





# VDP INDUSTRIAL SERIES

Remote Adhesive-Mount Dual-Band WiFi Antenna

The Linx VDP industrial series offers rugged remote-mount dipole antennas having excellent performance for single- and dual-band WiFi/WLAN as well as other 2.4 GHz or 5 GHz ISM and U-NII frequency band applications.

The dual-band VDP industrial antennas are durable, low profile, IP67 ratable, and UV protected. They mount permanently to non-conductive surfaces using the integrated adhesive patch and connect using 2 meters of RG-174/U low-loss cable terminated in an SMA plug (male pin), or RP-SMA plug (female socket) connector for FCC Part 15 compliant applications.

#### **FEATURES**

- Performance at 2.4 GHz
  - VSWR: ≤ 1.5
  - Peak Gain: 2.4 dBi
  - Efficiency: 23%
- Performance at 5 GHz
  - VSWR: ≤ 1.4
  - Peak Gain: -0.6 dBi
  - Efficiency: 12%
- · Low-profile
  - 115.0 mm x 22.0 mm x 6.3 mm
- Durable UV protected enclosure rated at IP67 for heavy-duty outdoor use
- Low-loss RG-174/U coaxial cable for improved performance at higher frequencies
- SMA plug (male pin) or RP-SMA plug (female socket) connector

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Single- and dual-band WiFi/WLAN
  - 802.11b/g
  - WiFi 4 (802.11n)
  - WiFi 5 (802.11ac)
  - U-NII bands 1-4
- Smart Home networking
  - 802.11b/g
  - WiFi 4 (802.11n)
- Internet of Things (IoT) devices
- Smart Home networking
- Sensing and remote monitoring

#### ORDERING INFORMATION

Part Number	Description
ANT-2/5-VDP-2000-SMA	Remote adhesive-mount dual-band WiFi antenna with 2 m of RG-174/U low-loss coaxial cable terminated in an SMA plug (male pin)
ANT-2/5-VDP-2000-RPS	Remote adhesive-mount dual-band WiFi antenna with 2 m of RG-174/U low-loss coaxial cable terminated in an RP-SMA plug (female socket)

Available from Linx Technologies and select distributors and representatives.

#### **TABLE 1. ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

ANT-2/5-VDP-2000	2.4 GHz	5 GHz
Frequency Range	2.4 GHz to 2.485 GHz	5.15 GHz to 5.85 GHz
VSWR (max)	1.5	1.4
Peak Gain (dBi)	2.4	-0.6
Average Gain (dBi)	-6.6	-10.6
Efficiency (%)	23	12

#### **TABLE 2. MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Parameter	Dual Band WiFi	
Polarization	Linear	
Radiation	Omnidirectional	
Max Power	10 W	
Wavelength	1/2-wave	
Electrical Type	Dipole	
Impedance	50 Ω	
Operating Temp. Range	-40 °C to +85 °C	
Dimensions	115.0 mm x 22.0 mm x 6.2 mm (4.53 in x 0.87 in x 0.24 in)	
Connection	SMA plug (male pin) or RP-SMA plug (female socket)	
Cable	2.0 m (78.74 in) of RG-174/U low-loss coaxial cable	
Weight	42.0 g (1.48 oz)	

# **PRODUCT DIMENSIONS**

Figure 1 provides dimensions of the ANT-2/5-VDP-2000. The antenna comes with 2 m (78.74 in) of RG-174/U low-loss coaxial cable terminated by an SMA plug (male pin) or RP-SMA plug (female socket) connector.

# **ANTENNA MOUNTING**

The remote adhesive-mount VDP industrial series antenna mounts permanently to non-conductive surfaces using the integrated adhesive patch. The mounting surface should be clean, dry and free of oil residue for ideal adhesion

#### **PACKAGING INFORMATION**

The VDP industrial series antennas are packaged in bags of 50. Distribution channels may offer alternative packaging options.

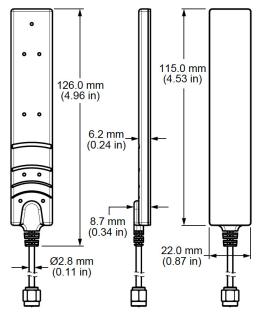


Figure 1. ANT-2/5-VDP-2000 Antenna

#### **VSWR**

Figure 2 provides the voltage standing wave ratio (VSWR) across the antenna bandwidth. VSWR describes the power reflected from the antenna back to the radio. A lower VSWR value indicates better antenna performance at a given frequency. Reflected power is also shown on the right-side vertical axis as a gauge of the percentage of transmitter power reflected back from the antenna.

