

# **TPE-N150USB** Specification

802.11n b/g wifi USB adapter (1T1R), UB93/AR9271



### **Overview:**

TPE-N150USB is an 802.11n b/g wifi one-stream USB adapter designed specifically to provide enhanced WiFi performance and value for GNU/Linux, from set-top boxes, gaming consoles, printers, IP cameras, and variety of other products that host processors not originally intended to support WiFi functions. TPE-N150USB's AR9271 single-chip features a new architecture that integrates both a CPU and memory to run more of the WiFi function on-chip. The integrated CPU offloads the wireless processing overhead from the host appliance and enables consumer electronic devices to support WiFi functions seamlessly without change of original host processors.

# **Key Features:**

» Integrated CPU and memory to run more of WiFi function on-chip to offload wireless processing overhead from the host appliance.

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DUT & Driver	Downlink		Uplink	
	Utilization	Throughput	Utilization	Throughput
AR9271 (v7.7.0.77)	36%	105.21Mbps	30%	105.95Mbps
Competitor (v1.4.7.0)	52%	83.24Mbps	30%	97.41Mbp

CPU Utilization Comparison Between Atheros AR9271 and Competitor

» Innovative embedded antenna design with perfect 3D radiation pattern enhances at least 15% better Tx power and Rx sensitivity performance than competitors.



3D Radiation Pattern at 2.4GHz

- » 30(L) x 17(W) x 8.5(H) mm small dimension with standard USB connector is ideal for new ergonomic home gateways, set-top boxes, gaming consoles, printers, IP cameras, and variety of other WiFi products that host processors not originally intended to support WiFi functions..
- » Windows XP/Vista/7, and Linux drivers enable manufacturers to quickly and easily bring new bandwidth intensive applications to market with trouble-free WiFi integration.
- » Supported by ath9k providing Linux kernel AP/Station/IBSS/Monitor-mode drivers for industrial, academic, or personal projects at highest flexibility and lowest cost.
- » 802.11n compliance effectively interoperates with other chipsets.
- » Enables bandwidth of up to 150Mbps link rate, three times the throughput of 802.11g.
- » Supports IEEE 802.11b/802.11g backward compatibility allowing inter-operability among multiple wifi networks.
- » Embedded antennas support one-stream 802.11n with Rx diversity.
- » The only one-stream 802.11n solution with two embedded antennas supports WiFi diversity to better throughput over range.
- » RoHS compliance meets environment-friendly requirement.

## Hardware Block Diagram:



# **Mechanical Outline:**



# **Specifications:**

Main Chipset	Atheros® AR9271
Embedded CPU	120MHz with off-load capability
Standard Conformance	802.11b, 802.11g, and 802.11
Frequency Range	<ul> <li>» USA: 2.400 - 2.483GHz</li> <li>» Europe: 2.400 - 2.483GHz</li> <li>» Japan: 2.400 - 2.497GHz</li> <li>» China: 2.400 - 2.483GHz</li> </ul>
Interface	Universal Serial Bus (USB) revision 2.0
Operation Voltage	5.0V ± 5%
Modulation Technique	<ul> <li>» DSSS with CCK, DQPSK, DBPSK</li> <li>» OFDM with BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM</li> </ul>
Channel Spacing	20MHz

Data Rate	<ul> <li>» 802.11b: 1, 2, 5.5 and 11Mbps</li> <li>» 802.11g: 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 54Mbps</li> <li>» 802.11n: <ul> <li>» 20MHz channel: 1Nss: 65Mbps @ 800GI, 72.2Mbps @ 400GI (Max.)</li> <li>» 40MHz channel: 1Nss: 135Mbps @ 800GI, 150Mbps @ 400GI (Max.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Operating Channels	<ul> <li>» USA/Canada: 11 (1-11)</li> <li>» Major Europe Countries: 13 (1-13)</li> <li>» France: 4 (10-13)</li> <li>» Japan: 14 for 802.11b (1-13 or 14th), 13 for 802.11g (1-13)</li> <li>» China: 13 (1-13)</li> </ul>
Power Consumption	<ul> <li>» For throughput Tx mode: 300mA</li> <li>» For throughput Rx mode: 280mA</li> <li>» For 6M continuous Tx mode: 310mA</li> <li>» For HT40 MCS0 continuous Tx mode: 310mA</li> <li>» For HT20 MCS0 continuous Tx mode: 300mA</li> <li>» For HT40 MCS7 continuous Tx mode: 300mA</li> <li>» For HT20 MCS7 continuous Tx mode: 300mA</li> </ul>

