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1 FL EPA 2

1.1 Properties

The FL EPA 2 is an industrial wireless module for the wireless integration of industrial Ethernet and PROFINET devices in wired networks via WLAN and/or Bluetooth.

Typical applications for the FL EPA 2 include:

- Wireless network connection for industrial machines, devices and vehicles
- Ethernet cable replacement between moving machine parts



There are different ways of implementing the Bluetooth PAN profile in mobile devices. The implementation may be incompatible with the FL EPA 2. A Bluetooth PAN connection must be individually tested.



5 GHz WLAN cannot be used at the same time as 2.4 GHz WLAN or Bluetooth.

WLAN or Bluetooth?

WLAN is the preferred technology when it is important to integrate multiple devices with high data throughput and fast roaming.

Bluetooth offers particular advantages for applications requiring highly robust wireless connections or if precise channel planning is not possible.

1.1.1 Device versions

Three device versions are available:

- | | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| – FL EPA 2 | Internal antenna, WLAN and Bluetooth | Order No. 1005955 |
| – FL EPA 2 RSMA | External antenna, WLAN and Bluetooth | Order No. 1005957 |
| – FL BT EPA 2 | Internal antenna, Bluetooth (one device) | Order No. 1005869 |

Depending on the model, not all of the properties described above are available.

1.2 FL WLAN EPA ... country approvals

An up-to-date list of the country approvals can be found in the e-shop at phoenixcontact.com.

2 Installation

**CAUTION:**

This device emits radio frequency (RF) energy in the ISM (Industrial, Scientific, Medical) band. Make sure that all medical devices used in proximity to this device meet appropriate susceptibility specifications for this type of RF energy.

**NOTE:**

This product is recommended for use in both industrial and domestic environments. Functional ground needs to be connected in industrial environments to comply with immunity requirements. For domestic environments the functional ground must be omitted if a shielded Ethernet cable is used, in order to meet the emission requirements.

**NOTE:**

This product contains parts that can be damaged by electrostatic discharge (ESD). Take appropriate protective measures against electrostatic discharge.

2.1 General

**NOTE:**

The product may only be installed, started up, and maintained by qualified specialist personnel who have been authorized to do so by the system operator. An electrician is someone who because of their education, experience, and instruction and their knowledge of relevant standards is able to assess all planned activities and recognize any possible dangers. Specialist personnel is also required to read and understand this document and follow the instructions.

Observe the applicable national regulations regarding the operation, function tests, repair, and maintenance of electronic devices.

**NOTE:**

Observe the permitted operating temperatures of the EPA when using it outdoors. The device is suitable for installation in protected outdoor areas (e.g., under a porch). Direct sunlight may lead to overheating and permanent damage of the device.



Observe the applicable regulations for using wireless devices outdoors.

