

# **BEFORE YOU START!**

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# What's in the Box



ProLink



PoE Injector & Power Supply

# **Cables and Accessories**



3x Ethernet Cables (Includes a black 4.6 ft (1.4 m) cable, a black 50 ft (15 m) cable, and a white 50 ft (15 m) cable)

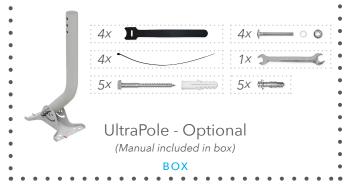
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# Install Manuals, Who Needs 'Em?

**Heads up:** It can take a bit of patience to set up ProLink and get the fastest speeds available.

We'd be surprised if you saw better data speeds immediately upon connecting ProLink. Be prepared to spend an hour or two finding the best position & aiming it.

This manual is based on decades of experience, supporting hundreds of thousands of customers like you. We've poured our hearts and souls into it, to make it as helpful as possible.

We promise you'll be glad if you read it from start to finish before you get started. It'll help you save time, avoid common pitfalls, and ensure your system works as well as possible.

#### Who We Are

Hi! We're Waveform. We've been around since 2007, and while we've grown a bunch since then, we're still a small team. Now, we've partnered with Elsys to develop the best outdoor 5G modem there is.

The four of us pictured below lead support and product development. Feel free to reach out to us at any time; our emails are all just our first names @waveform.com



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### Stuck? Have Questions? Please: Contact Us!

We're a small team, but we *really* care about helping you get the best results.

If you're having issues, please reach out. Sometimes a small tweak can make all the difference.

Even if everything goes smoothly, let us know how your system is performing!

And we love getting feedback: if you think of a way we could make ProLink, our accessories, the install process, or this manual better – let us know!

Simply visit <u>setup.wf/ProLink</u> to **connect with our team** of dedicated Signal Specialists, and access a **bunch of helpful resources!** 

# **Olimination**Before You Start

It's critical that you have **at least 1 bar** of **usable** 4G LTE or 5G signal outside or on the roof of the building where you're installing your ProLink – specifically for the carrier it will connect to.

## What Do We Mean by "Usable"?

When using your ProLink – or any device on the same carrier, such as a phone, gateway, or router – a **usable** signal means **you should be able to complete a data speed test**, regardless of the actual speed. Simply connect to your cellular device's Wi-Fi or use your phone's cellular connection and visit **speedtest.net** to run a quick speed test.

However, if there's no usable signal outside your building to begin with, your ProLink may not be able to establish a reliable connection. You can certainly still give it a shot, but the results may fall short of your expectations.

# **Carrier Compatibility**

ProLink is certified on, and compatible with, all major U.S. carriers, including T-Mobile<sup>®</sup>, Verizon<sup>®</sup>, and AT&T<sup>®</sup> and supports nearly all 4G LTE and low- to mid-band 5G bands used in the U.S.:

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AT&T

B2/n2, B4, B5/n5, B12, B17, B29, B30, B46, B66/n66, n77

verizon\(^{\sqrt{}}

B2/n2, B4, B5/n5, B13, B46, B48/n48, B66/n66, n77

T Mobile

B2, B4, B5, B12, B25, B26, B41/n41, B46, B66, B71/n71, n77

#### All supported 4G (LTE) Bands:

B2, B4, B5, B12, B13, B17, B25, B26, B30, B41, B48, B66, B71

#### All supported 5G (NR) Bands:

- Standalone (SA): n2, n5, n14, n30, n38, n48, n66, n77
- Non-Standalone (NSA): n2, n5, n25, n30, n41, n66, n71, n77

ProLink uses multiple antennas to enable a MIMO (Multiple Input, Multiple Output) connection between it and the cell tower – supporting 4x4 MIMO downlink across many 5G and LTE bands, and 2x2 MIMO uplink on select 5G bands. It features a peak antenna gain of 10.0 dBi and supports up to 5x carrier aggregation, with a maximum aggregated bandwidth of 100 MHz.

Powered by the Qualcomm SDx62 modem, ProLink can achieve **download speeds up to 3.47 Gbps** and **upload speeds up to 900 Mbps**.

#### Here's what you need to know:

ProLink works with most 4G LTE and 5G plans, but it's compatibility depends on your specific data plan – not just your carrier. Some plans restrict the usage of third-party hardware and/or have limitations for transferring SIMs.

AT&T - All plans with physical SIMs work great. Just move the SIM into ProLink & go!

- ✓ AT&T Home Internet: Fully compatible.
- ✓ AT&T Business Internet: Fully compatible.

**Verizon** - Home Internet uses eSIMs which aren't transferable, but data plans with physical SIM cards (e.g. business or hotspot plans) work great!

- X Verizon Home and Business 5G Internet: Use eSIMs and can't currently be moved to ProLink.
- ✓ Other Verizon data plans (with a physical SIM): Fully compatible.

**T-Mobile** - Business Internet works great. Home Internet isn't currently approved for third-party hardware.

- ✓ **T-Mobile Business Internet:** Fully compatible. SIM cards can be moved into ProLink with no issues.
- ↑ T-Mobile Home Internet: SIMs are locked to the IMEI of the T-Mobile-provided Home Internet gateway. For ProLink to work, they'd have to explicitly approve its IMEI but they currently do not offer this support.
- Fig: If you're considering or currently on T-Mobile Home Internet, it's generally pretty easy to switch to a T-Mobile Business Internet plan, which enables you to move your SIM into ProLink.

If you have any questions about whether your data plan or SIM card supports third-party hardware like ProLink, please reach out to us.

**Don't have a data plan yet?** You can use ProLink's "Blind Search" feature to figure out which carriers are best for your location. (See page 23 for details.)

# What Performance Should You Expect?

In short: **It's hard to say**. ProLink's directional antennas & Qualcomm SDx62 modem support download speeds of up to 3.47 Gbps and upload speeds of 900 Mbps, but the most limiting factor for your data speeds will be your local cell signal, rather than ProLink's hardware.

