

Ruckus Unleashed™ FAQ

Controller-less Access Point Solution for SMB

Q: What is Unleashed?

A: Unleashed is an Enterprise-class Controller-less Wireless LAN (WLAN) solution that is cost effective, simple to deploy and yet feature rich- an ideal solution for Small Medium Business (SMB) customers. It supports up to 25 Access Points (APs) and 512 client devices.

Q: What AP models does it support?

Unleashed supports R500 and R600 at GA (first release).

Q: Can Unleashed network consist mix AP models?

A: Yes, Unleashed network can consist all the supported AP models.

Q: Are there restrictions in terms of which AP can be the master in an Unleashed network?

A: No, there are absolutely no restrictions as to which AP should be the master. Any AP, irrespective of the supported model can become the Master AP in an Unleashed network.

Q: Can a Ruckus controller managed APs and Unleashed APs co-exist in the same VLAN/network?

A: Controller managed APs can co-exist with Unleashed network. Unleashed APs will not automatically join a controller such as ZD or SZ 100 and similarly, controller managed APs will not automatically join Unleashed network.

Q: Do I need AP capacity licenses?

A: No, Ruckus Unleashed does not need AP capacity licenses.

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Q: What are the SKUs for ordering Unleashed APs?

A:

SKU	Description	List Price
9U1-R500-WW00	ZoneFlex R500 dual-band 802.11abgn/ac Wireless Access Point, 2x2:2 streams, BeamFlex+, dual ports, 802.3af PoE support. Does not include power adapter or PoE injector. Includes Limited Lifetime Warranty.	\$645
9U1-R600-WW00	ZoneFlex R600 dual-band 802.11abgn/ac Wireless Access Point, 3x3:3 streams, BeamFlex+, dual ports, 802.3af PoE support. Does not include power adapter or PoE injector. Includes Limited Lifetime Warranty.	\$795

Note: It also supports other country codes. Simply replace 'WW' with one of the country codes. Country code Z2 supports Algeria, Israel, Morocco, Tunisia, Vietnam.

Q: Can the Unleashed network span across multiple subnets?

A: All Unleashed APs that need to be part of the same network needs to be in the same L2 domain/VLAN.

Q: Is L3 roaming supported?

A: L3 roaming is not supported at GA. However, L2 roaming is supported.

Q: Does it support tunneling traffic?

A: Tunneling traffic is not supported.

Q: Can Unleashed APs do mesh?

A: Unleashed will not support AP mesh at GA, but it is on the roadmap for near term delivery.

Q: Is it possible to convert regular R500/600 to Unleashed and vice versa?

A: It is possible to re-flash an existing R500/R600 AP but please note that once re-flashed, an end user will have to repurchase unleashed support. We recommend purchasing unleashed R500 and R600 rather than re-flashing. We will be creating documentation that details this process to be available at launch.

Q: Will Unleashed support additional AP models such as the R710?

A: Yes, we have roadmap to support additional 11ac APs to be part of Unleashed family.

Q: How do I manage Unleashed network?

A: Unleashed can be managed using a client device on the Unleashed network via a browser by going to '<https://unleashed.ruckuswireless.com>'.

UNLEASHED SUPPORT

Q: Should customer purchase Support contract for Unleashed?

A: Support contracts are recommended for customers to purchase, so they can obtain the following benefits:

1. 24*7 Technical Support
2. Software Support, including Software Updates and Upgrades

Although Support Entitlement is not enforced "on the box" at the time of product introduction the policies remain the same. That is, customers without support contracts are not entitled to the support deliverables listed above. However, we will continue to honor the Limited Life Time Warranty for Unleashed APs.



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Q: Will there be Advanced Hardware replacement support for the Unleashed APs?

A: No, there is no Advanced Hardware replacement support for Unleashed APs. However, Limited Life Time warranty is supported.

Q: What support packages are available for Ruckus Unleashed?

A: Ruckus makes support options simple and affordable for small businesses. Purchase one support contract per Unleashed network. Customers expanding more unleashed AP's (up to 25 APs) within the contract period do not need subsequent support contracts after initial support purchase. *Please refer to table 1.*

Q: Is there any performance degradation compared to standard R500, such as the number of simultaneous users or throughput?

