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70-20688-01	Spectrum24 AP-4111 DS Access Point Product Reference Guide
70-20709-01	Spectrum24 Plus Pack User Guide
70-20136-01	Mountable F-Plane Antenna (ML-2499-DSA1-00)

Conventions

Keystrokes are indicated as follows:

ENTER	identifies a key.
FUNC, CTRL, C	identifies a key sequence. Press and release each key in turn.
Press A+B	press the indicated keys simultaneously.
Hold A+B	press and hold the indicated keys while performing or waiting for another function. Used in combination with another keystroke.

Typeface conventions used include:

<angles>	indicates mandatory parameters in a given syntax.
[brackets]	for command line, indicates available parameters; in configuration files brackets act as separators for options.
GUI Screen text	indicates the control name in a GUI-based application.
<i>Italics</i>	indicates the first use of a term, book title, or menu.
'single quotes'	indicates the exact setting for a parameter.

Screen	indicates monitor screen dialog. Also indicates user input. A screen is the hardware device on which data appears. A display is data arranged on a screen.
Terminal	indicates text shown on a terminal screen.
URL	indicates Uniform Resource Locator. Click the URL to launch browser.

This document uses the following icons for certain conditions or types of information:



Indicates tips or special requirements.



Indicates conditions that can cause equipment damage or data loss.



Indicates a potentially dangerous condition or procedure that only Symbol-trained personnel should attempt to correct or perform.

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The LA-4111 PC Card and the LA-4113 PCI adapter are Spectrum24 direct-sequence (DS) products. Spectrum24 DS is a spread spectrum network operating between 2.4 and 2.5 GHz. Spread spectrum communication provides a high-capacity network within large or small environments. Spectrum24 DS products provide a high-capacity network using multiple access points within large or small environments.

- Spectrum24 bridging architecture allows communication between wired network devices and mobile devices.
- Spectrum24 supports the IEEE 802.11 specification. This open architecture allows Spectrum24 devices to communicate with wireless devices from other manufacturers.
- Spectrum24 allows mobile devices to roam throughout large facilities while remaining connected to the LAN.
- Spectrum24 allows protocol firmware upgrades while devices remain operational.
- Spectrum24 antenna diversity feature alternates between antennas with the best reception, increasing overall performance.

About the Spectrum24 Wireless LAN Adapter

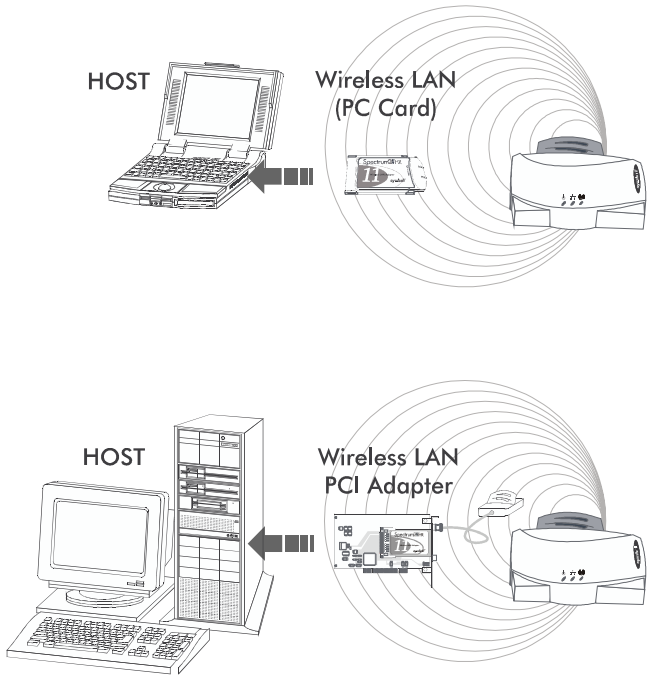
The Spectrum24 *Wireless LAN (WLAN)* adapter allows PC Card or PCI adapter slot-equipped host systems to configure, connect to and establish a Spectrum24 network. The PCI version of the WLAN adapter implements the Plug and Play standard.

Features Include:

- Low-power operation for battery-powered devices with PC Card slots.
- Standard *NDIS (Network Driver Interface Specification)*.
- Windows 95, 98, NT 4.0, 2000 and CE driver support.
- Card and Socket Services support.
- Plug and Play support.
- Power management [*Continuously Aware Mode (CAM)* and *Power Save Polling (PSP)*]

2.1 MU Mode

In the *Mobile Unit (MU)* mode, the WLAN adapter connects to an access point (AP) or another WLAN installed system. MU mode allows the device to roam freely between AP cells in the network. MUs appear as network nodes to other devices.



2.2 11 Mbps Operation

The Spectrum24 Wireless LAN adapter supports an 11 Mbps data rate. The adapter can default to a 5.5, 2 or 1 Mbps data rate when unable to establish an 11 Mbps association.

The following factors can dynamically alter the data rate:

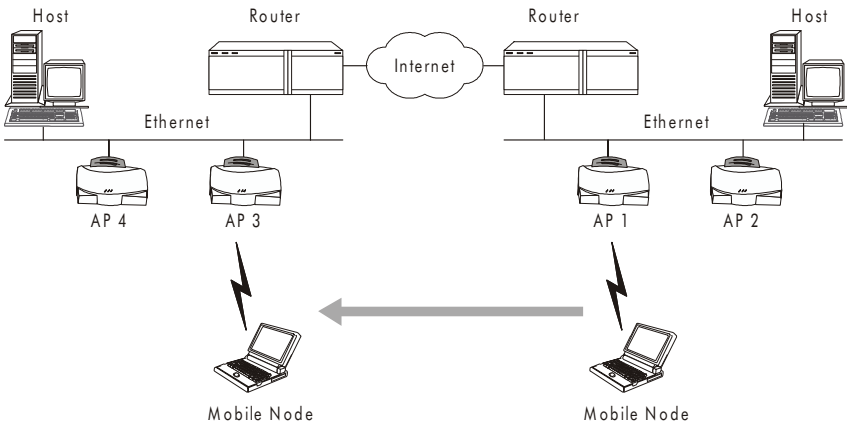
- signal strength between the AP and the MU
- the ratio of good transmitted packets to attempted
- transmitted packets fall below a threshold
- the MU finds a higher transmit rate with another AP or it encounters an unspecified data rate.

2.3 Mobile IP

The Spectrum24 Wireless LAN adapter supports Mobile IP (roaming across routers) when properly configured to support Mobile IP. The Mobile IP feature allows Spectrum24 Wireless LAN devices to roam across routers.

The MU retains its IP address when configured for Mobile IP and can:

- move from one IP subnet to another
- move from an Ethernet segment to a wireless LAN
- move from one Ethernet segment to another.



2.4 Power Management

The WLAN adapter supports the Continuously Aware (CAM) and Power Save Polling (PSP) power-management modes. CAM requires the radio to remain on. Symbol does not recommend CAM for battery powered devices.



The PCI version of the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter functions in CAM only.

PSP mode allows the MU to conserve power by suspending communication while still associated with an AP. The AP saves data for transmission to the MU when it wakes at given intervals. When the adapter wakes to check for data, it switches back into CAM until it is ready suspend communications again.