If you're already using an indoor home internet gateway from a carrier, **most people see** increases in data speeds between 50% and 200% – but some people may only see 10%. Despite all the science, wireless signals often work in strange and magical ways.

One thing is for sure, the more positions and directions you test ProLink, the more likely you are to see a big increase in data speeds. If you've gone through this manual and aimed ProLink as we suggest, but you're still not seeing much improvement, please reach out to us for help. We can usually find ways to optimize your setup for even better speeds.

#### What Hardware Do You Need?

**ProLink is not a Wi-Fi Router** – to connect over Wi-Fi, you'll need your own Wi-Fi router. For testing, you'll need a long extension cord, and a extension cord splitter. **Additional tools may be required** depending on how you mount your ProLink:

#### For Pole Mounting:

- Phillips-#2 Screwdriver
- Optional: Socket Wrench (9/32 inch | 7 mm)

#### For Wall Mounting:

- Drill with 3/8 inch (10 mm) bit
- 4x Wall Anchors (3/8 x 1-3/16 inch | 10 x 30 mm)
- 4x Screws (5/16 inch | 8 mm)

# What does the USB-C port do?

The USB-C port on the bottom of your ProLink is a **diagnostic port** that connects to the 5G module. While it allows access via AT commands and the Linux shell, **it isn't needed for setup** – everything can be done through ProLink's Web UI.

# Install Process Overview

- Scan this QR code to get your virtual site survey and connect to our team of signal specialists.
- 1 Read this manual Ideally from start to finish, so that you understand the whole installation process before you begin.



- Prepare your "Test Setup" (Page 7) Before making any holes in your roof or walls, you'll connect your system in the "test setup", to make finding the best position for your ProLink as easy as possible.
- Find the best position and direction for your ProLink (Pages 12-13) This step is the most time-consuming, but it's worth the effort and has a huge impact on your system's performance. Make notes of your readings in the table on page 14.
- Verify performance and install everything (Pages 15-18). Before making any holes in your roof or walls you'll fully connect your system and run speed tests. If everything looks good, you'll finalize the cable runs and mount your ProLink.
- Tell us how your system is doing Nothing makes our day like hearing from customers. And if for any reason you're not seeing the results you were hoping for, we can help.
  - Visit <u>setup.wf/ProLink</u> to connect with our team of dedicated Signal Specialists and access a bunch of helpful resources!

# **1** Preparing For Testing

Since ProLink is directional, positioning & aiming it is critical for your install – but before you do that, we'll walk you through the best way to connect your system temporarily to make sure that process is as easy as possible later in the manual – so don't drill any holes just yet!

### **Connecting Your Test Setup**

Refer to the diagram below as needed.

- Pull the tab for the bottom left flap of your ProLink, and write down the Web UI user & password. If a SIM card isn't installed, pull the tab for the bottom right flap and insert your SIM card into the SIM "1" slot. Then, firmly press each flap's sides back into place.
- 2 Unscrew the cable gland from your ProLink and set it aside you'll need it later.
- Connect the white 50 ft (15m) ethernet cable between your ProLink and the "Amplimax" port of the POE injector.
- 4 Connect the black 5 ft (1.5 m) ethernet cable between the LAN port of the POE Injector and your Wi-Fi router's WAN port. Disconnect all other WANs from your Wi-Fi router.
- Plug the power supply into the POE injector, then into a power outlet. After a few moments, ProLink's display will show carrier and band info, and a flashing orange/blue LED will be visible through it's bottom right flap.
- Restart your Wi-Fi router. After it finishes rebooting, connect to it's Wi-Fi and try visiting <a href="mailto:speedtest.net">speedtest.net</a>. If the page loads and you're able to start a speed test, your ProLink is online, and you're ready to start testing! If not, please reach out to us.



Quick Tip Unsure which port is the WAN port of your Wi-Fi router? Labeling can vary! WAN ports are usually labeled "WAN", "Internet", or shown with a globe icon – and are often blue. LAN ports, however, are usually labeled with numbers (1, 2, 3, etc.) and may be yellow or unmarked. Contact us if you're unsure.

# **13** Understanding How Your ProLink Works

### **Boot-up Sequence**

After being plugged in, ProLink's 4G/5G status light will briefly appear solid orange. Once it completes its startup sequence and connects to a cellular network, the **screen will display key connection details**: active SIM slot name, abbreviated carrier name, frequency band, signal level, and cellular technology (e.g. SIM 1 TMO N41 90% 5G). See section 11 on page 28 for more details on ProLink's display.

At this point, the status light will quickly blink with alternating orange and blue flashes.

# **Status Lights**

There are multiple status lights located under the bottom right flap of your ProLink, but the "4G/5G" light is the most important since it flashes to indicate ProLink's current status.



#### **Solid Orange:**

ProLink is performing its start-up sequence.



#### **Blinking Orange & Blue:**

ProLink is active.

The light beside each **SIM slot & eSIM icon** turn solid green for whichever SIM slot is selected. **Note**: eSIMs are not currently supported.

## Your ProLink "Searches" For Signal

Like a cell phone, ProLink *searches* for, and then connects to, the best signal available from its carrier. Anytime you power-cycle your ProLink or change it's settings, it will prompt you to reboot so that it can start scanning to find the best signal.

### **Troubleshooting Tips**

- Are your ProLink's display and status lights as described, but you don't have an internet connection? If so, the APN for your carrier is most likely incorrect. See page 21 for details.
- Is your ProLink's display not as described? Refer to page 28 for guidance.
- Are your ProLink's status lights not as described? Please reach out to us for help.

## In a Rush? Use the Easy Install Feature!

We strongly recommend reading through the rest of this manual and completing the full aiming process – it only takes a bit more effort than an "Easy Install", but you'll likely obtain significantly better performance.

