Product Brief



Intel® Wireless-AC 9260 5th Generation Intel 802.11ac, Dual Band, 2x2 Wi-Fi + Bluetooth® 5.1

Intel® Wireless-AC 9260 Module

Ultra Wi-Fi. Ultra Features. Ultra Connected Experience.





The Intel® Wireless-AC 9260 adapter supports Bluetooth® 5.1 and 2x2 802.11ac Wi-Fi including wave 2 features such as 160MHz channels, delivering up to 1.73Gbps¹ and downlink MU-MIMO. These new features deliver a significant increase in user speeds in dense deployments, supporting fast downloads and long battery life compared to legacy 802.11ac devices. Combined with Intel® Core™ processors and exceptional Intel wireless innovations, the Intel® Wireless-AC 9260 can provide Gigabit download speed¹ and dramatically improve your connected experience at home, work, or on the go.

5th Generation Intel 802.11AC Wireless

Faster Speed Better Coverage Larger Capacity	Intel® Wireless-AC 9260 enables smoother streaming of higher resolution videos, fewer dropped connections, less congestion, and faster speeds farther away from the router, enabling DL MU-MIMO and 160MHz channel use.	
802.11ac, 2x2, Dual Band, 160MHz, MU-MIMO	When using 160MHz channels, Intel® Wireless-AC 9260 can deliver over 5x faster Wi-Fi speeds (up to 1.73Gbps) than 802.11n and double the speed of legacy 802.11ac².	
	Downlink MU-MIMO allows an Access Point to simultaneously transmit data to multiple clients and potentially improve overall downlink network capacity by over $3x^3$.	
Bluetooth® 5.1	Bluetooth® 5.1 provides 4x ⁴ range over Bluetooth® 4.2 with the same power, enabling coverage throughout the home. Bluetooth® 5.1 also doubles the transmit speed for faster transmissions thereby reducing the overall power ⁴ . Additionally, Bluetooth® 5.1 adds new enhanced data broadcasting enabling seamless services such as location-based services and simpler pairing for Bluetooth® devices.	
Microsoft* Windows*	Full support for the latest Microsoft* Windows 10*, Windows 11* OS.	
Form Factors (M.2 2230 and 1216)	M.2 2230 modules enable system configuration and platform usages flexibility with the use of a standard Key A or E socket for attaching the module.	
	M.2 1216 modules enable platform design providing savings on motherboard space and BOM.	

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Intel® Dynamic Regulatory Solution

Worldwide Regulatory Support Enables worldwide regulatory compliance on a single adapter SKU. The Intel® Wireless-AC 9260 detects its location and automatically optimizes the Wi-Fi settings to local regulatory requirements, maximizing performance in each geography, simplifying travel experience and global enterprise procurement.

Wireless Functionality in **Pre-boot Environment**

Support for Wi-Fi network and Bluetooth® Low Energy Human Interface Device (HID) connectivity in the platform's UEFI (Unified Extensible Firmware Interface) environment during its boot stage. This capability enables use cases like OS recovery over Wi-Fi and Bluetooth® Low Energy-based keyboard and mouse connectivity in this pre-boot environment.

Wirelessly Project to the Big Screen

Watch your 2-in-1 or laptop content instantly without wires on the big HD screen with stunning image clarity and sound using Wi-Fi Miracast*. Stream movies, videos, games, photos, connect with friends, and more—experience it all, bigger and better than ever before.

Business-Class Wireless

Intel® vPro® Technology5

Supports Intel's hardware-based security and management features built into Intel® Core™ vPro® processors and chipsets that enables IT to manage PCs virtually anywhere, anytime while reducing deployment costs, improving security and ROI.

Intel® Active Management Technology⁶⁶

Using integrated platform capabilities and popular third-party management and security applications, Intel® AMT allows IT or managed service providers to better discover, repair, and help protect their networked computing assets. Intel® AMT is a feature of Intel® Core™ processors with Intel® vPro® technology.

