

User Manual
Wireless
Cable/DSL Router-G
WBR2-G54



AOSS™

1.1 AirStation Broadband Router Base Station (WBR2-G54)

Welcome to AirStation, the easy way to ultra fast wireless networking.

This manual, which describes the most common configurations, introduces you to the AirStation Cable/DSL Router, and will help you connect to your network quickly.

The WBR2-G54 router, is a wireless 4-port router small/medium business (SMB) network device that complies with the 2.4GHz IEEE 802.11g standard specification on wireless LANs. The WBR2-G54 supports enhanced built-in NAT/SPI firewall functions and is used as a multi-functional router/link between wired and wireless LAN computers.

Summary of the AirStation WBR2-G54 features:

- Wi-Fi™ (Wireless Fidelity) certified by the Wi-Fi Alliance as an 802.11b/g device. AirStation will communicate with other IEEE 802.11b/g/Wi-Fi compliant wireless LAN products.
- Support for Wi-Fi Protected Access™ (WPA), 802.1x, TKIP, AES, and WEP.
- Automatic Transmit Rate Select mechanism transmits at speeds of 54, 36, 24, 11, 5.5, 2 and 1 Mbps.
- Supports Frame Bursting for enhanced performance.
- DHCP client/server function.
- Auto roaming, supports seamless roaming over multiple channels.
- VPN pass-through, for secure communications.
- Packet Filtering for eliminating unwanted communications.

- SOHO/SMB routing and firewall functions provide a safer private networking environment, including support for MS NetMeeting and MSN-Messenger.
- Additional SPI Firewall Functions - DMZ, intrusion detection and notification
- Syslog transmits some or all system activities to a central Syslog server.
- Extended range, with optional add-on antennas or WDS (Wireless Distribution System).
- Auto Media Dependent Interface/Crossover (MDI/X) port, allows connection by standard and crossover CAT5 cables.
- Supports Universal Plug and Play (UPnP).
- Buffalo's AOSS System for easy, secure wireless client configuration.

1.2 AirStation Wireless Network Features

- Enhanced security features:
 - SPI Firewall and DMZ zone functions to prevent unknown intruders.
 - Intrusion Detector Firewall (NAT) with a pop-up or email alert warning unwanted attacks.
 - Dynamic packet filtering.
 - WPA, 802.1x, TKIP, AES, and WEP.
 - VPN (IPSec, PPTP and L2TP) pass-through
 - Packet monitoring and filtering by MAC address, IP address and port.
 - PPPoE support

- WDS support
- Buffalo's easy web interface configuration
- Broadband router static and dynamic routing methods between WAN and LAN based on updated routing tables. An economical way to bridge multiple networks.
- Optional external antennas for boosting range and signal quality.
- Buffalo's AOSS System for easy, secure wireless client configuration.

1.3 Home Networking

For the future home entertainment applications that carry hard drives for storing hundreds of titles, IEEE 802.11g can transmit three channels of CD-quality voice to every room in the home simultaneously. Buffalo AirStation wireless access points enable sharing broadband by simply connecting the AirStation to a DSL or CATV modem to:

- Share files and printers
- Access and share the Internet
- Share media files

1.4 SOHO/SMB Networking

With high-speed DSL or CATV connections readily available, many users can work effectively from a home office, connected securely to a corporate network. Buffalo's solutions are ideal for home networks that require secure, high-speed access to the corporate LAN. Tools that play an integral part in Buffalo's solutions include VPN connectivity for secure access to corporate resources, which enable the remote employee to handle information from clients or coworkers as if they were in the office. Connect the Buffalo AirStation Broadband router AP to a CATV or DSL modem in order to:

- Share broadband access
- Share files and printers
- Bridge between multiple networks and multiple computer platforms
- Provide easy and secure access to home or company networks from remote locations

1.5 System Requirements

Figure 1.4
SOHO/SMB
Networking

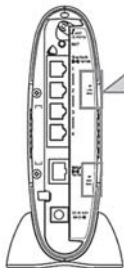


- Broadband (High-Speed) Internet connection or existing Local area connection
- Any Wi-Fi (wireless) compatible computer with a Web Browser Internet Explorer or Netscape 4.5 or later. (Safari 1.0 is supported with Macintosh OS X.2)

1.6 AirStation WBR2-G54 Package Contents

The AirStation WBR2-G54 package consists of the following items.

1. WBR2-G54 Base Station
2. AC adapter and power cable
3. CAT5 LAN cable
4. Utility CD with Manual
5. Quick Setup Guides
6. Warranty Statement



The LAN or Wired MAC address is the default ESS-ID (SSID) of the AirStation. The LAN MAC address is clearly labeled on the back of the AirStation.

1.7 Product Views

Power - Lit when the device is powered on.

Wireless - Lit when the wireless radio is on. Flashes when wireless traffic is present.

WAN - Lit when connection to Cable/DSL modem is present. Flashes when internet traffic is present.

Diag - Flashes red when performing diagnostic functions.

AOSS - Flashes when in AOSS mode.

Ethernet - 1, 2, 3, or 4 lit when ethernet clients are connected. Flashes when ethernet traffic is present.



1.8 About the AirStation CD

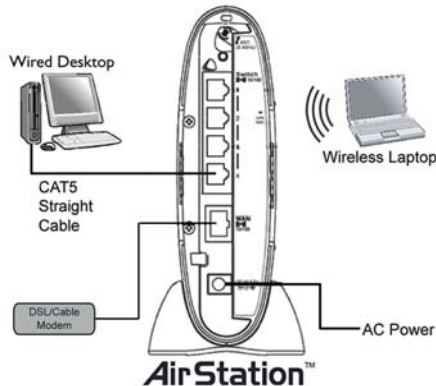
The AirStation does not require any software to be installed on your computer for configuration. The AirStation CD contains client drivers for Buffalo Wireless Adapters (i.e. Notebook Adapter and Desktop PCI Adapter) and the AirStation documentation.

Prior to copying or installing any software, please read the Software License Agreement "license.txt", located in the root folder of the CD. By installing, copying or using the AirStation software, you are consenting to the terms of this agreement. If you do not agree to all of the terms of the Software License Agreement, do not download, copy or install the AirStation software.

It is the policy of Buffalo Technology to improve products as new technology, components, software and firmware become available.

Please consult the AirStation wireless website (<http://www.buffalotech.com/wireless>) to download and install the latest firmware for your product.

Follow these simple steps to connect the AirStation to your Broadband Internet connection allowing you to combine and share wired and wireless computers and printers with the high-speed internet connection.



1. Power down the cable or DSL modem and the computer which will be used to configure the AirStation router.
2. Plug the cable or DSL's LAN Ethernet cable into the AirStation's WAN port. Initially, you may need to unplug this cable from your computer, hub or other router.
3. Plug the provided Ethernet cable into a LAN port on the AirStation and plug the other end into your computer Ethernet adapter's (NIC) port. If you plan to initially configure the AirStation via a wireless connection, (not recommended), you may skip this step.
4. Power on your cable or DSL modem, wait one full minute, Power on the AirStation router, wait another full minute and then power on the computer which will be used to configure the AirStation. If the red DIAG light on the AirStation is lit or flashing after several minutes of being powered on, please consult Buffalo Technical Support.

3.1 Introduction

Configuring the AirStation using a standard web browser requires basic wireless configuration knowledge. Setup includes manual wireless configuration and basic administrative management.

3.2 Setup Preparation

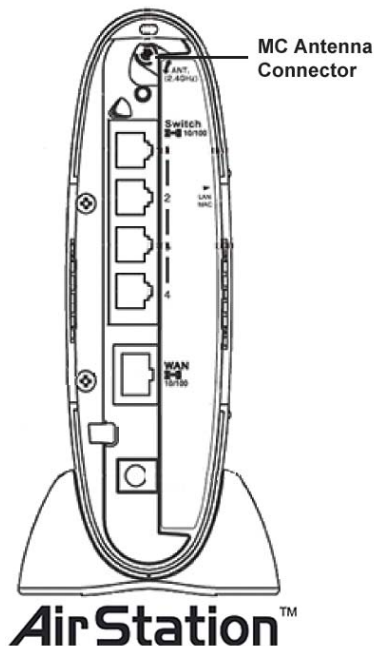
Make note of the AirStation's wired MAC address (found on the back of the WBR2-G54). It is also recommended you record any other broadband ISP information such as global IP address, subnet mask address, default gateway address, DNS server address and PPPoE parameters.

3.3 Setup Overview

Buffalo recommends using a wired connection, meaning your computer is physically connected to the AirStation with a CAT5 straight cable plugged into one of the four LAN ports. This type of setup will eliminate possible setup problems due to any issues with the wireless adapter on the computer being used to configure the AirStation.

A Web browser version 4.5 or later can be used to configure the AirStation.

Advanced settings for security, filtering and other features will be explained in later sections.



The WHR2-G54 has two internal antennas. One has a vertical orientation while the other has a horizontal orientation. This setup is ideal because it allows for proper antenna polarization with both desktop and notebook style wireless adapter antennas.

However, it may be necessary to increase your range further by installing an external, higher-gain antenna. External antennas come in all shapes and sizes. Antennas also come with different connectors. The WHR2-G54 has an '**MC Connector**' on it. Thus, the antenna must also have an MC connector.

To install the antenna, slide the antenna connector door on the back of the WHR2-G54 to the right. This will expose the MC Connector. Attaching the antenna is simple, just insert the antenna's MC Connector into the WHR2-G54's MC Connector and firmly push it in until it snaps into place. Once snapped, the antenna's connector will swivel with ease. It is important not to push the antenna connector in at an angle.

To remove the antenna, pull the antenna connector out. It is important not to pull the antenna connector out at an angle.

3.4 Open the Setup Screen

- Connect the WBR2-G54 according to the wiring instructions in Section 2.
- The WBR2-G54 has a default LAN IP address of 192.168.11.1 and Subnet Mask of 255.255.255.0.

Figure 3.4
Initial
Settings
Login



■ **Note:** The computer used to configure the AirStation should be set to obtain an IP address automatically using a DHCP server. The Quick Setup Guide enclosed with the product contains detailed instructions on how to configure your computer for initial configuration.

On the computer used to configure the AirStation, launch a Web Browser 4.5 or later.

