

Installation Guide

WiFi 6 AX3600 Dual Band PoE+ Access Point Model WAX218



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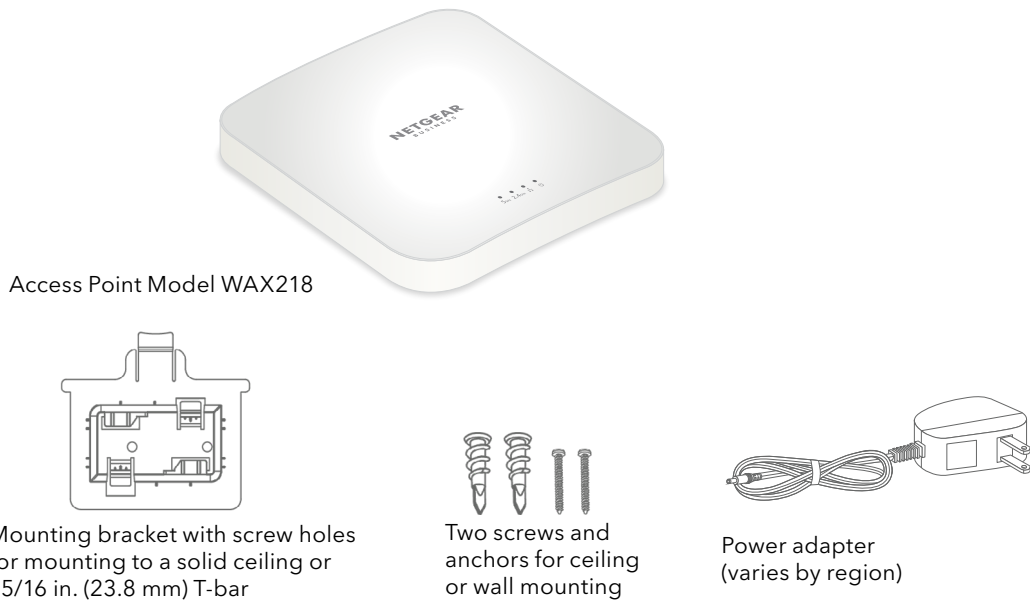
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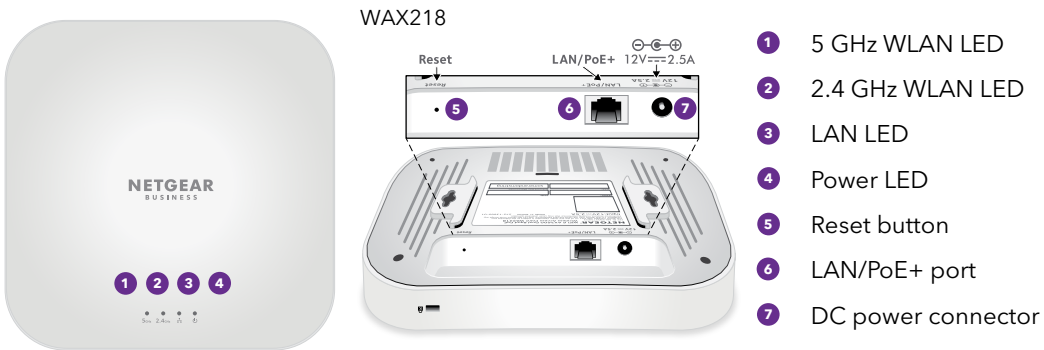
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Note: As an option, you can power up your WAX218 by connecting it to a PoE+ switch.