Intel® Wireless-AC 9260 Module Technical Specifications

GENERAL

Dimensions (H x W x D)	M.2 2230: 22mm x 30mm x 2.4mm [1.5mm Max (Top Side)/ 0.1mm Max (Bottom Side)]		
	M.2 1216: 12mm x 16mm x 1.67 (+-0.08)mm		
Weight	M.2 2230: 2.9 +/- 0.3 g M.2 1216: 0.61 +/- 0.1 g		
Antenna Diversity	Supported		
Radio ON/OFF Control	Supported		
Connector Interface	M.2: PCIe*, USB		
Operating Temperature (Adapter Shield)	0°C to +80°C		
Humidity Non-Operating	50% to 90% RH non-condensing (at temperatures of 25°C to 35°C)		
Operating Systems	Microsoft* Windows 11*, Microsoft Windows 10*, Linux* (limited feature support), Chrome OS*		
Wi-Fi Alliance	Wi-Fi CERTIFIED* a/b/g/n/ac with wave 2 features, WMM*, WMM-PS*, WPA2*, WPA3*, WPS2*, Protected Management Frames, Wi-Fi Miracast* as Source, and Wi-Fi Direct (For Microsoft Windows* only)		
IEEE WLAN Standard	IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac, 802.11d, 802.11e, 802.11h, 802.11i, 802.11w; 802.11r, 802.11k, 802.11v pending OS support; Fine Timing Measurement based on 802.11REVmc		
Roaming ⁷	Supports seamless roaming between access points		
Bluetooth®	Bluetooth® 5.1		

SECURITY FEATURES⁸

Authentication	WPA2* and WPA3*, 802.1X (EAP-TLS, TTLS, PEAP,EAP-SIM, EAP-AKA, EAP-AKA')	
Authentication Protocols	PAP, CHAP, TLS, MS-CHAP*, MS-CHAPv2	
Encryption	128-bit AES-CCMP, 256-bit AES-GCMP	
Wi-Fi Direct* Encryption and Authentication	WPA2-PSK, AES-CCMP	

COMPLIANCE

Regulatory	For a list of country approvals, please contact your local Intel representatives.	
US Government	FIPS ⁹ , FISMA	
Product Safety	UL, C-UL, CB (IEC 60950-1)	

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Product Name	Model Number	Version
Intel® Wireless-AC 9260	9260NGW	802.11ac wave 2, 2x2, Bluetooth® 5.1, PCIe*, USB, M.2 2230
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- ¹ Based on the theoretical maximum bandwidth enabled by 2x2 802.11ac 160Mhz implementations. Actual wireless throughput and/or range will vary depending on your specific operating system, hardware and software configurations. Check with your device manufacturer for details
- 2 802.11ac 160MHz provides 1.73Gbps maximum throughput, 2x more than 802.11ac 80MHz (867Mbps) and 5x more than 802.11n 40MHz (300Mbps) based on industry standards.
- 3 802.11ac downlink MU-MIMO technology allows concurrently serving multiple devices simultaneously, in turn increasing network capacity potentially by over 3x while improving per-user throughput based on industry standards.
- 4 Bluetooth® 5.1 Feature Overview, https://3pl46c46ctx02p7rzdsvsg21-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/1901_Feature_Overview_Brief_FINAL.pdf.
- ⁵ Intel® vPro® Technology is sophisticated and requires setup and activation. Availability of features and results will depend upon the setup and configuration of your hardware, software and IT environment. To learn more visit: http://www.intel.com/technology/vpro.
- 6 Requires activation and a system with a corporate network connection, an Intel® AMT-enabled chipset, network hardware and software. For notebooks, Intel® AMT may be unavailable or limited over a host OS-based VPN, when connecting wirelessly, on battery power, sleeping, hibernating or powered off. Results dependent upon hardware, setup and configuration. For more information, visit: http://www.intel.com.
- ⁷ Roaming is supported only within each respective band and mode of access points.
- Some security solutions may not be supported by your device operating system and/or by your device manufacturer. Check with your device manufacturer for details on availability.
- 9 On Microsoft* Windows*.

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