The PSP performance index, which varies from 1 to 5, allows users to specify how often the MU wakes up to check for data. PSP performance index 1 provides the quickest response time (shortest sleep interval), while PSP performance index 5 provides efficient power consumption (longest sleep interval).



Use the Symbol Network Control Panel Applet (NCPA) or the Symbol Network Interface Card Task Tray (NICTT) utility to manually set the PSP performance index.

2.5 Card and Socket Services

The Spectrum24 WLAN adapter supports Card and Socket services. Card and Socket Service software packages work with the host computer operating system enabling the Wireless LAN adapter to interface with host computer configuration and power management functions. Card and Socket Service software packages include SystemSoft and Phoenix.

2.6 Plug and Play

The PCI version of the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter supports Plug and Play systems. This allows a computer to recognize the PCI adapter, and configure the hardware interrupt, memory and device recognition addresses. This feature requires less user interaction and minimizes hardware conflicts.

2.7 Spectrum24 Adapter LED Descriptions

The WLAN adapter LED illuminates during connection or data transfer to indicate the functional status of the adapter.

Status	Function
Off	WLAN adapter radio is disabled or incapable of transmission
Slow Yellow Flash	Adapter associated with an access point
Rapid Yellow Flash	Indicates data traffic between adapter and access point. The faster the flash, the more data traffic on the network.

Chapter 3 **Hardware Installation**

Physical installation for the PC Card and PCI adapter differ for each system. Refer to the system manufacturer documentation for specific information.

3.1 Preparation

Before beginning the installation, verify the hardware package contains:

- Spectrum24 Wireless LAN adapter
- installation CD and utilities.



Verify the model indicated on the card and packaging before use. Contact the Symbol Support Center if an item is missing or not functioning.

3.2 Installing the PC Card

The Spectrum24 WLAN adapter requires:

- a computer with a Type II PC Card slot
- a CDROM drive
- an available interrupt (IRQ)
- an available I/O port address
- Spectrum24 driver installation CDROM



Installation and removal methods vary for different host devices. Refer to system documentation for information.



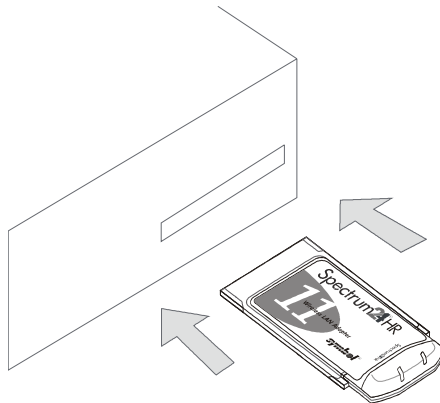
Avoid WLAN adapter contact with liquids or abrasive materials.

To install the PC Card:

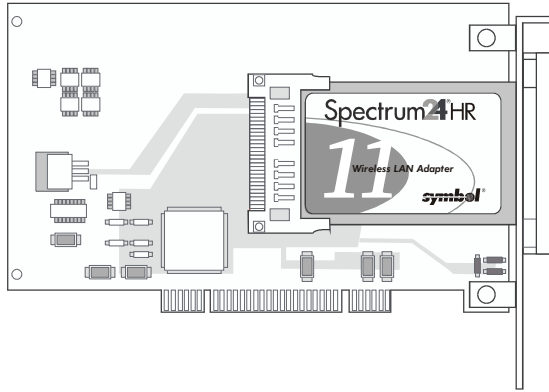
1. Insert the PC Card into the PC slot. Arrows on the front of the PC Card indicate the insertion point to the slot.
2. Slide in the PC Card until it firmly seats.



Align the card properly when inserting. Insert the card firmly without forcing. Forcing the card into the slot can damage the device or the card.



3.3 Installing the PCI Adapter



Caution

Use proper grounding for the environment when handling computer components.



Note

Using PC 98 compliant system hardware increases the performance of the PCI adapter.

1. Power off the computer before installing the adapter.
If the system has a PCMCIA adapter installed, the PCI adapter can function as a second controller.
2. Remove the computer cover.
3. Locate an available PCI slot in the computer.
4. Remove the retaining screw and bracket for the slot.
5. Align the adapter with the slot and insert firmly.
Verify the adapter seats in the slot evenly.

6. Verify that the antenna connectors in the back of the PC are exposed.
7. Secure the adapter to the chassis with a retaining screw.
8. Replace the computer cover.

3.3.1 External Antenna Connection

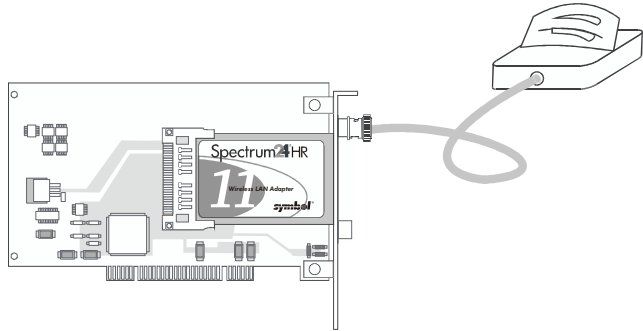
The PCI adapter includes a desktop dual-dipole antenna.



Note

Install the antenna parallel to the ground for optimal performance.

Attach the antenna to the antenna connector as shown:



Note

The Mountable F-Plane Antenna (ML-2499-HPA-00) can also be used with the LA-4113 PCI adapter.

The Spectrum24 Wireless LAN adapter hardware installation is complete.

Installing and Configuring the Windows 95/98 Driver

4.1 Installing the Spectrum24 Driver in Windows 95

The Spectrum24 Windows driver ships with the Symbol Network Control Panel Applet (NCPA) utility on a CDROM. Use NCPA to view and edit Spectrum24 WLAN adapter settings.



Symbol recommends updating the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter to the latest firmware. After the driver and Plus Pack have been installed, use the NICUpdate utility to update the firmware in Windows 95. Refer to the documentation shipped with the Spectrum24 Plus Pack utility suite for instructions on using NICUpdate. To download the latest firmware, go to (www.symbol.com) and search for firmware and software downloads.

Before installing the Spectrum24 Windows driver:

- update the system BIOS
- obtain Windows 95 installation media
- verify the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter is installed
- obtain the Spectrum24 driver installation CDROM.



If Windows 95 does not recognize the Spectrum24 PCI adapter, locate and launch the `ricohinf.exe` file from the Win9x directory to enable the Windows operating system to recognize the adapter.

To install the Spectrum24 driver for the first time in Windows 95:

1. Install the Symbol Spectrum24 WLAN adapter as described in Chapter 3.
2. Power up the system.
3. Insert the Spectrum24 Windows driver installation CD.
4. When Windows 95 recognizes the adapter, an **Update Device Driver Wizard** dialog box appears requesting a driver to install. Click **Next**.
5. Click **Finish** when Windows displays the following message:
Windows found the following updated driver for this device: Symbol Spectrum24 PC Card/PCI Adapter.
Complete the installation instructions displayed by Windows 95.
6. Enter the network ESSID in the Symbol **Easy Setup** window. Click **OK**.
7. Click **Finish**.
8. When prompted, restart the computer.
9. Proceed to 4.3 *Spectrum24 Adapter Configuration for Windows 95/98* on page 21.