- Enter **192.168.11.1** into the URL field.
- A window will open prompting you to enter a User ID and Password

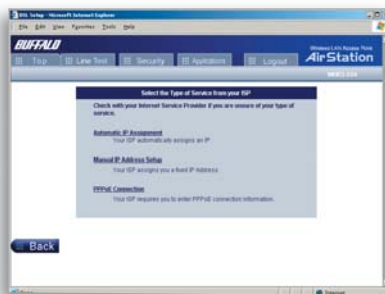
Enter “**root**” as the User ID and leave the password field **blank**.

■ **Note:** These are the factory default settings

Figure 3.5
Initial
Settings
Screen



Figure 3.5.1
Initial DSL
button
Screen



3.5 Enter ISP information

- Click the appropriate button to select the type of broadband access. (Users more experienced in networking may choose to select the Advanced button and skip to Section 4.)
- For supplementary tools, use the tabs along the top of the screen.

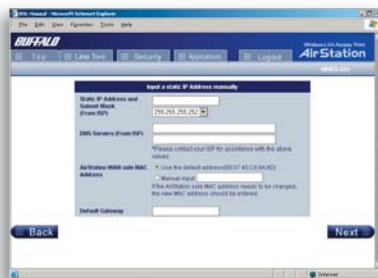
3.5.1 DSL Button

Select the appropriate connection method.

Automatic IP Assignment by ISP

- The DHCP server of the ISP assigns an IP address automatically.

Figure 3.5.1a
Manual DSL
IP Settings
Screen

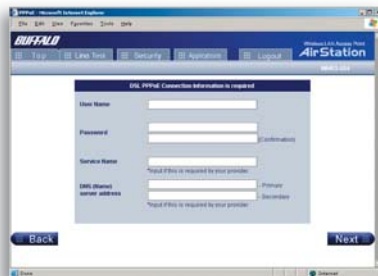


The screenshot shows the 'Manual DSL IP Settings' screen in the Buffalo AirStation web interface. The title bar indicates 'DSL Manual - Microsoft Internet Explorer'. The interface has a blue header with the Buffalo logo and 'AirStation' text. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Top', 'Link Test', 'Security', 'Applications', and 'Logout'. The main content area is titled 'Enter a static IP Address manually'. It contains several input fields: 'Static IP Address and Subnet Mask (From ISP)' with a dropdown menu showing '255.255.255.252'; 'DNS Servers (From ISP)' with two empty text boxes; 'Please contact your ISP for assistance with the above values.'; 'Use the default address (0.0.0.0 & 0.0.0.0)'; 'Manual Input' with a checkbox; 'Activation WAN side MAC Address' with a text box; and 'Default Gateway' with a text box. At the bottom are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons.

Enter IP address manually

- Enter the IP address given by the ISP.
- Use 'Enter IP address manually' if the ISP requires use of a static IP address.

Figure 3.5.1b
DSL PPPoE
Settings
Screen



The screenshot shows the 'DSL PPPoE Settings' screen in the Buffalo AirStation web interface. The title bar indicates 'DSL PPPoE - Microsoft Internet Explorer'. The interface has a blue header with the Buffalo logo and 'AirStation' text. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Top', 'Link Test', 'Security', 'Applications', and 'Logout'. The main content area is titled 'DSL PPPoE Connection Information is required'. It contains several input fields: 'User Name' with a text box; 'Password' with a text box and a '(confirm)' label; 'Service Name' with a text box and a note '*Input if this is required by your provider'; 'DSL (dialing) server address' with a text box and a note '*Input if this is required by your provider'; and 'Primary' and 'Secondary' checkboxes. At the bottom are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons.

PPPoE Connection

- Enter the PPPoE information provided by the ISP.

Figure 3.5.2
Initial CATV
Settings
Screen



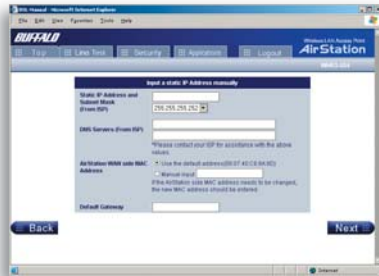
3.5.2 CATV (Cable) Button

Select the appropriate connection method.

Automatic IP Assignment by ISP

- Select 'Automatic IP Assignment by ISP' if your ISP's DHCP server assigns an IP address automatically.

Figure 3.5.2a
Manual IP
Address
Settings



Enter IP address manually

- Select 'Enter IP address manually' if the ISP requires use of a static IP address.

Figure 3.5.2b
Auto IP/
Manual DNS
Settings



The IP address is acquired automatically but DNS server address is entered manually

- Select 'IP address is acquired automatically but DNS server address is entered manually' if the ISP's DHCP server supplies an IP address but not DNS server addresses.

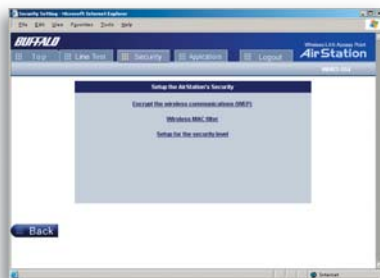
Figure 3.5.3
Line
Test Tab



3.5.3 Line Test Tab

Tests the connection to the Internet.

Figure 3.5.4
Security Tab



3.5.4 Security Tab

The Security Tab offers three Simple Security Settings. Follow the instructions in each screen to enter WEP keys, MAC Address Filtering and the degree of firewall security for the AirStation.

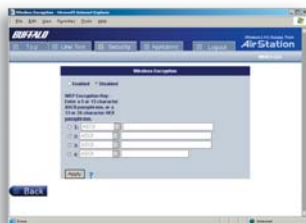


Figure 3.5.4a
Simple WEP Setup.

- Select the desired encryption and enter an appropriate WEP key to encrypt your network. See the section on Wireless LAN Security starting on **'Page 22'** for more information on encryption.



Figure 3.5.4b
Simple MAC Address Filter.

- Select **'Limit'** to use MAC filtering. See **'Page 30'** for more information on MAC Address Filtering.



Figure 3.5.4c
Simple Security Setup.

- See **'Page 49'** for more information on Intrusion Detector.

Figure 3.5.5
Application
Tab



3.5.5 Application Tab

The Application Tab offers setup for special applications such as games, MS NetMeeting and MSN Messenger. Follow the instructions in each screen.

Although your AirStation will function fine using only the settings from **Section 3**, you may wish to explore more advanced options. Chapter 4 explains each function in the Advanced settings area.

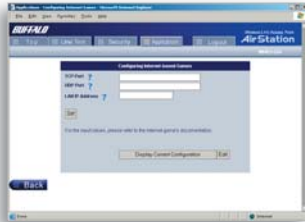


Figure 3.5.5a
Web Gaming Setup

-Enter the **ports**(refer to Game documentation) the game runs on, and enter the Local IP Address of the PC that plays the game.



Figure 3.5.4b
NetMeeting Setup

-Enter the **IP Address** of the PC that will use Netmeeting.



Figure 3.5.4c
MSN Messenger Setup

-Refer to the **on-screen help** for information about Messenger.

AOSS (AirStation One-Touch Secure System) is a simple, one-touch setup for connecting wireless clients to an access point while setting up the most secure possible connection. Users no longer need to worry about choosing the proper security protocols, IP addresses, or ESS-ID's. The intelligence of AOSS determines the most optimal connection and configures itself in seconds.

■ **NOTE:** AOSS automatically creates a secure connection between your AOSS Access Point and client. You must have a Buffalo AOSS enabled wireless client device to use the AOSS features of your AOSS Access Point/Router.

- ▶ Configure your WBR2-G54's internet connection by referring to the instructions in the WBR2-G54's Quick Setup Guide.
- ▶ Once the WBR2-G54 has been configured, follow the directions to install your wireless client device and its drivers if necessary. Certain wireless client adapters require client software to configure them. If your device has a Client Manager, then install it as well.

■ **NOTE:** If the wireless client adapter is installed on a PC, then the AOSS client manager will need to be installed as well. If your wireless client adapter is a standalone device that does not require a PC, then just power up the device.

Standalone Devices: Ethernet Converters and Access Point Bridges

Client Manager Devices: CardBus, USB, and PCI Adapters.

		
Standalone AOSS Device	Client Manager Device	Client Manager Software



► Now that the WBR2-G54 and wireless client adapter are installed, you can use AOSS to configure them.

► To begin the configuration, press the AOSS button on the back of the WBR2-G54 for 3-5 seconds. The AOSS light will begin to flash when the AOSS mode has been enabled. You can stop pressing the button at this point.

■ **NOTE:** AOSS mode will stay active for a period of two minutes. This is the time-slot required to initiate the wireless client adapter. The AOSS LED will stop flashing when AOSS mode has stopped or timed out.

► Refer to your wireless client adapter's AOSS supplement to initiate the wireless client adapter's AOSS mode.

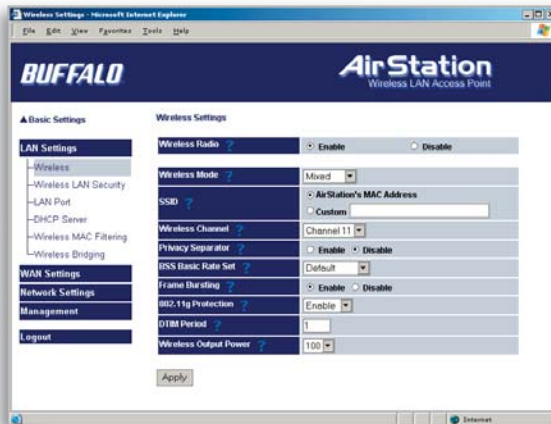
► It typically takes 10-15 seconds for the AOSS light to stop flashing after the AOSS button has been pressed on the wireless client adapter. Once configuration is complete, the AOSS light will remain steady. Please refer to your wireless client adapter's supplement for the remainder of the setup.

Additional AOSS Information:

- Only one AOSS wireless client adapter can be configured to the AOSS router at a time. Thus, the button will need to be repressed for each additional AOSS wireless client adapter that will be connected.
- It is not necessary to AOSS client devices that have already been configured via AOSS, unless significant changes have been made to the wireless network.
- Do not attempt to configure two separate AOSS networks at the same time, as it may cause undesired configurations.
- If an undesired client has connected via AOSS, it can be disconnected from within the WBR2-G54's advanced configuration menus.

Click the Top tab and click the Advanced button.

Figure 4.1.1
Wireless
Settings



4.1 LAN Settings

Set up LAN connections.

