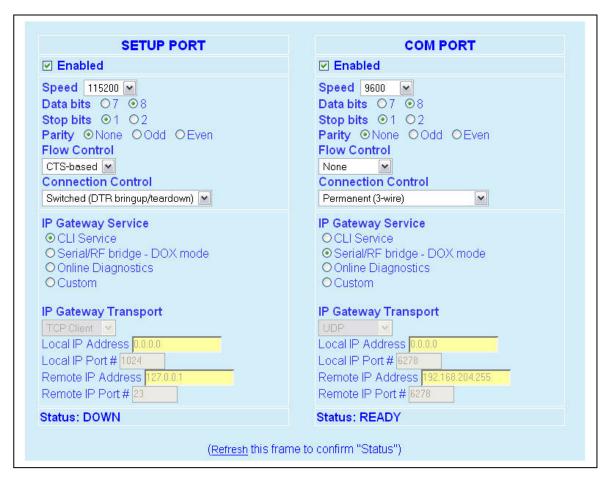


Figure 33 - Setup (Basic) –Serial Port Setup

Item	Description	
Enabled	Independent check boxes to activate SETUP PORT and/or DATA/COM PORT	
Speed	Select 300, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200 Baud Rate	
	Default is 115200 for SETUP port and 9600 for COM port	
Data Bits	Number of bits making up the data word. Set according to Host configuration. Default is 8.	
Stop Bits	Mark the end of the serial port data type. Default is 1.	
Parity	Added to identify the sum of bits as odd or even. Default is None.	
Flow Control	Select None or CTS-based (RTU dependent)	
Connection Control	Select Permanent (3-wire) or Switched (DTR bringup/teardown) (RTU dependent)	
	Select one of:	
	CLI Service (Command line interface)- RS-232 connection to Host PC	
ID Cataway Samila	Access to the Command Line Interface command shell is password protected and is reserved to authorized CalAmp maintenance personnel.	
IP Gateway Service	Serial/RF bridge – IP Gateway service using UDP transport protocol (baud rate = 9600)	
	Diagnostics – TCP/IP based RF diagnostics	
	Custom – Choosing Custom enables the IP Gateway Transport configuration	
	Default is CLI Service for SETUP port and Serial/RF bridge for COM port.	
IP Gateway Transport	Available only if IP Gateway Service selection is Custom, choose the socket connection mode from the drop-down list box choices of TCP Server, TCP Client, or UDP.	
	Valid unicast or multicast IP address, including the local Loopback interface address.	
Local IP Address	Default local IP address is set to 0.0.0.0 and can be changed dynamically without a unit reset.	
	For TCP Client and UDP socket connections, set to any value between 1 and 65535.	
Local IP Port	For TCP Server socket connections, set to any value between 1 and 65535 but must not be set to one of the following values or fall within the following ranges of values: 20, 21, 23, 123, 520, 5002, 6254 to 6299, 7000 to 7100. Otherwise, the parameter configuration will be accepted, but no socket connection will be established to accept connection from remote endpoints.	
	Default local port value for SETUP port is set to 1024 and can be changed dynamically without a unit reset.	
Remote IP Address	Default remote IP address is the Loopback interface address, 127.0.0.1 and can be changed dynamically without a unit reset	
Remote IP Port	For all socket connection modes (TCP passive, TCP active, UDP), set to any value between 1 and 65535.	
	Default local port value for SETUP port is 23 and can be changed dynamically.	

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6.7.2.5 Diagnostics



Figure 34 - Diagnostics – Thinning value

Item	Description
Thinning Value	Number of packets before a packet delivers a diagnostic message. Default is 25. Using value of 1 may flood a network as each diagnostic message may also send a diagnostic message.
	For further Diagnostics details, see paragraph 6.7.2.5.1

6.7.2.5.1 Diagnostic Connections

HiPR-900 units continually monitor and report on their environmental and operating conditions. The diagnostic information is in TCP format and is available via any telnet session to port 6272.

Transmission of online diagnostics may be enabled or disabled at any station or stations without affecting their ability to communicate with other stations. Diagnostics can be sent anywhere, including being back hauled. Back hauling adds to the network traffic flow and must be taken into account in designing a network. If a return flow is necessary, it needs to be reduced substantially to have a minimal effect on the network as described in section 6.7.2.5.1.0.

The HiPR-900 radio modem can support up to 4 diagnostics socket connections at once. This may be used, for instance, to carry out monitoring at a main office and at up to three separate field locations. It is also possible that one of the four connections use a serial port instead by enabling it on the HiPR-900's web browser interface.

More information, statistics, and offline test facilities are available via the browser. RF paths can be monitored and checked from either end of a link, without traveling to the other station.

6.7.2.5.1.0 Parameter

Adjusting the return diagnostics flow is done via parameter. This parameter indicates that only one out of every x packets delivered will generate an online diagnostic message. The "thinning value" can be adjusted using the web interface (see paragraph 6.7.2.5) and set as follows:

- **♦** 0 off
- ♦ 1 every packet delivers a diagnostics message
- ♦ 1000 every 1000th packet delivers a diagnostic message

6.7.2.5.1.1 Output Format

Output format is man / machine-readable, ASCII, comma-delimited format. Reader program used (or written) must ensure to decode two¹ separate types of unit's diagnostic output. This is to ensure that no changes will be required to the user online diagnostic reader program when the HiPR-900 radio modem gets updated. The types are distinguished by "type field". At the present time there exist two types: type 3 and type 4. More types may be released in the future.

6.7.2.5.1.1.1 Type 3 outputs contain the following fields:

♦ Source MAC Address (Bridge mode): Hex numbers format [00:01:02:03] or

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Source IP Address (Router mode): Dotted decimal format [111.222.333.444]
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- Type of report: Decimal number (3) that identifies the report as a "type 3".
- # of fields: Decimal number indicating number of comma-delimited fields to follow
- ◆ Thinning value: Number of data packets before a diagnostic message is delivered

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¹ Previous versions of the HiPR-900 radio modem had only one "type field"-type 0. If working with a combination of current and previous versions of HiPR-900 units, the Reader program used (or written) must ensure to decode *three* separate types of unit's diagnostic output (type 0, 3, and 4). See Appendix 1 for more detail.

- ◆ Flags: Hexadecimal without a leading "0x)
 - 0 = DC input
 - 1 = PoE input
 - 2 = 5 °C from "Overtemp" alarm (for DC input)¹
 - 3 = 5 °C from "Overtemp" alarm (for PoE input)¹
- ◆ Volts: Decimal indications in decivolts when source is DC input (125 for 12.5V)

 Decimal indication is a low number (typically 5) when source is PoE
- ♦ Temperature: Decimal internal unit temperature in Celsius degrees
- ♦ Packet error rate (or PER): 0 or negative decimal value

$$10\log_{10}\left(\frac{bad}{good}\right)$$
 See Figure for details

Thus, -51 is CRC error rate of 10^{-5.1} (since reset or when net stats were cleared). See Table 7.



Table 7 - Simplified rating of output value representing Packet Error Rate (PER)

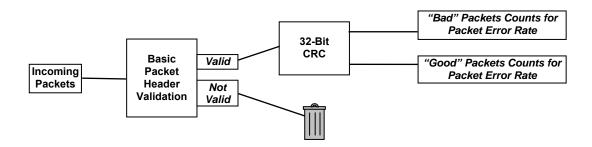


Figure 35 - Packets Counts for PER

 $^{^1}$ The "overtemp" limit default is 80 $^{\circ}\text{C}$

6.7.2.5.1.1.2 Type 4 outputs contain the following fields:

◆ Source MAC Address (Bridge mode): Hex numbers format [00:01:02:03] or

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Source IP Address (Router mode): Dotted decimal format [111.222.333.444]
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- Type of report: Decimal number (4) that identifies the report as a "type 4".
- # of fields: Decimal number indicating number of comma-delimited fields to follow
- Thinning value: Number of data packets before a diagnostic message is delivered
- ♦ Signal RSSI: Decimal level in calibrated dBm
- ♦ Background RSSI: Decimal level in calibrated dBm
- ♦ Forward power: Decimal indications in milliwatts
- Reverse power: Decimal indications in milliwatts

6.7.2.5.1.2 **Output Samples**

From command window, type telnet nnn.nnn.nnn 6272 and the unit's diagnostic output will display on screen (where nnn.nnn.nnn is your unit's address in dot decimal format) (Thinning value must not be zero).

Note:

No overhead is generated in the HiPR-900 unit if no online diagnostic connection is actually made.

Sample output for bridge mode (no IP address available)

```
[00:00:03:89], 3, 5, 5, 0, 135, 33, 0
[00:00:03:09], 4, 5, 5, -75, -115, 990, 50
```

Sample output for router mode

```
[192.168.36.188], 3, 5, 10, 0, 127, 46, -42
[192.168.36.188], 4, 5, 10, -70, -107, 1000, 200
[192.168.36.204], 3, 5, 10, 0, 103, 42, -53
[192.168.36.204], 4, 5, 10, -70, -110, 1000, 200
```

Decoding the *last two lines* (see Table 8): unit is 192.168.36.204 IP address (in router mode), type of report is 3 for the first line, 4 for the second line, there are 5 fields to follow for both reports, 1/10 sampled packets are output, DC input is used, Volts are 10.3, Internal temperature is 42°C, PER of 10^{-5.3}, with a carrier level of -70 dBm signal, an average background level of -110dBm, a forward power of 1000 milliwatts (1.0 watt), and a reverse power of 200 milliwatts (0.2 watt).

Note:

While the diagnostic messages are generated in pairs (i.e. type 4 output follows type 3 output), it may appear as though they arrive in random order (i.e. type 3 output followed by another type 3 output).