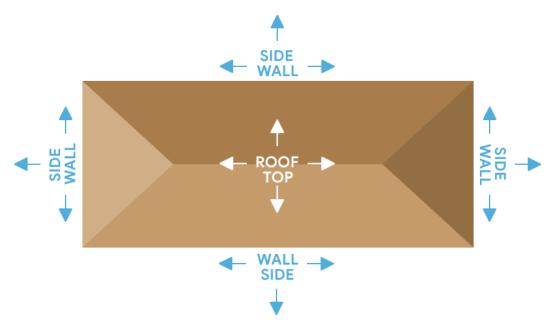
That said, while it's not the most effective way to achieve the fastest data speeds, the Easy Install feature can help you quickly identify a general position and direction for your ProLink.



Pressing the "Easy Install" button under the bottom right flap of your ProLink causes it to enter "Easy Install Mode". It's screen will display key connection details in real-time while also emitting a beeping sound that will beep faster as signal strength increases.

To exit "Easy Install Mode", press the "Easy Install" button again.

The Easy Install feature is best utilized by jotting down the **best positions and directions** that you find for your ProLink for **each of the following outdoor positions**, and sticking with the position and direction with the highest signal level.



When switching between each side of the building, we recommend restarting your ProLink by disconnecting and reconnecting its ethernet cable – this forces it to re-scan and connect to the best available band(s) for each location.

# 4 A Quick Introduction to Cellular Signal

The goal here is to get the best data speeds. To understand how, it's really helpful to have a basic understanding of how cellular signal works.

### **Signal Percentage**

ProLink's signal percentage (similar to the bars on your phone) offers a quick snapshot of your connection.

Signal percentage is meant to give you a rough idea of your signal conditions – but no single number can tell the full story. It's possible to see 90% and get slow speeds, or see 10% and get great speeds. That's why we recommend a speed test app (or ProLink's cellular metrics through its Web UI) instead.

Download our favorite speed test app ("Speedtest by Ookla") by visiting waveform.com/ speedtest and run a couple tests indoors to get a baseline of your signal – your results will vary slightly, that's normal. Just make sure your ProLink is connected to your Wi-Fi router and your phone is connected to your router's Wi-Fi when testing.

# Signal Quality (SINR & RSRQ)

Signal quality is the most important measure of your cellular connection. There are two different metrics used for signal quality – SINR and RSRQ. SINR measures loss in signal quality due to interference, while RSRQ measures congestion on the cell tower.

Why does it drop? Because towers can interfere with each other – especially if you're between them. This "intracell interference" makes it harder for your device to maintain a clean, stable connection. Higher quality signal can often be found by shielding and aiming your ProLink. We'll explain exactly how to position and aim your ProLink later in this manual.

# Signal Strength (RSRP)

RSRP is the main **measure of signal strength** for cellular networks. Signal strength is generally stronger the higher you go, but there's often more interference, which worsens signal quality. While stronger signals can help, signal quality matters more for achieving fast, reliable speeds.

#### **Bands**

ProLink, like your phone, connects to certain frequency bands on a cell tower.

**Each frequency band spans a specific range of frequencies** and can be divided into individual channels, which determine its total data capacity. For example, Band n41 covers 2496-2690 MHz and can be sliced into 20 MHz channels.

Higher-frequency bands typically support more channels with more bandwidth each, enabling faster theoretical speeds. However, **they also have shorter range compared with lower-frequency bands**.

That said, higher-frequency bands are often less congested – meaning fewer users are connected – which, combined with their greater bandwidth, can result in **faster speeds when connecting to them** with directional antennas like those in ProLink. However, this isn't always true: depending on your location, lower-frequency bands may still deliver better performance.

| Low Frequency | Bands |
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More congested, lower data speeds Travel further, easily penetrate buildings 600 MHz (Band 71) 700 MHz (Bands 12, 13, 14, 17)

850 MHz (Band 5, 26)

# High Frequency Bands

Less congested, faster data speeds Travel shorter 1900 MHz (Band 2, 25) 2600 MHz (Band 38) 2100 MHz (Band 4, 66) 3500 MHz (Band 48) 2300 MHz (Band 30) 3700 MHz (Band 77) 2500 MHz (Band 41)

**ProLink supports up to "5x carrier aggregation"**. It can combine up to five 4G LTE or 5G NSA channels, or up to two 5G SA channels, at the same time for a maximum bandwidth of up to 100 MHz to increase data speeds and maximize performance.

Depending on the signal conditions in your area, your ProLink may only connect to a single cellular band, or it could connect to multiple. Later in this manual we'll walk you through you **experimenting with different combinations of frequency bands** to see if a particular combination gets you the best speeds (See Section 10 for details).

## Okay, thanks for reading that!

We know that's a lot of information, but we promise it'll be helpful as you start your install. Our goal is to get you strong, high-quality signal on the best possible bands so you can get the best data speeds. Let's get started!

# **105** Positioning and Aiming Your ProLink

Finding the best position for your ProLink is the most important part of the install. In this section, we'll walk you through a simple and effective method for positioning and aiming your ProLink. Want to fine-tune things even further? Check out the advanced tips in Section 10.

#### The Goal

Your goal is to find the **best position and direction** for your ProLink. Its position should **maximize the data speeds** through your Wi-Fi router. This means **spending 30-60 minutes testing different spots around your building**.

It might be tempting to settle for a "good enough" spot, but **taking the time to find the best** location can pay off with significantly faster speeds and more reliable connectivity.

# 1. Take your Test Setup Outside

Do you have a long extension cord and a power splitter?

If so, use them to take your ProLink & Wi-Fi router "test setup" outdoors. Then, restart your Wi-Fi router & connect to it's Wi-Fi (or via ethernet, if possible).



Can't take your router outdoors or don't have a long power extension cable? No problem! Keep your router and ProLink PoE injector powered indoors. Just keep in mind that your data speed tests will likely be limited by your existing router's Wi-Fi range, rather than your ProLink's cellular signal. If possible, have someone stay inside near the router to run speed tests while you try different positions with your ProLink outdoors.