4.1.1 Wireless

Wireless Function - Enable or disable wireless LAN computer communication.

ESS-ID (SSID) - Allows administrator to alter the ESS-ID of the AirStation. To communicate with a specific AP only, the AP's ESS-ID must be entered in the client computer.

The client computer looks for

the specific AP (or ESS-ID) for wireless communication. Use up to 32 alphanumeric characters for the ESS-ID (case sensitive). By default the ESS-ID is the LAN Mac address of the AirStation.

■ **Note:** Roaming - When multiple AirStations have an identical ESS-ID, WEP key (if WEP is used), (and channel in WDS mode), client computers may Roam between the AirStations.

Wireless Channel - Select the channel used for wireless communication. There are 11 overlapping channels. Channels 1, 6 and 11 are non-overlapping.

If there are multiple APs in close proximity using the same channel, there may be interference. In this case, change to a non-overlapping channel.

Privacy Separator - Enable or disable communication between wireless clients. If you choose to use this feature, every wireless client that is associated to the AirStation will not be able to communicate with any other wireless clients.

■ **Note:** If this function is used, wired clients can still communicate with wireless clients.

BSS (Basic Service Set) Basic Rate Set - The transmission data rates offered by the AirStation. It is recommended to use the 'Default' selection to accommodate 802.11 and 802.11b rate sets. It is NOT recommended to use the 'All' selection, as some devices may not understand all of the rate sets offered by the AirStation.

Frame Bursting - This function increases 802.11b communication throughput by transferring packets more efficiently. The following conditions affect this function:

- The wireless LAN client adapter must support Frame Bursting (and it must be enabled). If the wireless LAN client adapter does not support Frame Bursting, or Frame Bursting is not enabled, then it will operate at non-Frame Bursting speeds.

It is recommended to leave Frame Bursting enabled as it can only help throughput, not hurt it.

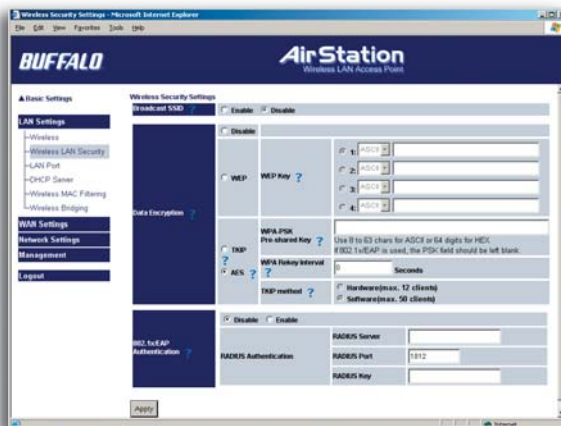
DTIM Period - An access point transmits beacon signals to nearby clients at a preset interval. This parameter sets the beacon transmission interval time (1-255 seconds). Selection of a larger number may conserve energy for the client computer (when client power management is enabled), but may delay wireless communication. The default value of 1 is recommended.

Wireless output power - Configure output power of the AirStation. Decrease wireless output power to shrink the wireless communication range. The default setting of 100% is recommended unless decreased range is desired

4.1.2 Wireless LAN Security

Broadcast SSID - Enable or Disable the SSID (ESS-ID) from being broadcasted. If denied, the AirStation will not be found unless the specific AirStation's SSID is entered in the client computer manually.

Figure
4.1.2
Wireless
Security
Settings



Data Encryption - Disable to have no encryption of the wireless data. This will make accessing the AirStation and the network very easy. It is important to note, that without encryption it is easy for strangers to connect to your network, especially if the AirStation is broadcasting its SSID.

Select the type of data encryption:

- Disabled - Disable data encryption.
 - WEP - Uses WEP encryption. Encryption key should be entered.
 - TKIP - Uses TKIP (Temporal Key Integrity Protocol) for data encryption.

The encryption key is renewed every “Re-key interval” when “TKIP” is selected.

WEP - When the WEP (Wired Equivalent Protection) encryption standard is implemented into a wireless network, a WEP key is used between the client and access point to successfully encrypt, transmit and decrypt data. For this reason, the same WEP key must be used for communication between the client and the AirStation.

An access point and client may both carry multiple WEP keys. It is necessary for not only the WEP keys to match, but also the WEP key's order. If a wireless client cannot support multiple WEP keys, the AirStations must be configured to transmit key number 1 for a connection to take place.

Examples of WEP key:

64-bit ASCII: 5 digits of alphanumeric characters, “ab34Y”

128-bit ASCII: 13 digits of alphanumeric characters, “123456abcdef7”

■ **Note:** ASCII WEP keys are case sensitive.

64-bit HEX: 10 digits, using characters 0-9 and a-f, “00234ABCDE”

128-bit HEX: 26 digits, using characters 0-9 and a-f, “20123456789abcdeabcdeabcde”

TKIP - TKIP (Temporal Key Integrity Protocol) is a WEP expanded encryption technique. TKIP has

greatly improved WEP's weaknesses by rotating secret keys between every packet. TKIP uses WPA-PSK (pre-Shared Key).

AES - (Advanced Encryption Standard) is a next generation encryption technique discussed by the IEEE 802.11i committee for WPA2.

TKIP improves WEP's weakness, however AES also changes encryption method away from the weaker RC4 style.

Throughput decreases 10 to 20 percent when TKIP software encoding is used. On the other hand, AES doesn't decrease performance at all because it uses a hardware co-processor.

TKIP Method - The TKIP method specifies whether TKIP is processed via a software algorithm or through a hardware accelerator. The hardware method has a limitation of 12 clients, the software client has a higher limitation of 50 clients. It is recommended to use the hardware method unless more than 50 clients will be using TKIP at any given time. The hardware method results in better wireless performance.

Characteristics:

- The Initialization Vector is expanded from 24-bits to 48-bits.
- The Initialization Vector is randomized.
- Uses a different RC4 key for every packet.

TKIP requires an 8 to 63 character passphrase in ASCII or 64 digits hexadecimal key.

Example 1: [airstation -WPA-PSK]

Example 2: [0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef]

WPA Group Rekey Interval - When TKIP is selected, the encryption key is renewed at this interval. This interval is in seconds; the range of acceptable values is 0-3600.

If 0 is entered, the key is never renewed.

■ **Note:** The lower the rekey interval, the more often a rekey occurs. Setting a low rekey interval may affect performance negatively.

IEEE802.1x/EAP authentication (WPA) - Configure Authentication and WPA Settings.

Do not authorize - Do not use any RADIUS Server based authentication.

Authorize - Authorized clients access this AirStation via RADIUS Server.

Use 802.1x/EAP to authorize every wireless client who wants to access the AirStation by using 802.1x/EAP and a RADIUS Server. The RADIUS server provides login information for every user establishing a more secure system than TKIP or other fixed encryption key methods. This also reduces the amount of necessary key maintenance.

A RADIUS server is necessary for IEEE802.1x/EAP authentication. Enter [RADIUS Server], {RADIUS Port] and [RADIUS Key] information.

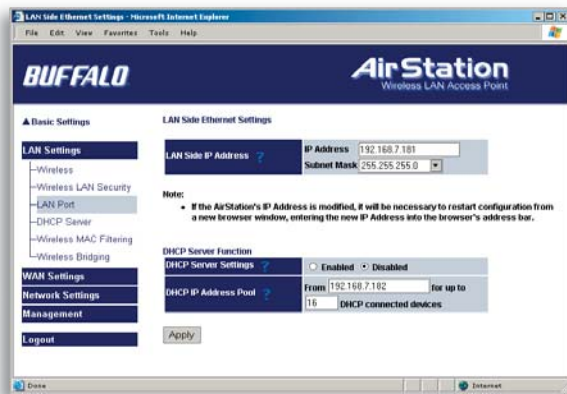
RADIUS authentication

RADIUS Server - Enter RADIUS server IP address.

RADIUS Port - Enter port number for authentication.

RADIUS Key - Encryption key between RADIUS Sever and the AirStation. Enter the same key as registered in the server. Use a 1 to 256 character alphanumeric code.

Figure
4.1.3
LAN Port
Settings



4.1.3 LAN Port

Set the LAN side Ethernet settings.

LAN Side IP address - Allows administrator to specify a static IP and Subnet Mask for the LAN side of the AirStation.

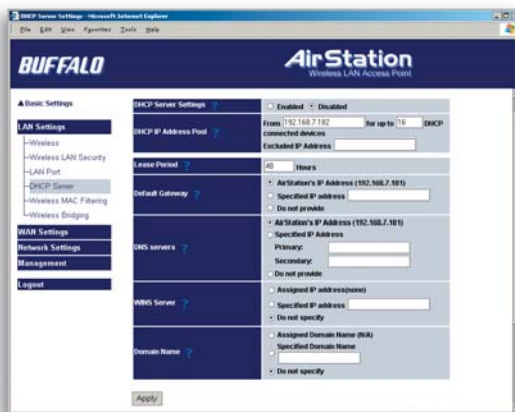
■ **Note:** If the AirStation's IP address is changed, the configuring computer's IP must be changed to the same range to continue configuration. If the LAN IP is changed, restart the AirStation. (Section 4.4.10). If

the IP address is changed, then the DHCP scope must be changed to match.

DHCP Server Function - Allows administrator to enable/disable the DHCP server function for the AirStation LAN side. Select **Use** to enable and **Do not use** to disable the function. Once **Use** is selected, the assigned IP address range can be specified. Enter the starting LAN IP address and total number of computers the DHCP server can accommodate.

■ **Note:** If there is another DHCP server on the network, one either must be disabled or the IP range must be changed to avoid conflicts derived from overlapping DHCP scopes.

Figure 4.1.4
DHCP Server
Settings



4.1.4 DHCP Server

Allows a more advanced configuration of the DHCP server functions.

DHCP Server Function - Allows administrator to enable/disable the DHCP server function for the AirStation LAN side. Select Use to enable or Do not use to disable this function. If the DHCP service is enabled, wireless and wired clients may receive IP addresses and other network information from the AirStation. If the DHCP

server is turned off, all client PC's must have unique, static IP addresses and valid network settings manually entered. Check with your LAN administrator for static IP information.

Assigned IP address (Range Assignment) - Sets the beginning address and range of addresses to be assigned by the AirStation's DHCP server function. Select up to 253 consecutive addresses (nodes). The IPs to be excluded from the range specification should be entered in the specified field.