Table 8 - Decoding Sample Output for Router Mode

Field #	Field Name	Sample Output	Sample Output Decoded	
Type 3	Type 3 Output			
1	Source IP address	[192.168.36.204]	Unit's IP address is 192.168.36.204	
2	Report Type	3	3	
3	Number of Fields to Follow	5	5	
4	Number of data packets before a diagnostic message is delivered	10	1/10 packets re- ceived will generate a diagnostic mes- sage	
5	Flags	0	DC input	
6	Voltage Level	103	10.3 V	
7	Internal Temperature	42	42°C	
8	PER	-53	10 ^{-5.3}	
Type 4	Output			
1	Source IP address	[192.168.36.204]	Unit's IP address is 192.168.36.204	
2	Report Type	4	4	
3	Number of Fields to Follow	5	5	
4	Number of data packets before a diagnostic		1/10 packets re- ceived will generate	
4	message is delivered	10	a diagnostic mes- sage	
5		-70	a diagnostic mes-	
	message is delivered		a diagnostic mes- sage	
5	message is delivered Signal RSSI	-70	a diagnostic message	

6.7.3 Setup (Advanced)

6.7.3.1 LAN (IP)

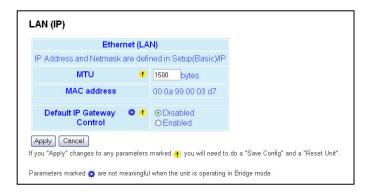


Figure 36 - Advanced IP Configuration - LAN (IP)

Item	Description	
мти	Ethernet Interface MTU - Default 1500 bytes Entering a value lower than 1500 may reduce system performance. Range is 576 to 1500.	
MAC address	Ethernet Interface MAC address in HEX format (factory-set).	
Default IP Gateway Control	Disabled (Default), Enabled – Selects the unit that serves as the gateway between the HiPR-900 units network and the outside network (management network). This unit is also called the Access Point unit.	

6.7.3.1.1 Access Point (Default Gateway)

When all units of a network are operating in router mode, the user can select one (and only one) of the units to be the Access Point (the default gateway). This unit is considered the gateway to the management network. All units will set their default route to point towards the access point unit. This is useful in some settings where an internal host/device needs to access external networks that are not immediately connected to any one of the units on the network. Each unit knows how to reach any other unit on the internal network, but if a packet is sent to an outside (external) network, by default the packet is sent towards the Access Point Unit.

6.7.3.2 RF (IP)



Figure 37 - Advanced IP Configuration - RF (IP)

Item	Description
RF MAC	Unit's RF MAC address
	Displays factory-assigned address: nnn.nnn.nnn "Factory"
RF IP Address	Entering 0.0.0.0 sets the RF IP Address to the factory default and high-lights the "Factory" name (active address)
	Entering nnn.nnn.nnn (RF IP Address of your choice) overrides the factory default and highlights the "Override" name (active address)
RF Net Mask	Set to valid common IP netmask for all units within a HiPR network
RF MTU	Default 1500. Range 100 to 1500 bytes. Entering a value lower than 1500 may reduce system performance.

Note:

Normally the parameters on this page are not changed except for RF MTU.

6.7.3.3 IP Services Setup



Figure 38 - Advanced IP Configuration – IP Services Setup

Item	Description
Server	DHCP Server Disabled, Enabled (Default). The Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol provides a framework for passing configuration information
	E.g.: IP address to Hosts (i.e. PC/RTU) on a TCP/IP network.
Gateway	IP addresses of the gateway assigned by the DHCP server. In router mode, the default (preset) gateway is the IP address of the unit itself. In bridge mode, the default (preset) gateway is 0.0.0.0. To override the default setting, select the "Override" radio button and enter a valid IP address in the text field.
Lease Start Address	Pool of addresses allocated for DHCP purpose. If a unit is configured as DHCP Server, this field represents the start IP address pool managed by the DHCP Server. Normally, HiPR-900 automatically calculates the Lease Start Address (equal to Ethernet IP Address plus one)
Lease Duration	The period over which the IP Address allocated to a DHCP client is referred to as a "lease". Lease Duration is the amount entered in minutes
Maximum number of leases	Maximum number of DHCP client(s) a unit can serve
	IP Services Delivery - Disabled, Enabled(Default)
IPSD	Allows or disallows the generation of locally provided IP Services such as online diagnostics etc
	Network Address Translation - Disabled(Default), Enabled (ETH hidden by NAT)/Enabled (RF hidden by NAT)
NAT	NAT technology is a method by which IP addresses are mapped from one address space to another. In HiPR-900, it is normally used on the WAN side of an IP network to hide local IP addresses from an external IP network (i.e. Internet)
	On all HiPR-900 units, the user can select which one out of the two interfaces (Ethernet or RF) will be considered private.
	Router Information Protocol v2 - Disabled(Default), Enabled
RIPV2	RIPv2 is a dynamic IP routing protocol based on the distance vector algorithm and is only used in Router mode.

Item (Cont'd)	Description	
	Simple Network Management Protocol-Disabled, Enabled (Default)	
	SNMP provides means to monitor, collect, and analyze diagnostic information.	
	Trap IP List	
	To add an address to the Trap IP List:	
SNMP	Select <i>Add</i> and type the new IP address to be added to the read-only Trap IP List. The window will expand downward to show all addresses in the list.	
	To delete an address from the Trap IP List:	
	Select <i>Delete</i> and type the IP address to be deleted from the read-only Trap IP List.	
	Management Information Base -used to assemble and interpret SNMP messages.	
мів	The Dataradio HiPR-900 MIB is bundled with each unit's firmware. Click "Download mibs.zip" and a pop-up dialog box will appear in your browser asking you to open or save the file to your PC. Save the zip file to a desired location. Unzip the contents of mibs.zip file to a location where your SNMP manager can find it.	
	Note: SNMP must be enabled in order for the host PC SNMP manager to work.	

6.7.3.3.1 SNMP Overview

SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) is used by network management systems to manage and monitor network-attached devices. SNMP is based on the manager/agent model consisting of a manager, an agent, a database of management information, managed objects, and the network protocol. The manager provides the interface between the human network manager and the management system. The agent provides the interface between the manager and the physical devices being managed (Figure). SNMP uses basic messages (*such as GET*, *GET-NEXT*, *SET*, *and TRAP*) to communicate between the manager and the agent.

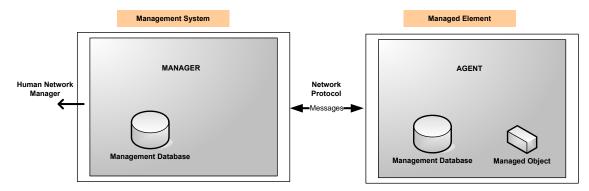


Figure 39 - SNMP: manager/agent model

6.7.3.3.1.1 MIB

The manager and agent use a Management Information Base (MIB), a logical, hierarchically organized database of network management information. MIB comprises a complete collection of objects used to manage entities in a network. A long numeric tag or object identifier (OID) is used to distinguish each variable uniquely in the MIB and SNMP messages.

6.7.3.3.1.2 HiPR-900 MIB File

Each HiPR-900 unit firmware package is bundled with three MIB files (found inside mibs.zip file):

- *dataradio-regs.mib*: contains a top level set of managed object definitions aimed at managing Dataradio products.
- 1213.mib: contains a set of managed object definitions aimed at managing TCP/IP-based internets.
- *hipr900.mib*: contains a set of managed object definitions aimed at managing Dataradio HiPR-900 modems.

6.7.3.3.1.3 OID

In SNMP, each object has a unique OID consisting of numbers separated by decimal points. These object identifiers naturally form a tree. Figure illustrates this tree-like structure for 1213.mib, which comes bundled with every HiPR unit package. A path to any object can be easily traced starting from the root (top of the tree). For example, object titled "SNMP" has a unique OID: 1.3.6.1.2.1.11. The MIB associates each OID with a label (e.g. "SNMP") and various other parameters. When an SNMP manager wants to obtain information on an object, it will assemble a specific message (e.g. GET packet) that includes the OID of the object of interest. If the OID is found, a response packet is assembled and sent back. If the OID is not found, a special error response is sent that identifies the unmanaged object.

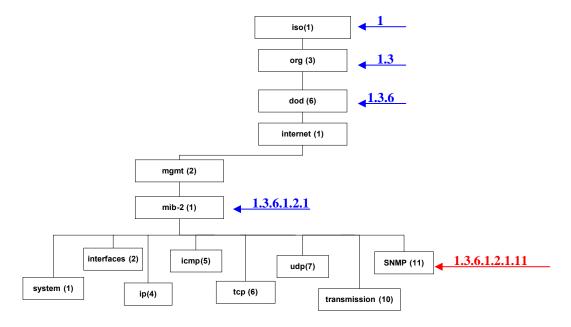


Figure 40 - Branch of the 1234.mib OID tree

6.7.3.3.1.4 MIB Browser

CalAmp recommends opening all MIB files with a MIB browser. For simple networks, a basic, free application such as "iReasoning MIB browser" could be used. However, for managing complex networks CalAmp recommends a more advanced software application, such as "Castle Rock SNMPc Network Manager". In a MIB browser, each object (*or node*) can be selected and its properties (*including its OID*) can be observed.

Note: Both "Read Community" and "Write Community" passwords are required to operate SNMP MIB. For all HiPR-900 radio modems the same password is used for both read and write.

6.7.3.3.1.5 hipr900.mib

Figure shows top-level objects of the hipr900.mib file:

- hipr900Identity
- hipr900Settings
- hipr900NetSettings
- hipr900Statistics
- hipr900Diagonistcs
- hipr900Neighbors
- hipr900Control

These seven branches expand into additional branches and leaves. Again, all hipr900.mib objects can be accessed through a MIB browser.

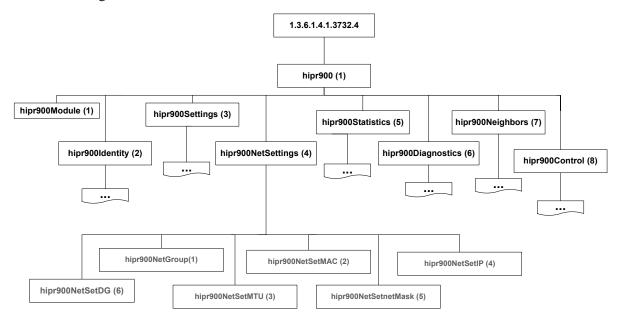


Figure 41- HiPR-900 OID Tree

6.7.3.3.2 NAT Overview

The purpose of the "Network Address Translation" (NAT) protocol is to hide a private IP network from a public network. The mechanism serves both as a firewall function and to save IP address space.