# 2. Get Ready to Perform Speed Tests

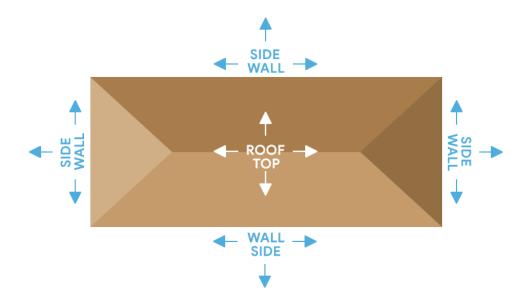
Since the goal is to maximize the data speeds provided from ProLink to your router, we'll **judge** the best position for your ProLink by measuring your data speeds. We recommend using Speedtest by Ookla – visit <u>waveform.com/speedtest</u>

Now that your test setup is ready and your phone or laptop is connected to the Wi-Fi of your Wi-Fi router, **you'll have everything you need to start testing** at different positions outdoors.

Go ahead and **run a couple of speed tests to get a baseline**. You'll notice your results fluctuate a bit between tests – that's completely normal.

#### 3. Take Outdoor Measurements

Take **2-3 speed tests at each of the following outdoor positions** with your ProLink. Record your results in the table in section 6 on the next page.



For each new location, restart your ProLink by disconnecting and reconnecting its ethernet cable – this forces it to re-scan and connect to the best available band(s) for each location.

**Don't just go to the highest point of the roof!** While signal strength is generally stronger the higher you go, there's often more interference. As covered in Section 4, poor signal quality is often caused by intra-cell interference – too many signals from nearby towers overlapping.

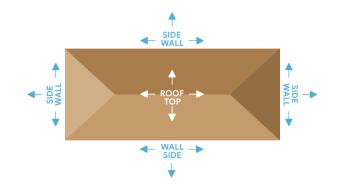


We've found it's often better to mount ProLink on the side of the building, facing your preferred tower, to "shield" it from other cell towers in the area. That said, sometimes the roof will still be the best spot. The only way to know for sure? **Test and compare**.

# **106** Your Measurements

Make notes of your data speed measurements while you're positioning and aiming your ProLink at the various positions described in section 5.

Important: Each time you move to a new location, power cycle ProLink to connect to the very best band(s) available.



Optional / Advanced

| Position |                   |                 | Optional / Advanced |      |      |  |
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|          | Download<br>Speed | Upload<br>Speed | Band(s)             | RSRP | SINR |  |
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# **7** Routing & Installing Your Cables

Once you've found the best position for your ProLink, it's time to route and install your cables.

## **Planning Your Cable Path**

How you run the outdoor Ethernet cable indoors will depend on whether you're using the included Window Entry Cable or routing the cable directly through a wall or other entry point.

Every building's different, so there's no step-by-step instructions we can apply to every building – but here are some tips to help you figure out the best approach.

- **Window**. Don't want to drill holes into your walls or roof to route the outdoor ethernet cable into the building? Install the Ethernet Window Entry cable a convenient window to create a cable path into the building.
- **Conduits and grommets.** You may have existing cable channels into your building from other equipment (e.g. Cable internet, TV antenna, land-line phones, etc.)
- » **Drilled through the wall or roof.** Don't want to use the Window Entry Cable and don't have any existing conduits? You'll need to drill a 3/4 inch (2 cm) diameter hole through an exterior wall or roof to run the cable into the building.

## **Cable Tips**

When planning your cable path, keep these best practices in mind:

- Before attempting to route the cables through your building, lay the ethernet cables out flat to straighten them. This will make them easier to work with.
- Avoid sharp bends, kinks, or twists that could damage your cables.
- Avoid sharp edges that might wear down the cable over time.
- Manage your cables with the zip ties to keep them safe and out of the way. If a cable runs along the wall, use cable saddles to secure it to the wall.
- When pulling your cables, **always pull on the cable jacket** and never on the connectors to prevent damage.
- Create a small "drip-loop" in the outdoor ethernet cable before it enters your building this helps prevent water from entering your building.

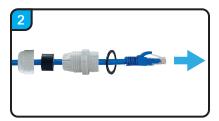
# **Getting the Complete Kit Set Up**

Refer to the diagram on the next page as needed

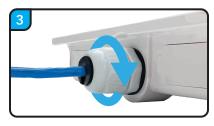
- Place ProLink at the spot you found in section 5.
- Place your Wi-Fi router & ProLink POE Injector at their preferred indoor locations near power outlets in the building.
- **Install ProLink's cable gland** for the white cable.



Unscrew the cable gland from ProLink, unscrew it's cover, and push out it's seal from inside.



Feed the white cable through the cable gland's parts and plug it into your ProLink.

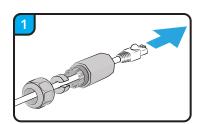


Thread the gland onto ProLink, insert the seal between it's forks (stepped edge facing fork tips), then **fasten the cap**.

Create a cable path into your building with the window entry cable, or by penetrating a wall or roof.

### Option 1 Using the Window Entry Cable

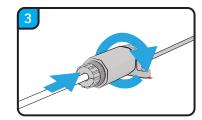
For the Window Entry Cable's full install instructions, follow its included manual or find its manual online at waveform.com/ethernet-entry-manual



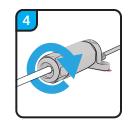
Feed the white cable through your entry cable cap, seal, then tube.



Plug the **white** cable into your entry cable.



Fasten the tube onto your entry cable. Then, push the seal between it's forks.



