# User's --- manual

802.11G Hi-Speed Wireless-G Access Point and Workgroup Bridge



HWBA54G



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# Chapter 1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the Hawking Technologies Hi-Speed 54M Wireless-G Access Point and Ethernet Bridge. The HWBA54G is compliant with the IEEE 802.11g/b wireless standards.

The **Hi-Speed 54G Wireless AP/Bridge** utilizes the highest wireless security standards (WPA) to protect your network from outside intruders, including WPA-PSK, WEP, ESSID and MAC address filter functions. With ESSID authentication, WPA-PSK, 64-/128-bit WEP encryption and MAC address filtering, unauthorized outside access into your wireless network is prevented.

The unique multi-function feature of the HWBA54G puts three solutions into one compact unit, saving you time and money. You may setup your HWBA54G as a Wireless Access Point to provide wireless access to any wired network or you may choose to set up your device as an Ethernet Bridge to make any Ethernet-ready device wireless. The Hi-Speed 54G Wireless AP/Bridge can also function as a wireless repeater to extend your wireless network range.

The HWBA54G's dipole antenna is detachable by connecting to a RP-SMA connector. Users can attach an optional Hawking Technologies Hi-Gain antenna to the connector for better network range and signal quality.

## 1.1 Package Contents

The HWBA54G includes the following items:

- One HWBA54G Access Point/Bridge
- One Power Adapter
- One Quick Installation Guide
- One Setup CD
- One Dipole Antenna

### 1.2 Features

- Complies with the IEEE 802.11g/b wireless standards.
- Multiple Functions: Access Point, Ethernet Bridge, Workgroup Bridge.
- High speed data rates: 54, 48, 36, 24, 18, 12, 11, 5.5, 2 and 1Mbps network speeds.
- Seamlessly integrates wireless and wired Ethernet LAN networks.
- Auto rate fallback in case of obstacles or interferences.
- Provide 64/128-bit WEP Data Encryption security and the latest
   WPA Security for protected wireless data transmissions.
- Supports Web-based configuration.

# 1.3 Specifications

- Standards: IEEE 802.11g/b (Wireless), IEEE 802.3 (Wired)
- Data Rate: 54/48/36/24/18/12/11/5.5/2/1Mbps auto fallback
- Security: 64/128-bit WEP Data Encryption, WPA
- Frequency Band: 2.400~2.4835GHz (Industrial Scientific Medical Band)
- Antenna: External detachable dipole antenna (with RP-SMA

#### connector)

• Connectors: 10/100Mbps RJ-45 x 1

• Power: 12VDC, 0.5A

• Transmit Power: 16dBm (Typical)

• LEDs: Power, LAN Link/Activity, Wireless Activity

• Dimension: 30(H) x 127(W) x 87(D) mm

• Temperature:

◆ Operating: 32~131°F (0~55°C)

♦ Storage: -4~158°F(-20~70°C)

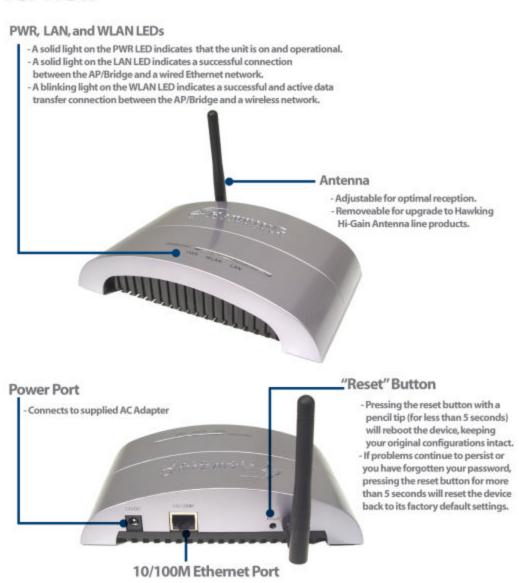
• Humidity: 10-90% (Noncondensing)

# 1.4 Physical Description

#### **Front Panel**

Located on the HWBA54G's front panel are LED status lights that inform you of the unit's current status. Below is an explanation of each LED.

# Overview



 Connects to local network devices such as a DSL/Cable Modem

#### **Front LED Panel**

LED	Color	Status	Description
Power	Green	Lit	Power is supplied.
		Off	No Power.
Wireless Activity	Green	Flash	Antenna is transmitting or receiving data.
		Off	Antenna is not transmitting or receiving data.
LAN	Green	On	A valid link is established.
Link/Activity	у	<u> </u>	
		_Flash	It is transmitting or receiving data.
		Off	No link is established.