2.2 Mechanical installation

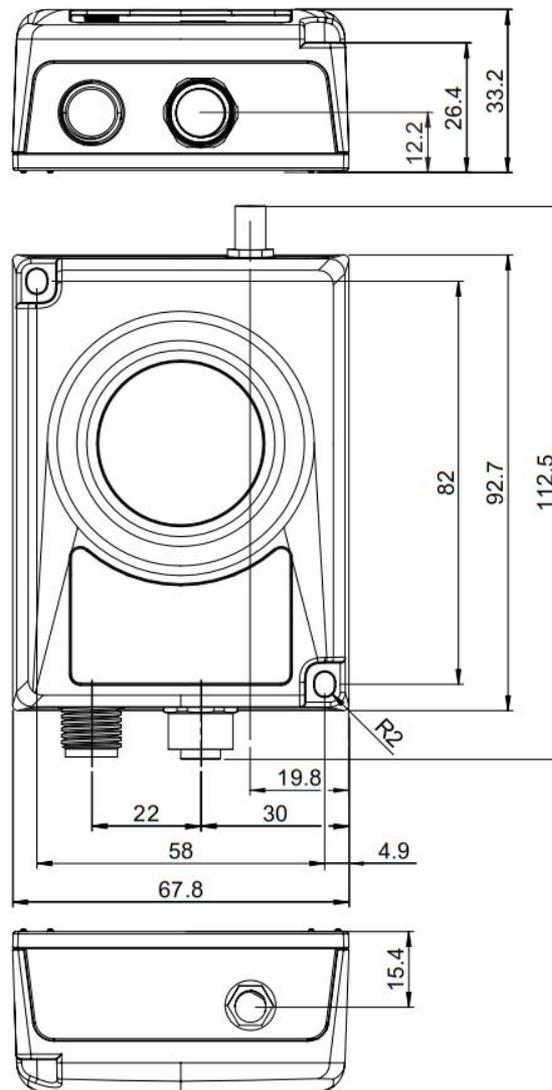


Figure 2-1 Assembly drawing (all dimensions in mm, antenna connection for the FL EPA 2 RSMA only)

2.2.1 DIN rail mounting

The FL EPA RMS mounting kit (Order No. 2701133) is available as an accessory for mounting the device on a 35 mm DIN rail.

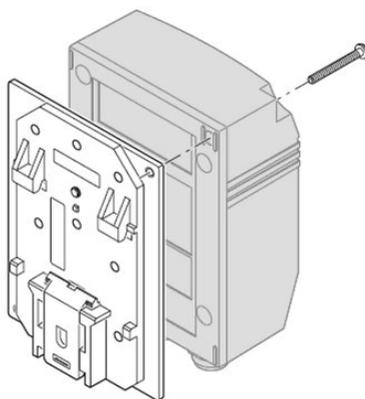


Figure 2-2 Fixing the EPA to the mounting kit for the DIN rail

- Use the two screws provided to fix the EPA to the base plate.
- Place the EPA with the adapter on the top edge of the DIN rail.
- Push the EPA towards the DIN rail until it snaps into place.
- For releasing the adapter from the DIN rail, pull the latch downwards using a screwdriver and simultaneously remove the EPA from the DIN rail.

2.2.2 Wall or mast mounting

The FL EPA WMS (Order No. 2701134) mounting kit can be used for EPA wall or mast mounting.

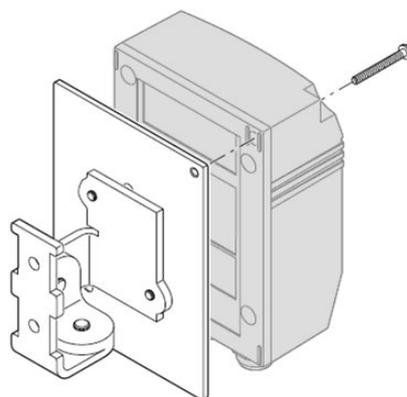


Figure 2-3 Fixing the EPA to the mounting kit for wall/mast mounting

- Use the two screws provided to fix the EPA to the base plate.
- The two 4.5 mm bore holes can be used for mounting. Two steel clamps are provided for mounting the EPA to a mast (25 mm ... 85 mm).

2.2.3 Connectors

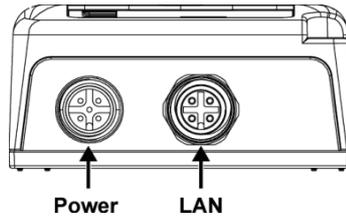


Figure 2-4 M12 connectors

Power connectors (M12 connectors, A-coded)

Table 2-1 M12 power connectors

Graphic	Pin	Function
	1	Power supply + (9 V DC ... 30 V DC)
	2	Digital input ground
	3	Power ground
	4	Digital input + (9 V DC ... 30 V DC)
	5	Functional ground



NOTE:

The signal line for the digital input must be carried in the same cable as power supply and functional ground if the line length exceeds 3 meters.