Lease duration - Specifies the time in hours (1-999) an assigned IP address is valid. If the client computer does not request a renewal of IP address before the lease period expires, the AirStation can issue the IP to another client computer.

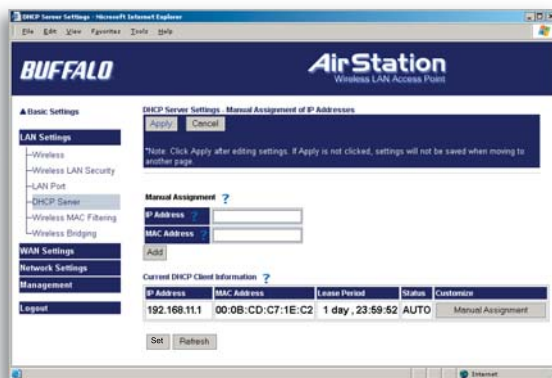
Default Gateway - Allows administrator to use the Default Gateway address (the AirStation's IP address), assign a specific Gateway address, or block clients from Gateway notification.

DNS server - Allows administrator to use the default DNS address (the AirStation's IP address), assign specific DNS addresses, or block clients from DNS address notification.

WINS server - Allows administrator to use a WINS address. Select auto assignment of the IP address, enter a specific WINS IP address, or block clients from the WINS address notification.

Domain name - Allows administrator to use an assigned domain name, assign a specific domain name, or block clients from domain name notification. Domain names will be sent to LAN computers when an IP address is assigned. Enter a maximum of 64 alphanumeric characters.

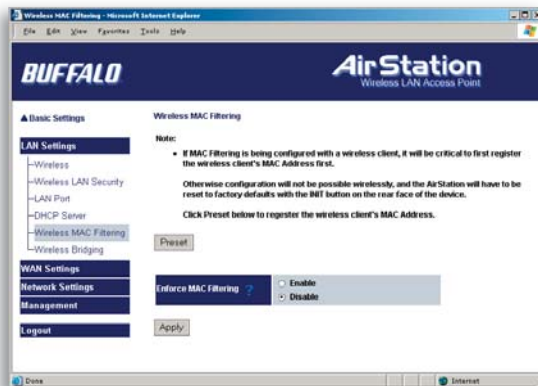
Figure 4.1.4b
Manual IP and MAC Address Assignment Settings



Manual IP and MAC Address Assignment - Allows administrator to add additional leased IP addresses tied to a specific MAC address. When a specific MAC address connects to the AP, the IP address specified will be given to that client.

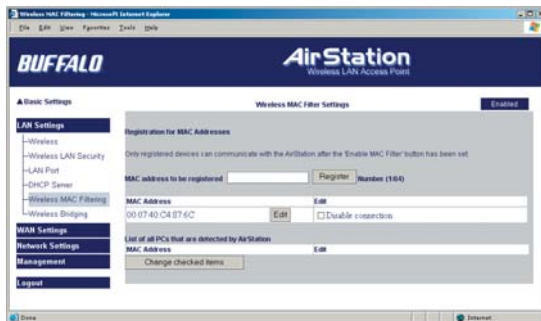
Display/Delete lease information - List of IP addresses, MAC addresses, lease periods and status is displayed.

Figure 4.1.5b
Wireless MAC
Filter



4.1.5 Wireless MAC Filter
Wireless PC's Connection -
Select **Limit** to restrict wireless connections to the registered adapters in the list. Select **Do not limit** to disable MAC address filtering.

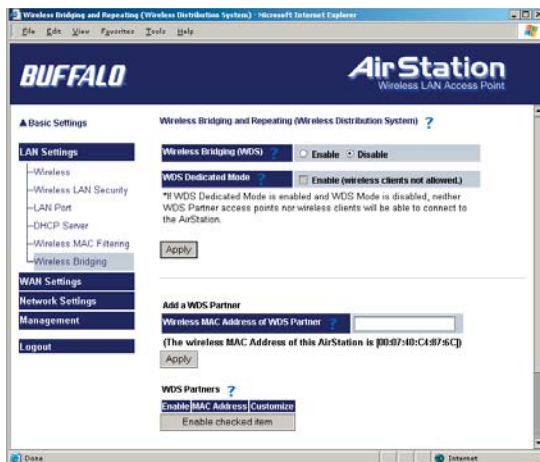
Figure 4.1.5b
Register for
Allowable PC's
MAC Address



Register for allowable PC's MAC address - MAC access restriction set up in LAN. Input the MAC addresses that are allowed to communicate with the AirStation.

MAC address list - Displays a table list of all MAC addresses allowed to communicate with the AirStation.

Figure 4.1.6
Wireless
Bridge (WDS)
Settings



4.1.6 Wireless Bridge (WDS)

The Wireless Distribution System supports peer-to-peer AP communication.

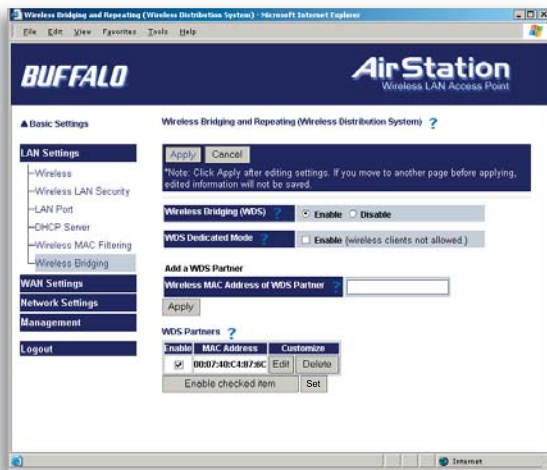
Wireless Bridge (WDS) Function - Select **Enable** to allow Bridge (WDS) mode between AirStations or **Disable** to block communication between AirStations.

Wireless Bridge (WDS) dedicated mode - Select **Enable** to restrict wireless computer communication with the AirStation. In dedicated mode wireless clients **CANNOT** connect to WDS AirStations.

■ **Note:** All AirStations must support WDS and be on the same channel. For roaming support, use the same SSID on all devices.

Add AirStation (wireless MAC Address): Allows administrator to input the wireless MAC address of AirStations for Bridge (WDS) communication. The wireless MAC address is found in the Man-

Figure 4.1.6b
Wireless
Bridge (WDS)
Settings



agement section => System Information, labeled wireless MAC address.

To enable WDS, set the Wireless Bridge (WDS) function to **Enable**.

Enter the Wireless MAC address of the AirStation to communicate with in the form of two characters separated by a colon and click **Add**.

MAC Address Ex:
00:00:00:00:00:00

Up to six AirStation MAC addresses may be registered.

Click **Apply** under Wireless Bridge (WDS) settings when the wireless Mac addresses AirStation are entered.

Repeat this process on every other AirStations used in Bridge (WDS) mode.

Figure
4.2.1 WAN
port Setup

WAN Network Settings - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

BUFFALO **AirStation**
Wireless LAN Access Point

▲ Basic Settings

LAN Settings
WAN Settings
 └ WAN Port
Network Settings
Management
Logout

WAN Network Settings

Host Name ?	
Default Gateway ?	192.168.7.1
DNS Server Address ?	Primary 12.127.16.67
	Secondary 12.127.17.71
Remote Management Port Number ?	
Block Ping from WAN ?	☐ Enable ☒ Disable

Apply

Done Internet

4.2 WAN Settings

4.2.1 WAN Port

Communication Method of Wired WAN - Select port speed and type of duplex connecting to the WAN port. If unknown, select Auto negotiation.

MAC Address of WAN - Set the AirStation MAC address to be used for WAN communication. Some ISP's may require you to set the MAC Address of WAN to be the same MAC address of your cable or DSL modem.

IP Address of WAN - Allows

administrator to select DHCP server, PPPoE, or manual setting for the WAN port of the AirStation.

Auto IP assignment from DHCP server - acquire the IP address automatically from the DHCP server.

Use PPPoE client - If selected, the information listed below must be entered.

Manual setting - Enter the appropriate IP address and subnet mask.

PPPoE Setting (for enabling PPPoE Client function) - Allows administrator to use PPPoE as specified by the ISP.

The following parameters should be entered for PPPoE Settings:

Name of Connection - Enter the name of your connection.

User Name - Enter the user name (up to 64 alphanumeric characters) for PPPoE authorization.

Password - Enter the password provided by your ISP (up to 64 alphanumeric characters). Reenter the password in the Confirmation box.

Service Name - Enter the PPPoE service name (up to 64 alphanumeric characters). If your ISP doesn't require a service name, then leave it blank.

Connection Type - Select from:

- Continuous Connection - connects immediately after setting and never disconnects.
- Connect on Demand - Reconnects when the disconnect time elapses.
- Manual - Disables Automatic Connection. Connects to the Internet using the connect button on the initial settings page.

The **Enter New Connection** button will not appear until Use **PPPoE Client** is set.

Disconnection Time - Specify the number of minutes (0-1440) before automatic disconnect is performed. If "0" is entered, the disconnect function is disabled. If **Continuous Connection** is selected, the timer is disabled.

Figure
4.2.1a
PPPoE
Settings
Screen

PPPoE setting - Microsoft Internet Explorer

PPPoE setting - Customize PPPoE connection

Name of connection ? No.1:

User name ?

Password ? (Confirmation)

Service name ?

Connection type ?

Disconnection time ? minutes
* If disconnection time is set to 0, the AirStation will maintain the connection indefinitely.

Authorization ?

MTU Size ? bytes

MRU Size ? bytes

Keep Alive ? ☒ Enable ☐ Disable

Activation ? ☒ Enable ☐ Disable

Apply

Authorization - Authorization method for accessing the ISP's PPPoE server. If unknown, select Auto authorization.

MTU (Maximum Transmit Unit) Size - Maximum Transmit Unit (578-1492) when using PPPoE.

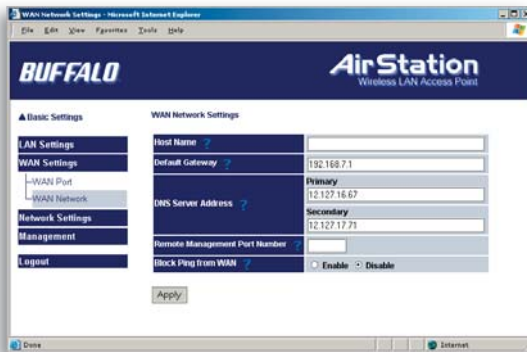
MRU (Maximum Receive Unit) Size - Maximum Receive Unit (578-1492) when using PPPoE.