#### **Back Panel Connectors**

#### 1 Antenna Connector

This round connection has a standard Reverse SMA connector where any Reverse SMA-compatible antenna can be connected to the Access Point.

#### 2 DC Adapter Port

Insert the power jack of the power adapter into this port.

#### 3 LAN Port

The Access Point's LAN port is where you connect to your network devices.

#### 4 Reset

The Reset button allows you to do one of two things.

1) If problems occur with your Access Point, pressing the reset button with a pencil tip (for less than 5 seconds) will reboot the device,

- keeping your original configurations intact.
- 2) If problems continue to persist or you have forgotten your password, pressing the reset button for more than 5 seconds will reset the device back to its factory default settings.

(Warning: your original configurations will be replaced with the factory default settings).

# Chapter 2 Wireless LAN Access Point Connection

#### 1. Choosing a location for the access point.

Usually, the best place for the access point is at the center of your wireless network, with line of straight to all your wireless clients.

#### 2. Adjust the antenna.

Usually the higher the antenna is placed, the better your performance will be.

#### 3. Connect the access point to your local area network (LAN).

Connect an **Ethernet cable** to the **Ethernet** port of the access point, and the other end to a hub or switch. (If you are using a straight Ethernet cable, make sure the II-X button is switched right; the other way for Cross Ethernet cable.)

#### 4. Power on the device.

Connect the supplied AC power adapter to the access point's power port and the other end to a wall outlet. (Note: Use only the included power adapter for the Access Point. Using a different adapter may cause damage to the product.)

The Hardware Installation is now complete.

Please follow the steps below to configure the Access Point.

# Chapter 3 Wireless LAN Access Point Configuration

### 3.1 Getting Started

This Access Point provides web-based configuration tools, allowing you to configure from wired or wireless stations. Follow the instructions below to configure the device.

#### From Wired Station

1. Make sure your wired station has the same subnet address as the access Point.

The default IP Address and Sub Mask of the access point are:

**Default IP Address: 192.168.1.240 Default Subnet: 255.255.255.0** 

#### Configuring your PC to have the same subnet as the access point.

1a) Windows 95/98/Me

- 1. Click the *Start* button and select *Settings*, then click *Control Panel*. The *Control Panel* window will appear.
- 2. Double-click Network icon. The Network window will appear.
- 3. Check your list of *Network Components*. If TCP/IP is not installed, click the *Add* button to install it now. If TCP/IP is installed, go to **step 6**.
- 4. In the *Network Component Type* dialog box, select *Protocol* and click *Add* button.
- In the Select Network Protocol dialog box, select Microsoft and TCP/IP and then click the OK button to start installing the TCP/IP protocol. You may need your Windows CD to complete the installation.
- 6. After installing TCP/IP, go back to the Network dialog box. Select TCP/IP from

the list of Network Components and then click the Properties button.

- 7. Check each of the tabs and verify the following settings:
  - ? Bindings: Check Client for Microsoft Networks and File and printer sharing for Microsoft Networks.
  - ? Gateway: All fields are blank.
  - ? DNS Configuration: Select Disable DNS.
  - ? WINS Configuration: Select Disable WINS Resolution.
  - ? IP Address: Select Specify an IP Address. Specify the IP Address and Subnet Mask as following example.
    - 1 IP Address: 192.168.1.3 (any IP address within 192.168.2.2~192.168.2.254 is available, **do not setup 192.168.2.1**)
    - 2 Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
- 8. Reboot the PC. Your PC will now have the IP Address you specified.

#### 1b) Windows 2000

- 1. Click the *Start* button and select *Settings*, then click *Control Panel*. The *Control Panel* window will appear.
- Double-click Network and Dial-up Connections icon. In the Network and Dial-up Connection window, double-click Local Area Connection icon. The Local Area Connection window will appear.
- 3. In the Local Area Connection window, click the Properties button.
- 4. Check your list of *Network Components*. You should see *Internet Protocol* [TCP/IP] on your list. Select it and click the *Properties* button.
- In the Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties window, select Use the following IP
  address and specify the IP Address and Subnet mask as following.
  - ? IP Address: 192.168.1.3 (any IP address within 192.168.1.2~192.168.1.239 is available, do not setup 192.168.1.1 or 192.168.1.240)
  - ? Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
- Click OK to confirm the setting. Your PC will now have the IP Address you specified.