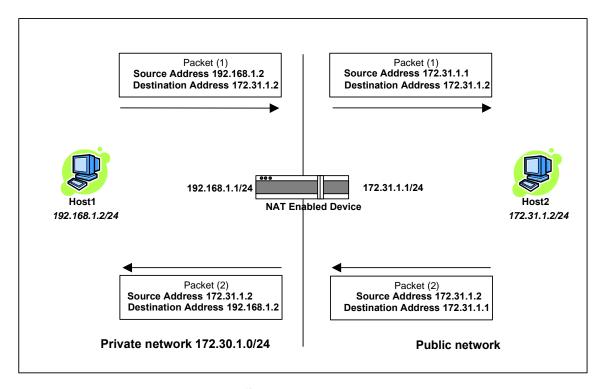


Figure 42 - Basic NAT Operations

The source address of packets transiting from the private network to the public network gets translated by the NAT enabled device. The original IP source address gets replaced by the NAT enabled device's own IP address (address of the outgoing interface). The NAT module creates an address translation table that is used when traffic is coming back from the public network to the private network.

In our example, Host 1 sends a packet to Host 2. The Host 2 device does not see the private IP address of Host 1. When Host 2 sends a reply to Host 1, it uses the destination IP address 172.31.1.1; this gets translated back to the appropriate destination IP address by the NAT enabled device.

NAT does a lot more then simple translation of the IP source address. NAT also carries out IP protocol dependant translation. For the UDP and TCP protocols, NAT, will also translate the source port numbers. Special handling is also done for other more specific protocols like FTP.

6.7.3.3.2.1 NAT on HiPR-900

On all HiPR-900 units, the user can select which one out of the two interfaces (Ethernet or RF) will be considered private.

6.7.3.3.2.1.1 Ethernet Interface is Considered Private



Figure 43 - NAT on HiPR-900: Ethernet interface is private

An IP packet whose source IP address originates from the Ethernet network and is sent towards the RF network, will have its source IP address replaced by the RF IP address of the HiPR-900 unit. In the example below (Figure), the Ethernet interface of the HiPR-900 (2) unit is set as private.

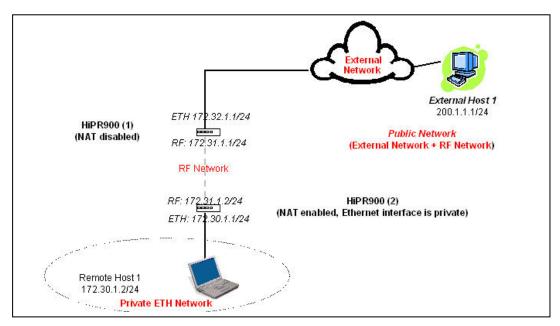


Figure 44 - NAT Enabled on Ethernet Interface

An IP packet sent from the private network towards the public network would have its source IP address replaced by the RF IP address of the HiPR-900 (2) unit.

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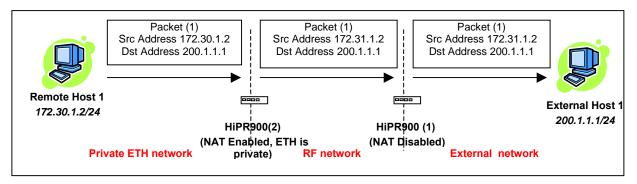


Figure 45 - Private to Public

6.7.3.3.2.1.2 RF Interface is Considered Private



Figure 46 - NAT on HiPR-900 Enabled: RF interface is private

An IP packet whose source IP address originates from the RF network and is sent towards the Ethernet network will have its source IP address replaced by the Ethernet IP address of the HiPR-900 unit. In the example Figure , the RF interface of the HiPR-900 (1) unit is considered private. The Ethernet interface of the HiPR-900(2) unit is considered private.

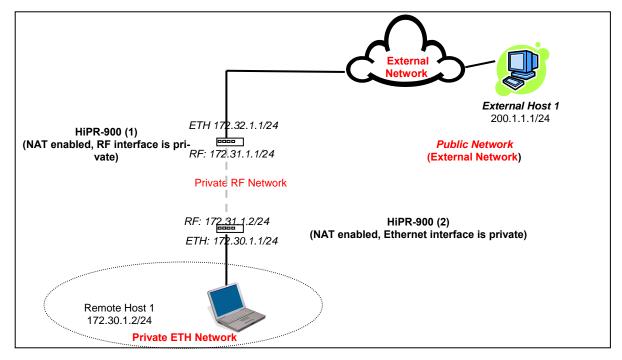


Figure 47 - NAT Enabled on RF interface

Notice that in the example (Figure and Figure) NAT is enabled on HiPR-900 (2) on the Ethernet interface and that on the HiPR-900 (1) unit on the RF interface.

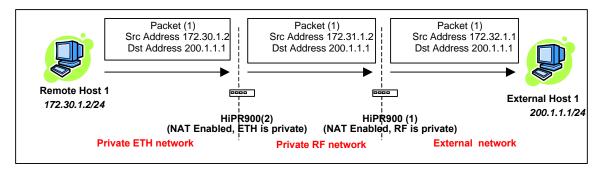


Figure 48 - Private to Public

In the example Figure, the RF interface of the HiPR-900 (1) unit is considered private. NAT is disabled on the HiPR-900 (2) unit. Notice that if the Remote Host sends a packet, the source IP address is not changed by the HiPR-900 (1) unit because the source does not originate from the private network.

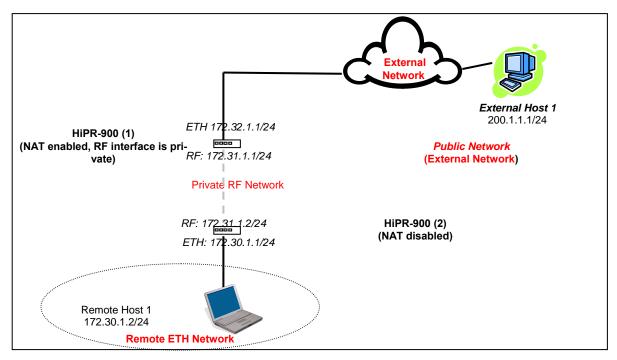


Figure 49 - NAT Enabled on RF interface

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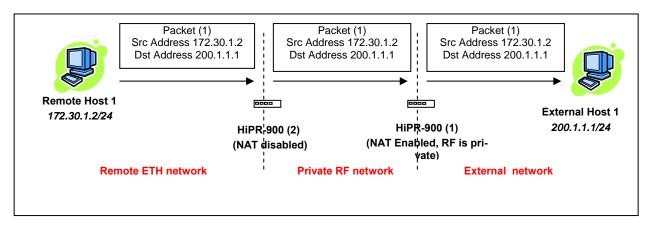


Figure 50 - Private to Public

Notice that in this example, the source address of the packet comes from the Remote network and not the RF network, thus the HiPR-900 (2) unit does not do any source IP address translation on it (Figure). In the previous example, the HiPR-900 (1) unit was changing the source IP address of the packet, making the HiPR-900 (2) unit believe that the packet was originating from the RF network.

6.7.3.4 IP addressing modes

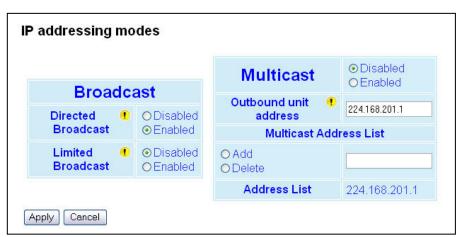


Figure 51 - Advanced IP Configuration - IP adressing modes

Item		Description
Broadcast	Directed Broadcast	Disabled, Enabled (Default) – Controls forwarding of Directed Broadcast packets
	Limited Enable	Disabled (Default), Enabled – Controls forwarding of Limited broadcast packets
Multicast	Multicast	Disabled (Default), Enabled – Controls forwarding of Multicast packets (based on the "Multicast Address List")
		Multicast can be used when "one-to-many" communication is required.
	Outbound unit address	Multicast address associated to remote unit
	Multicast Address List Add / Delete Address	To add an address to the Multicast List: Select the "Add" radio button and type in the dialog box the new address to be added to the read-only "Address List". Note that only the valid multicast ad- dresses will be accepted and displayed.
		To delete an address from the Multicast List: Select the "Delete" radio button and type in the dialog box the address to be deleted from the "Address List".
		Read-only listing. Window expands downward as needed to show all addresses in the list.
	Address List	When an IP packet is received on the Ethernet side of the unit and the destination IP address matches one of the multicast IP addresses in this list, it is forwarded over the RF interface.
		Remote units will send it over their Ethernet interface.

6.7.3.4.1 IP Broadcast/Multicast Overview

When an IP packet needs to reach more then one unit, the destination address can be set to either a broadcast address or a multicast address.

BROADCAST - There are two types of IP broadcast address:



Figure 52 - Broadcast Window Detail

• Directed broadcast

A directed broadcast address is an IP address where the host portion is all ones (for instance 172.30.1.255 is the directed broadcast address for the network 172.30.1.0/24, 172.30.1.207 is the directed broadcast address for the network 172.30.1.192/24).

• Limited broadcast

The limited broadcast address is 255.255.255.255.

Note:

Routing equipment (to prevent broadcast storms) do not by default forward limited broadcast packets (255.255.255.255). On the other hand, directed broadcast packets are by default forwarded because these packets are routable like any other unicast packets.

6.7.3.4.1.1 Broadcast

DIRECTED BROADCAST

Each interface of a unit has its own IP address and netmask. From the IP address and netmask, it is easy to calculate the broadcast address associated to the interface. For instance, if the Ethernet interface address of a HiPR-900 unit is 172.30.1.1/24 and the RF interface address is 10.0.1.2/24, then the broadcast address of the Ethernet interface is 172.30.1.255 and the broadcast address of the RF interface is 10.0.1.255.

The "*Directed Broadcast*" radio buttons let the user select whether the unit must forward or not *directed broadcast* packets. Upon reception of a *directed broadcast* packet, the unit takes the following actions:

If the directed broadcast address matches with one of the unit's interface broadcast address:

- Keeps a copy for itself (passes to internal applications, if any).
- If directed broadcast packets can be forwarded: Forwards the packet according to the routing table.
- If directed broadcast packets cannot be forwarded: *Silently discards the packet. Note:*

Occasionally, the unit cannot determine that the packet is actually a **directed broadcast**. In such a case, the packet is normally routed.