4.2 Installing the Spectrum24 Driver in Windows 98

The Spectrum24 Windows driver ships with the Symbol Network Control Panel Applet (NCPA) utility on a CDROM. Use NCPA to view and edit Spectrum24 WLAN adapter settings.



Symbol recommends updating the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter to the latest firmware. After the driver and Plus Pack have been installed, use the NICUpdate utility to update the firmware in Windows 98. Refer to the documentation shipped with the Spectrum24 Plus Pack utility suite for instructions on using NICUpdate. To download the latest firmware, go to (www.symbol.com) and search for firmware and software downloads.

Before installing the Spectrum24 Windows driver:

- update the system BIOS
- obtain Windows 98 installation media
- verify the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter is installed
- obtain the Spectrum24 Windows driver installation CDROM.

To install the Spectrum24 driver for the first time in Windows 98:

1. Install the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter as described in Chapter 3.
2. Power up the system.
3. Insert the Spectrum24 Windows driver installation CD.
4. When Windows 98 recognizes the adapter, the **Add New Hardware Wizard** dialog box appears. Click **Next**.
5. Select **Search for best driver for your device**. Click **Next**.
6. Specify the location of the Symbol driver files. Click **Next**.
7. Click **Next** when Windows locates and displays the adapter.
The **Symbol Easy Setup** dialog box displays.
8. Enter the network ESSID in the **Easy Setup** window. Click **OK**.
The **Add New Hardware Wizard** dialog box displays stating the required software has been installed.
9. Click **Finish**.
10. When prompted, restart the computer.
11. Proceed to *4.3 Spectrum24 Adapter Configuration for Windows 95/98* on page 21.

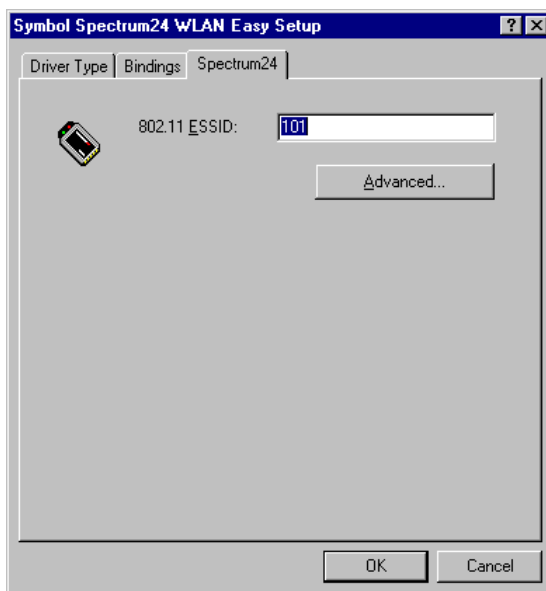
4.3 Spectrum24 Adapter Configuration for Windows 95/98

To configure the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter in Windows 95/98:

1. Click **Start**, select **Settings** and **Control Panel**.
2. Select the **Network** icon and click on the **Symbol PC Card/PCI Adapter**.
3. Select the **Properties** button.

The **Symbol Spectrum24 Easy Setup** dialog box displays.

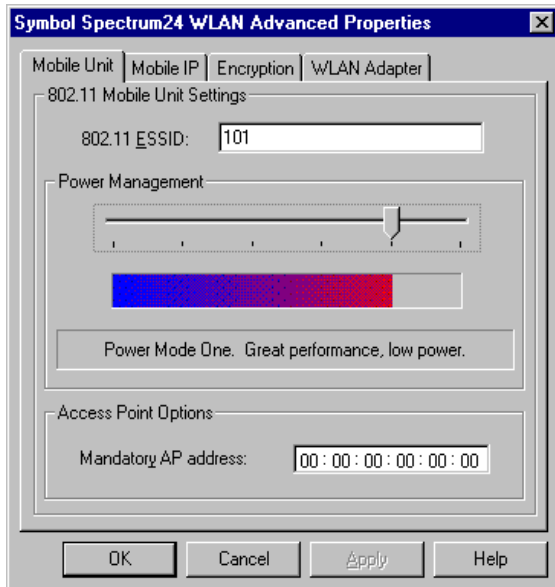
4. Click the **Advanced** button to view the default adapter configuration.



Use the **Mobile Unit**, **Mobile IP**, **Encryption** and **WLAN Adapter** tabs to view or adjust the adapter configuration settings.



For information on using the Spectrum24 NCPA utility to configure Spectrum24 adapter properties, refer to Appendix A.



5. Exit and save the configuration settings by clicking **OK** or **Finish**. Select **Cancel** to use the default values.
6. Restart the system for the changes to take effect.

Installing and Configuring the Windows NT Driver

The Spectrum24 Windows driver ships with the Symbol Network Control Panel Applet (NCPA) utility on a CDROM. Use NCPA to view and edit Spectrum24 WLAN adapter settings.



Symbol recommends updating the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter to the latest firmware. After the driver and Plus Pack have been installed, use the NICUpdate utility to update the firmware in Windows NT. Refer to the documentation shipped with the Spectrum24 Plus Pack utility suite for instructions on using NICUpdate. To download the latest firmware, go to www.symbol.com and search for firmware and software downloads.

Before installing the Spectrum24 Windows NT driver:

- enable PCMCIA services
- update the system BIOS
- obtain Windows NT installation media
- verify the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter is installed
- obtain the Spectrum24 Windows driver installation CDROM.

5.1 New Spectrum24 Adapter Installation



Users need Administrator group privileges to install network components.

To install the Spectrum24 driver for the first time in Windows NT:

1. Install the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter as described in Chapter 3.
2. Power up the system.
3. Insert the Spectrum24 Windows driver installation CD.
4. Click **Start**, select **Settings** and **Control Panel**.
5. Click on the **Network** icon and select the **Adapters** tab. Click **Add**.
6. Click **Have Disk**.

A window appears prompting for the location of the driver files.

7. Enter the driver letter assigned to the CD drive. Click **OK**.

The **Select OEM Option** dialog box displays.

8. Select the **Symbol LA-4111 PC Card** or **LA-4113 PCI Adapter**. Click **OK**.

The **Symbol Easy Setup** dialog box displays.

9. Enter the network **ESSID** in the **Symbol Easy Setup** dialog box. Click **OK**.

The **Network** dialog box appears.

10. Click **Close**, and complete the installation instructions displayed by the Windows operating system.
11. Reboot the computer when prompted by Windows NT.
12. Proceed to *5.3 Spectrum24 Adapter Configuration for Windows NT* on page 26.