#### 1c) Windows NT

- 1. Click the *Start* button and select *Settings*, then click *Control Panel*. The *Control Panel* window will appear.
- 2. Double-click *Network* icon. The *Network* window will appear. Select the *Protocol* tab from the *Network* window.
- 3. Check if the *TCP/IP Protocol* is on your list of *Network Protocols*. If *TCP/IP* is not installed, click the *Add* button to install it now. If *TCP/IP* is installed, go to **step 5**.
- 4. In the Select Network Protocol window, select the TCP/IP Protocol and click the Ok button to start installing the TCP/IP protocol. You may need your Windows CD to complete the installation.
- 5. After you install *TCP/IP*, go back to the *Network* window. Select *TCP/IP* from the list of *Network Protocols* and then click the *Properties* button.
- 6. Check each of the tabs and verify the following settings:
  - ? IP Address: Select Specify an IP address. Specify the IP Address and Subnet Mask as following example.
    - 3 IP Address: 192.168.1.3 (any IP address within 192.168.1.2~192.168.1.254 is available, **do not setup 192.168.1.1, or 192.168.1.240**)
    - 4 Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
  - DNS: Let all fields are blank.
  - WINS: Let all fields are blank.
  - Routing: Let all fields are blank.
- 7. Click *OK* to confirm the setting. Your PC will now have the IP Address you specified.
- 2. Open the web browser, enter the local port IP address of the access point (default at **192.168.1.240**), and click "**Go**" to access the login page.
- 3. A screen will pop up and prompt for user name and password entry. The default user name and password is as follows:

User Name: Admin

Password: 1234

Type in the default user name and password, then press the **OK** button.



4. You can now begin configuring the Access Point.

Access Point.

#### Accessing the Configuration Menu From a Wireless Station

- 1. Make sure your wireless station has the same subnet as the access point. Please refer to **Step 1** above for configuring the IP Address and Sub Mask of the wireless station.
- 2. Connect to the Access Point. The Access Point's ESSID is "HawkingAP" and the WEP Encryption function is disabled. Make sure your wireless station is using the same ESSID as the Access Point and associate your wireless station to the
- 3. Enter **192.168.1.240** from the web browser to access the Access Point's configuration tool.
- 4. Enter the user name and password and then press **OK** button.

# 3.2 Configuring the Access Point

The HWBA54G supports 3 modes of use: Client Bridge, Access Point, and Bridge modes. "Client Bridge Mode" is used to allow a network device with only a wired Ethernet function to have wireless LAN communications capability. It provides both Ad Hoc and Infrastructure modes for the "Station Mode". "Station-Ad Hoc Mode", allows the network device to join a wireless LAN with peer-to-peer communication. With "Station-Infrastructure Mode", it can let the network device pin a wireless LAN through an access point. "AP Mode" provides pure access point function. This is the simplest way to create a wireless LAN network. "AP Bridge Mode" provides the ability to bridge more than 2 wired Ethernet networks together by wireless LAN. You can use two access points with "P2P Mode" to bridge two wired Ethernet networks together. If you want to bridge more than two wired Ethernet networks together, you have to use enough access points with "PMP Mode". An access point with "P2P **Mode**" or "**PMP Mode**" can only be used to bridge wired Ethernet networks together. It cannot accept connections from other wireless stations at the same time.



# 3.2.1 Client Bridge Mode configuration

This configuration is used to let a network device with only wired Ethernet functionality to have wireless LAN communication capability. It provides both Ad Hoc and Infrastructure modes for the "Client Mode". With "Ad Hoc mode", it can let your network device join a wireless LAN with peer-to-peer communication. With "Infrastructure mode", it can let your network device join a wireless LAN through an access point.



Parameter	Description
Station Mode	802.11b mode: It allows to select the transmit rate up to 11Mbps
	802.11g mode: It allows to select the transmit rate up to 54Mbps

MAC Cloning Mode Disabled: It will use it's own MAC address to access the wireless LAN.

Enabled: It will use PC's MAC address to access the wireless LAN.

SSID The SSID (up to 32 printable ASCII characters) is the unique name

identified in a WLAN. The ID prevents the unintentional merging of two co-located WLANs. Please make sure that the SSID of all stations in the

same WLAN network are the same. The default SSID is "default".