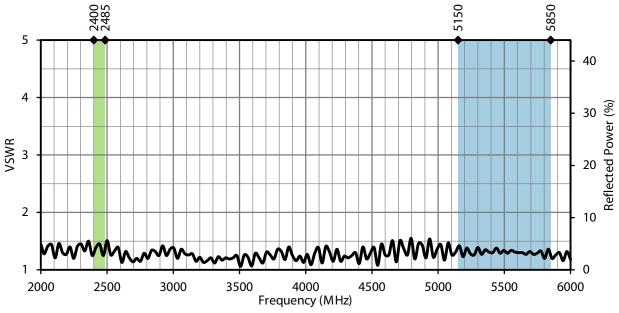


Figure 2. ANT- 2/5-VDP-2000 VSWR with Frequency Band Highlights

#### **RETURN LOSS**

Return loss (Figure 3), represents the loss in power at the antenna due to reflected signals. Like VSWR, a lower return loss value indicates better antenna performance at a given frequency.

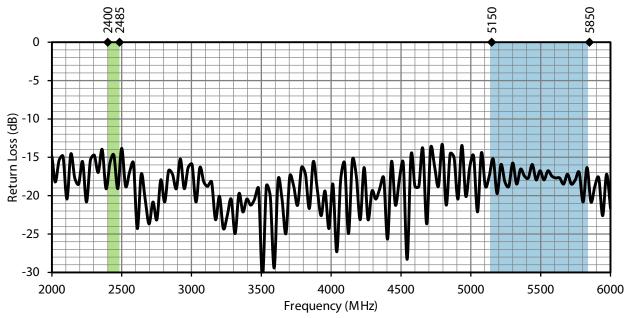


Figure 3. ANT- 2/5-VDP-2000 Return Loss with Frequency Band Highlights

#### **PEAK GAIN**

The peak gain across the antenna bandwidth is shown in Figure 4. Peak gain represents the maximum antenna input power concentration across 3-dimensional space, and therefore peak performance at a given frequency, but does not consider any directionality in the gain pattern.

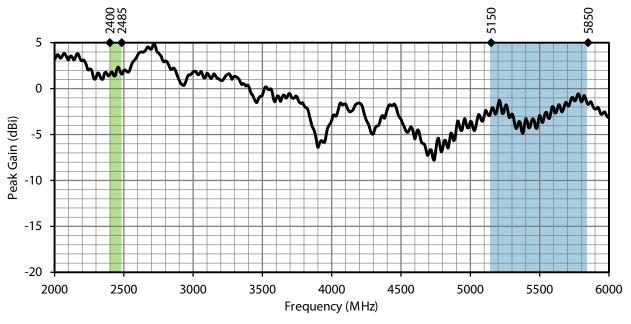


Figure 4. ANT- 2/5-VDP-2000 Peak Gain with Frequency Band Highlights

#### **AVERAGE GAIN**

Average gain (Figure 5), is the average of all antenna gain in 3-dimensional space at each frequency, providing an indication of overall performance without expressing antenna directionality.

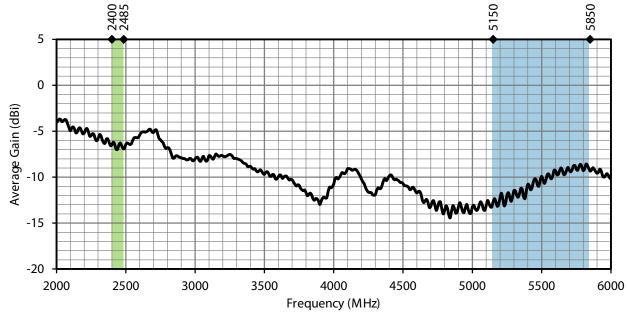


Figure 5. ANT- 2/5-VDP-2000 Antenna Average Gain with Frequency Band Highlights

#### **RADIATION EFFICIENCY**

Radiation efficiency (Figure 6), shows the ratio of power delivered to the antenna relative to the power radiated at the antenna, expressed as a percentage, where a higher percentage indicates better performance at a given frequency.