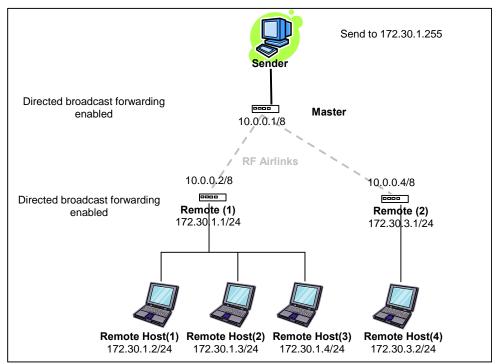


Figure 53 - Example-Directed broadcast fowarding enabled

In the example in Figure, directed broadcast forwarding is enabled on the **Master** unit and on **Remote (1)** unit. If **Sender** wants to reach **Remote Host (1)**, **Remote Host (2)**, and **Remote Host (3)** with a single packet, he can send to destination address 172.30.1.255.

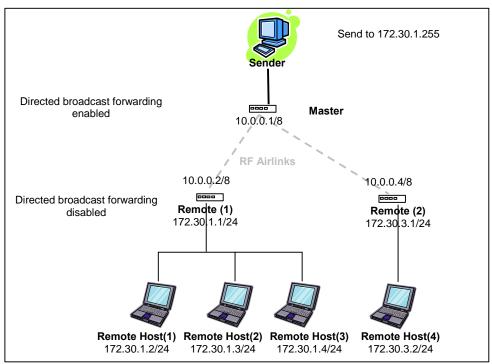


Figure 54 - Example-Directed broadcast forwarding disabled

In the example in Figure, directed broadcast forwarding is enabled on the **Master** unit and disabled on the **Remote** (1) unit. If **Sender** sends a packet to destination address 172.30.1.255, the packet would be discarded by **Remote** (1), it would not reach **Remote Host** (1), **Remote Host** (2), and **Remote Host** (3).

If the user wants the **Master** unit to do the discarding of the directed broadcast packets, then the directed broadcast forwarding must be disabled on the **Master** unit itself.

LIMITED BROADCAST

The "Limited Broadcast" radio buttons let the user select whether the unit must forward or not limited broadcast packets. Upon reception of a limited broadcast packet, the unit takes the following actions:

- Keeps a copy for itself (passes to internal applications, if any).
- If limited broadcast packets can be forwarded: Sends a copy of the packet from all interfaces except from the one that received the packet.(i.e. if the packet was received by Ethernet Interface, it will be sent out by RF Interface and vice versa)
- If *limited broadcast* packets cannot be forwarded: *Silently discards the packet*.

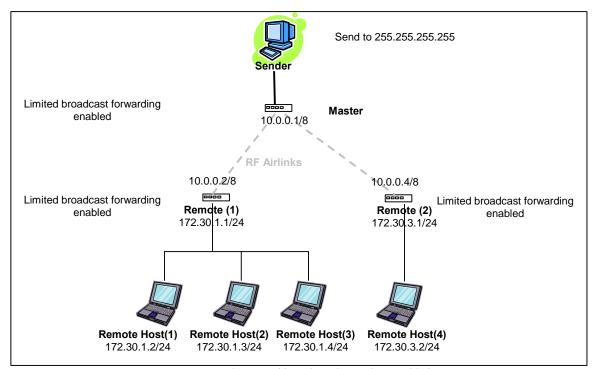


Figure 55 - Example-Limited broadcast forwarding enabled

In the example Figure, limited broadcast forwarding is enabled on the **Master** unit and on all **Remote** units. If **Sender** wants to reach **Remote Host** (1), **Remote Host** (2), **Remote Host** (3), and **Remote Host** (4) with a single packet, he can send to destination address 255.255.255.255.

Notice that **Sender** and the **Master** units are on the same LAN (routing equipment does not usually forward limited broadcast packets).

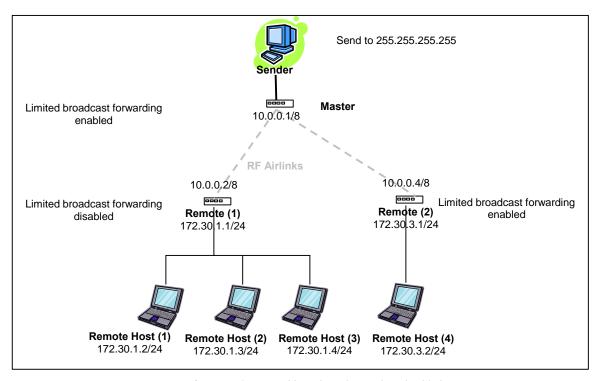


Figure 56 - Example-Limited broadcast forwarding disabled

In this example, limited broadcast forwarding is enabled on the **Master** unit, disabled on the **Remote** (1) unit and enabled on the **Remote** (2) unit. If **Sender** sends a packet to destination address 255.255.255, the packet would reach **Remote Host** (4) only. The **Remote** (1) unit would discard any limited broadcast packet it received from the **Master** unit.

If the user wants the **Master** unit to do the discarding of the limited broadcast packets, then the limited broadcast forwarding must be disabled on the **Master** unit itself. Then no **Remote Host** unit would ever be receiving a limited broadcast packet.

Note:

Serial data is always sent via broadcast mechanism as no destination address can normally be extracted.

6.7.3.4.1.2 Multicast

IP multicast addresses are in the range of 224.0.0.0 to 239.255.255. These addresses are used to represent logical groups of units that may or may not reside on the same networks.

Multicast is used when "one-to-many" communication is required. For instance, a radio station might offer a music channel on the Internet in real time. To receive the music a user (host) must know the multicast group (multicast address) used by the radio station and add itself as a member of this group. In the IP realm, a host uses the IGMP protocol to do this. The routers inside the Internet are using IGMP and other multicast routing protocol to build the proper path from the sender to the receivers (a tree like path is formed from the sender to the receivers).

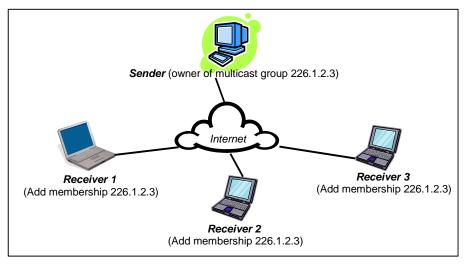


Figure 57 - Registration to multicast group (First Step)

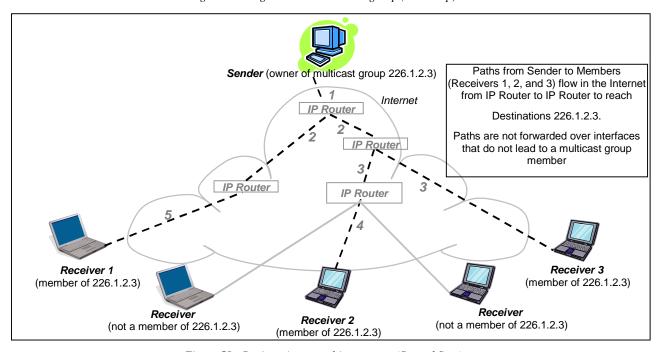


Figure 58 - Registration to multicast group (Second Step)

In an HiPR-900 environment, an outside host (Sender) might be interested in sending multicast packets to any one of the following groups:

- "All Remote HiPR-900" group.
- Various "Remote Host" group.

The main HiPR-900 unit is directly connected to the outside network. ALL multicast groups MUST be identified in the main HiPR-900 unit because it uses IGMP to register the memberships to the multicast groups on behalf of the other units and Hosts (Remote HiPR-900 units, Remote Hosts).

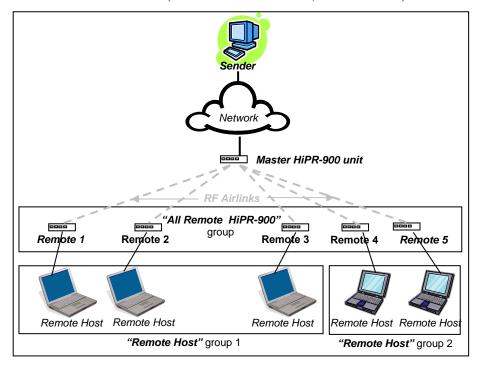


Figure 59 - Typical HiPR-900 Multicast Groups

The following setup example would allow the "Sender" unit to communicate with different multicast groups. The settings shown in Figure below, and Figure , would enable the Sender unit to reach all entities of the various groups. Figure illustrates setup on the Master unit.



Figure 60 - Multicast Window Details (On the Main HiPR-900 unit)

Multicast (Enabled/Disabled)	Enables or disables the registration of the multicast groups by the main HiPR-900 unit.
Outbound unit address	Indicates the "All Remote HiPR-900 unit" multicast group
Multicast Address List	Indicates the various "Remote Host" groups

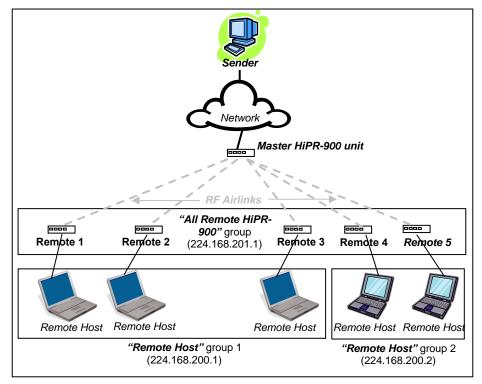


Figure 61 - Registration to multicast group

6.7.3.5 IP Optimization & Tuning



Figure 62 - Advanced IP Configuration – IP Optimization & Tuning (Router Mode)

Item	Description
RF ACK	Disabled (Default), Enabled
OIP Retries	Number of OIP retries (for non TCP traffic like ICMP). Default = 1

Note: No optimizations are available in Bridge Mode. Figure shows Router mode screen.