Keep Alive - Enables the PPPoE client to send a Link Control Protocol (LCP) echo request to the PPPoE server

once per minute. If there is no reply within six minutes, the client disconnects. Set to **Disable** if frequent disconnection occurs.

Activation - Enable/disable registered connection settings. If disabled, the connection is not permitted.

Figure 4.2.2
Network of
WAN



4.2.2 Network of WAN

WAN side (Internet) parameters. These settings are generally not required if your ISP is providing DHCP services. In this case these fields can be left blank if desired.

Host Name - Enter the host name as desired.

Default Gateway - A default gateway IP should be assigned to the AirStation. If unknown, leave blank. If **Auto IP**

assignment from DHCP Server is selected in **Section 4.2.1**, a gateway IP is assigned automatically, provided the DHCP server is set to provide one.

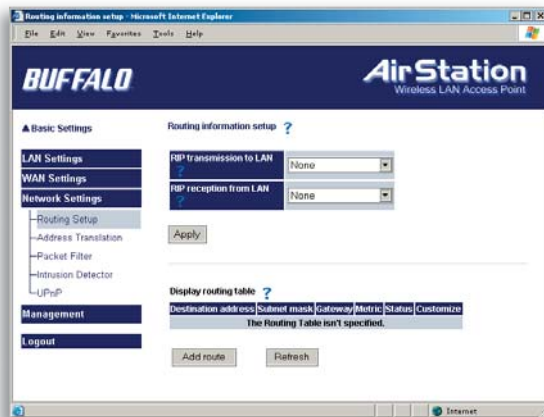
DNS Server Address - Enter the primary and secondary DNS address(es) of the server to be used by the AirStation for DNS resolution.

If DNS was set to **Do not use (Section 4.1.4)**, leave blank. If **Auto IP assignment from DHCP Server** was selected, DNS addresses are assigned automatically, provided the DHCP server is set to provide them.

Port Number for WEB Settings - Set a specific port number when remote setup of the AirStation is planned. Using port 80 allows the AirStation to be accessed from the internet by connecting to <http://xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx> (where xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx is your WAN IP address). You will need to configure the NAT (**Section 4.32**) to forward PORT 80 back to the AirStation.

PING from WAN - Allows a PING test from the WAN/Internet. Select **Do not respond** or **Respond**.

Figure
4.3.1
Routing
Setup



4.3 Network Setting

4.3.1 Routing Setup

RIP transmission to WAN

- Allows RIP transmission or None (no RIP) to WAN

RIP reception from WAN - Allows RIP reception or None (no RIP) from WAN

RIP transmission to LAN - Allows RIP transmission or None (no RIP) to LAN

RIP reception from LAN - Allows RIP reception or None (no RIP) from LAN

RIP transmission to WAN - Allows RIP transmission or None (no RIP) to WAN

Display current information - Allows administrator to view and delete routing information.

Click **Add Route** to Add a Routing Table Entry

- **Destination address** - Network IP address and subnet mask.

Figure 4.3.1b
Add Routing
Table Entry

Routing information setup - Microsoft Internet Explorer

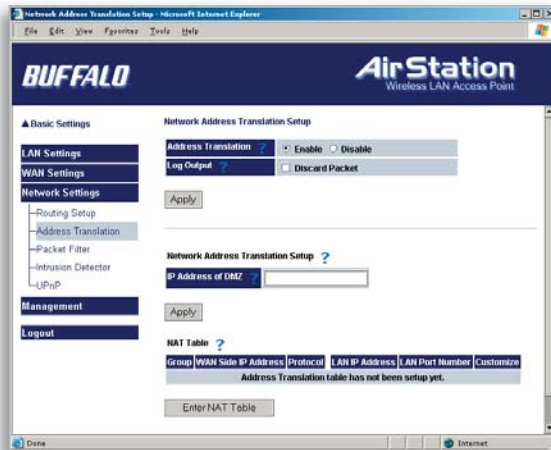
Add routing table entry ?

Destination address ?	IP address	
	Subnet mask	255.255.255.0
Gateway ?		
Metric ?	15	

Add route

- **Gateway** - Address through which the packet passes before it reaches the destination address.
- **Metric** - Number of routers (1-15) to be passed before the packet reaches its destination.

Figure 4.3.2
Address
Translation
Setup



4.3.2 Address Translation

Address Translation - Select **Use** or **Do not Use**. Address Translation must be enabled for client computers to connect to the Internet. Selecting **Use** enables the following functions:

- **IP Masquerade** - When the LAN computer connects to the WAN side, the IP address of LAN computer is dynamically translated to become the WAN IP address of the AirStation. Multiple LAN computers can share one WAN IP address to access the Internet.
- **Static IP address translation** -When the WAN requests connection to the LAN, the WAN IP address of the AirStation is translated into the IP address of the LAN computer.

Log Output - Set 'Log Output' to log discarded packets. Otherwise, a dropped packet is not logged.

IP address of DMZ - Allows administrator to set the DMZ (De-Militarized Zone) address. Incoming packets containing no recognizable destination port information will be redirected to the DMZ's IP address.

Figure 4.3.2b
Address Translation Setup

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Network Address Translation Setup - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The page content is "Network Address Translation Setup - Add NAT Table ?". It features several input fields and radio buttons for configuring a NAT rule. The "Group" field has a dropdown menu set to "New Group" and a "Name:" text box. The "WAN Side IP Address ?" section includes a dropdown menu set to "AirStation's IP address of WAN" and a "Manual Setting:" text box. The "Protocol (WAN) ?" section has four radio buttons: "All", "ICMP", "Manual", and "TCP/UDP", with "TCP/UDP" selected. To the right of these radio buttons are fields for "Protocol Number" and "Port ?". The "Port ?" field has a dropdown menu set to "TCP Port Manual Setup" and a "Port Number:" text box.

Display/Delete NAT Table

- Allows administrator to delete NAT tables.

Add NAT Table

Group - Specify a group (up to 16 characters) that the NAT rule belongs to. Groups are simply used to visually organize the NAT table for the administrator. It is recommended to name the group after the

protocol that is being setup (e.g. Group Name FTP when setting up address translation for FTP). Click **New Group** to create new group or select an existing group to add a NAT rule to it.

IP address of WAN - Select **AirStation's IP address of WAN** or **Manual setting**. For Manual setting, enter the IP address used by the WAN computer to connect to the local computer.

AirStation's IP address of WAN should be used unless you have multiple WAN side IP addresses.

Some network applications (online games or streaming software) require adding Address Translation tables; consult the software's documentation for port information).

Protocol (WAN):

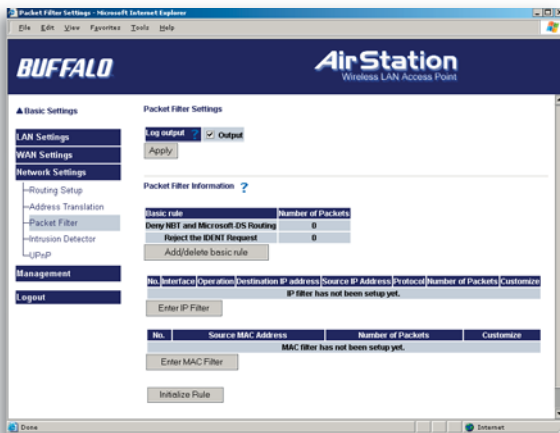
- **All** - Selects all IP protocols.
- **ICMP** - Network Diagnostic Protocol (1).
- **Manual** - Specify the protocol number (0-65535).
- **TCP/UDP** - Enter port number for TCP or UDP protocols. If both TCP and UDP are required, then separate entries are required.

IP address of LAN - Select **Manual** and enter the destination IP address of the LAN computer; or select **AirStation's IP address of LAN**. **AirStation's IP address of LAN** should be used when setting up the port for web setting (Section 4.2.2). For the web setting, forward a TCP port (typically port 80) from AirStation's IP address of WAN to the same TCP port for AirStation's IP address of LAN.

Protocol (LAN) - Enter destination port number. If left blank, the packets are transferred to the same port number as the source port number. Typically the destination port should be left the same as the source port.

- Click **Add to NAT table**. This will add the information to the NAT table. Once you have gone through this process for every desired translation, you will need to press the **Apply** button on the top of the screen to start the translating.

Figure
4.3.3
Packet
Filter
Setup



4.3.3 Packet Filter

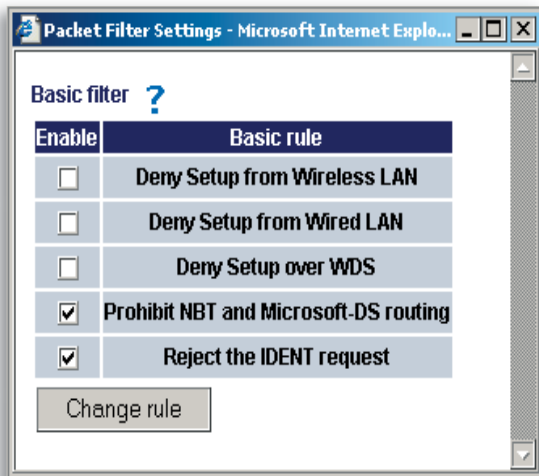
Log Output - Select **Output** to activate the packet filter log.

Packet Filter Information

Basic Rule - Click add/delete basic rules. Place a check mark next to the basic rule to enable:

- **Prohibit setup via wireless bridge access point** - Prohibits a personal computer connected to another AirStation in a wireless bridge.
- **Prohibit NBT and Microsoft-DS routing** - Prevent unexpected external access via Microsoft network sharing. This prohibits computers on the internet from accessing shared resources on Windows machines. It is recommended to leave this filter activated.
- **Reject the IDENT request** - The AirStation sends reject packets if it receives an IDENT request.

Figure
4.3.3a
Basic Filter
Setting



Use this filter when the communication speed goes down using a network application like E-mail, FTP and WEB.

* If IDENT requests are forwarded to a LAN side client by address translation setting (DMZ or TCP port :113), this basic rule is ignored.

IP Filter setting - Limits the type of packets allowed to pass between the WAN and LAN. The maximum number of rules is 32.

• **Operation** - Packets from WAN (or LAN), select **ignored**, **rejected**, or **accepted**. Select the operation to be performed on the packets.