5.2 Existing Adapter Installation

To update the driver in an existing Windows NT Spectrum24 WLAN adapter installation:

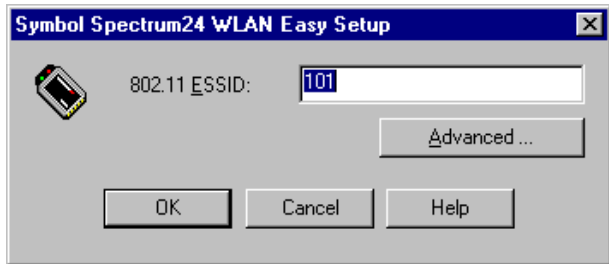
1. Power up the system.
2. Insert the Spectrum24 Windows NT driver installation CD.
3. Open the **Network** applet from the **Control Panel**.
4. Click the **Adapters** tab.
5. Select the **Symbol Spectrum24 Wireless PC Card**, or **Symbol Spectrum24 Wireless PCI Adapter** and click **Update**.
6. Click **OK** to select the default path to the driver files (X:\).
Where X is the letter assigned to the CDROM.
When prompted, remove the installation CD.
Click **OK** to continue.
7. Click **Close** to exit the **Network** applet.
8. Click **Yes** to restart the system.
9. Remove the **Symbol Spectrum24 Windows driver installation CD**.

5.3 Spectrum24 Adapter Configuration for Windows NT

To configure the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter for Windows NT:

1. Click **Start**, select **Settings** and **Control Panel**.
2. Click on the **Network** icon.
3. Select the **Adapters** tab and click on the **Symbol PC Card/PCI Adapter**.
4. Click the **Properties** button.

The **Symbol Easy Setup** dialog box displays.



5. Click the **Advanced** button to view the default adapter configuration.

Use the **Mobile Unit**, **Mobile IP**, **Encryption** and **WLAN Adapter** tabs to view or adjust the adapter configuration settings.



For information on using the Spectrum24 NCPA utility to configure Spectrum24 adapter properties, refer to Appendix A.

6. Click **OK** or **Close** to save the changes to the adapter configuration and exit the Symbol NCPA utility. Select **Cancel** to use the default values.
7. Remove the Spectrum24 Windows driver installation CD and follow the remaining instructions.
8. Restart the computer when prompted by Windows NT.

Installing and Configuring the Driver in Windows 2000

The Spectrum24 Windows driver ships with the Symbol Network Control Panel Applet (NCPA) utility on a CDROM. Use NCPA to view and edit Spectrum24 WLAN adapter settings.



Symbol recommends updating the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter to the latest firmware. After the driver and Plus Pack have been installed, use the NICUpdate utility to update the firmware in Windows 2000. Refer to the documentation shipped with the Spectrum24 Plus Pack utility suite for instructions on using NICUpdate. To download the latest firmware, go to (www.symbol.com) and search for firmware and software downloads.

Before installing the Spectrum24 Windows 2000 driver:

- update the system BIOS
- obtain Windows 2000 installation media
- verify the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter is installed
- obtain the Spectrum24 Windows driver installation CDROM.

To install the Spectrum24 driver for the first time in Windows 2000:

1. Install the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter as described in Chapter 3.
2. Power up the system.
3. Insert the Spectrum24 Windows driver installation CD.
4. When the **Found New Hardware Wizard** dialog box displays, click **Next**.
5. When Windows 2000 recognizes the adapter, the **Found New Hardware Wizard** dialog box displays again.
6. Select the **Search for a suitable driver for my device** button. Click **Next**.
7. Specify the location of the Symbol driver files. Click **Next**.
8. Click **Next** when a message displays stating Windows has found the required device driver.



The Microsoft **Digital Signature Not Found** dialog box could appear at this point in the installation. A Microsoft digital signature is not required for the driver installation. Click **Yes** to continue with the driver installation

A progress bar displays showing the progress of the driver file download.

When the driver download is complete, the **Symbol Easy Setup** dialog box displays.

9. Enter the network ESSID in the **Easy Setup** window. Click **OK**.

The **Found New Hardware Wizard** dialog box displays again stating Windows has finished installing the software required for this device.

10. Click **Finish**.
11. Restart the computer for the changes to take effect.
12. Proceed to *6.1 Configuring the Spectrum24 WLAN Adapter for Windows 2000* on page 32.

6.1 Configuring the Spectrum24 WLAN Adapter for Windows 2000

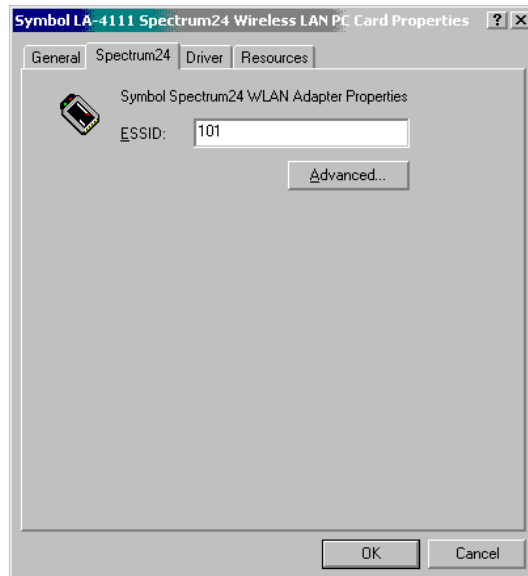
To configure the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter for 2000:

1. Click **Start**, select **Settings** and **Control Panel**.
2. Click on the **System** icon and select the **Hardware** tab.
3. Click on the **Device Manager** button.
4. Double-click on **Network Adapters**.
5. Right-click on the **Spectrum24 WLAN** adapter.
6. Select **Properties**.

The **Symbol PC Card Properties** dialog box displays.

7. Select the **Spectrum24** tab.

The **Symbol NCPA Easy Setup** dialog box displays.



8. Select the **Advanced** button to view the default adapter configuration.

Use the **Mobile Unit**, **Mobile IP**, **Encryption** and **WLAN Adapter** tabs to view or adjust the adapter configuration settings.



For information on using the Spectrum24 NCPA utility to configure Spectrum24 adapter properties, refer to Appendix A.

9. Click **OK** or **Close** to save the changes to the adapter configuration and exit the Symbol NCPA utility. Select **Cancel** to use the default values.
10. Restart the computer when prompted by the Windows operating system.

Installing and Configuring the Driver in Windows CE

7.1 Installing the Spectrum24 Windows CE Driver

Install the Spectrum24 Windows CE device driver from the driver installation CDROM or download the driver from the Symbol Web site to a desktop computer. Symbol has bundled the NICTT and NCPA utilities with the Spectrum24 Windows CE driver. Use these utilities to monitor and status the Network Interface Card (NIC) as used within a handheld computer device.



Symbol recommends updating the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter to the latest firmware. Use the NICUpdate utility to update the firmware in Windows CE. Refer to the documentation shipped with the Spectrum24 Plus Pack utility suite for instructions on using NICUpdate. To download the latest firmware, go to(www.symbol.com) and search for firmware and software downloads.

Before installing the Windows CE device driver:

- obtain Windows CE installation media
- verify the Spectrum24 PC Card is installed



For instructions on using a handheld computer in a Windows CE environment, refer to the Microsoft documentation included with the Windows CE program.