Table 2-2 LAN power connectors

Graphic	Pin	Function	Color coding (T568B)
	1	Transmit	Orange/white
	2	Receive	Green/white
	3	Transmit	Orange
	4	Receive	Green

2.3 Antenna connection (FL EPA 2 RSMA only)



The device is provided with an RSMA (female) antenna socket. Only use suitable antenna cables and adapters. The antenna socket may be damaged when trying to screw on wrong connectors.

Avoid the use of long and/or low-quality antenna cables. They cause additional attenuation and may reduce the range.

Torque the antenna cable to 1 Nm. Excessively high torques may damage the device.

2.4 LED indicators



Figure 2-5 LED indicators

Table 2-3 Meaning of the LED indicators

LED	Color	Meaning
PWR	Off	No power
	Green	Normal operation
WLAN	Off	WLAN deactivated
	Flashing blue	Access Point mode: WLAN activated, no client connected
	Blue	Access Point mode: Connected to at least one client Client mode: Connected to Access Point
	Flashing blue rapidly	WLAN data activity (when connected)
	Flashing purple	Client mode: Scanning for Access Points
	Purple	Client mode: Connecting to a detected Access Point
	Red	Unrecoverable error
LAN	Off	No Ethernet connection
	Yellow	Ethernet link present
	Flashing yellow rapidly	Ethernet data activity (when connected)

Table 2-3 Meaning of the LED indicators (Fortsetzung)

LED	Color	Meaning
BT	Off	Bluetooth deactivated
	Flashing blue	NAP mode: Bluetooth activated, no client connected
	Blue	NAP mode: Connected to at least one PANU client PANU mode: Connected to NAP
	Flashing blue rapidly	Bluetooth data activity (when connected)
	Purple	PANU mode: Trying to connect to NAP
	Red	Unrecoverable error
A-B-C-D	Green	RSSI (received signal strength) or link quality

Table 2-4 Received signal strength indication via A-B-C-D LEDs

RSSI (WLAN client) / link quality (Bluetooth PANU)	A	B	C	D
No connection				
RSSI/link quality low	●			
RSSI/link quality sufficient	●	●		
RSSI/link quality good	●	●	●	
RSSI/link quality excellent	●	●	●	●

3 Configuration

There are different ways of configuring the EPAs for operation:

Easy Config (“MODE” button)

Typical operating modes, such as direct connection of two EPAs as a “wireless Ethernet cable”, can be directly activated via the “MODE” button on the EPA without the need for a PC. A detailed description can be found in Section 3.1 “Easy Config (“MODE” button)” on page 3-1.

Web-based management (WBM)

To use all the important options, the device has a web-based management using a web browser. This means that the current operating state can simply be displayed without the use of special software or the device can be configured.

For parameter description, please refer to Section “Web-based management” on page 4-1.

AT commands

All the EPA parameters can be modified or transmitted to the EPA in an automated manner, for example from a program of a controller. For development or testing purposes, AT commands can also be transmitted to the EPA via the web-based management using the web browser.

The AT command reference can be found, for example, in the web-based management application under the “Help” menu item.

3.1 Easy Config (“MODE” button)

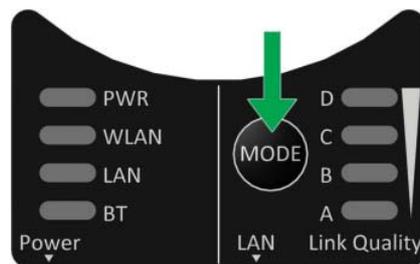


Figure 3-1 Control panel

The “MODE” button can be used to configure or reset the device.



The respective function is carried out when releasing the button (“falling edge”).

3.1.1 Using the “MODE” button

1. Switch on the device and wait for the Link Quality LEDs to light up and go out again. Then press and release the “MODE” button.
- Step 1 must be carried out within 5 seconds after switching on the device.
2. Press the “MODE” button repeatedly to cycle through the Easy Config modes until the desired mode is indicated by the A-B-C-D LEDs.