Packets from:

- WAN side - packets coming from the WAN side will be filtered.

Figure
4.3.3b
IP Filter
setting

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Packet Filter Settings - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The page content is as follows:

- IP address filtering ?**
- Operation ?**: A dropdown menu showing "WAN (Internet)" and "are Ignored".
- Destination IP address ?**: An empty text input field.
- Source IP Address ?**: An empty text input field.
- Protocol ?**: A section with three radio buttons: "All", "ICMP", and "Manual". The "Manual" option is selected.
- Protocol number**: An empty text input field.
- Destination port ?**: A dropdown menu showing "TCP Port Manual Setting".
- Port Number:**: An empty text input field.
- Priority ?**: A dropdown menu showing "Insert at the bottom".
- Add rule**: A button at the bottom left.

- LAN side - packets from the LAN side will be filtered.
- Are :
- Ignored - Stop the packet and do not route it.
 - Rejected - Return the rejected packet to the point of origin.
 - Accepted - Pass the packet through.
 - **Destination IP Address** - The IP address to be filtered.

- **Source IP Address** - The IP address designated for filtering. If all IP addresses must be filtered, leave this box blank.

Warning: If administrator selects packet from LAN is **Ignored** or **Rejected**, the administrator will no longer have access to the AirStation configuration screens. This function prohibits setup from a wireless or wired computer. The AirStation can be returned to the factory default settings by holding down the INIT button on the back of the unit for five seconds or until the red DIAG light becomes solid.

Protocol - Mark and select a specific protocol. Select from **all** protocols, **ICMP**, arbitrary **protocol number** and **TCP/UDP** protocol number.

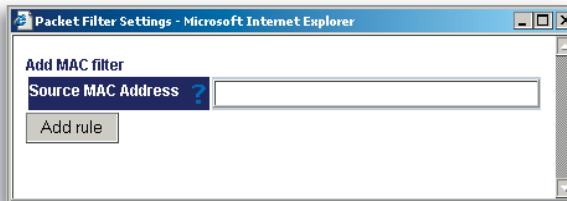
- **All** - Selects all IP protocols.
- **ICMP** - Network Diagnostic Protocol (1).
- **Manual** - Enter protocol number (0-65535).
- **TCP/UDP Destination Port** - Select TCP or UDP, then enter port number.

Priority - Specify the priority an item. The smaller the number, the higher the priority.

Figure

4.3.3c

Add MAC
Filter
setting



MAC Filter - Click Enter MAC filter to enter MAC address.

Source MAC address -The MAC address of the source of the packets that will be filtered may be set. Click Add rule when complete.

■ **Note:** If configuring from a wireless computer, add your MAC address to the list of authorized wireless LAN PCs. The MAC address must be in two-digit groups separated by colons.

Example: 00:40:26:00:11:22

Click **Apply** when settings are complete.

4.3.4 Intrusion Detector

The Intrusion Detector watch guards and prevents unauthorized access from the WAN (Internet)
This function also records information on unauthorized access attempts

Intrusion Detector - Select **Do not use**, **Use** or **Use (Apply Packet filter setting for Intrusion Detector setting)**.

IP Spoofing - Check **Block** to prevent IP spoofing.

Threshold Value - Enter the number (1-999) of suspect packets before the notification occurs.

Notify by email

- **Notification email address** - Enter destination email address
- **Sender email address** - Enter the email address that will send the email. This is the name that will appear as the sender when the email is read. This email can be made up (e.g. DETECTOR@AIRSTATION)

Figure
4.3.4
Intrusion
Detector
Setup

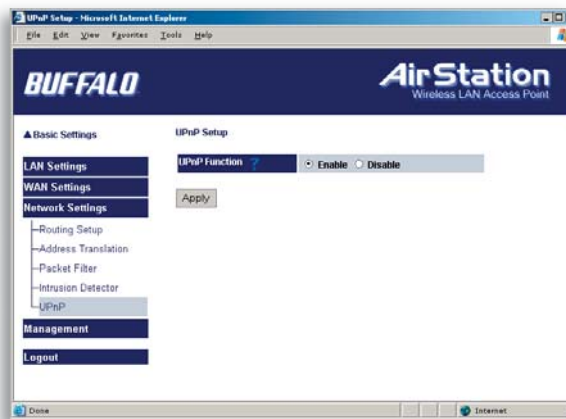
- **Sender email server address** - Enter the SMTP Server address.
- **Receiving email server authentication** - Enter the POP3 Server address, User name and Password. This is only required if your SMTP server requires POP verification before it allows email to be sent. Consult your ISP or mail server support for more information.
- **Send test** - Click **Send** to test notification; this will also save and commit the entries.

Pop-up notification - Pop-up window alert of unwanted activity. Client Manager must be installed and running on a client machine to use this feature.

- **Destination IP address** - Enter the IP address to be notified. The LAN computer with this IP address must have Buffalo's Client Manager software installed and running for the verification to occur. If the machine is off the verification will not be received, and the AirStation will NOT resend information.

Intrusion Detector information - displays log activity detected by the Intrusion Detector service.

Figure
4.3.5
UPnP
Setting



4.3.5 UPnP

Select **Use** to enable UPnP (Universal Plug and Play). When a computer with UPnP support connects to the AirStation, that computer automatically receives configuration information from the AirStation.

Figure
4.4.1
System
Information



4.4 Management (Network Diagnosis Settings)

4.4.1 System Information

System information of the AirStation is obtained here.

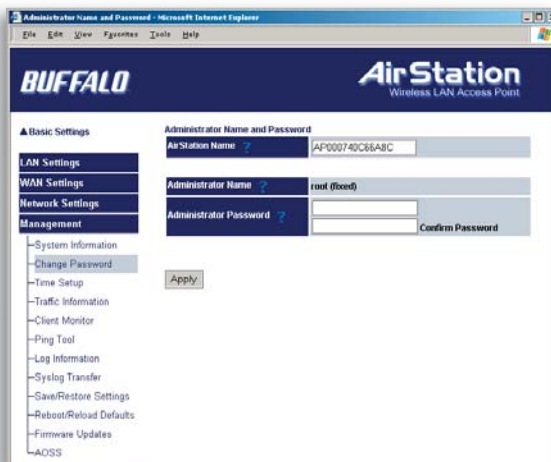
- **Model name** - Displays model and firmware version
- **AirStation Name** - Displays AirStation host name
- **DHCP Server function** - Displays On or Off
- **Wireless** - Displays the wireless LAN settings such as wireless MAC address and wireless firmware. The

wireless MAC address is required for setting up WDS with other access points. This is the best place to determine the wireless MAC address.

- **LAN** - Displays the AirStation LAN settings
- **WAN** - Displays the AirStation WAN settings

- **Default Gateway** - Displays the default gateway settings
- **WAN side IP address auto acquisition** - This is the method to acquire the IP address from the WAN (Internet) side DHCP server. Press Release to release current DHCP WAN information. Press Renew to obtain WAN information from the DHCP server. **NOTE:** If a manual IP is assigned to the WAN port, this feature is not displayed.

Figure
4.4.2
Name and
Password
Setup



4.4.2 Name and Password

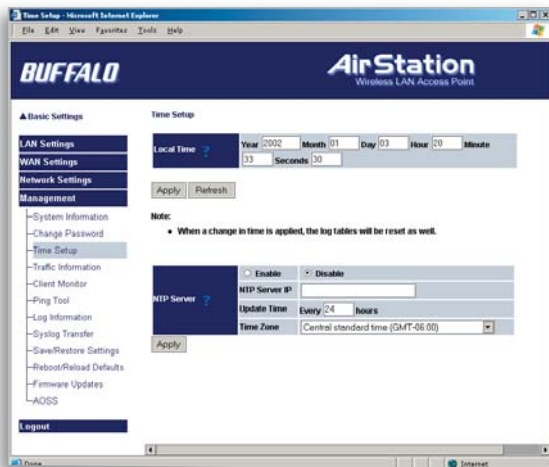
AirStation name - When using multiple AirStations, select a unique name to make it easier to identify each AirStation through the AirStation Manager utility. This utility is seldomly used, thus, the AirStation name value has little value.

Administrator name - “root”, cannot be changed

Administrator password - Allows the administrator to enter an administrator password to restrict access to the setting screens.

- **New Password** - Enter new password. Enter up to eight alphanumeric characters (case sensitive)
- **Confirm Password** - Reenter the new password for confirmation

Figure
4.4.3
Time Setup
Screen



4.4.3 Time setup

Time setup - Enter the current date and time, and click **Set**.

NTP - Network Time Protocol. Select **Use** or **Do not use**.

■ **Note:** If NTP is used, time is set automatically.

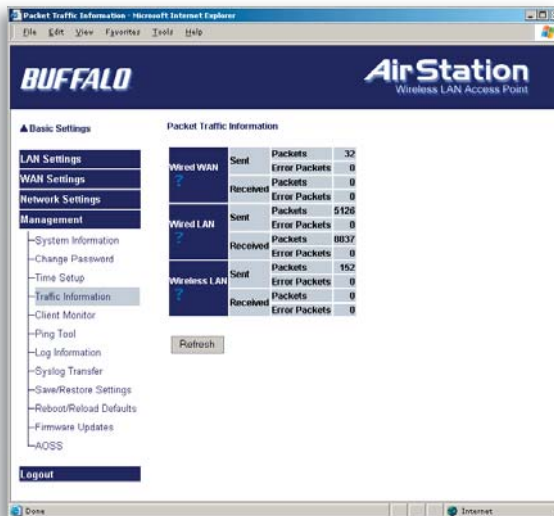
NTP server name - Enter the NTP server name

Check Interval - Enter the time interval (in hours) for the time check frequency

Time Zone - Select local time zone

Click **Set**.

Figure
4.4.4
Transfer Packet
Condition



4.4.4 Transfer Packet Condition

Displays number of packets sent and received for:

Wired WAN

Wired LAN

Wireless LAN

Click **Refresh** to start update the transfer packet log.

Figure
4.4.5
Client
Monitor
Screen



4.4.5 Client Monitor

Displays the wired and wireless clients (computers) that are accessing the AirStation.

