Quick start guide

PCI Express AC600 Wireless-AC Network Adapter - 802.11ac

PEX433WAC11

Packaging contents
- 1 x PCI Express® AC600 Wireless-AC network adapter
- 1 x driver CD
- 1 x mounting bracket
- 1 x quick start guide

System requirements
- Available PCI Express slot
- A computer running any of the following:
  - Windows® 7 (32-bit and 64-bit)
  - Windows 8 (32-bit and 64-bit)
  - Windows 8.1 (32-bit and 64-bit)
  - Windows 10 (64-bit)
  - Windows Server® 2008 R2
  - Windows Server 2012

Operating system requirements are subject to change. For the latest requirements, please visit www.startech.com/PEX433WAC11.

Product diagram

Install the hardware

Warning! PCI Express cards should be handled carefully, especially when they’re transported. If you’re not careful with your cards, you may lose data as a result. Always handle cards with caution. Make sure that you’re properly grounded by wearing an anti-static strap when you install any computer component. If an anti-static strap isn’t available, touch a large grounded metal surface for several seconds to discharge any built-up static electricity.

1. Turn off your computer and any devices or peripherals that are connected to it (for example, printers, external hard drives, and so on).
2. Unplug the power cable from the back of your computer.
3. Disconnect any peripheral devices that are connected to your computer.
4. Remove the cover from your computer case. Consult the documentation that came with your computer for details about how to do this safely.
5. Locate an open PCI Express slot and remove the corresponding metal cover plate from the back of your computer case. Consult the documentation that came with your computer for details about how to do this safely. This card works in PCI Express slots of additional lanes (x4, x8, or x16 slots).
6. Gently insert the card into the open PCI Express slot and fasten the bracket to the back of the case.

Note: If you install the card into a small form factor or a low-profile desktop system, it may be necessary to replace the preinstalled standard-profile bracket with the included low-profile (half-height) installation bracket.

7. Place the cover back onto your computer case.
8. Attach antennas directly to the connectors on the card.
9. Reconnect the power cable to the back of your computer.
10. Reconnect all of the peripheral devices that you disconnected in step 3.
11. Turn on your computer.

Install the software

To install the software on a computer running a version of Windows 7 or Windows 8, complete the following:

1. Insert the provided CD into the DVD/CD-ROM drive on your computer.
2. If the Found New Hardware dialog box appears on your screen, close the dialog box or click Cancel.
3. Do one of the following:
   - On the Adapter PCI-E Card menu screen, click Driver Installation.
   - If the menu screen doesn’t appear, navigate to the CD/DVD drive and double-click the autorun.exe file.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

Note: You may be prompted to restart your computer when the installation is complete.
Verify the software installation

To verify that the software was installed correctly on a computer running a version of Windows, complete the following:

1. Depending on the version of software that you're running, do one of the following to open the Device Manager:
   - Click Start > Control Panel > System and Security > Device Manager.
   - Click the Start icon in the taskbar and type device manager in the Search field. In the search results, click Device Manager.
   You may be asked for an admin password or to confirm your choice.

2. Expand Network adapters.

3. Right-click Realtek 8812AE Wireless LAN 802.11ac PCI-E NIC and click Properties.

4. On the General tab, review the Device status and make sure that the device is working properly.

About the LED indicator

The PEX433WAC11 includes a green activity LED located next to the antenna connectors. The LED blinks when there is activity on a 2.4 or 5 GHz connection.

FCC Compliance Statement

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- 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

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

IC Radiation Exposure Statement

This equipment complies with IC RSS-102 radiation exposure limit set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 0.5cm between the radiator and your body.

Industry Canada Statement

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003. Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

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2. This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

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Connect to a Wi-Fi network

Connecting to a wireless network is done through either the Windows wireless configuration utilities or through the Realtek utility. To connect to a wireless network, you need to know the name of the wireless network (SSID), the type of security it's using (if any), and the associated password. For more information, consult the documentation for your wireless access point (AP) or contact your network administrator.

1. To display a list of the available networks, depending on the version of Windows OS that you're running, do one of the following:
   - Navigate to the Network Settings screen.
   - In the system tray, click the network adapter icon.

2. Click Connect next to the SSID for the Wi-Fi network that you want to connect to.

3. If necessary, enter the password for the network.