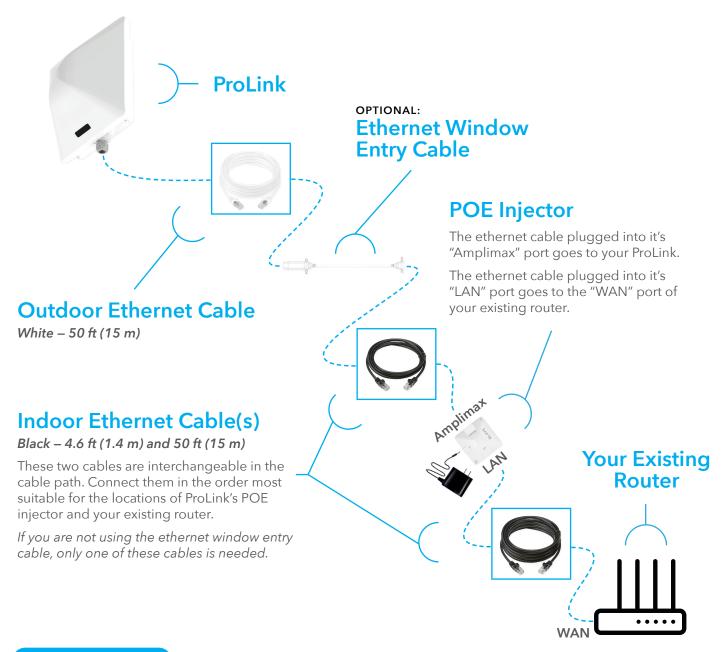
Fasten the cap onto the tube.

Then, plug the 1.4 m (4.6 ft) black cable between the Window Entry Cable's indoor connector and the "Amplimax" port of the POE injector.

### Option 2 Routing through a Wall or Roof

Route the white cable into your building and plug it into the "Amplimax" port of the POE injector. Refer to the previous page for suggestions.

- Connect the 50 ft (15 ft) black indoor ethernet cable between the POE Injector's LAN port and the WAN port of your existing router.
- Restart your Wi-Fi router, wait for it to reconnect, then perform 1-2 speed tests to verify that you are happy with your system's performance.



### **Install Tips**

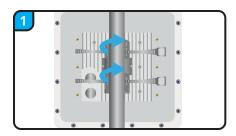
- When connecting the Ethernet cables, make sure to follow the ports as labeled in the diagram above to ensure each cable is plugged into the correct port. Most importantly, the cable coming from the LAN port of the POE Injector must connect to the WAN port on your existing router.
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# Mounting Your ProLink

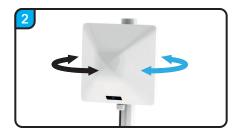
Now that you have all the components in your system connected and you've verified that you are happy with your data speeds, it's time to mount your ProLink!

ProLink can be installed against a pole or directly onto the exterior of your building.

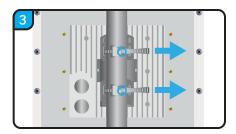
Option 1 Pole Mount (Allows Better Aiming) – Use the included clamps to mount ProLink against a pole. If your kit includes the UltraPole, refer to its included manual, or find its manual online at waveform.com/ultrapole-manual for assembly instructions.



Thread the two metal clamps through the mounting bracket & partially tighten them against your pole.

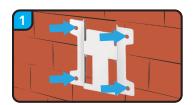


Adjust the direction and **height** of ProLink, as needed.



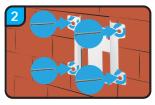
Tighten the metal clamps against your pole using a Phillips #2 screwdriver or 9/32 inch (7 mm) socket wrench.

Option 2 Wall Mount – Use the included wall plate to mount ProLink directly against the side of the building. Use wall anchors when installing on hard surfaces like concrete or soft materials like drywall.

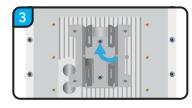


Position the wall plate, mark each hole, then drill the pilot holes.

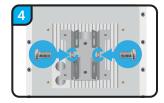
(Optional) Install wall anchors into each hole.



With it's center tab facing upward, place the wall plate against the wall and install the **screws**.



Slide the mounting bracket's **upper tabs** over the wall plate's center tab. Then, press ProLink flat against the wall and slide it downwards.



Using a Phillips #2 screwdriver, **secure** the mounting **bracket** to the wall plate with the two Phillips #2 bolts.

Install **Tips** 

- When wall mounting, you may need to wiggle ProLink slightly to help it settle into place during step 3. When aligned correctly, the holes on the sides of the brackets will line up.
- Mount ProLink with its cable gland facing downward to ensure proper weatherproofing.

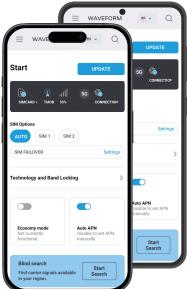
# A Deep Dive into ProLink's Web UI

ProLink's Web UI, can be used to configure and monitor your ProLink. **We'll go over the most important tools** and settings within this section, but feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

# **Accessing the Web UI**

To access your ProLink's WebUI, follow these steps:

- Ensure your **ProLink & Wi-Fi router are connected and powered on**. It may take a few minutes for them to boot up.
- Connect your phone to your router's Wi-Fi signal or connect your computer to your router's LAN port.
- **Visit** <u>192.168.10.254</u>. When prompted, enter the admin user & password printed under the left flap of your ProLink.

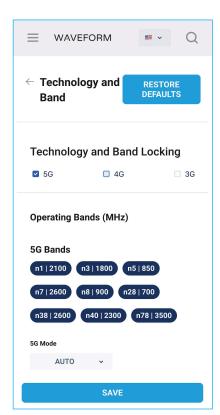


# Band Locking – How do I disable and enable bands?

ProLink allows you to choose which bands it's allowed to attempt a connection with.

#### To disable & enable bands:

- 1 Tap the  $\equiv$  icon on the top left of the Web UI, then tap the "Operating Bands" shortcut at the bottom of the page.
- Tap the bands you wish to disable. You can also disable entire connection types by tapping 5G, 4G, or 3G.
- 3 Tap "SAVE" at the bottom of the page to confirm your selection. Your ProLink will then prompt you to reboot and rescan for signals across the set of enabled bands.