Mode 2 is the first mode. Only suitable LED combinations are shown.

3. Press and hold the “MODE” button for at least two seconds, then release the button. This will confirm the selected mode and restart the device.

Step 3 must be carried out within 20 seconds after step 2. Otherwise the device will exit Easy Config setup and return to the previous settings.

3.1.2 Easy Config modes

Table 3-1 Received signal strength indication via the A-B-C-D LEDs

Mode	Role	RSSI (WLAN client) / link quality (Bluetooth PANU)	A	B	C	D
2	---	Reset configuration to factory defaults		●		
3	---	Reset IP settings to factory defaults	●	●		
4	Client	Wait for discovery and configuration			●	
5	WLAN AP	Configure the device as an Access Point, then discover devices in mode 4 and configure them accordingly as clients	●		●	
6	Bluetooth NAP	Configure the device as an Access Point, then discover devices in mode 4 and configure them accordingly as clients		●	●	
7	WLAN AP with PROFINET optimizations	Configure the device as an Access Point, then discover devices in mode 4 and configure them accordingly as clients	●	●	●	
8	Bluetooth NAP with PROFINET optimizations	Configure the device as an Access Point, then discover devices in mode 4 and configure them accordingly as clients				●
10	Add PROFINET optimizations only	Configure the device as an Access Point, then discover devices in mode 4 and configure them accordingly as clients		●		●

Modes 5 ... 8 are used for defining the operating mode of the network (WLAN/Bluetooth, with or without optimization for PROFINET operation). Set the device which will later act as an Access Point/NAP to the desired mode.

Configure the clients for mode 4. The Access Point or NAP then configures the devices in mode 4, matching the selected operating mode. As soon as a device is configured as a client, the device is restarted.

The Access Point scans for configurable devices for 120 s (the scan can be canceled by switching it off and on). The device is then also restarted. The connection is established automatically.

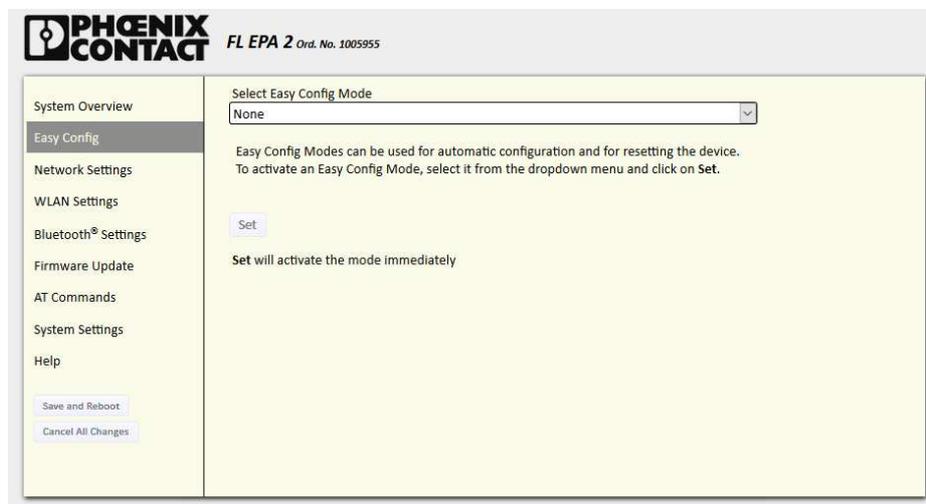


Figure 3-2 “Easy Config” web page

The Access Point retains the configured IP address. The clients/PANU are assigned the IP addresses in ascending order or - if not possible - in descending order.

Example: Based on the factory settings, the AP/NAP IP address is 192.168.0.254. The IP addresses 192.168.0.253, 252, ... are then assigned to the clients.