7.1.1 Installing the Spectrum24 Windows CE Device Driver from a CDROM

To download the Spectrum24 Windows CE device driver from the driver installation CDROM to a handheld computing device:

1. Attach the 9-pin serial cable included with the handheld computer between the desktop computer and the handheld computer.
2. Click **Start** and select **Programs**.
3. Select **Microsoft Windows CE Services**.
4. Select **Mobile Devices**.
A listing of supported handheld computing devices displays.
5. Select the handheld computing device to be used for the driver download.
6. Click **My Computer** and select the desktop computer CDROM drive.
7. Click on the **MU24_DS11_WCE_VO_XX.EXE** file.
The Windows CE driver files install in a temporary directory on the desktop computer.
The **Spectrum24 for Windows CE 2.x Setup** dialog box appears.
8. Click **Next**.
9. Select the destination (location) to receive the driver files from the desktop computer. Click **Next**.
A **Setup Complete** dialog box appears.
Click **Finish**.
10. From the **Microsoft Windows CE Services** dialog box, click **Yes** to launch the driver download from the desktop computer to the handheld computer.

A progress bar appears as the files download from the desktop computer to the handheld computer.

The Spectrum24 **Easy Setup** dialog box appears on the handheld computer when the file download is complete.

11. Enter the network ESSID in the **Easy Setup** dialog box.



See Appendix A for instructions on using the NCPA property pages to configure the Spectrum24 adapter.

12. Restart and reset the handheld computer and remove and reinsert the PC Card for the configuration changes to take effect.

7.1.2 Downloading the Spectrum24 Windows CE Device Driver

Before copying the Spectrum24 device driver to a handheld computer, download the driver from the Symbol web site.

To download the Spectrum24 device driver from the Symbol web site:

1. From the desktop computer, go to Symbol web site (www.symbol.com) and search for firmware and software downloads.

2. Locate and select the Windows CE driver.

A **File Download** window appears prompting the user to run the utility from its current location or save it to disk.

3. Check the **Save this program to disk** option and click **OK**.

A **Save As** window appears prompting the user to enter the destination of the Windows CE driver and utilities.

4. Select the drive letter assigned to the computer hard drive and click **Save**.

The computer copies the zipped Windows CE driver and utility files to the hard drive

5. Extract the Windows CE device driver by double-clicking the Spectrum24 Windows CE icon and completing the instructions provided by the program.

When the driver extraction concludes, the Spectrum24 **Easy Setup** window appears. Use NCPA to configure the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter.

6. Insert the PC Card in the handheld computer device right-side up.

If the handheld computer has a PC Card lock mechanism, verify that the card locks in place.



When users insert the PC Card in a handheld computer device for the first time, an **Unidentified PC Card Adapter** window could display. Assign a name to the card and click **OK**.

7.1.3 Uploading the Spectrum24 Driver to an Handheld Computer Device

Upload the driver using the 9-pin serial cable included with the handheld computer.

To upload the Spectrum24 Windows CE driver to a handheld computer:

1. From the **Easy Setup** window, click on the **Advanced** button.

The **Symbol Spectrum24 WLAN Adapter Properties** window appears. This window contains default ESS parameters. Configure these parameters for the Spectrum24 AP with which the handheld computer associates.

2. Click the **Mobile Unit** tab to change the ESSID.
3. Reset the device and return to the Windows CE desktop.

The driver upload process is complete.

Verifying the Firmware Version

Verify the Spectrum24 Wireless LAN adapter firmware is the most recent version to ensure optimal functionality. In Windows 95/98, NT 4.0, 2000 and CE, WLAN adapters use the Network Interface Card Task Tray (NICTT) utility to view driver and firmware revision data. The NICTT General Properties page allow users to verify driver firmware version data and view wireless LAN adapter signal and transmission quality information.

The NICUpdate utility updates the firmware in a Spectrum24 PC Card or PCI adapter. Refer to the documentation shipped with the Spectrum24 Plus Pack utility suite for instructions on using NICUpdate.



The driver and Plus Pack installation is required to run the NICUpdate utility.

Appendix A

Spectrum24 Network Control Panel Applet (NCPA)

A.1 Installing NCPA

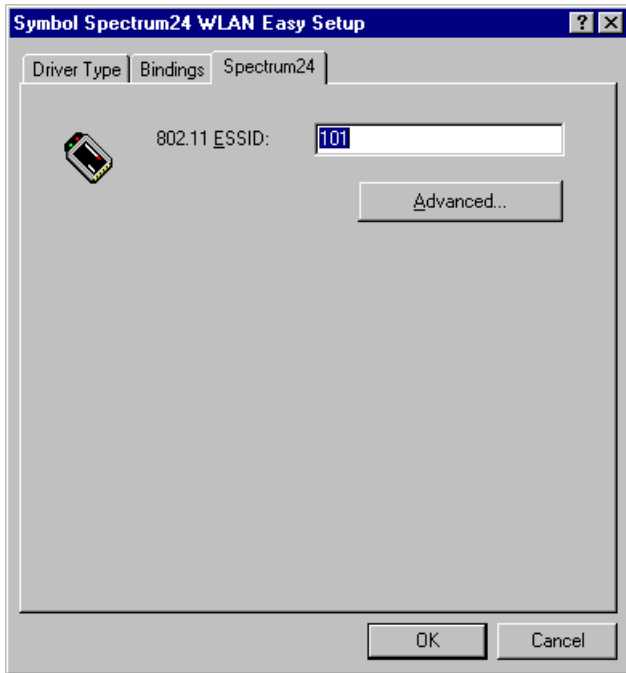


NCPA supports Windows 95/98, NT 4.0, 2000 and CE.

The Symbol *Network Control Panel Applet* (NCPA) utility comes bundled with the Spectrum24 Windows device driver on a CDROM. Use NCPA to configure the Spectrum24 adapter. Complete the driver installation instructions described in Chapters 4, 5, 6 and 7 for the Windows 95/98, NT, 2000 and CE operating systems to install NCPA.

A.2 Using NCPA

NCPA allows users to view and edit Spectrum24 NIC settings. Access the Spectrum24 NCPA utility through the Windows Network Control Panel. When NCPA is installed, the applet displays an **Easy Setup** window allowing users to set the 802.11 ESSID.



Clicking the **Advanced** button allows users to view or edit 802.11 parameters.



The **Easy Setup** and **Advanced** property pages appear different for each operating system.

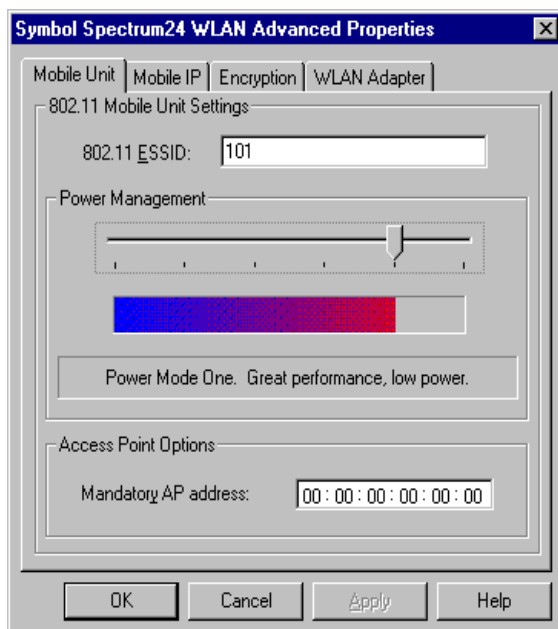
A.2.1 Mobile Unit Property Page

Use the Mobile Unit property page to configure the NIC ESSID and Power Management values (the PCI adapter functions in CAM only).