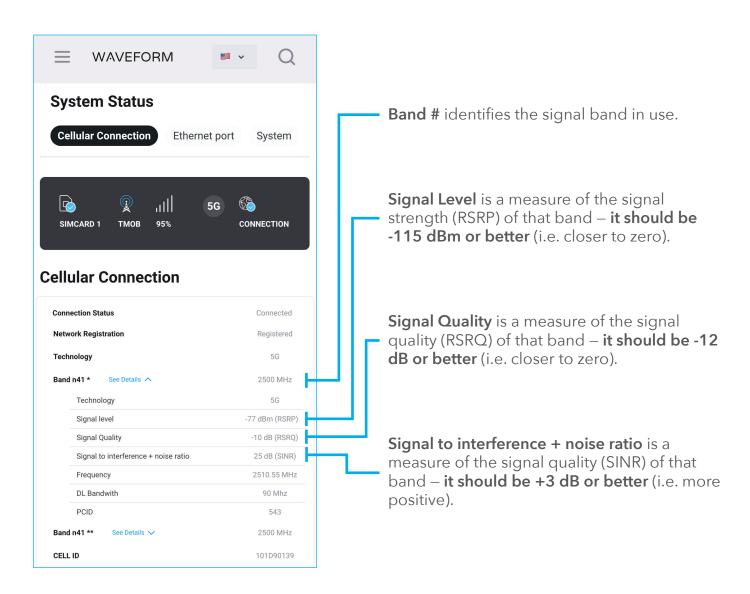
# Cellular Metrics – Where are they? What are good values?

While we aimed your ProLink using speed tests, it's cell metrics can be helpful for troubleshooting, or during the advanced optimization steps we'll cover in section 10.

#### To view ProLink's cellular metrics:

- Tap the **=** icon on the top left of the Web UI.
- Tap "System Status" to view the information for your ProLink's cellular connection.
- Scroll down to see each band(s) your ProLink is connecting to and tap "See Details" beside each band to view it's cellular metrics.

Refresh the page for new values. You won't need to use all of this information in most cases, but we've outlined some of the most important numbers below.



### APN - What is it? How do I change it?

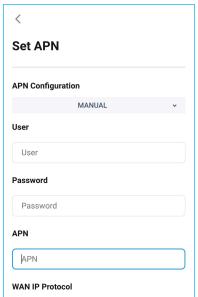
The APN, or Access Point Name, is a network identifier that **must be correctly configured on your device for it to connect** to the internet through your carrier's network.

APN settings are usually automatically configured by your carrier when ProLink loads your SIM card. However, you may need to manually configure your APN settings if you are using a unique data plan or experiencing connectivity problems.

#### To change your APN settings:

- Tap the "Auto APN" button on the Web UI's main page.
- 2 Change the "APN Configuration" setting from "AUTO" to "MANUAL" and enter the appropriate APN information provided to you by your carrier. For most carriers & data plans, you'll only need to enter the APN.
- Tap "Save Configuration". ProLink will prompt you to reboot and connect to the network using the new APN.

If you aren't sure what APN configuration to use, please reach out!



# TR069 & Remote Access – Why are they enabled?

Your ProLink comes pre-configured with two settings that allow authorized Waveform Signal Specialists to assist you remotely through our secure remote support platform. To provide assistance, our team may request your ProLink's admin username & password.

TR-069 is industry standard for secure, encrypted remote access. It allows ProLink to be found by our support platform, but doesn't give us access to traffic or usage – only ProLink's settings. **TR-069 Configuration**, found in the Web UI Utility tab, is enabled by default with these values:

- » ACS URL: http://us.ump.avsystem.cloud:10301/cloudacs/elsys
- » Username & Password: acs
- **Periodic Information** is also enabled, with a **reporting interval** of 5 seconds. *This uses a tiny amount of data, but will have a negligible impact on your data usage.*

The "Enable Remote Access for Waveform Support" setting, found in the Web UI Settings tab, is also enabled by default and gives our support team permission to access your ProLink.

**Note:** If either of these settings is changed or disabled, our team won't be able to offer remote troubleshooting support. That said, you're always in control – these settings can be modified at any time if you prefer to privately manage your device.

# Connection Modes – What are they? Should I change it?

ProLink offers two different connection modes, Router and Bridge (IPPT).

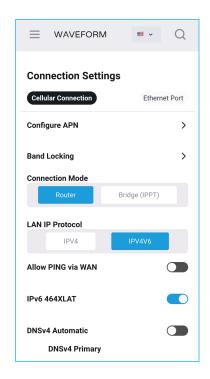
#### In Router Mode (Default), ProLink acts as a full router:

- » Creates its own private subnet (192.168.10.0/24)
- » Acts as the default network gateway (192.168.10.254) for device(s) with a direct wired connection to ProLink.
- » Assigns IPs via DHCP
- » Performs NAT (translates between internal and public IPs)

Router Mode is best for users who want plug-and-play internet.

# In Bridge Mode, also known as IPPT (IP Passthrough) Mode, ProLink acts more like a modem:

- » Disables NAT and DHCP
- » Passes the Public IP address from the carrier directly to the downstream device (e.g. your Wi-Fi router).
- » No longer routes traffic between subnets.



Bridge Mode is often used when ProLink is connected to a device (e.g. a Wi-Fi router) which needs the public IP directly (e.g. for advanced routing, firewall rules, or VPNs) or is experiencing issues with applications and services that rely on port forwarding or peer-to-peer connections.

We do <u>not</u> recommend Bridge Mode if your ProLink is connected directly to a device, like a laptop or desktop computer. Doing so provides that device with a public IP from the carrier, making it more vulnerable to cyberattacks & privacy breaches.

#### To change the Connection Mode for your ProLink:

- 1 Tap the  $\equiv$  icon on the top left of the Web UI, and tap "Connection Settings".
- 2 Under "Connection Mode", tap the mode you want to switch to.
- Tap "SAVE CHANGES". Your ProLink will then prompt you to reboot to apply the new connection mode.

**Note**: With Bridge Mode enabled, ProLink's Web UI may not be accessible if the downstream device (e.g. your Wi-Fi router) has multiple WAN connections. You may need to temporarily disconnect all other WAN connections from that device to regain access to ProLink's Web UI. If access to ProLink is lost, **resetting to factory defaults will restore Router Mode** and access to it's Web UI.

#### Blind Search - What is it?

A "Blind Search" can be used to determine which carriers are strongest at your location and can be performed using either the Easy Install button or the Web UI – but for both methods, ProLink must be in Router Mode with no SIM cards inserted.