Site Survey Click "Site Survey" button, then a "Wireless Site Survey Table" will pop

up. It will list all available access points near by. You can select one

access point in the table and it will join wireless LAN through this access

point.

Operation Mode AD-Hoc: It can let your network device join a wireless LAN with

peer-to-peer communication.

Infrastructure: It can let your network device join a wireless LAN

through an access point.

Channel Select the appropriate channel from the list provided to correspond with

your network settings. Channels differ from country to country.

Channel 1-11 (North America)

Channel 1-14 (Japan)

Channel 1-13 (Europe)

There are 14 channels available.

Security Disable: Disable the security function.

WEP: WEP is an authentication algorithm, which protects authorized

Wireless LAN users against eavesdropping. The Authentication type and

WEP key of wireless stations must be the same with the Access Point.

This Access Point supports 64/128-bit WEP Encryption function. With this

function, your data will be transmitted over the wireless network securely.

# You can refer to the detail setting from chapter 3.2.6.

**WPA:** You can use a pre-shared key to authenticate wireless stations

and encrypt data during communication. When you enabled WPA mode,

you can not use WEP encryption.

# You can refer to the detail setting from chapter 3.2.7.

Preamble type defines the length of preamble block in the frames during

the wireless communication.

Auto select: It will auto switch to the more suitable method.

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Preamble Type

Short: It is suitable for high traffic wireless network Long: It can provide more reliable communication

Transmit Rate

When you enable the station mode selection to "802.11b" and it allows you to select the speed of 1-11Mbps. When you enable the station mode selection to "802.11g" and it allows you to select the speed of 1-54Mbps.

Click **Apply** button at the bottom of the screen to save the above configurations. You can now configure other advance sections or start using the Access Point.

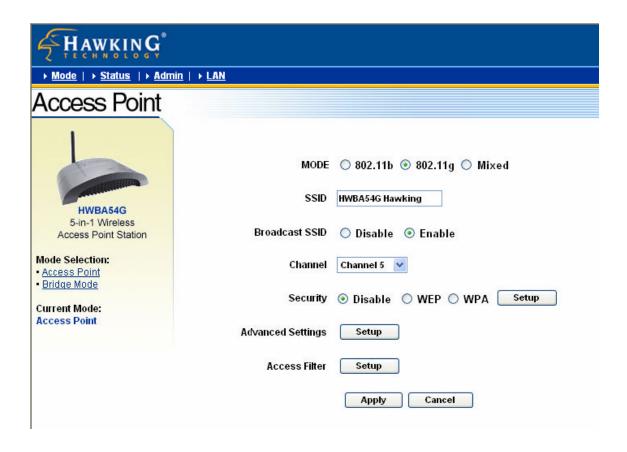
#### Site Survey table:

When this access point is in "Client-Infrastructure mode", it should associate with an access point and connect to your wireless LAN through the associated access point. "Wireless Site Survey" searches for all available access points near by. You can select one access point listed in this table.

	SSID	Security	Channel	Signal %	Network Type
)	Hawking	WEP Enable	11	97%	Infrastructure

# 3.2.2 AP Mode configuration

This Access Point supports AP modes. "Access Point Mode" provides pure access point function. The simplest way to build up a wireless LAN is to use "AP Mode". Access Point Mode provides wireless access to a wired network.



Parameter	Description
Mode	802.11b mode: It allows to select the transmit rate up to 11Mbps
	802.11g mode: It allows to select the transmit rate up to 54Mbps
	Mixed mode: It provides best performance for 11g transmission when
	you enable the AP mode selection to "Mixed mode".
SSID	The SSID (up to 32 printable ASCII characters) is the unique name
	identified in a WLAN. The ID prevents the unintentional merging of two
	co-located WLANs. Please make sure that the SSID of all stations in the
	same WLAN network are the same. The default SSID is "default".

Broadcast SSID It will respond to Broadcast SSID requests. If you enable this function,

every wireless station located within the coverage of this access point

can discover this access point easily. If you are building a public wireless

 $network,\ enabling\ this\ feature\ is\ recommended.\ Disabling\ "Response\ to$ 

Broadcast ESSID requests" can provide better security.

Channel Select the appropriate channel from the list provided to correspond with

your network settings. Channels differ from country to country.

Channel 1-11 (North America)

Channel 1-14 (Japan)
Channel 1-13 (Europe)

There are 14 channels available.

Security Disable: Disable the security function.