These values control how the NIC associates and consumes power in MU mode. Set the slider to the far right to keep the adapter in CAM or set the slider to a PSP performance index (1 to 5). Each power mode is described underneath the sliding scale.



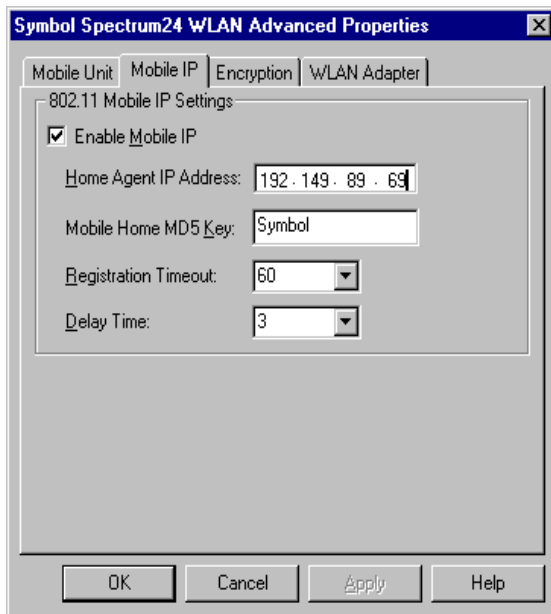
Disable Power Management capabilities in NICTT to use the settings in the Spectrum24 Network Control Panel Applet (NCPA).



A.2.2 Mobile IP Property Page

Use the Mobile IP property page to configure the NIC to support the roaming across routers function. Mobile IP enables an MU to communicate with other hosts using only its home IP address after changing its point-of-attachment to the internet/intranet.

Select the **Enable Mobile IP** checkbox to enable Mobile IP support. Restart the system for the changes to take effect.



Enter the **Home Agent AP Address** of an AP on the home subnet. This enables the MU to register with a foreign subnet AP and tell the AP where the MU home AP is located.

Enter a **Mobile Home MD5 Key** matching the MD5 key on the AP of the home subnet. Use this password to protect the registration packets from being tampered when forwarded to the home agent AP.

Use the **Registration Timeout** pull-down menu to select a timeout value. When the MU registers with a foreign subnet AP the registration is required to take place within the time specified. The default registration time is 60 seconds. If the MU does not register with the foreign subnet AP within the specified time, the foreign subnet AP removes the MU from its list of registered MUs.

Use the **Delay Time** pull-down menu to select the time an MU waits for a response from a foreign subnet AP when trying to register with that AP. An Mu attempts to register with an AP three times before stopping.

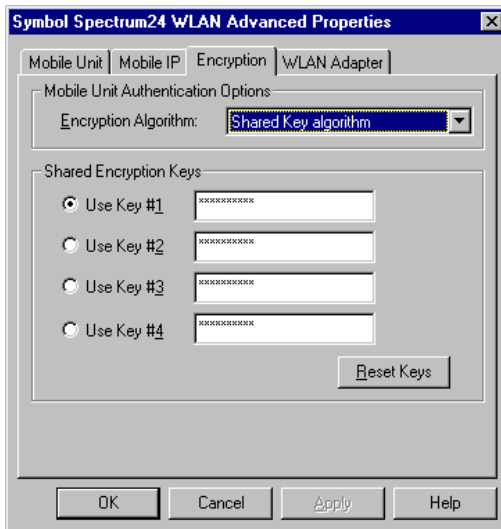


In Windows CE, all of the data fields in the **Mobile IP** property page are grayed out and not available for configuration.

A.2.3 Encryption Property Page

Use the Encryption property page for configuring WLAN adapter 802.11 Encryption settings. The absence of a physical connection makes wireless links vulnerable to information theft. Encryption is an efficient method of preventing data theft and improving data security. The firmware supports IEEE 802.11 **Open System** and **Shared Key** encryption algorithms.

The Open System algorithm (default setting) does not encrypt packets over the network. The Shared Key algorithm uses a 40-bit encryption key shared between the MU and the AP to encrypt and decrypt the WLAN data packets. Enter four encryption keys. MUs use Shared Key or Open System exclusively.



Note

In Windows CE, all of the data fields in the Encryption property page are grayed out and not available for configuration.

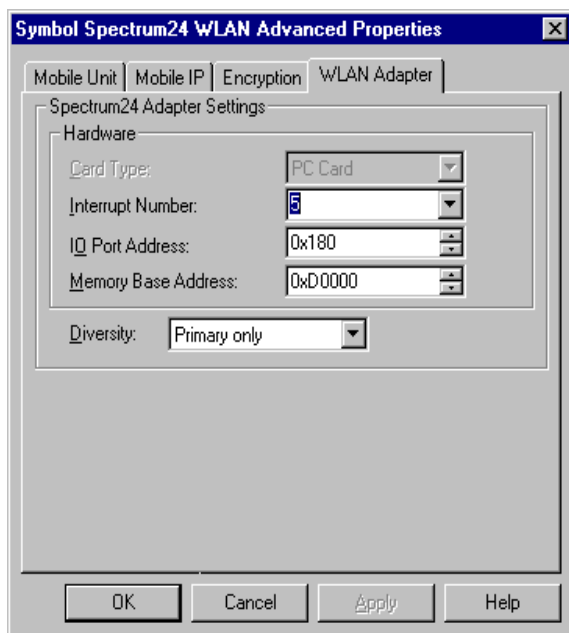
A.2.4 WLAN Adapter Property Page

Use the WLAN Adapter property page to configure hardware and radio settings.

Use the **Card Type** pull-down menu to specify the type of adapter in the system.

The **Interrupt Number**, **IO Port Address** and **Memory Base Address** fields are automatically updated. If resource conflicts exist (on Windows NT systems) modify these settings to fit system needs.

Select **Diversity** if dual antenna support is required. Diversity improves communication in highly reflective environments. Do not select diversity if a secondary antenna is not being used. Using diversity in a single antenna application can cause poor wireless network performance.





In Windows 2000, the Interrupt Number, IO Port Address and Memory Base Address fields do not appear in the WLAN Adapter property page.

