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1. INTRODUCTION

The Fortinet FortiAP 221E is an indoor wireless access point designed to provide high-performance Wi-Fi connectivity. This device supports IEEE 802.11ac Wave 2 standards, offering dual-band operation for efficient wireless communication. It is suitable for business environments requiring reliable and secure wireless access. This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, configuration, and maintenance of your FortiAP 221E access point.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- Read all instructions carefully before operating the device.
- Do not expose the device to water or moisture.
- Ensure proper ventilation to prevent overheating.
- Use only the power adapter supplied or recommended by Fortinet.
- Do not attempt to open or repair the device yourself. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.
- Keep the device away from heat sources and direct sunlight.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that your package contains the following items:

- FortiAP 221E Wireless Access Point Unit
- Mounting Bracket (for ceiling/wall installation)
- Quick Start Guide (if applicable)

- Power Adapter (may be sold separately or included depending on region/bundle)

4. PHYSICAL FEATURES



Figure 1: Front view of the FortiAP 221E Wireless Access Point, showing the Fortinet logo, model number, and LED indicators.

4.1 Front Panel Indicators

The front panel of the FortiAP 221E features several LED indicators that provide status information:

- **Power LED:** Indicates the power status of the device.
- **Wi-Fi LEDs:** Indicate the activity of the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz wireless bands.
- **LAN LED:** Indicates the status of the Ethernet connection.
- **Status LED:** Provides general operational status.

4.2 Rear Panel Ports and Mounting

The rear panel includes the necessary ports for connectivity and mounting points for installation:

- **LAN Port (RJ45):** Connects to your network via an Ethernet cable. This port typically supports Power over Ethernet (PoE) for power delivery.
- **12V DC Power Input:** An alternative power input for use with a standard power adapter if PoE is not available.
- **Mounting Points:** Designed for secure attachment to a ceiling or wall using the provided mounting bracket.

5. SETUP

5.1 Mounting the Access Point

The FortiAP 221E can be mounted on a ceiling or wall. The device comes with a mounting bracket for easy installation.

1. Select a suitable location for optimal wireless coverage.
2. Attach the mounting bracket to the desired surface (ceiling or wall) using appropriate screws and anchors (not always included, check package).
3. Align the FortiAP 221E with the mounting bracket and twist it clockwise until it locks securely into place.

5.2 Connecting Power and Network

The FortiAP 221E can be powered via Power over Ethernet (PoE) or a 12V DC power adapter.

- **PoE Connection:** Connect an Ethernet cable from a PoE-enabled switch or injector to the LAN port on the rear of the FortiAP 221E. This will provide both power and network connectivity.
- **DC Power Connection:** If PoE is not used, connect a 12V DC power adapter (not always included) to the DC power input port, then connect an Ethernet cable from your network switch to the LAN port.

5.3 Initial Configuration

Once powered on and connected to the network, the FortiAP 221E typically integrates with a FortiGate firewall or FortiManager for centralized management and configuration. Refer to your FortiGate or FortiManager documentation for specific steps on discovering and provisioning the access point.

6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 LED Status Indicators

Monitor the LEDs on the front panel to understand the operational status of your FortiAP 221E:

- **Power LED (Solid Green):** Device is powered on and operating normally.
- **Wi-Fi LEDs (Flashing Green):** Indicates active wireless data transmission on the respective band.
- **LAN LED (Solid Green/Flashing Green):** Solid green indicates a link, flashing indicates data activity.
- **Status LED (Varies):** Consult the FortiAP documentation for specific status LED patterns, which can indicate boot-up, firmware updates, or error states.

6.2 Wireless Connectivity

Once configured, the FortiAP 221E will broadcast wireless networks (SSIDs). Users can connect to these networks using their wireless-enabled devices (laptops, smartphones, etc.) by selecting the appropriate SSID and entering the required security credentials.

7. MAINTENANCE

7.1 Cleaning

To maintain optimal performance, periodically clean the exterior of the access point with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners.

7.2 Firmware Updates

Fortinet regularly releases firmware updates to improve performance, add features, and address security vulnerabilities. It is recommended to keep your FortiAP 221E firmware up-to-date. Firmware updates are typically managed through your FortiGate or FortiManager controller. Ensure your device's warranty and support contract are active to access the latest firmware versions.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **No Power:**

- Check if the power adapter is securely connected to the device and a working power outlet.
- If using PoE, ensure the Ethernet cable is connected to a PoE-enabled port on your switch and the switch port is active.
- Verify the Power LED is illuminated.

- **No Network Connectivity:**

- Ensure the Ethernet cable is properly connected to the LAN port and your network switch.
- Check the LAN LED for activity.
- Verify network settings on your FortiGate or FortiManager.

- **Poor Wireless Signal or Performance:**

- Relocate the access point to a more central location, away from obstructions or sources of interference (e.g., microwaves, cordless phones).
- Check for overlapping Wi-Fi channels with neighboring networks.
- Ensure the firmware is up-to-date.

- **Device Not Discoverable by Controller:**

- Verify network connectivity between the FortiAP and the FortiGate/FortiManager.
- Ensure the FortiAP is on the same network segment or has proper routing to the controller.
- Check firewall rules that might block communication.

9. SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	FORTINET
Model Name	FortiAP FAP-221E-A
Product Type	Wireless Access Point
Wireless Communication Standard	802.11ac (Wave 2)
Frequency Band Class	Dual-Band (2.4 GHz, 5 GHz)
Data Transfer Rate	1.14 Gigabits Per Second (1140 Mbps LAN Port Bandwidth)

Antenna Type	Internal
Security Protocol	WPA2
Number of Ports	1 (LAN)
RAM Memory Installed	512 MB
Item Weight	1.1 Pounds
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	3.6"L x 9.6"W x 9.6"H
Country Of Origin	China
Manufacturer Part Number	FAP-221E-A

10. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

10.1 Limited Warranty

The Fortinet FortiAP 221E comes with a Limited Warranty. For detailed terms and conditions of the warranty, please refer to the official Fortinet warranty documentation or visit the Fortinet website. The warranty period typically begins from the original shipment date from Fortinet.

10.2 Technical Support

For technical assistance, product registration, or to access the latest firmware and documentation, please visit the official Fortinet support portal. An active support contract may be required for certain services, including firmware upgrades and advanced technical support.

Fortinet Support Website: www.fortinet.com/support