**WEP:** WEP is an authentication algorithm, which protects authorized Wireless LAN users against eavesdropping. The Authentication type and

WEP key of wireless stations must be the same with the Access Point.

This Access Point supports 64/128-bit WEP Encryption function. With this function, your data will be transmitted over the wireless network securely.

# You can refer to the detail setting from chapter 3.2.6.

**WPA:** You can use a pre-shared key to authenticate wireless stations and encrypt data during communication. When you enabled WPA mode,

you can not use WEP encryption.

# You can refer to the detail setting from chapter 3.2.7.

Advance setting It provides more powerful features for you to configuring.

# You can refer to the detail setting from chapter 3.2.8.

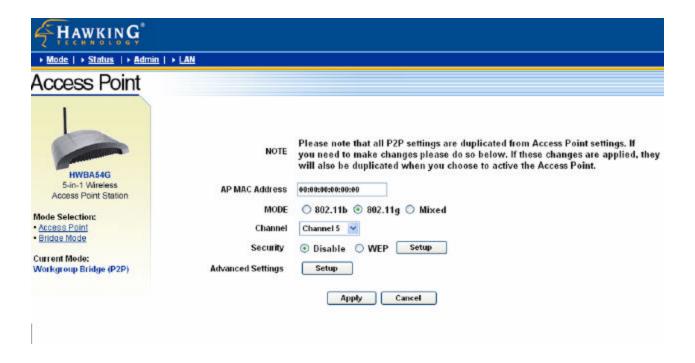
Access Filter This Access Point allows you to provide a Filter List of MAC addresses

that are allowed associating with this AP.

# You can refer to the detail setting from chapter 3.2.9.

# 3.2.3 P2P Mode configuration

This function provides to bridge more than 2 wired Ethernet networks together by wireless LAN. You can use two access points with "P2P mode" to bridge two wired Ethernet networks together.



Parameter	Description
AP MAC Address	You have to enter the MAC addresses of other access points that join the
	bridging work.
Mode	802.11b mode: It allows to select the transmit rate up to 11Mbps
	802.11g mode: It allows to select the transmit rate up to 54Mbps
	Mixed mode: It provides best performance for 11g transmission when
	you enable the AP mode selection to "Mixed mode".
Channel	Select the appropriate channel from the list provided to correspond with
	your network settings. Channels differ from country to country.
	Channel 1-11 (North America)
	Channel 1-14 (Japan)
	Channel 1-13 (Europe)

There are 14 channels available.

Security Disable: Disable the security function.

**WEP**: WEP is an authentication algorithm, which protects authorized Wireless LAN users against eavesdropping. The Authentication type and WEP key of wireless stations must be the same with the Access Point.

This Access Point supports 64/128-bit WEP Encryption function. With this

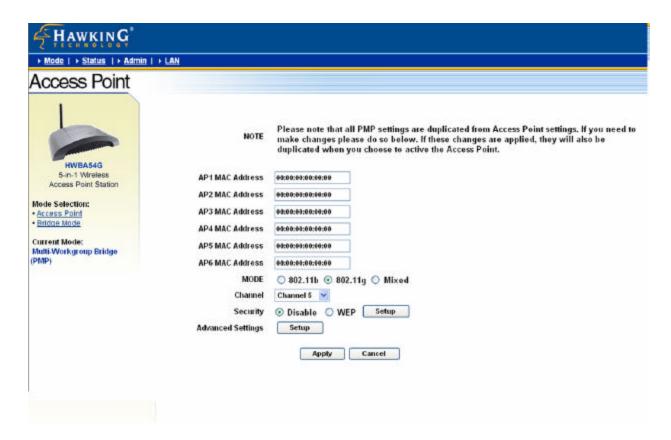
function, your data will be transmitted over the wireless network securely.

# You can refer to the detail setting from chapter 3.2.6.

# You can refer to the detail setting from chapter 3.2.8.

#### 3.2.4 PMP Mode Configuration

This function allows to bridge more than 2 wired Ethernet networks together by wireless LAN. You can use two access points with "P2P mode" to bridge two wired Ethernet networks together.