Appendix B

WLAN Adapter Specifications

PC Card Physical

<i>Dimensions</i> (less antenna)	3.3 inches x 2.1 in. x 0.2 inches (85 mm x 54 mm x 5 mm)
<i>Weight</i> (with antenna)	1.6 oz (45.36 g)
<i>Operating temperature</i>	32 to 130 °F (0 to 55 °C)
<i>Humidity 95%</i>	95% maximum non condensing
<i>Cargo/Packaged</i>	6ft(1.8m) drop 5hz vibration Mil-Std 810E
<i>Altitude</i>	15,000 ft. (4.6 km) - Storage 8,000 ft. (2.4 km) - Operating
<i>Vibration</i>	2 G peak, sine; 0.02 G peak random (5Hz - 2000Hz)
<i>Shock</i>	40 G, 11mS, half sine
<i>ESD</i>	meets CE-Mark
<i>PCMCIA Compliance</i>	Type II, Version x.xx, Card and Socket services x.xx

PCI Adapter Physical

<i>Dimensions</i>	6.8 in. x 5 in.
<i>Weight</i>	4.3 oz. (122 g)
<i>Operating Temperature</i>	32 to 100 °F (0 to 55 °C)
<i>Storage Temperature</i>	-15 to 140 °F (-40 to 90 °C)
<i>Humidity</i>	95% max. non-condensing
<i>Cargo/Packaged</i>	6 ft. drop; 5 Hz vibration Mil-Std 810E
<i>Altitude</i>	15,000 ft. - Storage, 8,000 ft. - Operating
<i>Vibration</i>	2 G peak, sine; 0.02 G peak random (5Hz - 2000Hz)
<i>Shock</i>	40 G, 11 mS, half sine
<i>ESD</i>	meets CE-Mark

Radio

<i>Frequency Range</i>	country dependent. Typically 2402 MHz to 2480 MHz
<i>Radio Data Rate</i>	5.5 and 11 Mbps - Optional 1 and 2 Mbps - Required
<i>Range</i>	open environment over 100 ft (at 11 Mbps). Typical office or retail environment 30 - 50 ft (at 11 Mbps).
<i>TX Max. Radiated EIRP</i>	US: FCC part 15.247 Europe: ETS 300 320 Japan: RCR STD-33
<i>Modulation</i>	Binary GFSK
<i>TX Out-of-Band Emissions</i>	US: FCC part 15.247, 15.205, 15.209 Europe: ETS 300 320 Japan: RCR STD-33

Appendix C

Troubleshooting

C.1 Windows 95/98 Troubleshooting Tips

Use the tools provided by Windows 95/98 and LAN analyzers (i.e. FTP Software NETXRAY, Novell LAN analyzer) to diagnose problems. Some common problems exhibited when the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter has not been properly installed include:

- Windows 95/98 does not recognize the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter when installed.
 - Verify that Windows 95/98 PCMCIA support is installed.
 - Verify the computer has a Plug and Play BIOS or a Spectrum24 PCI adapter in use.
- The driver fails to load.
 - A resource conflict could exist. Use the **Device Manager** to resolve resource conflicts. Select the System applet from the Control Panel. Select the **Device Manager** tab.
- The workstation cannot associate to the Spectrum24 access point.
 - Verify the adapter ESSID matches the ESSID of the AP. Refer to the *Configuration* section of this document for details.

- Degraded performance from the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter.
 - Verify a secure antenna connection on the PC Card or PCI adapter.
 - Verify two antennas remain attached to the PC Card or PCI adapter if **Diversity** is selected.
- Network drive mappings disappear when the laptop suspends or the adapter is removed then reinserted. Windows 95/98 does not restore Netware network drive mappings under these conditions.
 - Log out and log in again, or restart the machine to restore the connections.
- Nonfunctioning PCI adapter LEDs.
 - Verify the *Card Type* parameter is set to **PCI**.
 - Verify that the adapter ESSID matches the ESSID of the AP.

C.2 Windows NT 4.0 Troubleshooting

Use the tools provided by Windows NT and LAN analyzers (i.e. FTP Software NETXRAY, Novell LAN analyzer) to diagnose problems.

- A resource conflict (usually IRQ or I/O base address) caused the driver not to load.
 - Check 41ND4 entries in the System Log to look for the conflicts.
- Check Service Monitor entries in the System Log to look for the conflicts.
 - Use the Windows NT Diagnostics program to locate a free resource.



Resource conflicts could exist without an entry in the event log when another adapter failed to register its resources. When event log entries do not appear and the ESSID is set appropriately, try different settings with the **Memory Base Address**, **Interrupt Number** and **IO Port Address** parameters.

- No resource conflicts were detected, but the system does not attach to the network.
 - Verify the ESSID of the Spectrum24 WLAN Adapter matches the ESSID of the AP. Use NCPA to modify ESSID.
 - Verify the Mandatory BSSID setting of the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter is set to 0 or matches the BSSID of the AP. Use NCPA to modify the Mandatory BSSID.

- A degraded performance from the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter.
 - Verify a secure antenna connection on the PC Card or PCI adapter.
 - Verify two antennas remain attached to the PC Card or the PCI adapter when Diversity is selected.
- Nonfunctioning PCI adapter LEDs.
 - Verify the PCI adapter is selected in the Card Type field.
 - Verify the adapter ESSID matches the ESSID of the AP.

C.2.1 Useful Tool for Windows NT Troubleshooting

Windows NT Provides an additional tool for analyzing the network installation and performance.

PCMCIA Applet A Control Panel utility included with Windows NT 4.0 displays information about the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter. If the card is installed, but does not appear in the display it is probably defective.

If it appears with an X, it is not configured properly.

C.2.2 Windows NT Errors



When errors occur during driver installation, they appear in the System Log. Use the Event Viewer program from the Administrative Tools group to view the System Log. Locate the SLA41ND4 or Service Monitor entries. If the driver fails to load, one of the following messages display in the System Log.

SLA41ND4: Could not allocate the resources necessary for operation.

- The driver could not allocate enough memory for internal data.

SLA41ND4: Has determined that the adapter is not functioning properly.

- The driver could not initialize the Spectrum24 PC Card or PCI adapter. Possible problems include:
 - The Spectrum24 PC Card or PCI adapter firmware could be corrupted. Use NICUpdate to verify the firmware status.
 - The Spectrum24 PC Card or PCI adapter could have a hardware problem.
 - The PCMCIA controller or host bus adapter is not operating properly. Use an alternate PCMCIA socket or PCI slot.

SLA41ND4: Could not find an adapter.

- The driver could not locate a Spectrum24 PC Card in any PCMCIA socket or a Spectrum24 PCI adapter in any PCI slot.

- Verify that the Spectrum24 PC Card or PCI adapter is firmly seated in a PCMCIA socket or PCI slot.

SLA4IND4: Could not connect to the interrupt number supplied.

- The driver could not claim the configured interrupt.
 - The configured interrupt number could be in use by another adapter. Choose a different interrupt number.

SLA4IND4: Does not support the configuration supplied.

- An invalid driver configuration parameter was specified.
 - Use NCPA to view the driver configuration. Make sure values appear in each data entry field. If a value is missing, key in or use the associated list box to select an appropriate value.

SLA4IND4: A required parameter is missing from the Registry.

- A required configuration parameter was not found in the system registry.
 - Use NCPA to view the driver configuration. Ensure values appear in each data entry field. If a value is missing, key in or use the associated list box to select an appropriate value.

C.3 Windows 2000 Troubleshooting Tips

Use the tools provided by Windows 2000 to diagnose problems.