If the AP has previously been configured to 192.168.3.50, it will retain this address. 192.168.3.51, 52, ... are then assigned to the clients/PANU.



If several radio sets are used within a common backbone network, configuration via Easy Config may lead to the double assignment of IP addresses. This is due to the fact that each radio set starts with 192.168.0.254. In this case, assign unique addresses beforehand or subsequently using the web interface.

A WLAN connection is established on channel 6. The channel can also be changed subsequently using the Access Point web interface.

The connection is layer 2-transparent and thus also suitable for PROFINET.



For functionally safe communication, refer to the information in Section “Safety-related communication (PROFISafe/SafetyBridge)” on page 4-15.

4 Web-based management

4.1 General

The web-based management is accessed by pointing a web browser to the EPA IP address. The default IP address is 192.168.0.254. The computer accessing the web-based management must be in the same IP subnet as the wireless bridge.



The web-based management is designed for the current versions of Internet Explorer, Chrome, Firefox and Safari. Other browsers may not support the full functionality of the web-based management.

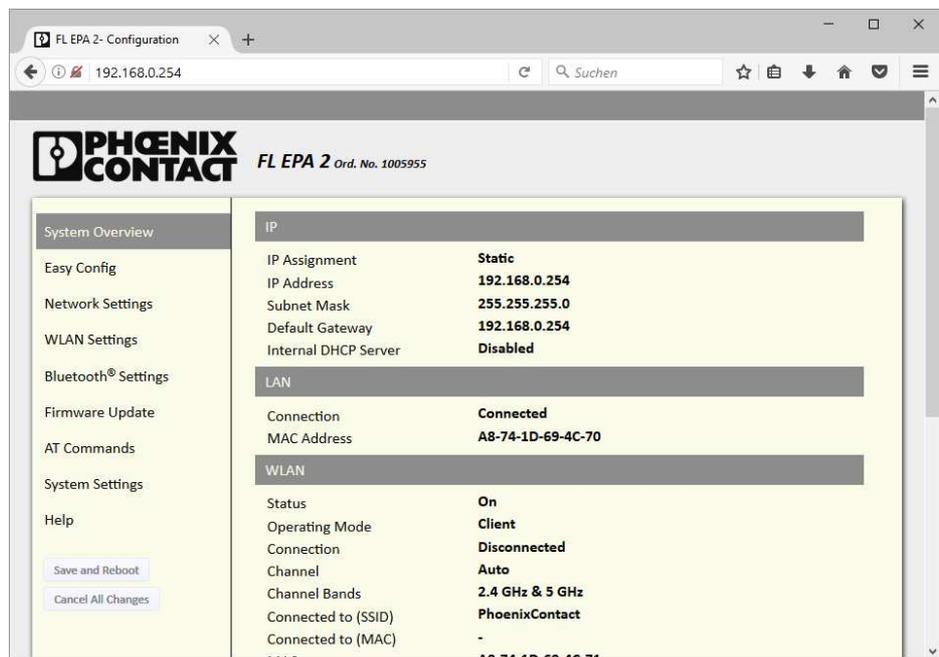


Figure 4-1 “System Overview” web page



All changes are activated using the “Safe and Reboot” button. The button will only be active if parameters have been changed. This also applies to changes made to the device on other web pages during this session. Selecting another menu item within the configuration pages does not discard the changes that have been made to the configuration. However, unsaved changes will be lost when closing the connection without pressing the “Safe and Reboot” button.

Using the “Cancel All Changes” button, all settings that have not yet been saved via “Safe and Reboot” will be discarded.

4.1.1 System overview

The “System Overview” page provides an overview of the current settings and connections.