Parameter	Description
AP MAC Address	If you want to bridge more than one wired Ethernet networks together
	with wireless LAN, you have to enter the MAC addresses of other access
	points that join the bridging work.
Mode	802.11b mode: It allows to select the transmit rate up to 11Mbps
	802.11g mode: It allows to select the transmit rate up to 54Mbps
	Mixed mode: It provides best performance for 11g transmission when
	you enable the AP mode selection to "Mixed mode".
Channel	Select the appropriate channel from the list provided to correspond with
	your network settings. Channels differ from country to country.
	Channel 1-11 (North America)

Channel 1-14 (Japan)

Channel 1-13 (Europe)

There are 14 channels available.

Security Disable: Disable the security function.

WEP: WEP is an authentication algorithm, which protects authorized

Wireless LAN users against eavesdropping. The Authentication type and

WEP key of wireless stations must be the same with the Access Point.

This Access Point supports 64/128-bit WEP Encryption function. With this

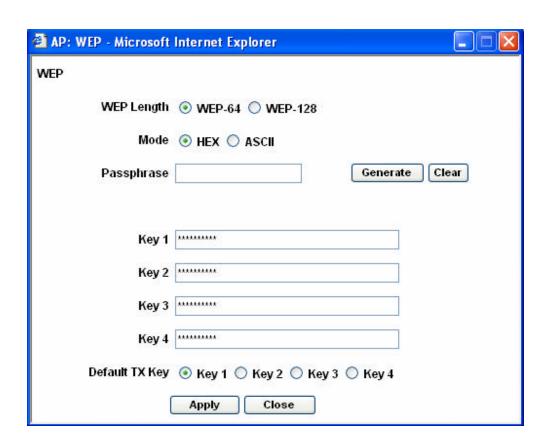
function, your data will be transmitted over the wireless network securely.

# You can refer to the detail setting from chapter 3.2.6.

Advance setting It provides more powerful features for you to configuring.

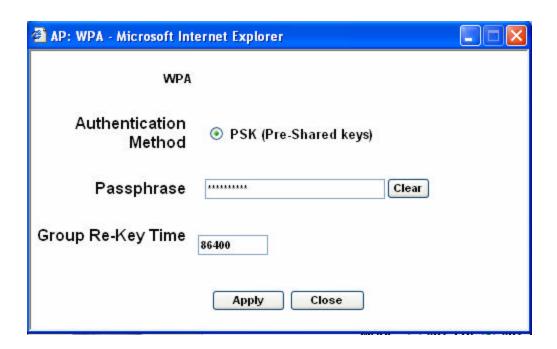
# You can refer to the detail setting from chapter 3.2.8.

# 3.2.5 WEP Setting



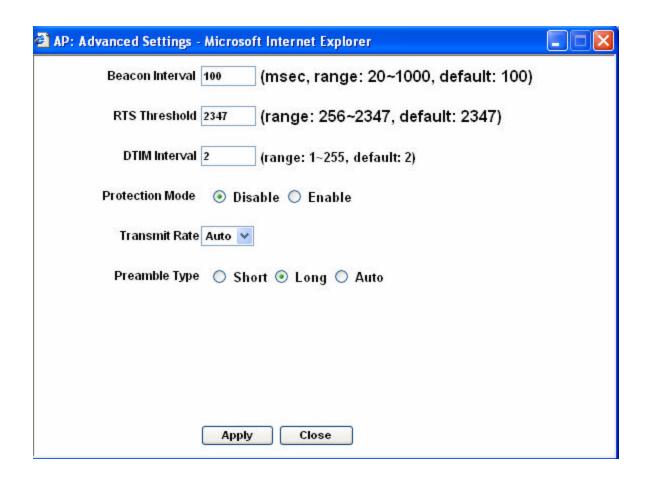
Parameter	Description
WEP Length	WEP-64: input 10-digit Hex values (in the "A-F", "a-f" and "0-9" range) or
	5-digit ASCII character as the encryption keys.
	WEP-128: input 26-digit Hex values (in the "A-F", "a-f" and "0-9" range) or
	13-digit ASCII characters as the encryption keys.
Mode	HEX: input Hex values (in the "A-F", "a-f" and "0-9" range)
	ASCII: input alphanumeric format.
Passphrase	Enter passphrase and click "Generate", then the access point will
	automatically generate WEP keys by the passphrase for you.
Key 1 - Key 4	To entry 10 Hex digits for 64 bit key, 26 Hex digits for 128 bit key.
Default TX Key	Select the WEP key used to encrypt data transmitted in the wireless
	network.

# 3.2.6 WPA Setting



Description
The Pre-shared key is used to authenticate and encrypt data transmitted
in the wireless network.
To entry at least 8 characters pass phrase as the pre-shared keys.
It will auto re-gererate the Key after the defult time (86400) has passed,
or you can change the default time by yourself.