6.7.3.6 IP Routing

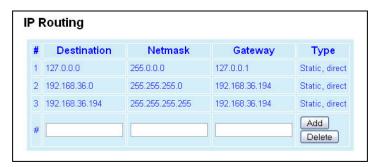


Figure 63 - Advanced IP Configuration – IP Routing

Item	Description
IP Routing Table	Displays the table of IP routes that are active in the HiPR-900.
Destination	IP address of the route
Netmask	Netmask of the route
Gateway	Gateway of the route (next hop)
	Static routes: User-defined routes.
	Dynamic routes: Routes learnt by the HiPR unit with RIPv2 protocol. (RIPv2 must be enabled in Setup (Advanced) → IP Services)
Туре	Direct routes describe addresses that are directly reachable (1 hop away).
	Indirect routes describe addresses that cannot be reached directly (i.e. addresses that are more than one hop away).
	Allow the user to add or remove routes manually to/from the table.
Add/Delete	Warning: Manipulate this table with caution!

6.7.3.7 Time Source

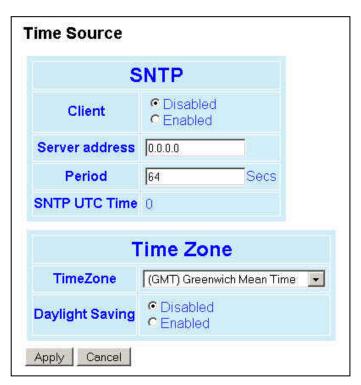


Figure 64 - Advanced IP Configuration – Time Source

	Item	Description
	Client	Disabled (Default), Enabled
	Server address	IP of the SNTP Server in dot decimal format
CNTD	SNTP Period SNTP UTC Time	Period at which the SNTP Server is polled
SNIF		Last update received from the SNTP Server (in seconds) – Read only
	TimeZone	Select from drop-down list
	Daylight Savings	Disabled (Default), Enabled

6.7.3.8 Ethernet (PHY)

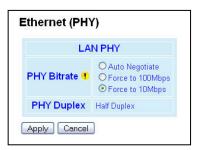


Figure 65 - Advanced IP Configuration – Ethernet (PHY)

Item	Description	
PHY Bitrate	Auto Negotiate Force to 100 Mbps Force to 10 Mbps (Default)	
PHY Duplex	Half Duplex (read-only field)	

6.7.3.9 RF Link

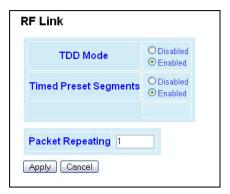


Figure 66 - Advanced IP Configuration – RF Link

Item	Description	
	Disabled, Enabled (Default) –	
TDD Mode	Normally used in a point- to- point network carrying Ethernet traffic. Maximizes RF link efficiency for carrying two-way traffic	
	Note: This parameter can only be set for the Master Unit. Repeater and Remote units will only display the Master's setting.	
	Enabled/Disabled (default)	
Timed Preset Segments	While TDD provides the best performance in point to point and point-to-multipoint configurations, please enable "Timed Preset Segments" for networks with a repeater in order to avoid RF collisions See section 6.7.3.9.1 for more	

6.7.3.9.1 TDMA Segment Configuration

While TDD provides the best performance for point-to-point and point-to-multipoint configurations, please enable "*Timed Preset Segments*" (*in order to avoid RF collisions*) for networks with a repeater unit.

For operations through a single repeater (*two RF coverage areas, Figure*), TDMA allocates bandwidth to the Master, repeater, and remote in turn, to avoid collisions. For a three-unit network configuration, that includes a repeater unit, enable "TDD mode" and "Timed Preset Segments". The time between the syncs (*known as a dwell period*) is equally distributed between the three units (Figure).

Note: TDD Mode must be enabled in order to enable "Timed Preset Segments".

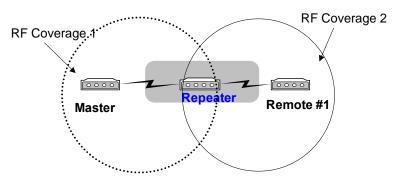


Figure 67 - Two RF Coverage Areas: Opeartion through a single repeater

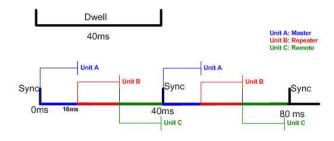


Figure 68 - Example of timing breakdown for a 3 unit Network: Preset Time Segments

Similarly, for a four-unit network configuration with a repeater (as in Figure), enable "TDD mode" and "Timed Preset Segments". The time segments will be equally distributed between the master, repeater, and remotes.

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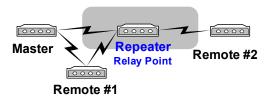


Figure 69 - Repeater and two remotes

Note: Set "Timed Preset Segments" for any network configuration with a single repeater. Use "TDD Mode" for Point-to Point and Point-to-Multipoint topologies.

6.7.4 Security

6.7.4.1 Pass Control



Figure 70 - Security - Pass Control

Item	Description	
	Enter a string of any letters or numbers of at least 1 and not exceeding 15 characters	
User ID	The User Name entry is currently not an access-limiting factor. It only serves to identify the person gaining access. User Name may be required by future versions.	
Old Password	For an initial installation, enter the default Password ADMINISTRATOR (all upper case letters). For subsequent access, use the Password that you will have configured.	
	Enter a string of any letters or numbers of at least 8 and not exceeding 15 characters	
New Password	CAUTION: Do not lose the new password or you will not be able to gain access to the unit; you will need to contact CalAmp for support as detailed in section 1.3 earlier.	
New Password (confirm)	Re-enter the new password string	
Encryption	Disabled, Enabled (Default)	
Encryption Pass Phrase	String of characters used to create a 128-bit AES encryption key. The Pass Phrase can be up to 160 characters long. Using a length of at least 128 characters should provide an adequate security level for most users.	
	A good pass phrase mixes alphabetic and numeric characters, and avoids simple prose and simple names.	
Enomination Korr	All units in a network must have the same key.	
Encryption Key	READ ONLY - Displayed in pairs separated with spaces	

6.7.4.2 Access List



Figure 71 - Security – Access List

	Item	Description
	Access List Control	Access List is used to keep unauthorized unit(s) away from Dataradio RF network. Maximum number of Access List entries = 100.
		The Access List Control takes the following values:
Access List		Disabled (Default)
Control		White List – Authorized units only. Requests from any unit(s) outside this list will be rejected.
		Black List – Unauthorized units. Requests from any unit(s) that is part of this list will be rejected
	Add Entry	Adds entry in the Access Control List
	Delete Entry	Deletes entry in the Access Control List
		Imports Access List from file – Populates Access Control table from the file "accesslist.acl". It is basically a text file that contains a list of RF MAC addresses.
		E.g.: 0x1234 abcd 2345
Access List	Import Access list	where, 0x1234, abcd, and 2345 represent RF MAC addresses in HEX
Management	from file	To use this feature:
		-Create a text file "accesslist.acl" with a list of RF MAC addresses
		-Upload the file from a host PC via an FTP program
		-Click on "Import Access list from file" button
		-Click on "Display Access List" button to view the imported access list
	Clear Access List	Clears entire Access Control table
	Display Access List	Clicking this button opens the access list in the message window

6.7.5 Statistics

6.7.5.1 Interfaces

The LAN (Ethernet) Interface layer shows reception and transmission traffic counts.

The RF Interfaces indicates the result of the RF link performance.

Note: All definitions given below use the following convention: RX (or Input) = data received from a lower network layer TX (or Output) = data transmitted to a lower network layer

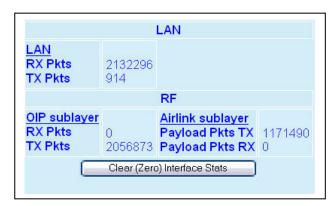


Figure 72 - Statistics –Interfaces

Item	Description
LAN – RX Pkts	The total number of packets received by Ethernet interface.
LAN – TX Pkts	The total number of packets transmitted by Ethernet interface.
RF OIP sublayer – RX Pkts	The total number of input packets received by RF-OIP interface.
RF OIP sublayer – TX Pkts	The total number of output packets transmitted by RF-OIP interface.
RF Airlink sublayer – RX Pkts	The total number of packets transmitted by the RF Airlink sublayer.
RF Airlink sublayer – TX Pkts	The total number of packets received by the RF Airlink sublayer.

Note: For Transport (TCP/UDP) and Network (IP) interface layers statistics refer to MIB 1213. See Section 6.7.3.3.1.2 for details.

6.7.6 Maintenance

6.7.6.1 **Ping Test**

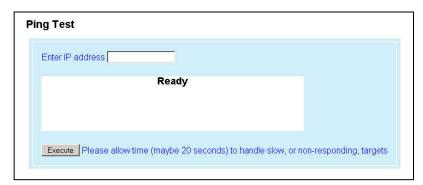


Figure 73 - Maintenance - Ping Test

Item	Description
Enter IP address	Enter IP address in dot decimal format
Execute	This button executes the ping command. Ready field displays the outcome of the ping command.

6.7.6.2 Unit Configuration Control

Important note: Record all original HiPR-900 factory settings for possible future use.

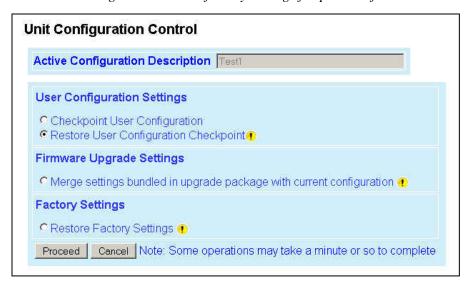


Figure 74 - Maintenance - Unit Configuration Control (Initial screen)

Item	Description
Active Configuration Description	Active Configuration Description Field – available by selecting "Checkpoint User Configuration" radio button in the "User Configuration Settings "portion of this window below.
	Checkpoint User Configuration (Save User Configuration) – saves a set of the current user configuration settings in the HiPR-900.
User Configuration Settings	Click on the "Checkpoint User Configuration" radio button to activate the "Active Configuration Description" field. Enter a descriptive title of up to 40 characters to help identify the configuration settings to be saved. Click on "Proceed" to save the settings to the unit. The new configuration set overwrites the factory (or previously user saved) configuration settings.
	Restore User Configuration Checkpoint (Load User Configuration) – the radio button is available if "User Configuration Settings" have been previously saved. To restore to user configuration, click the "Restore User Configuration" radio button. Check the title of the settings about to be restored in the "Active Configuration Description" field and click on "Proceed" to restore the settings to the unit.
	Merge settings bundled in upgrade package with current configuration- merges upgraded settings with the current configuration.
Firmware Upgrade Settings	Note: the "firmware update" process will end up replacing an existing configuration file with the one that came bundled with the firmware upgrade package.
	Restore Factory Settings: restores all settings to default factory configuration.
Factory Settings	Upon performing the firmware upgrade, should you decide to restore to factory settings instead of to "merge with bundled settings", simply select the "Restore Factory Settings' radio button right after performing the firmware upgrade and click on "Proceed".
	Important note: Activating "Restore Factory Settings" will reset the IP address of the unit. Have your record of all the original HiPR-900 factory settings handy before proceeding with restoring to factory settings.