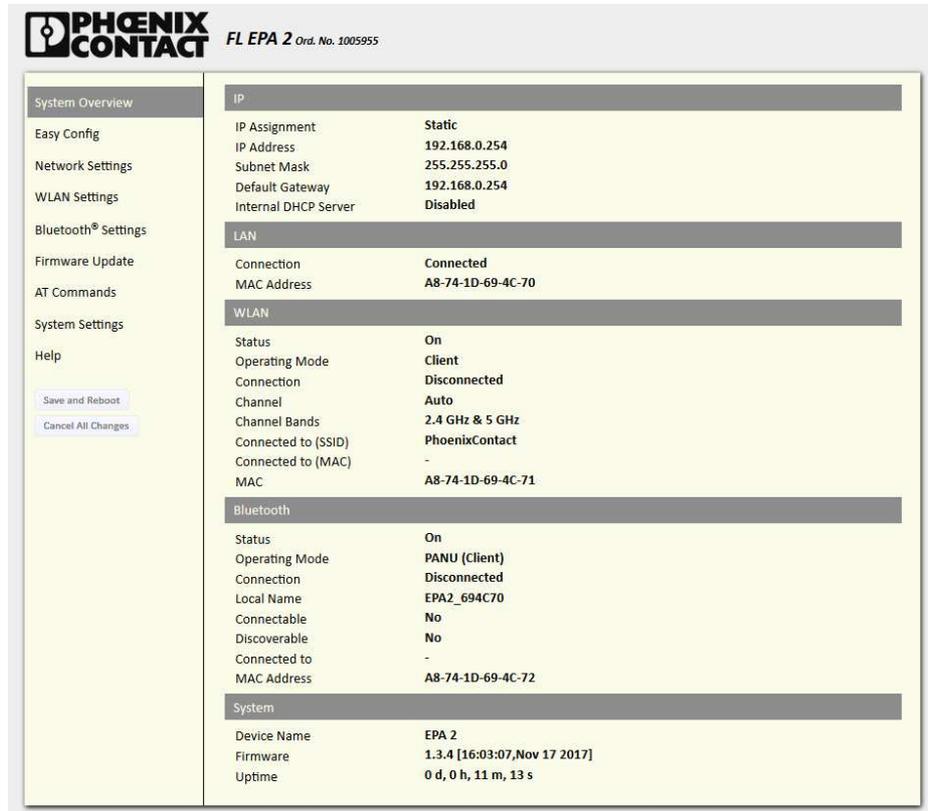


Figure 4-2 “System Overview” web page

4.1.2 Easy Config

Figure 4-3 “Easy Config” web page

To activate an Easy Config mode, select it from the dropdown menu and click on “Set”.
For additional information, please refer to 3.1.2 on page 3-2.

4.1.3 Network settings

Figure 4-4 “Network Settings” web page

IP Assignment - Select whether the wireless module should use a static IP address or be assigned an IP address from an existing DHCP server.

IP Address - Static IP address field

Subnet Mask - Subnet mask when using a static IP address

Default Gateway - Default gateway when using a static IP address

Internal DHCP Server

Disabled: No internal DHCP functionality

DHCP Relay Enabled: DHCP requests from connected devices are forwarded using the DHCP relay protocol.



DHCP requests from connected devices are forwarded in both settings “Disabled” and “DHCP Relay”. Make sure that the selected protocol is supported by the DHCP server on the network. Select “Disabled” if in doubt. The behavior is then similar to that of a direct network connection.

DHCP Server Enabled: Activates the internal DHCP server. This option is only available if “IP Assignment” is set to “Static”.

The internal DHCP server will assign up to seven consecutive IP addresses, starting with the start address specified. If the device itself is located within the DHCP range, its IP address will be skipped and the next IP address will be assigned instead.



Do not enable this option if there is already a DHCP server on the network!

If the static IP address is changed, the browser is automatically redirected to the new address after clicking on “Save and Reboot”.

The automatic redirect function may not be supported by all browsers.