A: There is no change in number of clients supported per AP between a standard AP and Unleashed AP. Similarly, Unleashed APs RF (Radio Frequency) performance remain the same between standard AP and Unleashed AP. As far as throughput processing capacity is concerned, all the member APs perform identical to standard AP. The Master AP may have some throughput processing penalty based on multiple factors such as number of clients on the network, client encryption method, type of features enabled, amount of roaming activities, packet size etc.

SCALE & PERFORMANCE

Q: How many WLANs it supports?

A: 16 WLANs are supported at GA per Unleashed network

Q: If customer's Unleashed network requirement grow beyond 25 APs and/or 512 concurrent clients what options do they have?

A: Customers can buy one of the Ruckus Controllers (vSZ, SZ-100, ZoneDirector series) and migrate the Unleashed APs over to the controller, so customers' investment with Ruckus is fully protected.

RESILIENCY

Q: Does it support redundancy?

A: Yes, Unleashed access points support dynamic "N" redundancy (N – Total APs deployed in the network). The network survives until the last AP.

Q: What do I need to do to deploy redundancy?

A: An Unleashed Master selects the Standby-Master automatically once its added to the network

Q: How does the Redundancy work?

A: If the Master AP fails, a Standby-Master automatically assumes the role of Master and elects a member AP to be the new Standby-Master.

Table 1

Unleashed Support SKU - New	1-Year SKU	1-Yr Price	3-year SKU	3-Yr Price	5-Year SKU	5-Yr Price
End User Support, Unleashed	806-RUNL-1U00	\$124.00	806-RUNL-3U00	\$248.00	806-RUNL-5U00	\$376.00
Unleashed Support SKU - Renewal	1-Year SKU	1-Yr Price	3-year SKU	3-Yr Price	5-Year SKU	5-Yr Price
End User Renewal, Unleashed	826-RUNL-1U00	\$124.00	806-RUNL-3U00	\$248.00	806-RUNL-5U00	\$376.00



Q: What happens if original Master comes back to network after reboot or crash?

A: Once Standby-Master becomes the Master then it will continue to stay as Master.

Q: Should admin do anything when failover happens?

A: No admin action is required for failover process

Q: How does resiliency work with static IP assignment?

A: The resiliency functionality does not change with static or DHCP IP assignment.

Q: Is configuration synced between Master and Standby-Master AP?

A: Yes, the configuration is synced between Master and Standby-Master AP.

Q: What about user accounts that are stored on Master AP at failover?

A: The user accounts are synced between Master and Standby-Master.

Q: Can a Unleashed R500 and R600 be paired to form redundancy?

A: Yes, mixed AP models can form redundancy.

SOFTWARE UPGRADE

Q: How do I upgrade software on my Unleashed network?

A: After login to the Master AP, click 'System&Admin->Administer->Upgrade>Upgrade'. Upon clicking the 'Upgrade' button the Master AP will initiate upgrade process by securely connecting to software upgrade server in the cloud.

Q: What happens if I do not have internet connectivity?

A: If Unleashed APs have no internet connectivity then there are two options available to upgrade

1. Manual offline upgrade option is available via CLI.
2. After factory-resetting the AP you can upgrade using web UI itself

Q: How do I know if APs are upgraded?

A: After the upgrade, the AP will reboot. After logging into the Master AP on the Dashboard, click 'Access Points->(choose the AP of your choice)-> Show System Overview Info'. This should show you the version number of the AP.

Q: Do I need to back up configurations prior to upgrade?

A: Backing up configuration is not required. However, it is a good practice to backup configuration prior to upgrade.

Q: What happens when a new AP running different Unleashed version wants to join an existing Unleashed network?

A: When a new AP joins the network, the master AP instructs the new member AP to download the software from the software upgrade server located in the cloud. The new AP then downloads and changes the code as per Master AP's instruction. After matching the same version as Master it can join the existing Unleashed network.