6.7.6.3 Package Control

Package Control is used for verifying the integrity of the field upgrade of the HiPR-900 radio modem firmware.

Click on Maintenance/Package Control and wait a few seconds for the results to display.

Snapshot in Figure shows a "PASS" result indication. If an upgrade problem arises and persists, click the "Package Control" once more and have the resulting indications handy if contacting CalAmp system engineering.

```
200-Package Name: distrib.pkg
200-Minor: 0
200-Major: 2
200 Package distrib.pkg is valid
Result: PASS
```

Figure 75 - Package Control

6.7.6.4 Radio Tests

To guard against an inadvertent or accidental mishap, CalAmp strongly recommends saving the parameters to the unit BEFORE running this test. Use the "Save Config" button at the bottom of the navigation menu. This test is especially useful for testing the power output with a wattmeter.

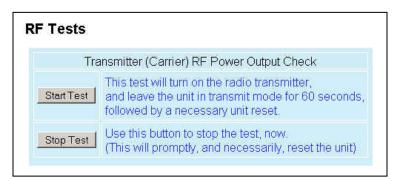


Figure 76 - RF Tests

Item	Description
	Test frequency is 915.000 MHz, carrier only (no modulation)
Start Test	RF Power will be as configured in:
	"Setup (Basic)" → "RF Setup" (20 to 30 dBm)
Stop Test	HiPR-900 unit resets after 20 seconds if the Stop Test button is not pressed.

6.7.6.5 Spectrum Analyzer

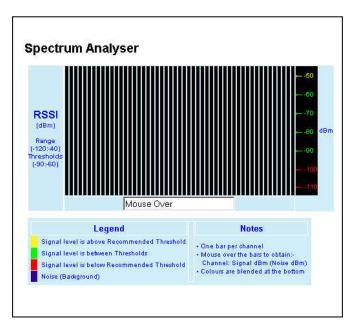


Figure 77 - Maintenance - Spectrum

Item	Description	
Spectrum Analyzer	Continually monitors signal strength at each unit during normal operation.	
	See section 7.1 for further details	
Range	-120 to -40 dBm	
Thresholds	-90 to -60 dBm	

6.7.6.6 Feature Options



Figure 78 - Available Feature Options

Option #	Name	Description
001	Sync Master	Allows the unit to operate as a Sync Master.
002	Router Mode	Allows the unit to operate in Router Mode.
003	Store and Forward Repeater	Allows the unit to operate as a Store-and-Forward Repeater.
004	Ethernet to RF	Allows the unit to relay traffic between the Ethernet and RF interfaces.
005	Setup Serial Port to RF	Allows the unit to relay traffic between the Setup Serial Port and RF interfaces.
006	COM Serial Port to RF	Allows the unit to relay traffic between the COM Serial Port and RF interfaces.
007	SNMP	Allows SNMP agent activation on the unit
800	High Speed	Allows the unit to operate in high speed (512 Kbit/s)

6.7.7 Neighbor Discovery

Each unit is equipped with a neighbor discovery module whose purpose is to detect all other units in the RF network and to add all necessary IP routes needed to reach all neighboring units.



Figure 79 - Neighbor Discovery Module

The neighbor discovery module only operates when the unit is configured in router mode.

Item	Description
Neighbor Discovery	Enabled (default)/Disabled
	Enabled/Disabled (default)
Autolock	When enabled, all dynamic Neighbor Table entries (neighboring units discovered by the neighbor discovery module) are saved automatically after the discovery module's learning process is considered complete (see Convergence Timeout below). These entries are preserved in the unit's flash memory, so that on restart the unit does not have to relearn the complete topology of the RF network.
Convergence Timeout	Time in ms after which, without learning any new information, the neighbor discovery algorithm considers the learning process complete. Default 15 000ms.

The neighbor discovery module populates the neighbor table with dynamic neighbor entries. The process of detecting the other units takes some time and RF bandwidth.

Rebooting the unit would lose all neighbor entries and the detection process would have to be re-started. Enabling the Autolock feature allows preserving acquired information in the unit's flash memory.

When rebooting with Autolock enabled, the neighbor discovery module assumes the neighbor table is complete (*It does not try to detect the presence of other units*). When adding another unit to the network, it will try to detect all its neighbors, and by doing so, it will be detected by the current unit and added to its neighbor table.

This new entry will be saved in the unit's flash memory after the convergence timeout has expired.

6.7.7.1 Local Info

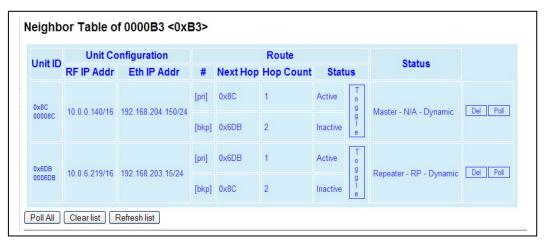


Figure 80 - Local Info

Item	Description	
RF IP Address	Displays unit's RF IP address and netmask .	
Ethernet IP Address	Displays unit's Ethernet IP address and netmask.	
Status	Displays the unit's status: Unit's Operating mode: Master, Repeater or Remote Relay Point (RP) if enabled NAT if enabled Access Point (AP) if enabled Proxy if TCP is enabled Locked if all dynamic neighbor table entries are locked	
Lock/Unlock	Manually locks (or unlocks) the unit's Neighbor Table. When locked, all neighbor table entries will be saved in the unit's Flash memory. Their status will be changed to static. A unit in a locked state will not perform neighbor discovery at start up. It will assume the neighbor table complete. If another unit is added to the network, it will try to detect all its neighbors and by doing so it will be detected by the current unit and added to the neighbor table. However, the new table entry's status will be kept as dynamic.	

6.7.7.2 Neighbor Table

Each unit has a Neighbor Table. This table has an entry for each neighboring unit detected in the RF network.



Figure~81-Neighbor~Table

Item	Description	
Unit ID	Displays a neighboring unit's RF MAC address and name.	
Unit Configuration	RF IP Address: displays a neighboring unit's RF IP address and net-mask.	
Onit Configuration	Ethernet IP Address: displays a neighboring unit's Ethernet IP address and netmask.	
	#: Indicates whether the route is primary [pri] or backup [bkp]	
	The neighbor discovery algorithm keeps information about two best paths to any neighboring unit. The primary path is used (by default) when building the internal routes. Use Toggle function to manually switch to the backup path.	
Pouto	Next Hop: Indicates the ID of the unit that's next on the path to the neighboring unit. (If the neighboring unit is only 1-hop away the field indicates the ID of the neighboring unit itself)	
Route	Hop Count: Indicates the number of RF hops from the unit to the neighbor. 1-hop neighbor is a neighbor that a unit can talk directly to: both units are in the same RF coverage area. 2 and more hop neighbors are neighbors that cannot be reached directly.	
	Status: Indicates if the route is active or inactive.	
	Toggle: Switches between primary and backup route. The toggle switching can take up to 1500 ms to take effect and if the backup path is the desired path, the path should be locked (see section 6.7.7)	
Status	Displays the unit's status: Unit's Operating mode: Master, Repeater or Remote Relay Point (RP) if enabled NAT if enabled Access Point (AP) if enabled Proxy if TCP is enabled Static if neighbor entry was defined by the user, Dynamic if the entry was acquired by the neighbor discovery module	
Del	Deletes the neighboring unit from the Neighbor Table. If the unit still exists in the RF network, the neighbor discovery module will find it. To see it appear in the Neighbor Table the user may press Refresh List button, allowing sufficient time for the neighbor discovery module to locate the unit.	
Poll	Polls the unit. Used to test if a unit is reachable.	
Poli Ali	Polls all units in the Neighbor Table.	
Clear List	Clears the Neighbor Table. Deletes all entries.	
Refresh List	Refreshes the Neighbor Table. Note that this page does not refresh automatically	

6.7.7.3 Neighbor Management (Advanced)

The neighbor table can be also populated with user-defined entries. The interface presented below allows the user to add static entries.

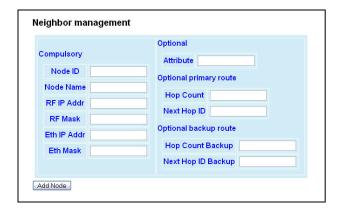


Figure 82 - Neighbor Management

Item	Description	
	Node ID: Unit's RF MAC address (factory default)	
	Node Name: Unit's name as configured in Setup (Basic)→ General → Station Name	
Compulsory Information	RF IP Address: Unit's RF interface IP address	
	RF Mask: Unit's RF interface IP netmask	
	Ethernet IP Address: Unit's Ethernet interface IP address	
	Ethernet Mask: Unit's Ethernet interface IP netmask	
	Attribute: Unit's attributes (NAT PROXY AP (Access Point) RP (Relay Point) Master Repeater Remote)	
Optional Information	Primary Route Hop Count: Amount of hops to reach this unit taking the primary route	
	Primary Route Next Hop ID: The RF MAC address of the 1-hop neighbor taking the primary route	
	Backup Route Hop Count: The number of hops to reach this unit taking the backup route	
	Backup Route Next Hop ID: The RF MAC address of the 1-hop neighbor taking the backup route	

6.7.8 Site Map and Help

Site Map link and Help icon (Figure) features are designed to help the user navigate through the Web-Pages. They can be found on the bottom of the navigation pane.



Figure 83 - Site Map Link and Help Icon

Item	Description
Site Map	Click Site Map link to display a page that hierarchically lists all Web- Pages on the site and provides a short description where applicable.
Help Icon	Click the Help Icon in the navigation pane to open a help text relating to the window being displayed.