- The workstation cannot associate to the Spectrum24 access point.
 - Verify the adapter ESSID matches the ESSID of the AP. Refer to the *Configuration* section of this document for details.
- Degraded performance from the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter.
 - Verify a secure antenna connection on the PC Card or PCI adapter.
 - Verify the antennas remain attached to the PC Card or PCI adapter if **Diversity** is selected.
- Nonfunctioning PCI adapter LEDs.
 - Verify the *Card Type* parameter is set to **PCI**.
 - Verify that the adapter ESSID matches the ESSID of the AP.

C.4 Windows CE Troubleshooting

The following problem scenarios could be encountered when using the Spectrum24 PC Card in a Windows CE environment:

C.4.1 The Handheld Computer Does Not Recognize the Spectrum24 PC Card

The handheld computer could display an **Unidentified PC Card Adapter** window when the Spectrum24 PC Card is inserted into the handheld computer.

This probably means the Spectrum24 32-bit Windows CE driver was not loaded or was loaded incorrectly. If this is the case the driver files require reinstallation. Refer to the Spectrum24 32-bit Windows CE driver installation section of Chapter 8 for detailed installation instructions.

To verify that the handheld computer recognizes the Spectrum24 PC Card:

1. Tap **Start** and select **Settings and Control Panel**.
2. Double tap the **System** icon.

The **Expansion Slot:** in the **System:** section of the **System Properties** window should list **Low_Power_Ethernet**.

This window displays the type of processor the handheld computer uses.

3. If the handheld computer does not recognize the Spectrum24 WLAN adapter and does not display an **Unidentified PC Card Adapter** window, remove and reinsert the PC Card.

If the handheld computer has a PC Card locking mechanism verify it is engaged after the PC Card has been re-inserted.

C.4.2 An IP Address is Not Recognized by the Handheld Computer

Remove and reinsert the PC Card for changes to the IP address to take effect once the **Network** program has been run from the Windows CE **Control Panel**.

Appendix D

Customer Support

Symbol Technologies provides its customers with prompt and accurate customer support. Use the Symbol Support Center as the primary contact for any technical problem, question or support issue involving Symbol products.

If the Symbol Customer Support specialists cannot solve a problem, access to all technical disciplines within Symbol becomes available for further assistance and support. Symbol Customer Support responds to calls by email, telephone or fax within the time limits set forth in individual contractual agreements.

When contacting Symbol Customer Support, please provide the following information:

- serial number of unit
- model number or product name
- software type and version number.

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Appendix E

Regulatory Compliance

To comply with U.S. and international regulatory requirements, the following information has been included. The document applies to the complete line of Symbol products. Some of the labels shown, and statements applicable to other devices might not apply to all products.

Radio Frequency Interference Requirements

This device has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device pursuant to Part 15 of the Federal Communications Commissions Rules and Regulation. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If the 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:

- Re-orient 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 which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Radio Frequency Interference Requirements - Canada

This Class A digital apparatus meets the requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations.

CE Marking & European Union Compliance



Products intended for sale within the European Union are marked with the CEMark which indicates compliance to applicable Directives and European Normes (EN), as follows. Amendments to these Directives or ENs are included: Normes (EN), as follows.

Applicable Directives:

- Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive 89/336/EEC
- Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC

Applicable Standards:

- EN 55 022 - Limits and Methods of Measurement of Radio Interference Characteristics of Information technology Equipment
- EN 50 082-1 - Electromagnetic Compatibility - Generic Immunity Standard, Part 1: Residential, commercial, Light Industry
- IEC 801.2 - Electromagnetic Compatibility for Industrial Process Measurement and Control Equipment Part 2: Electrostatic Discharge Requirements
- IEC 801.3 - Electromagnetic Compatibility for Industrial Process Measurement and Control Equipment Part 3: Radiated Electromagnetic Field Requirements
- IEC 801.4 - Electromagnetic Compatibility for Industrial Process Measurement and Control Equipment Part 4: Electrical Fast Transients Requirements
- EN 60 950 + Amd 1 + Amd 2 - Safety of Information Technology Equipment Including Electrical Business Equipment
- EN 60 825-1 (EN 60 825) - Safety of Devices Containing Lasers

RF Devices

Symbol's RF products are designed to be compliant with the rules and regulations in the locations into which they are sold and will be labeled as required. The majority of Symbol's RF devices are type approved and do not require the user to obtain license or authorization

before using the equipment. Any changes or modifications to Symbol Technologies equipment not expressly approved by Symbol Technologies could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Telephone Devices (Modems)

United States

If this product contains an internal modem it is compliant with Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulations and there will be a label on the product showing the FCC ID Number and the REN, Ringer Equivalence Number. The REN is used to determine the quantity of devices which maybe connected to the telephone line. Excessive RENs on the telephone line may result in the device not ringing in response to an incoming call. In most but not all areas, the sum of the RENs should not exceed 5.0. To be certain of the number of devices that may be connected to the line, as determined by the total number of RENs, contact the telephone company to determine the maximum REN for the calling area.

If the modem causes harm to the telephone network, the telephone company will notify you in advance; however, if advance notice is not practical, you will be notified as soon as possible. Also, you will be advised of your right to file a complaint with the FCC if you believe it is necessary.

The telephone company may make changes in its acilities, equipment, operations or procedures that could affect the operation of the modem. If this happens the telephone company will provide advance notice so you may make any necessary modifications to maintain uninterrupted service.

Canada

If this product contains an internal modem it is compliant with CS-03 of Industry Canada and there will be a Canadian certification number (CANADA: _____) on a label on the outside of the product. This certification means that the equipment meets certain telecommunications network protective, operational and safety requirements. The Department does not guarantee the equipment will operate to the user's satisfaction.

Before installing this equipment, users should ensure that it is permissible to be connected to the facilities of the local telecommunications company. The equipment must also be installed using an acceptable method of connection. In some cases, the company's inside wiring associated with a single-line, individual service maybe extended by means of a certified convector assembly (telephone extension cord). The customer should be aware that compliance with the above conditions may not prevent degradation of service in some situations.

Repairs to certified equipment should be made by an authorized Canadian maintenance facility designated by the supplier. Any repairs or alterations made by the user to this equipment, or equipment malfunctions, may give the telecommunications company cause to request the user to disconnect the equipment.

User should ensure for their own protection that the electrical ground connections of the power utility, telephone lines and internal metallic water pipe system, if present, are connected together. This precaution may be particularly important in rural areas.



User should not attempt to make such connections themselves, but should contact the appropriate electric inspection authority, or electrician, as appropriate.

The Load Number (LN) assigned to each terminal device denotes the percentage of the total load to be connected to the telephone loop which is used by the device, to prevent overloading. The termination of a loop may consist of any combination of devices, subject only to the requirement that the total of the Load Numbers of all devices not exceed 100.

The Load Number is located on a label on the product.

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Laser Devices

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Class 1 Laser devices are not considered to be hazardous when used for their intended purpose. The following statement is required to comply with US and international regulations:



Use of controls, adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous visible or invisible laser light exposure.

Class 2 laser scanners use a low power, visible light diode. As with any very bright light source, such as the sun, the user should avoid staring directly into the light beam. Momentary exposure to a Class 2 laser is not known to be harmful.

Laser information labels are found in the product Quick Reference Guide.

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