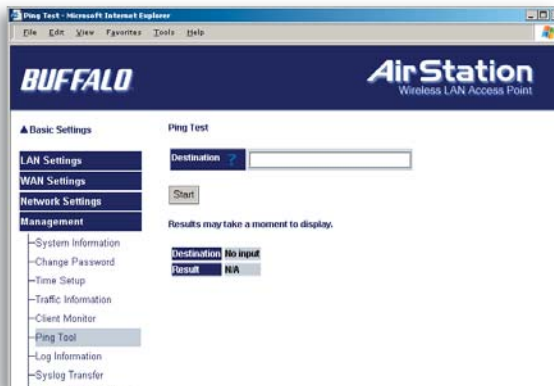
- **MAC address** - Shows the client's MAC address.
- **Leased IP address** - Shows the IP address that is assigned to the client from the DHCP server.

The network medium is indicated as wireless or wired

depending on how the client is accessing the AirStation.

■ **Note:** The Client Monitor only shows clients that have received an IP address from the AirStation's DHCP server. Clients that have static IP addresses will not appear in the Client Monitor.

Figure
4.4.6
PING Test



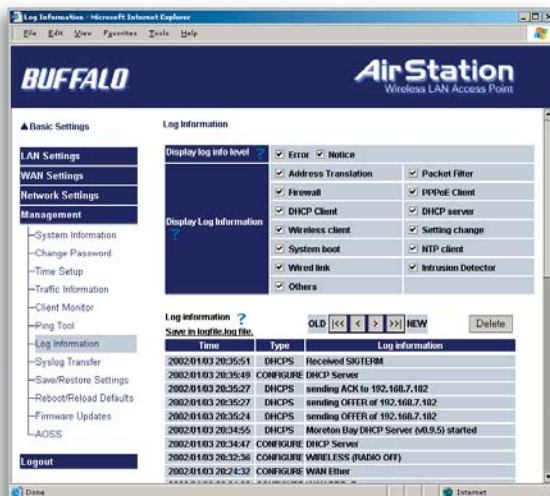
4.4.6 PING Test

Performs a PING test from the AirStation to a LAN or WAN address.

Enter the target IP address and click **OK** (e.g. **192.168.11.2** - OR- **www.buffalotech.com**)

If the test results in an error, then verify you correctly inputted the address and check your connections.

Figure
4.4.7
Log
Information
Screen



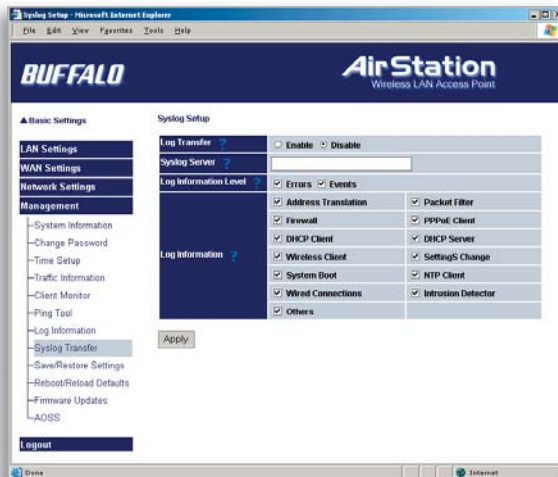
4.4.7 Log Information

Display log info level - Select **Error** and/or **Notify** to specify the types of reports to be logged by the AirStation.

Display log info - Select the specific reports to be logged.

Log information - Displays recorded logs.

Figure
4.4.8
Syslog
Transmitting
Screen



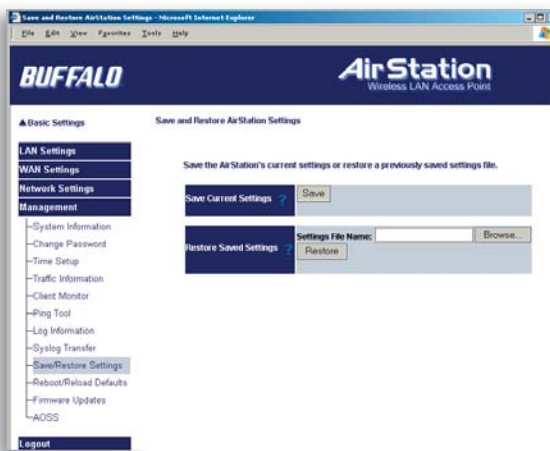
4.4.8 Syslog transmitting

Select **Use** or **Do not use** to enable or disable the AirStation's ability to transmit information to a Syslog server.

- **Syslog Server** - Enter the IP address of the Syslog server.
- **Log Information Level**
 - Select **Error** and/or **Notice** to specify the types of reports to be sent to the Syslog server.
- **Log Information** - Select the specific reports to be sent to the Syslog server.

■ **Note:** A server on the network running a Syslog service is required for this.

Figure
4.4.9
Save/
Restore
Settings
Screen



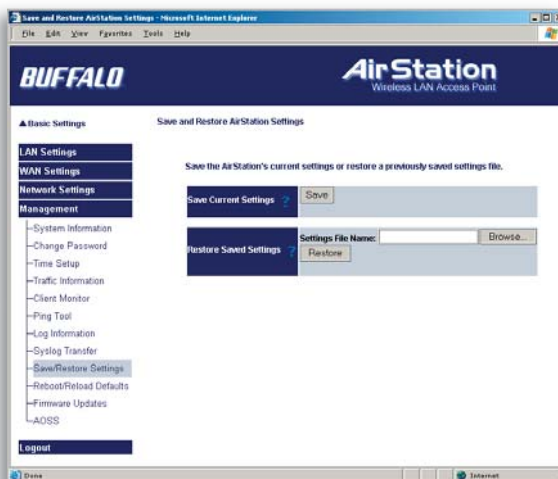
4.4.9 Save/Restore Settings

Save current settings - Click **Save** to open the file saving dialog and save the current AirStation settings to a file.

Restored saved settings - Restores settings from a file that has been saved. Click **Choose file** to select the saved file and click **Restore**.

■ **Note:** If the setting file is saved by a newer firmware than the current one, the AirStation can't restore the settings.

Figure
4.4.10
Initialization/
Reboot

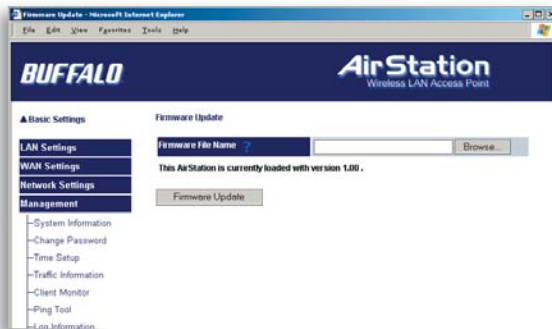


4.4.10 Initialization/ Reboot Click Restart to reboot AirStation

Click Restore to reset the AirStation to default factory settings.

■ **Note:** Resetting to default factory settings will erase all settings and passwords previously entered. The AirStation will return to the condition it was in when first purchased.

Figure
4.4.11
Firmware
Update



4.4.11 Firmware Update

Firmware file name - Click Browse to browse to the path and filename for the new firmware. Click Firmware Update to load firmware to the AirStation.

■ **Note:** Firmware update does not erase current user settings.

Please visit the Buffalo Technology Web Page to download the latest firmwares free of charge.

<http://www.buffalotech.com/wireless>

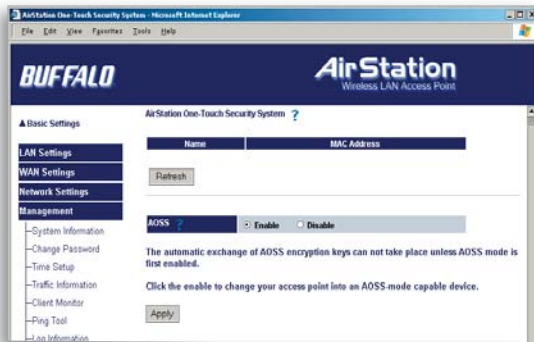
Additional Information

For more information, please consult:

- The AirStation website at:

<http://www.buffalotech.com> - for frequently asked questions (FAQ's) and Software Updates.

Figure
4.4.12
AOSS



4.4.12 AOSS

Status - Click refresh to refresh the status of the AirStation's AOSS sessions.

AOSS Function - Click Enable to allow the AirStation to use AOSS function. Click Disable to shut off the AOSS system. Clicking Disable will disable the AOSS button on the AirStation.

Launch AOSS - Click Launch AOSS to begin the AOSS sequence. This starts the AOSS process just like pressing the AOSS button.

Reset - Click Reset to release the AOSS information, including encryption keys.

WBR2-G54 BASE STATION SPECIFICATIONS

Physical Specifications

Dimensions W3 x H6.75 x D6.1in. (76 x 171 x 155mm)

Weight 1 lb. (620g)

Temperature & Humidity

Operation 0° to 40° C

Maximum humidity 80%

Transit/Storage 0° to 40° C maximum humidity 80% (no condensation)

Power Characteristics

Transmit Mode 1.1A (Nominal),

Power Supply 3.3 V

Regulatory Information

Wireless communication is often subject to local radio regulations. Although AirStation wireless networking products have been designed for operation in the license-free 2.4 GHz band, local radio regulations may impose limitations on the use of wireless communication equipment.

Networking Characteristics

Compatibility

- IEEE802.11g/b Standard for Wireless LANs
- Wi-Fi (Wireless Fidelity) certified by the Wi-Fi Alliance.

Host Operating System

Microsoft Windows® 98SE/ME/NT4.0/2000/XP, Unix, Linux and MacOS

Media Access Protocol

Wired - CSMD/CD (Collision Detection)

Wireless - CSMD/CA (Collision Avoidance) with Acknowledgment (ACK)

Radio Characteristics

RF Frequency Band 2.4 GHz (2400-2483 MHz)

11 selectable channels (3 non-overlapping)

Modulation Technique Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum

- ODFM for High Transmit Rate
- DQPSK for Standard Transmit Rate
- DBPSK for Low Transmit Rate

Spreading 11-chip Barker Sequence

Nominal Output Power 13.5 dBm

Transmit Rate / Range

High Speed 54 Mbps

Medium Speed 36 Mbps

Standard Speed 2 Mbps

Low Speed 1 Mbps

Open Office Environment

160 m (525 ft.)

270 m (885 ft.)

400 m (1300 ft.)

550 m (1750 ft.)

Semi-Open Office Environment

50 m (165 ft.)

70 m (230 ft.)

90 m (300 ft.)

115 m (375 ft.)

Closed Office

25 m (80 ft.)

35 m (115 ft.)

40 m (130 ft.)