7. Optimization & Troubleshooting

After original setup is complete, you may wish to maximize performance by first optimizing the Airlink (or RF link) and then optimizing the HiPR-900 radio modem to function in the resulting environment. A useful RF link diagnostic tool is the built-in Spectrum Analyzer that continually monitors signal strength with each packet during normal operation.

7.1 Built-in Spectrum Analyzer

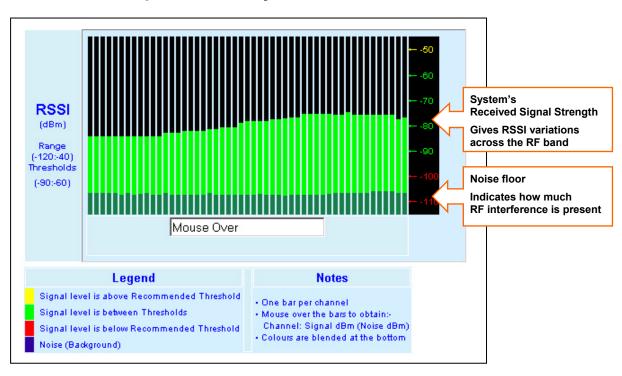


Figure 84 - Ideal Spectrum Sample

7.2 Spectrum Display

Prior to using the spectrum display for diagnostic evaluation, ensure the system is in-sync and receiving enough payload data to fill the display.

Note:

If existing traffic data is insufficient, at least two continuous pings of 1400 bytes (use multiple command prompt windows) to any remote Ethernet IP address accessed across the airlink will suffice to fill the display.

As the display incorporates significant averaging, changes in the signals may take from 10 to 30 seconds to be visible.

7.2.1 Display Characteristics

There are two main visual characteristics to the display (see Figure):

1. The noise floor –

Indicates how much RF interference is present. Other system(s) with different System ID's, and any other signals in this shared band, can and will increase the noise floor and could necessitate a stronger signal to achieve desired system throughput. A rough noise floor that changes every few seconds likely indicates that other hopping or spreading signals are present in the band.

2. System's Received Signal Strength –

Ideally, the system's signal strength should be *at least* 20dB above the floor noise (*more is always better*). Smooth but irregular RSSI level variations across the RF band (see Figure below) relate to how much multi-path signals are interfering with reception at this location. A flat level indicates a better signal path than an uneven level.

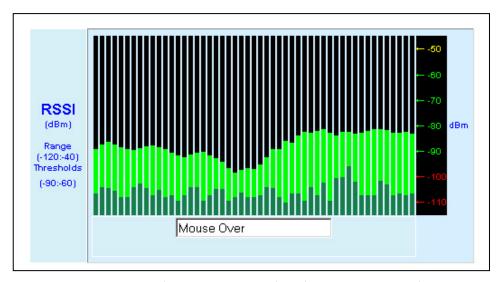


Figure 85 - Representative Multi-path City Spectrum Example

7.2.2 Multi-path Interference

Achieving RF band flatness from an antenna system is a function of the type and quality of antenna used and how well a direct line-of-sight transmission path is realized. Try using directional antenna to reduce multi-path reflections, aiming away from noise sources by changing antenna directions slightly, by changing antenna polarization, changing the dual antennas position relative to each other or changing their location.

Note:

As stated in section 2.2.3, minimum separation for a diversity reception is 5/8 wavelength (approximately 8 inches -21cm) for fixed applications.

The overall throughput can be measured after a change is made (do not forget to clear the statistics before a new measurement is taken) and a correlation to the spectrum made visually.

7.3 Maximizing TCP/IP

If after optimizing the airlink there still appears to be an unexplained speed loss (*less than the HiPR-900 radio modem limit of about 40 Kbytes/sec total for both directions*), you can look at maximizing TCP/IP.

TCP/IP throughput can be tricky to measure as performance is related not only to the RF link, but how well flow control is implemented in the TCP/IP stack and how each application is designed. The HiPR-900 has been highly optimized with this in mind. When the TX/RX LED flashes amber, this not only indicates that data is moving but also indicates (by the LED OFF periods) when data is not moving across the RF network at full rated speed. If you get flashing RED indications on the TX/RX LED, RF reception problems are present and causing some loss of throughput. OFF periods indicate that the application has not presented data to the HiPR-900 radio modem.

Using different client/server combinations or applications may show improvements. For instance, one FTP server may work 30% faster than another, simply because the buffer management is quicker to respond or has bigger message buffers – yet run at nearly the same speed over a pure Ethernet (no RF) link.

Network Address Translation (NAT), payload data compression and encryption have little effect other than adding a small latency to the flow of traffic.

The TDD mode should be left enabled unless highly specialized protocols are being run. Sometimes, these protocols and TDD interfere which each other and may run somewhat faster with TDD disabled.

7.4 Maximizing via Setup Pages

Further performance optimization can be done via the User Interface Setup pages. The fundamental adjustments described in the following paragraphs can be changed singularly or in conjunction with each other

Note:

Data Compression (section 6.7.3.5 above) should only be OFF while testing, thereby eliminating performance differences due only to different compression rates.

7.4.1 Use Router Mode

Selecting Router mode (see section 6.7.2.1) is highly recommended when running over a weak RF link. This mode ensures that several levels of retry mechanisms are at work, each optimized to minimize TCP flow control delays or even preventing a dropped TCP/IP link. It requires some IP route planning to and from the HiPR-900 units but is well worth the increase in link stability over the simpler bridge mode.

7.4.2 Reduce RF MTU size

As this is a shared band, interference is not always avoidable. Another way of improving performance is by reducing the RF MTU size (see section 6.7.3.2). This effectively reduces the amount of time each data frame is exposed to interference, thus reducing retry traffic. A good starting point is 576 bytes instead of the default 1500.

Note:

Values down to 300 may be necessary.

7.4.3 Reduce RF network bit rate

Normally the system is able to utilize the normal bit rate of 512k (see section 6.7.2.3). If you have a very low signal level (-90 dBm or less) or the RF signal levels are close to an elevated noise floor level, you can try running at 256K instead of 512k (changeable on the fly without a reset). It could result in better overall performance.

7.4.4 Increase OIP Retries Limit

Only available in Router mode, OIP Retries Limit is normally set to two (2). Gradually increasing it up to five (5) in extreme cases may provide a slow but reliable link when none was possible with weak signals. *Use in conjunction with a 256K network bit rate.*

7.5 Troubleshooting Tools

7.5.1 Network Connectivity

PING

The ping command determines whether a specific IP address is accessible. It works by sending a packet to the specified address and waiting for a reply. It is useful for troubleshooting "end-to-end" reachability, network connectivity, and network latency.

Available for MS-Windows 9x, ME, NT, 2000, and XP as well as Unix & Free BSD.

EXAMPLE:

ping 192.168.204.1 displays the response with turn around time in milliseconds.

TRACERT (WINDOWS)

The tracert command is used to visually see a network packet being sent and received and the number of hops required for that packet to get to its destination.

Available for MS-DOS 6.2, MS-Windows 9x, ME, NT, 2000, and XP.

Note:

Users with MS-Windows 2000 or XP who need additional information on network latency and network loss may also use the pathping *command.*

EXAMPLE

tracert www.yahoo.com at the command prompt displays the intermediate routers between local host to the www.yahoo.com site.

7.5.2 Configuration Information

• WINIPCFG (WIN95/98), IPCONFIG (WIN2K) or IFCONFIG (UNIX)

Ipconfig is a DOS utility, which can be used from MS-DOS or an MS-DOS shell to display the network settings currently assigned and given by a network. This command can be utilized to verify a network connection as well as to verify network settings.

Available for MS-DOS, MS-Windows 9x, ME, NT, 2000, and XP.

EXAMPLE

ipconfig /all at the command prompt displays the Ethernet MAC address, IP address, IP netmask, default IP gateway, DNS server... information.

ARP

View and update the system ARP table

The Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) is used with the IP protocol for mapping a 32-bit Internet Protocol address to a MAC address that is recognized in the local network specified in RFC 826. Once recognized the server or networking device returns a response containing the required address.

Available for MS-Windows 9x, ME, NT, 2000, and XP.

EXAMPLE

arp -a displays all entries in the ARP cache. *Useful in manipulating ARP caches*.

ROUTE

View and update the system routing table

The function and syntax of the Windows ROUTE command is similar to the UNIX or Linux route command. Use the command to manually configure the routes in the routing table.

Available for MS-Windows 9x, ME, NT, 2000, and XP.

EXAMPLE

route ? displays help route print displays the routing table

7.5.3 Statistics Information

• NETSTAT (WINS & UNIX)

The netstat command symbolically displays the contents of various network-related data structures, i.e. IP, TCP UDP ...

Available for MS-Windows 9x, ME, NT, 2000, and XP.

EXAMPLE

netstat ? displays help

netstat -a display TCP and UDP connections and listening ports information

For further information on TCP/IP troubleshooting, please visit:

http://www.windowsitlibrary.com/Content/466/14/1.html

7.6 Firmware Upgrading

The HiPR-900 radio modem firmware is field-upgradable using the unit's Ethernet port. The process involves connecting to the IP address of the unit from a host PC and transferring the firmware files via an FTP program.

7.6.1 Procedure

1. Using a file decompression program, such as WinZIPTM or WinXP's right-click & select the "Expand to..." option, expand the contents of the firmware upgrade package to a directory of your choice on the host PC.

Warning:

Files intended for the HiPR-900 radio modem are labeled in the form HiPR_900_Vx.x_Rx.xx.zip. Be careful not to transfer firmware into the wrong unit!

- 2. Using an FTP program of your choice (Figure), establish a connection to the unit IP address. Please refer to paragraph 6.7.4.1 for "Username" and "Password" usage.
- 3. CalAmp highly recommends transferring the files in the following order
 - 1) Transfer hipr900.bin
 - 2) Transfer autostart-hipr900.rc
 - 3) Transfer hwconfig-hipr900.rc
 - 4) Transfer all remaining files.

Sometimes, long pauses (in the order of 30 to 45 seconds) are possible when storing the file in the unit's flash file system.

Warning:

Failure to follow the recommended procedure as detailed above may result in unit becoming unresponsive.

4. Once the file transfer is complete, cycle the unit's power and allow the unit to boot. The unit should return to the state that it was in when the update was started.