### Transmit Power Settings

- » target power tolerance ± 2dBm
- » 802.11b:
  - » +18dBm
- » 802.11g:
  - » +17dBm @ 6, 9, 12,18,24,36,48Mbps
  - » +15dBm@54Mbps
- » 802.11n HT20:
  - » +16dBm@MCS0/8
  - » +16dBm@MCS1/9
  - » +16dBm @ MCS 2/10
  - » +16dBm @ MCS 3/11
  - » +16dBm @ MCS 4/12
  - » +16dBm@MCS 5/13
  - » +14dBm @ MCS 6/14
  - » +11dBm @ MCS 7/15
- » 802.11n HT40:
  - » +16dBm @ MCS 0/8
  - » +16dBm@MCS1/9
  - » +16dBm @ MCS 2/10
  - » +16dBm @ MCS 3/11
  - » +16dBm @ MCS 4/12
  - » +16dBm @ MCS 5/13
  - » +14dBm @ MCS 6/14
  - » +11dBm @ MCS 7/15

### Receiver Sensitivity

### » 802.11b:

Data Rate	IEEE Spec(1 Rx dBm)	Typical
1M	-82	-92
5.5M	-80	-89
11M	-76	-87

### » 802.11g:

Data Rate	IEEE Spec(1 Rx dBm)	Typical
6M	-82	-92
9M	-81	-92
12M	-79	-91
18M	-77	-90
24M	-74	-86
36M	-70	-83
48M	-66	-78
54M	-65	-76

### » 802.11b/g/n, H20:

Data Rate	IEEE Spec(1 Rx dBm)	Typical
MCS0	-82	-92
MCS1	-79	-91
MCS2	-77	-90
MCS3	-74	-85
MCS4	-70	-82
MCS5	-66	-79
MCS6	-65	-75
MCS7	-64	-73

### » 802.11b/g/n, H40:

Data Rate	IEEE Spec(1 Rx dBm)	Typical
MCS0	-79	-88
MCS1	-76	-87
MCS2	-74	-86
MCS3	-71	-82
MCS4	-67	-78
MCS5	-63	-75
MCS6	-62	-72
MCS7	-61	-70

Operation Distance	<ul> <li>» 802.11b:</li> <li>Outdoor Indoor</li> <li>» 150m@11Mbps &gt; 30m@11Mbps</li> <li>» 300m@1Mbps &gt; 100m@1Mbps</li> <li>» 802.11g:</li> <li>Outdoor Indoor</li> <li>» 50m@54Mbps &gt; 30m@54Mbps</li> <li>» 300m@6Mbps &gt; 100m@6Mbps</li> </ul>
	Normalization       Indoor         Outdoor       Indoor         Normalization       30m@150Mbps       > 20m@150Mbps         Normalization       30m@65Mbps       > 20m@65Mbps         Normalization       250m@6.5Mbps       > 100m@6.5Mbps
MAC Protocol	CSMA/CA with ACK architecture 32-bit MAC
Operation System Supported	» Windows XP/Vista/7 and Linux.
Dimension	30(L)x 17(W) x 8.5(H) mm
Security	<ul> <li>» 64/128/152-bit WEP encryption</li> <li>» 802.1x authentication</li> <li>» AES-CCM &amp; TKIP encryption</li> <li>» WPA &amp; WPA2</li> </ul>
Operation Temperature Range	0°C ~ +40°C

Storage Temperature Range	-10°C ~ +70°C
Operating Humidity	15% ~ 95%, non-condensing
Storage Humidity	max. 95%, non-condensing
Environment- Friendly Compliance	RoHS

# **Ordering Information:**

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Wireless radio modules are ESD sensitive, especially the components such as RF switch and the power amplifier. To avoid damage by electrostatic discharge, the following installation procedure is recommended:

» Touch your hands and the bag or tray containing the radio module to a ground point on the host board (for example one of the mounting holes).