# 3.2.7 Advanced Setting



Parameter	Description
Beacon Interval (20-1000)	The period of time that this access point broadcast a beacon. Beacon is
	used to synchronize the wireless network.
RTS Threshold (256-2432)	When the packet size is smaller the RTS threshold, the access point will
	not use the RTS/CTS mechanism to send this packet.
DTIM Period (1-255)	This is the interval of the Delivery Traffic Indication Message (DTIM). A
	DTIM field is a countdown field informing stations of the next window for
	listening to broadcast and multicast messages. When the Access Point
	has buffered broadcast or multicast messages for associated stations, it
	sends the next DTIM with a DTIM Interval value. Stations for the Access
	Point hear the beacons and awaken to receive the broadcast and

multicast messages.

Protection Mode It provides best performance for 11g transmission when you enable it.

Transmit Rate When you enable the station mode selection to "802.11b" and it allows

you to select the speed of 1-11Mbps. When you enable the station mode

selection to "802.11g" and it allows you to select the speed of 1-54Mbps.

Preamble Type Preamble type defines the length of preamble block in the frames during

the wireless communication.

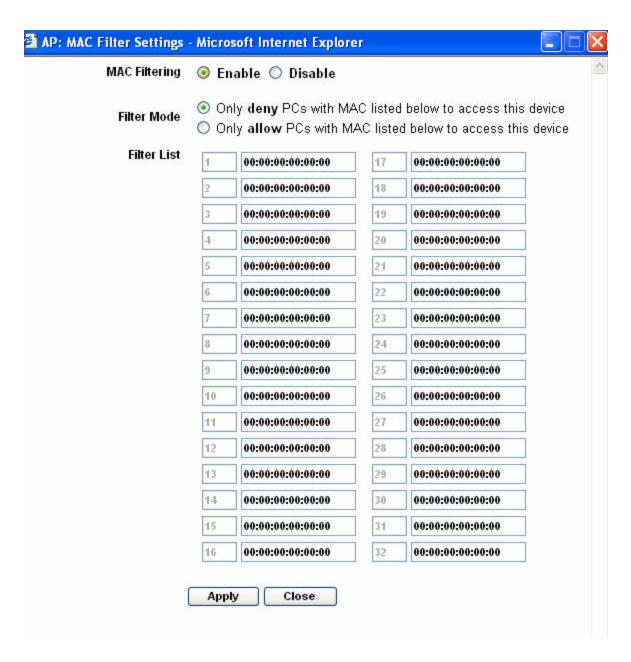
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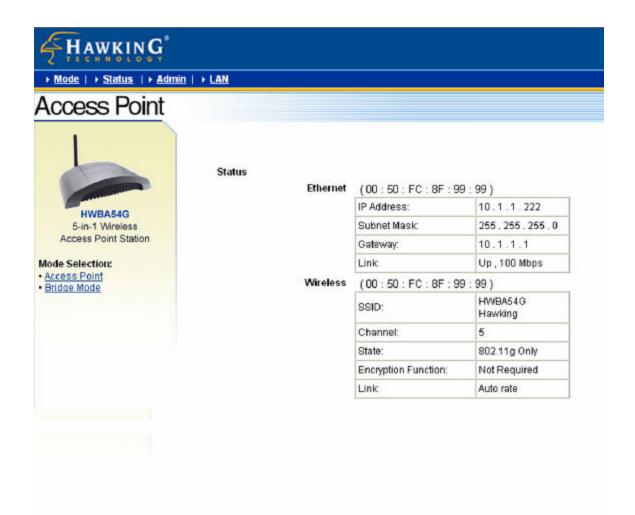
#### 3.2.8 Access Filter

The HWBA54G allows you to provide a Filter List of MAC addresses that are allowed/denied access associated with this AP.