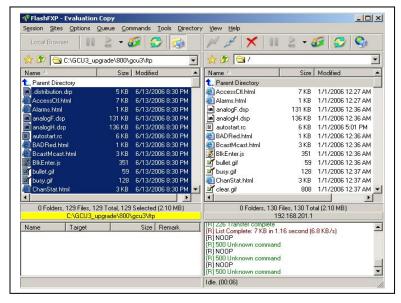


Figure 86 - Sample FTP program

Note:

After resetting, the PWR LED remaining lit steady amber or red indicates the FTP transfer was not successful or that the firmware is corrupt. Please contact CalAmp system engineering for assistance.

- 5. Verify the integrity of the newly transferred files.
- a) Connect to the unit's IP address using an Internet browser such as IE (5.0 or later) or Mozilla.
- b) Enter the user name and password (in the usual manner) and allow the **Welcome** page to load.
- c) In the left pane, click on **Unit Status**. The **Unit Identification and Status** pane should display the newly upgraded firmware in its **Banner** (should correspond to the upgrade package version) and the **H/W Status** should also show **Ok**.
- d) In the left pane, click on **Maintenance**, then on **Package Control**. Wait a few moments for the results to display. Figure shows a "Pass" result indication.

7.6.1.1 File Integrity Failure

If the message in the result screen points out that file(s) failed the integrity check, retry the FTP transfer for the failed files(s) again.

If the problem persists, please have the **Package Control** result screen indications handy and contact CalAmp System engineering for assistance.

8. Specifications

These specifications are subject to change without notice.

GENERAL					
Product		HiPR-900			
Frequency		902	2- 928 MHz ISM b	and	
Configurations		I	P Bridge, IP Route	er	
Management		HTTP embedo	led web server for	setup and help	
Supported Protocols	Ethernet IEE	EE 802.3 (Any pro UI	P,IPSec, SNTP e	,	IGMP, TCP,
		A -l -l	IP Fragmentation		
			Resolution Protoc Protoco Protoco Resolution Protoco Protoco Resolution Protoco	` '	
		**	P limited broadcas		
		'	IP multicast relay		
		DH	ICP Client and Ser		
		= -	Address Translati		
		Dynamic Routing (RIPv2)			
Channels		51			
Occupied Bandwidth		490kHz			
Operating Temperature		-30° to + 60° C			
Humidity		95% at 40° C non-condensing			
Supply voltage	10 - 30	VDC maximum o	r IEEE 802.3af Po	wer-Over-Etherne	t (PoE)
Typical Rx Current Drain at 25°C	Power Out	DC Input 12V	DC Input 10V	DC Input 30V	PoE input
(Master mode)	30 dBm (1W)	405 mA	485 mA	170 mA	105 mA
	20 dBm (.1W)	360 mA	430 mA	155 mA	095 mA
Typical Tx Current Drain at 25°C	Power Out	DC Input 12V	DC Input 10V	DC Input 30V	PoE input
	30 dBm (1W)	715 mA	845 mA	290 mA	180 mA
	20 dBm (.1W)	445 mA	535 mA	190 mA	120 mA
Cold start 1	8 seconds (typical)				
Nominal Dimensions	5.50" W x 1.81" H x 4.25" D (13.97 x 4.6 x 10.8 cm)				
Shipping Weight	2.26 lbs. (1.028 Kg)				
Mounting Options	Flat surface, DIN-rail option				

TRANSMITTER	
TX Frequencies	902.5 – 927.5 MHz
Mode	Frequency-hopping spread-spectrum (FHSS)
TX Power Out	User adjustable from 20 dB to 30 dB in 0.1 dB increments
Frequency Tolerance	±1.0 PPM

RECEIVER	
RX Frequencies	902.5 – 927.5 MHz
Bit Error Rate (BER)	-98dBm for 10x10 ⁻⁶ @ 512kb/s (in Parallel Decode, typical)
	-102dBm for 10x10 ⁻⁶ @ 256kb/s (in Parallel Decode, typical)

Modem / Logic	
Data Rate	256/512 Kbps (user selectable)
Modulation Type	RCFSK
Addressing	IP

SETUP and COM Port	
Interface	EIA RS-232F DE9F
Data Rate	300 – 115,200 b/s (Defaults: Setup = 115.2Kbps, COM = 9.6 Kbps)

Display	
5 Bi-color status LEDs	LAN link, LAN activity, Tx/Rx, Sync, Power

Connectors				
Antenna Connector	Dual TNC female			
Serial Setup Port	DE-9F			
Serial Terminal Server	DE-9F			
Ethernet RJ-45	10/100 BaseT auto-MDIX			
Power -I/O (right-angle, through	DRI p/n 690-01512-002			
hole, 2 contacts male)	(On-Shore Technology p/n EDSTLZ951-2)			

Diagnostics	
Message elements	IP or MAC Address, Thinning value, Flag/Voltage source, Voltage, Temperature, Packet Error Rate, Carrier Level, Average Background Level, Forward power, Reverse power

FCC / IC / UL Certifications			
	FCC	IC (DOC)	UL
902.5- 927.5 MHz	NP4-242-5099-100	773B-5099100	46A3

Output format for all HiPR-900 units with firmware build V2.7_RXXX or earlier is man / machine-readable, ASCII, comma-delimited format. Reader program used (or written) must ensure to decode the "type field" and check for type 0.

Type 0 outputs contain the following fields:

◆ Source MAC Address (Bridge mode): Hex numbers format [00:01:02:03] or

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Source IP Address (Router mode): Dotted decimal format [111.222.333.444]
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- Type of report: Decimal number (3) that identifies the report as a "type 3".
- # of fields: Decimal number indicating number of comma-delimited fields to follow
- ◆ Thinning value: Number of data packets before a diagnostic message is delivered
- ◆ Flags: Hexadecimal without a leading "0x)

0 = DC input

1 = PoE input

2 = 5 °C from "Overtemp" alarm (for DC input)¹

3 = 5 °C from "Overtemp" alarm (for PoE input)¹

- ◆ Volts: Decimal indications in decivolts when source is DC input (125 for 12.5V)

 Decimal indication is a low number (typically 5) when source is PoE
- ♦ Temperature: Decimal internal unit temperature in Celsius degrees
- ♦ Packet error rate (or PER): 0 or negative decimal value
- $10\log_{10}\left(\frac{bad}{good}\right)$ See Figure for details

Thus, -51 is CRC error rate of $10^{-5.1}$ (since reset or when net stats were cleared). See Table 99.

- ♦ Signal RSSI: Decimal level in calibrated dBm
- ♦ Background RSSI: Decimal level in calibrated dBm
- ♦ Forward power: Decimal indications in milliwatts
- ♦ Reverse power: Decimal indications in milliwatts

Output Samples

From command window, type telnet nnn.nnn.nnn 6272 and the unit's diagnostic output will display on screen (where nnn.nnn.nnn is your unit's address in dot decimal format) (Thinning value must not be zero).

Note:

¹ The "overtemp" limit default is 80 °C

No overhead is generated in the HiPR-900 unit if no online diagnostic connection is actually made.

Sample output for bridge mode (no IP address available)

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[00:00:03:09], 0, 9, 100, 1, 5, 38, -51, -70, -108, 1000, 200 [00:00:03:09], 0, 9, 100, 1, 5, 38, -51, -70, -111, 1000, 200
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Sample output for router mode

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[192.168.36.188], 0, 9, 10, 0, 127, 46, -42, -70, -107, 1000, 200 [192.168.36.204], 0, 9, 10, 0, 103, 42, -53, -70, -110, 1000, 200
```

Decoding the *last line* (see Table 99): unit is 192.168.36.204 IP address (in router mode), type of report 0, there are 9 fields to follow, 1/10 sampled packets are output, DC input is used, Volts are 10.3, Internal temperature is 42° C, PER of $10^{-5.3}$, with a carrier level of -70 dBm signal, an average background level of -110dBm, a forward power of 1000 milliwatts (1.0 watt), and a reverse power of 200 milliwatts (0.2 watt). old

Table 99 - Decoding Sample Output for Router Mode

Field #	Field Name	Sample Output	Sample Output Decoded
1	Source IP address	[192.168.36.204]	Unit's IP address is 192.168.36.204
2	Report Type	0	0
3	Number of Fields to Follow	9	9
4	Number of data packets before a diagnostic message is delivered	10	1/10 packets re- ceived will generate a diagnostic mes- sage
5	Flags	0	DC input
6	Voltage Level	103	10.3 V
7	Internal Temperature	42	42°C
8	PER	-53	10 ^{-5.3}
9	Signal RSSI	-70	-70 dBm
10	Background RSSI	-110	-110 dBm
11	Forward power	1000	1000 mW (1.0 Watt)
12	Reverse power	200	200 mW (0.2 Watt)

Appendix 2- HiPR-900 Wireless Radio modem Firmware Versions

Table 1010 - HiPR-900 Wireless Radio modem Firmware Versions

Date	Build	Comments	Compatibility	
Sept. 2005	V1.0_R1.9	First official release	N/A	
Oct. 2005	V1.2_R1.21	Added new Capability: Multi country hopping	Compatible with V1.0_R1.9	
Nov. 2005	V1.3_R1.26	Buffer sizes, serial port timeout, FTP timeout 5 min, Diagnostic output driver improved	Compatible with V1.0_R1.9 and V1.2_R1.21	
Jan. 2006	V2.1_R1.29	Fixed compression error, accepts RIPV1 updates, DHCP and NAT changes	Hop Sequence incompatible with V1.X releases	
Mar.2006	V2.4_R1.34	Radio DXCO error reporting added, TCP proxy improve- ments, loss of sync repaired	Compatible with V2.1 _R1.29 and V2.4_R1.34	
Nov. 2006	V2.5_R1.61	Added new Capability: Transparent bridge mode	Compatible with V2.1 _R1.29, V2.4_R1.34 and V2.4_R1.34	
Mar. 2007	V2.7_R185	Added new Capability: Store- and-forward repeater, (seg- ments)	Compatible with V2.1, V2.4, and V2.5, as long as the Master unit is loaded with this version (2.7_R1XX). Neighbor discovery in router mode is not back compatible with any earlier versions.	
May. 2007	V2.8_R198	Added Feature Key Capability	Compatible with V2.1, V2.4, and V2.5, as long as the Master unit is loaded with this version (2.7_R1XX). Neighbor discovery in router mode is not back compatible with any earlier versions.	

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