50 m (165 ft.)

Receiver Sensitivity -83 dBm -87 dBm -91 dBm -94 dBm (depends on data rate)

Delay Spread (at FER of <1%) 65 ns 225 ns 400 ns 500 ns (depends on data rate)

- The range of wireless devices can be affected by metal surfaces, solid high-density materials and obstacles in the signal path.

Table “Radio Characteristics” lists the typical ranges when used indoors:

- In Open Office environments, clients can “see” each other, i.e. there are no physical obstructions between them.

- In Semi-open Office environments, work space is separated by room dividers; client cards are at desktop level.
- In Closed Office environments, workspace is separated by floor-to-ceiling brick walls.

■ **Note:** The range values listed in Table “Radio Characteristics” are typical distances as measured at Buffalo Technology AirStation laboratories. These values are provided for your guidance but may vary according to the actual radio conditions at the location where the AirStation product is installed.

AirStation IEEE 802.11 Channel Sets

The range of the wireless signal is related to the Transmit Rate of the wireless communication. Communications at a lower Transmit range may travel longer distances.

Center Channel ID FCC

1	2412	2	2417	3	2422	4	2427	5	2432	6	2437	7	2442	8	2447	9	2452	10	2457	11	2462
11	default channel																				

Common Problems:

- Out of range, client cannot connect to the AirStation.
- Configuration mismatch, client cannot connect to the AirStation.
- Absence or conflict with the Client Driver.
- Conflict of another device with the AirStation hardware.

B.1.1 LED Activity B

Monitoring LED activity helps identify problems.

- Power LED should be GREEN,
- Wireless LED should be GREEN if the line is active. If it is blinking GREEN, wireless communication is active.
- Ethernet LED should be GREEN (100Mbps) or AMBER (10Mbps) while the communication is active.

DIAG LED Activity

Unplug the power for three seconds. Plug the power back in to monitor the DIAG LEDs during start-up.

If any symptoms match section B.1.1, call the Buffalo Tech Support line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at **866-752-6210** or email **info@buffalotech.com**.

Table B.1.1 DIAG LED Activity Table

DIAG LED Display	Time	Description/Action
Continuous Red	Starting	RAM Error Red flash, 2 times Starting Flash ROM Error
Red flash, 3 times	Starting	A problem in the wired LAN side
Red flash, 4 times	Starting	A problem in the wireless LAN side

B. 1.2 LEDs Work But Client PC Cannot Connect to Network

If the LEDs indicate that the network is working properly (Power LED is on, Transmit/Receive LED blinks), check the TCP/IP settings of the network.

Changing Client TCP/IP Settings in Windows

Consult the LAN Administrator for TCP/IP settings.

To add or change the TCP/IP Settings:

1. On the Windows task bar click Start.
2. Select Settings, then Control Panel.
3. Double-click on the Network icon to view the Network Properties.
4. From the list of installed components, verify the TCP/IP => wireless LAN adapter protocol is installed.

- If the wireless adapter protocol is not yet installed, click the Add button and select the TCP/IP protocol from the list. Refer to Windows Help for more information.
- If the wireless adapter protocol is installed, select the protocol and click the Properties button. Verify the parameters match the settings provided by your LAN Administrator. Make changes if necessary, and click OK.

5. When or if prompted, restart your computer.

B. 1.3 Other Problems

Please refer to **www.buffalotech.com** for further reference materials.

10BaseT or 100BaseTx: 802.3 based Ethernet network that uses UTP (Unshielded twisted pair) cable and a star topology. 10 is 10 Mbps and 100 is 100 Mbps.

802.1x: The standard for wireless LAN authentication used between an AP and a client. 802.1x with EAP will initiate key handling.

Ad-Hoc Network: The wireless network based on a peer-to-peer communications session. Also referred to as AdHoc.

Bandwidth: The transmission capacity of a computer or a communication channel, stated in Megabits per second (Mbps).

BSS (Basic Service Set): An 802.11 networking framework that includes an Access Point.

Bus Mastering: A system in which the specified Input/Output device (e.g. NIC Card) can perform tasks without the intervention of the CPU.

Client: A PC or workstation on a network.

Cross-Over Wiring: A UTP cable that has its transmit and receive pair crossed to allow communications between two devices.

DCE (Data Communications Equipment): Hardware used for communication with a Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) device.

Default Gateway: The IP Address of either the nearest router or server for the LAN.

Default Parameter: Parameter set by the manufacturer.

Destination Address: The address portion of a packet that identifies the intended recipient station.

DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol): Based on BOOTP, it uses a pool of IP addresses, which it assigns to each device connected to it, and retrieves the address when the device becomes dormant for a period of time.

DNS (Domain Name System): System used to map readable machine names into IP addresses

Driver: Software that interfaces a computer with a specific hardware device.

DSSS (Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum): Method of spreading a wireless signal into wide frequency bandwidth.

DTE (Data Terminal Equipment): Device that con10BaseT or 100BaseTx: 802.3 based Ethernet network that uses UTP (Unshielded twisted pair) cable and a star topology. 10 is 10 Mbps and 100 is 100 Mbps.

Dynamic IP Address: An IP address that is automatically assigned to a client station in a TCP/IP network, typically by a DHCP server.

ESS (Extended Service Set): A set of two or more BSSs that form a single sub-network. ESS-ID is user identification used in the ESS LAN configuration.

Ethernet: The most widely used architecture for Local Area Networks (LANs). It is a shared-media network architecture. The IEEE 802.3 standard details its functionality.

Ethernet cable: A wire similar to telephone cable that carries signals between Ethernet devices.

File and Print Sharing: A Microsoft application that allows computers on a network to share files and printers.

Firmware: Programming inserted into programmable read-only memory, thus becoming a permanent part of a computing device.

Frame: A fixed block of data, transmitted as a single entity. Also referred to as packet.

Full-Duplex: To transmit on the same channel in both directions simultaneously.

Half-duplex: To transmit on the same channel in both directions, one direction at a time.

Hub: A device which allows connection of computers and other devices to form a LAN.

IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers): The professional organization which promotes development of electronics technology.

IP (Internet Protocol) Address: A unique 32-binary-digit number that identifies each sender or receiver of information sent in packets.

Infrastructure: A wireless network or other small network in which the wireless network devices are made a part of the network through the Access Point.

ISP (Internet Service Provider): A company that provides access to the Internet and other related services.

IV (Initialization Vector): The header section of an encrypted message packet.

LAN (Local Area Network): A group of computers and peripheral devices connected to share resources.

LED (Light Emitting Diode): The lights on a hardware device representing the activity through the ports.

MAC (Medium Access Control) Address: A unique number that distinguishes network cards.

Mbps (Mega Bits Per Second): A measurement of millions of bits per second.

MDI/X (Media Dependent Interface/Cross-over): Port on a network hub or switch that crosses the incoming transmit lines with the outgoing receive lines.

MHz (MegaHertz): One million cycles per second.

NAT (Network Address Translation): An internet standard that enables a LAN to use one set of IP addresses for internal traffic and a second set for external traffic.

NIC (Network Interface Card): An expansion card connected to a computer so the computer can be connected to a network.

Packet: A block of data that is transferred as a single unit, also called a frame or a block.

Packet Filtering: Discarding unwanted network traffic based on its originating address or its type.

PCI (Peripheral Component Interconnect): A bus that is connected directly to the CPU.

PCMCIA (Personal Computer Memory Card International Association) Card: Removable module that adds features to a portable computer.

Ping (Packet Internet Groper): An Internet utility used to determine whether a particular IP address is online.

Plug and Play: Hardware that, once installed (“plugged in”), can immediately be used (“played”), as opposed to hardware that requires manual configuration.

PoE (Power over Ethernet): A mechanism to send DC power to a device using a CAT5 Ethernet cable.

PPPoE (Point-to-Point Protocol over Ethernet): A specification for connecting users on an Ethernet line to the Internet through a common broadband medium.

Protocol: A standard way of exchanging infor-

mation between computers.

RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial In User Service): A server that issues authentication key to clients.

RAM (Random Access Memory): Non-permanent memory.

Repeater Hub: A device that collects, strengthens and transmits information to all connected devices, allowing the network to be extended to accommodate additional workstations.

RC4: The encryption algorithm that is used in WEP.

RJ-45 connector: An 8-pin connector used between a twisted pair cable and a data transmission device.

ROM (Read Only Memory): Permanent memory.

Router: Device that can connect individual LANs and remote sites to a server.

Roaming: The ability to use a wireless device while moving from one access point to another without losing the connection.

Script: A macro or batch file containing instructions and used by a computer to perform a task.

Server: Any computer that makes files or peripheral devices available to users of the network and has a resident Network OS.

SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol): The protocol used to define and deliver electronic mail (E-mail) from one location to another.

SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol): An application layer protocol that outlines the formal structure for communication among network devices.

Static IP Address: A permanent IP address is assigned to a node in a TCP/IP network. Also known as global IP.

STP (Shielded Twisted Pair): Twisted Pair cable wrapped in a metal sheath to provide extra protection from external interfering signals.

Subnet Mask: An eight-byte address divided into 4 parts separated by periods.

TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol): Protocol used by computers when communicating across the Internet or Intranet.

TKIP (Temporal Key Integrity Protocol): An encryption method replacing WEP. TKIP uses random IV and frequent key exchanges.

Topology: The shape of a LAN (Local Area Network) or other communications system.

Twisted Pair: Cable that comprises 2 or more pair of insulated wires twisted together.

UDP (User Datagram Protocol): A communication method (protocol) that offers a limited amount of service when messages are exchanged between computers in a network. UDP is used as an alternative to TCP/IP.

Uplink: Link to the next level up in a communication hierarchy.

UTP (Unshielded Twisted Pair) cable: Two or more unshielded wires twisted together to form a cable.

WAN (Wide Area Network): A networking system covering a wide geographical area.

WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy): An encryption method based on 64 or 128-bit algorithm.

Web Browser: A software program that allows viewing of web pages.

Wi-Fi (Wireless Fidelity): An organization that tests and assures interoperability among WLAN devices.

Wire Speed: The maximum speed at which a given packet can be transferred using Ethernet and Fast Ethernet standard specifications.

WLAN (Wireless LAN): A LAN topology using wireless devices.

VPN (Virtual Private Network): A security method to connect remote LAN users to a corporate LAN system.

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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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Safety

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EU Countries Not intended for use

None.

Potential restrictive use

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