4.1.4 WLAN settings – Client mode

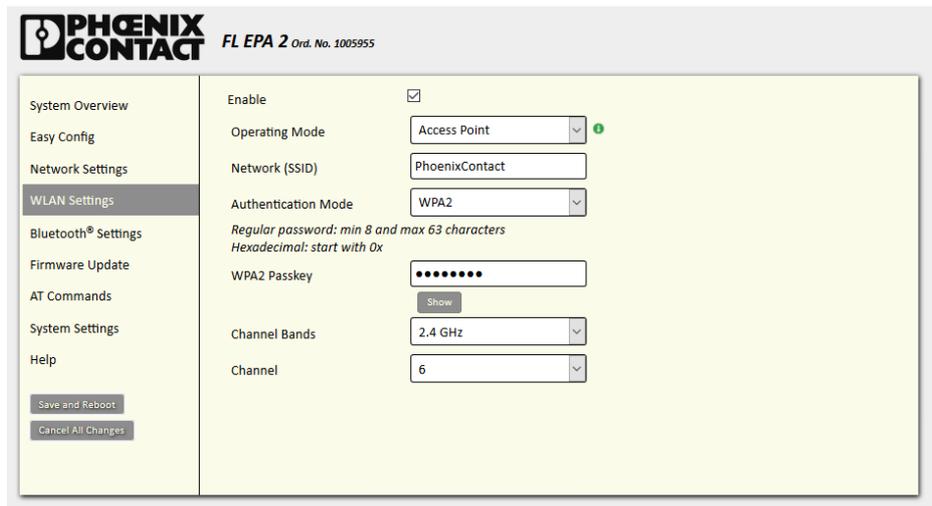


Figure 4-5 “WLAN Settings” web page



First select the operating mode (“Access Point” or “Client”). Depending on the selection, there are different input fields available.

Enable - Enable/disable the WLAN interface.

Operating Mode - Choose if the device should operate as a WLAN client or Access Point. Additional parameters will be visible, depending on the selection.

Channel Bands - “Client” mode only - Choose to scan for networks on either the 2.4 GHz or 5 GHz channel band, or on both (default).

Scan for Networks - Scans the selected frequency band for WLAN networks. To connect to a network, select it from the dropdown menu after the scan has completed.

After pressing the button, all visible networks are shown in the “Select a network” dropdown menu, including the SSID, channel and received signal strength (RSSI).

Connect to SSID - To connect manually to a network, enter its SSID (network name) here. This can also be used if the network does not broadcast its SSID.

Authentication Mode - Select the authentication/encryption mode required by the network.

Open = No encryption (not recommended)

WPA2 = WPA2 PSK authentication with AES/CCMP encryption

Other authentication and encryption modes can be selected using AT commands.

WPA2 Passkey - Enter the WPA2 passkey for the network.