For best results, perform a Blind Search on **each side of the building** and **record the signal strength** for each detected carrier.

#### Option 1 Easy Install Button

- 1 Ensure no SIM cards are in your ProLink. If a SIM card is present, instead of a "Blind Search", your system will run an "Easy Install" as described earlier in this manual.
- Press the "Easy Install" button under the bottom right flap of your ProLink. ProLink will indicate Blind Search has started by beeping and showing four dots on it's display.

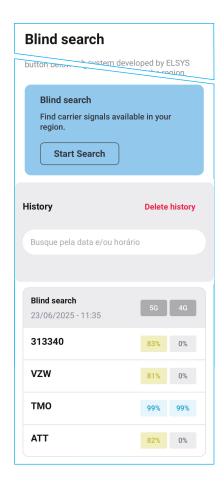


After approximately 1 minute, the names of the identified carriers and their 4G & 5G signal levels will be shown on the display. e.g. <5G> TMO: 83%, ATT: 60%, VZW: 90%.

#### Option 2 Web UI

- 1 Tap the = icon on the top left of the Web UI, and tap the "Blind Search" shortcut.
- 2 Tap the "Start Search" button at the bottom of the screen to begin a blind search. The search may take a few minutes, during which time ProLink's display will show four dots.
- Once complete, the names of the identified carriers and their signal levels will be listed at the bottom of the page.

**Note**: If insufficient 5G signals are present, ProLink may not display the signal levels of 4G service. Also, lesser known carriers may be displayed by their PLMN.



## AT commands – How do I perform them?

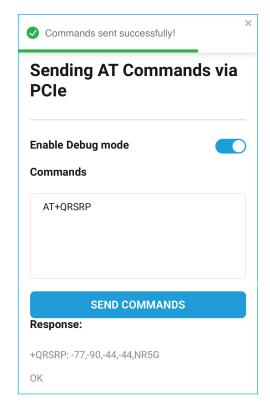
AT commands are an advanced method for changing the settings of your ProLink and should only be used by users who know what they are doing. Incorrectly entered AT commands can cause permanent damage to your device or otherwise make it inaccessible.

To enter AT commands, follow these steps.

- Tap the **=** icon on the top left of the Web UI, tap "Utility", then tap "AT Commands".
- Tap the "Enable Debug mode" switch to allow AT commands to be submitted.
- Enter the command into the "Commands" field and tap "SEND COMMANDS".

When entered correctly, the "Commands sent successfully!" banner will briefly be displayed at the top of the page and the results from your command will be shown below "Response".

Please refer to the following page for a list of AT commands. For the full list, or if you need help, please reach out to us.



Note: Debug Mode may cause unexpected behavior if used for prolonged periods. To ensure that your ProLink maintains correct functionality, we highly recommend that you disable debug mode when you're finished sending AT commands.

### **Important Note: IMEI Modification**

We allow access to AT commands because we believe in users' right to access and repair the devices they own. Modifying the IMEI of your ProLink is technically possible through AT commands, but doing so may violate your carrier's terms of service - and in some cases, federal law if done with fraudulent intent. We provide this capability for legitimate, carrierapproved use only. Always confirm with your carrier before making any changes.

| Al Command              | Meaning  |
|-------------------------|--|
| A/                      | Repeat Previous Command Line.  |
| ATI                     | Display MT Identification Information.   |
| ATZ                     | Restore All AT Command Settings from User-defined Profile.   |
| AT&F                    | Reset AT Command Settings to Factory Settings.   |
| AT&V                    | Display Current Configurations.  |
| AT&W                    | Store Current Settings to User-defined Profile.  |
| AT+CEER                 | Display Extended Error Report.   |
| AT+CIMI                 | Display International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI).   |
| AT+CPAS                 | Mobile Equipment Activity Status.  |
| AT+CPIN="pin"           | Enter SIM card PIN code.   |
| AT+EGMR=0,7             | Display current International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI).  |
| AT+ICCID                | Display Integrated Circuit Card Identifier (ICCID). A unique, 18-22 digit number that identifies a SIM card.   |
| AT+QENG="servingcell"   | Display current service state for the connected cell.  |
| AT+QENG="neighbourcell" | Display service state for all available neighbour cells.   |
| AT+QNWINFO              | Display current network technology, operator number, band, and channel ID.   |
| AT+QPOWD                | Power down ProLink.  |
| AT+QRSRP                | Display the Network mode & RSRP for each internal antenna for the current network. Range: -140 to -44 dBm. A value of -32768 indicates an error.   |
| AT+QRSRQ                | Display the Network mode & RSRQ for each internal antenna for the current network. Range: -20 to -3 dB. A value of -32768 indicates an error.  |
| AT+QSINR                | Display the Network mode & SINR for each internal antenna for the current network. Range: -20 to 30 dB for LTE, -23 to 40 dB for 5G. A value of -32768 indicates an error.               |
| AT+EGMR=1,7,"IMEI"      | Replace existing IMEI with new value. Quotation marks included in the command. e.g. <b>AT+EGMR=1,7,"123456789012345"</b> , changes the IMEI from it's existing value to 123456789012345. |
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AT Command

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## Factory Reset – How do I do one?

Make a mistake? Forget the admin username & password? No worries! Perform a factory reset to reset your ProLink's settings to it's factory defaults. This will erase all changed data and give you a fresh start with your device.

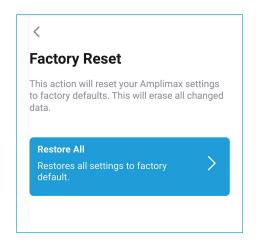
#### **Physical Reset Button** Option 1

- Press and hold the "Easy Install" button for 10 seconds. This button can be found under the bottom right flap of your ProLink.
- Once unpressed, ProLink will reboot and it's settings will be reset to it's factory defaults.



#### Option 2 Web UI

- Tap the icon on the top left of the Web UI, and tap "Settings".
- Tap "Restore factory default", tap "Restore All", then tap "Restore" to confirm.
- Once confirmed, ProLink will reboot and it's settings will be reset to it's factory defaults.