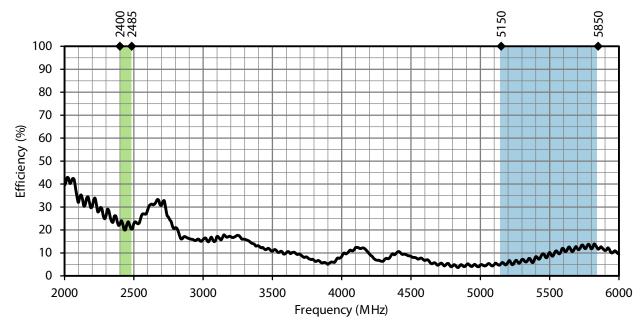


Figure 6. ANT- 2/5-VDP-2000 Antenna Radiation Efficiency with Frequency Band Highlights

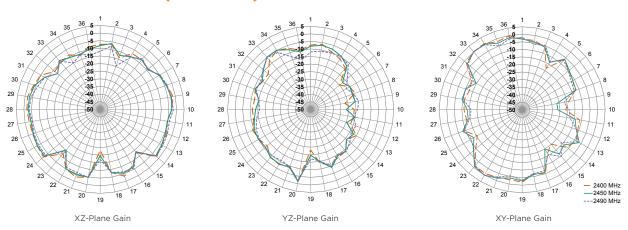
#### **RADIATION PATTERNS**

Radiation patterns provide information about the directionality and 3-dimensional gain performance of the antenna by plotting gain at specific frequencies in three orthogonal planes. Antenna radiation patterns are shown in Figure 7 using polar plots covering 360 degrees. The antenna graphic at the top of the page provides reference to the plane of the column of plots below it. Note: when viewed with typical PDF viewing software, zooming into radiation patterns is possible to reveal fine detail.

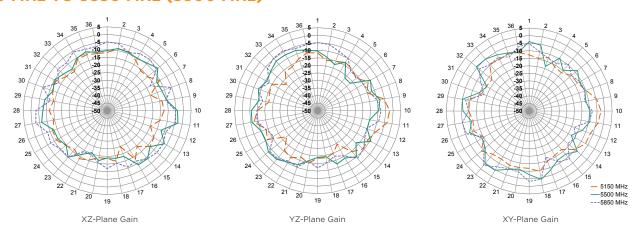
#### **RADIATION PATTERNS**



# 2400 MHz TO 2485 MHz (2450 MHz)



# 5150 MHz TO 5850 MHz (5500 MHz)



#### **ANTENNA DEFINITIONS AND USEFUL FORMULAS**

**VSWR** - Voltage Standing Wave Ratio. VSWR is a unitless ratio that describes the power reflected from the antenna back to the radio. A lower VSWR value indicates better antenna performance at a given frequency. VSWR is easily derived from Return Loss.

$$VSWR = \frac{10^{\left[\frac{Return Loss}{20}\right]} + 1}{10^{\left[\frac{Return Loss}{20}\right]} - 1}$$

**Return Loss** - Return loss represents the loss in power at the antenna due to reflected signals, measured in decibels. A lower return loss value indicates better antenna performance at a given frequency. Return Loss is easily derived from VSWR.

$$Return \ Loss = -20 \ log_{10} \left[ \frac{VSWR - 1}{VSWR + 1} \right]$$

Efficiency  $(\eta)$  - The total power radiated from an antenna divided by the input power at the feed point of the antenna as a percentage.

**Total Radiated Efficiency** - (TRE) The total efficiency of an antenna solution comprising the radiation efficiency of the antenna and the transmitted (forward) efficiency from the transmitter.

$$TRE = \eta \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{VSWR - 1}{VSWR + 1}\right)^{2}\right)$$

**Gain** - The ratio of an antenna's efficiency in a given direction (G) to the power produced by a theoretical lossless (100% efficient) isotropic antenna. The gain of an antenna is almost always expressed in decibels.

$$G_{db} = 10 \log_{10}(G)$$

$$G_{dBd} = G_{dBi} - 2.51dB$$

Peak Gain - The highest antenna gain across all directions for a given frequency range. A directional antenna will have a very high peak gain compared to average gain.

Average Gain - The average gain across all directions for a given frequency range.

Maximum Power - The maximum signal power which may be applied to an antenna feed point, typically measured in watts (W).

Reflected Power - A portion of the forward power reflected back toward the amplifier due to a mismatch at the antenna port.

$$\left(\frac{\text{VSWR}-1}{\text{VSWR}+1}\right)^2$$

decibel (dB) - A logarithmic unit of measure of the power of an electrical signal.

decibel isotropic (dBi) - A comparative measure in decibels between an antenna under test and an isotropic radiator.

decibel relative to a dipole (dBd) - A comparative measure in decibels between an antenna under test and an ideal half-wave dipole.

**Dipole** - An ideal dipole comprises a straight electrical conductor measuring 1/2 wavelength from end to end connected at the center to a feed point for the radio.

Isotropic Radiator - A theoretical antenna which radiates energy equally in all directions as a perfect sphere.

Omnidirectional - Term describing an antenna radiation pattern that is uniform in all directions. An isotropic antenna is the theoretical perfect omnidirectional antenna. An ideal dipole antenna has a donut shaped radiation pattern and other practical antenna implementations will have less perfect but generally omnidirectional radiation patterns which are typically plotted on three axes.

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