The WPA2 passkey must consist of 8 ... 63 characters from the following character set:

```
1234567890
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzäöüß
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZÄÖÜ
!$%&/'()=?{[]]+*#'-_.:@€<>|µ
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The characters " (ASCII 34) and , (ASCII 44) and \ (ASCII 92) may not be used.

Channel - Select a specific channel to use when scanning for networks. Which channels are available depend on the “Channel Bands” setting.

Auto = All channels will be scanned (default).

4.1.4.1 Extended settings

Bridge mode (Client mode)

Layer 3 IP forward (default) -Several connected network devices support layer 3-transparent communication.

Several network devices can be connected behind the WLAN client. Communication can only be carried out on an IP basis. This mode is suitable for every WLAN-compliant Access Point.

Layer 2 tunnel - Connection with layer 2 transparency between two EPAs

This mode is suitable for all types of communication (e.g., PROFINET) and can also be used for several devices behind the wireless module. The performance is somewhat lower than in “Cloned MAC” mode. This mode can only be used between two EPA 2 modules.

Layer 2 cloned MAC only - Layer 2-transparent communication for one device

The device for which the MAC address needs to be entered supports layer 2-transparent communication (e.g., for PROFINET) with the network. This mode is suitable for every WLAN-compliant Access Point.

Cloned MAC Address - Enter the MAC address for “Layer 2 cloned MAC only” (see above).

4.1.5 WLAN settings - Access Point mode

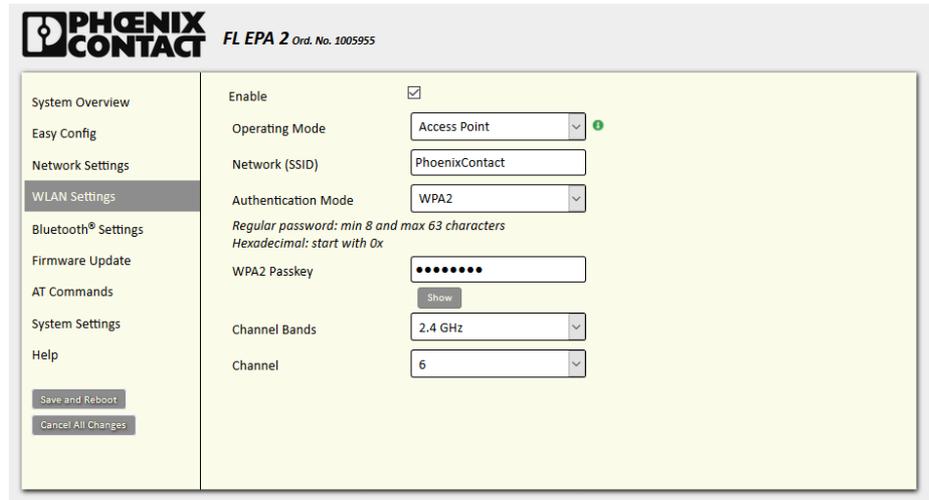


Figure 4-6 “WLAN Settings” web page

Settings for “Access Point” mode.

Network (SSID) - Enter an SSID (network name).

Authentication Mode - Select the authentication/encryption mode to use for the Access Point.

Open = No encryption (not recommended)

WPA2 = WPA2 PSK authentication with AES/CCMP encryption

Other authentication and encryption modes can be selected using AT commands.

WPA2 Passkey - Enter a string in plain text or hexadecimal format to use for authentication.



The WPA2 passkey must consist of 8 ... 63 characters from the following character set:

1234567890
 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzäöüß
 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZÄÖÜ
 !\$%&/()=?{[]]+*#'-_.:@€<>|µ

The characters " (ASCII 34) and , (ASCII 44) and \ (ASCII 92) may not be used.



Make sure to use an individual and secure password.

Channel Bands, Channel

Select both a frequency band and channel for the Access Point (the client follows the Access Point settings).

4.1.6 Bluetooth settings - General

Figure 4-7 “Bluetooth Settings” web page

Enable - Enable/disable the Bluetooth interface.

Operating Mode - “PANU (Client)” = The device will operate as a Bluetooth PAN (Personal Area Network) User device. It can connect to another single Bluetooth PANU device or to a Bluetooth Network Access Point (NAP).

NAP (Access Point) = The device will operate as a Bluetooth Network Access Point. It can connect to up to seven Bluetooth PANU devices.



If several PANUs are used in conjunction with a single NAP, the available data throughput is divided between all PANUs.

Local Name - Identifies the device to other Bluetooth devices. If left blank, the device will use the default name including the last six characters of the MAC ID.



In “NAP” mode, the network (name) is entered here, to which PANUs may connect according to the “Connect to Name” connection scheme.

Connectable - Enable to make the device accept connection requests initiated by other Bluetooth devices.

Discoverable - Enable to make the device visible to scans of other Bluetooth devices.

Security Mode - Disabled = No encryption or authentication

PIN = Encrypted connection with PIN code protection. This mode only works between two devices of this type and manufacturer (not with third-party devices). PIN codes must consist of 4 ... 6 digits.

Just Works = Encrypted connection without PIN code