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If you're running into issues, even after factory resetting your system, please reach out to our team for help! We'd love to assist you!

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# Optional: Advanced Optimization

By now, you should have a solid idea of how to position your ProLink for great performance. For 95% of users, the steps covered earlier in this manual will deliver excellent results.

But if you're willing to get technical and optimize your system for every last bit of performance, these steps are for you:

- **Scan this QR code** to get your free Virtual Site Survey It includes a map of your nearby towers, available signal bands, and suggested directions to aim your ProLink.
- 2 Using the Site Survey as your guide, follow this process to identify the fastest band(s) and tower by running speed tests to compare results:



- **a. Aim and Bandlock.** Point your ProLink at each nearby tower we recommend and lock to each band that tower supports, one at a time.
- **c. Discover Additional Bands.** ProLink attempts to connect to the best band(s) available, but sometimes other bands may still be faster. By manually disabling the bands ProLink first selected, you can **force ProLink to reboot and scan for other available bands**.
- **d. Test Band Combinations.** ProLink supports up to "5x carrier aggregation", allowing it to combine **up to five 4G LTE or 5G NSA channels, or up to two 5G SA channels, at the same time** for faster speeds. However, depending on your environment, one strong band may outperform multiple aggregated bands, **the only way to know is by testing**.

To get the absolutely best data speeds, run speed tests with ProLink connected to each band individually, and then to different combinations of bands.

**Use your Cellular Metrics as a guide.** As discussed in Section 4, signal strength (RSRP) and signal quality (SINR / RSRQ) are key indicators of performance – and they respond differently to changes in environment and placement.

As you test different towers, bands, and directions, track how these metrics change and make a note of your findings on page 31 – each shift could reveal valuable clues into what adjustments could give you that extra "Oomph" in data speeds.

# ProLink Display

When your ProLink connects to a cellular network, it will display it's active SIM slot, followed by the abbreviated carrier name, frequency band, signal level, and cellular technology (e.g. SIM 1 TMO N41 90% 5G). Refer to this table for all possible messages.

After 20 minutes of powering on your ProLink router, it's LED display will go to sleep.

| Status Message    | Meaning   |
|-------------------|---|
| ВООТ              | ProLink is booting up.  |
| Insert SIM        | No SIM card inserted. Insert a SIM and Reboot.  |
| SIM#              | Active SIM card slot (e.g. SIM1)  |
| ATT, TMO, or VRW  | Carrier connected to your ProLink (respectively: AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon)   |
| B#, or n#         | Band to which your ProLink is connected (e.g. B2)   |
| XX%               | Received Signal Level Percentage, ranges from 0 to 99%  |
| 5G                | 5G Technology   |
| 4G                | 4G LTE Technology   |
| SEARCHING NETWORK | ProLink is searching the network for service.   |
| LIMITED SERVICE   | Service is limited by the selected carrier. The reasons could be weak signal, SIM card issues, roaming, or network registration issues.   |
| UPDATING FW       | ProLink firmware is being updated   |
| # V               | Supply voltage entering the equipment (e.g. 20 V)   |
| PLMN              | Public Land Mobile Network (PLMN) code. Displayed if the carrier is unknown. PLMN=MCC+MNC (e.g. 213660). The full list of Mobile Country Code (MCC) & Mobile Network Code (MNC) values can be found at <a href="mailto:mcc-mnc.com">mcc-mnc.com</a> |

In addition to the status messages provided by ProLink's display, there are a number of error messages that it could display as well. If you encounter any error codes, please reach out to us with the error code so we can help you fix the issue.

| Error Code | Meaning  |
|------------|--|
| ER62       | Incompatible or unrecognized hardware version. |
| ER63       | Error when attempting to disable calls.        |
| ER64       | Device is blocked or in a blocked state.       |
| ER65       | Error in device register or enable flags.      |
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| Error Code | Meaning  |
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| ER66       | Error in the UCI (Unified Configuration Interface)                                       |
| ER68       | Failure in AT command for network connection.  |
| ER69       | Error in DHCP settings (IP assignment).  |
| ER70       | EEPROM (Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory) not detected in the system. |
| ER71       | EEPROM CRC integrity check error.  |
| ER72       | Error in the SIM card slot (detection or reading).                                       |
| ER73       | Error related to the device's MAC address.   |
| ER74       | Error in the physical layer (PHY) driver   |
| ER75       | Error in USB port communication.   |
| ER76       | Error in the PCI Express (PCIe) interface.   |
| ER77       | Error reading or validating the device's IMEI.   |
| ER78       | Error reading the PCB serial number.   |
| ER79       | Error related to the radio frequency (RF) module.  |
| ER81       | Pairing error. Mismatch between device   |
| ER83       | Error on the AT port (communication with the modem via AT commands).                     |

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# Some Final Tips

- If data speeds decrease over time, consider re-optimizing your system. Occasionally carriers will update their towers to broadcast different bands, light up new towers, or simply turn off existing towers altogether. If your data speeds get worse, try repositioning and re-aiming your ProLink to get better results.
- ProLink does not currently support "hot swapping" it's SIM cards. SIM cards must be inserted prior to powering on ProLink. If you insert or replace a SIM card while ProLink is running, you'll need to reboot it for the change to take effect.

# Tell Us How It Works

Did your installation go well? Are you having trouble positioning your ProLink? Do you think our manual could be improved? Are your data speeds not quite what you were hoping?

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We'd love to feature your success! Send a 30+ sec video to videos@waveform.com showing your installed kit and speed test results from before and after your install. If your ProLink is already installed, briefly switch your router to its original setup to get your "before" results. Once we review your video, we'll PayPal you those funds!

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Know a business in the U.S. with poor cellular signal? Send them our way! If they deploy one of our cellular coverage solutions, you can earn via PayPal:

- **\$250** for spaces between 20,000 and 100,000 sq. ft.
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To get started, simply send an email introduction with your referral to coverage@ waveform.com, and we'll handle the rest.

| Position |                   | Upload<br>Speed | Optional / Advanced |      |      |  |
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