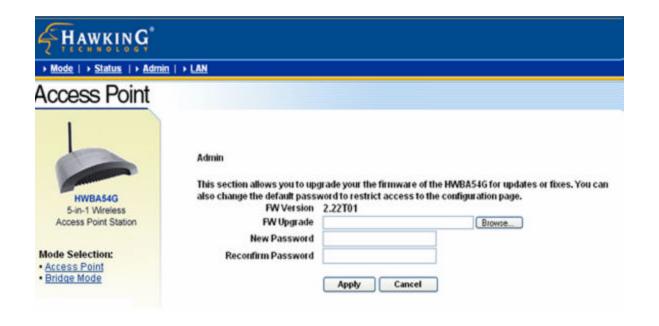
Parameter	Description
MAC Filtering	You can enable or disable the MAC Filtering function.
Filter Mode	If you select "Only deny PCs with MAC listed below to access this
	device", then all the PCs in the list will be denied to access and all other
	PCs will be allowed to access. If you select "Only allow PCs with MAC
	listed below to access this device", then all PCs in the list will be allowed
	to access but all other PCs will be denied to access.
Filter List	Enter the MAC address of PC that will be managed by the MAC Filtering
	rule.

# 3.2.9 Status Setup



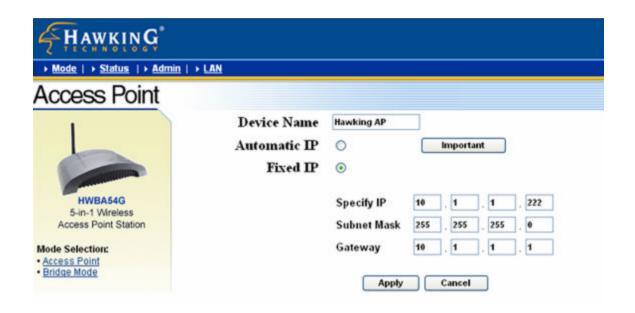
Parameter	Description
Ethernet	It shows the default IP address, Subnet Mask, Gateway and Link status
	information.
Wireless	It shows the current Wireless information.

# 3.2.10 Admin Setup



Parameter	Description
FW Version	It shows current FW version.
FW Upgrade	This tool allows you to upgrade the Access Point's system firmware. To
	upgrade the firmware of your Access Point, you need to download the
	firmware file to your local hard disk, and enter that file name and path in
	the appropriate field on this page. You can also use the Browse button to
	find the firmware file on your PC. Please reset the Access Point when the
	upgrade process is complete.
New Password	Enter the password (up to 32-digit alphanumeric string) you want to login
	to the Access Point. Note that the password is case-sensitive.
Reconfirm Password	Reconfirm the password (up to 32-digit alphanumeric string) you want to
	login to the Access Point. Note that the password is case-sensitive.

# 3.2.11 **LAN Setup**



Parameter	Description
Device Name	It shows current FW version.
Automatic IP	Selecting this option is not advised unless you have direct access to the
	device that provides the IP address.
Fixed IP	Specify IP: Designate the Access Point's IP Address. This IP Address
	should be unique in your network. The default IP Address is 192.168.2.1.
	Subnet Mask: Specify a Subnet Mask for your LAN segment. Gateway:
	Specify the default gateway IP of this Access Point.

# **Chapter4 Troubleshooting**

This chapter provides solutions to problems usually encountered during the installation and operation of the Access Point.

#### 1. How do I manually find the PC's IP and MAC Address?

- 1) In Windows, open the Command Prompt program
- 2) Type **Ipconfig /all** and **Enter** 
  - 1 Your PC's IP address is the one entitled IP address
  - 2 Your PC's MAC Address is the one entitled **Physical Address**

#### 2. What is BSS ID?

A group of wireless stations and an Access Point compose a Basic Service Set (BSS). Computers in a BSS must be configured with the same BSSID.

#### 3. What is ESSID?

An Infrastructure configuration could also support roaming capability for mobile workers. More than one BSS can be configured as an Extended Service Set (ESS). Users within an ESS could roam freely between BSSs while maintaining a continuous connection to the wireless network stations and the Wireless LAN Access Points.

#### 4. Can data be intercepted while transmitting through the air?

WLAN features two-fold protection in security. On the hardware side, as with Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum technology, it has the inherent scrambling security feature. On the software side, the WLAN series offers the encryption function (WEP) to enhance security and access control.

#### 5. What is WEP?

WEP stands for Wired Equivalent Privacy, a data privacy mechanism

based on a 64(40)-bit shared key algorithm.

#### 6. What is a MAC Address?

The Media Access Control (MAC) address is a unique number assigned by the manufacturer to any Ethernet networking device, such as a network adapter, that allows the network to identify it at the hardware level. For all practical purposes, this number is usually permanent. Unlike IP addresses which can change every time a computer logs on to the network, the MAC address of a device stays the same, making it a valuable identifier for the network.