Overview



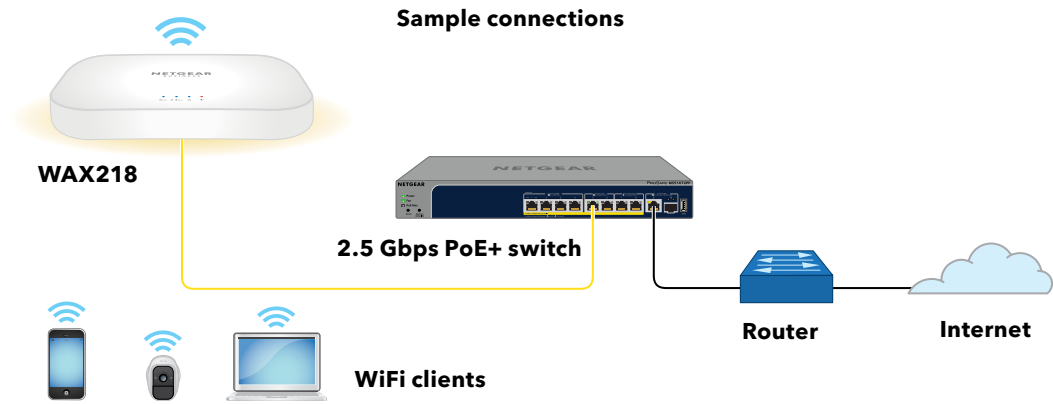
Step 1. Connect and power up the WAX218

Power up the WAX218 access point (AP) by connecting the LAN/PoE+ port to a PoE+ switch that supplies 802.3at (PoE+) power, or to a power adapter.








The WAX218 LAN/PoE+ port supports Ethernet speeds up to 2.5 Gbps. The following figure shows a NETGEAR MS510TXPP switch, which supports speeds of 2.5 Gbps and higher. However, if your Internet connection, modem, or switch support a speed of 1 Gbps (which is a common speed), the access point LAN connection functions at 1 Gbps.

CAUTION: Terms of Use

This device must be professionally installed. It is the installer's responsibility to follow local country regulations including operations within legal frequency channels, output power and DFS requirements. Vendor or Reseller or Distributor is not responsible for illegal wireless operations. Please see Device's Terms and Conditions for more details.



During installation and setup, the AP's LEDs can light in these colors:

Power		Solid amber. The AP is powered on.
LAN		Solid blue. The LAN port detects a link with a powered-on device.
		Blinking blue. The LAN port is transmitting or receiving data.
2.4 GHz WLAN		Solid blue. The 2.4 GHz radio is operating without clients.
		Blinking blue. The 2.4 GHz radio is transmitting or receiving data.
5 GHz WLAN		Solid blue. The 5 GHz radio is operating without clients.
		Blinking blue. The 5 GHz radio is transmitting or receiving data.

Step 2. Join the management WiFi network

When you power up your new WAX218, the management WiFi network (SSID) becomes active. We recommend that you use a WiFi-enabled computer to connect to the management SSID for set up.

Note: For security reasons, the management SSID turns off when inactive for 15 minutes. If this happens during setup, press the **Reset** button for 20 seconds to reset the device to default settings.

- On your WiFi-enabled computer (or other WiFi client device), open the software utility that manages WiFi connections.
The utility scans for all WiFi networks in your area.
- Find and select your WAX218's management SSID.
The default name of the management SSID is printed on the WAX218's label. The SSID uses the format "WAX218XXXXXX-CONFIG-ONLY," where XXXXXX is customized to every device (based on the last six digits of the MAC address).
- Enter the default password (network key) printed on the WAX218's label.
Your WiFi-enabled computer joins the WAX218's management SSID.

Step 3. Log in to the local browser UI

- Launch a web browser and enter **https://www.aplogin.net** (which is the same as https://192.168.0.100) in the address field.
The login page for the setup process displays.

Your browser might display a security warning, which you can dismiss. For more information, see <https://kb.netgear.com/000062980/>.
- Set a new local device password and, for the main SSID (WiFi network 1, which is the only SSID enabled by default), assign an SSID name and a WiFi passphrase.
We recommend that you write down the password and passphrase.
- Accept NETGEAR's terms and conditions.
- Click the **Apply** button.
Your settings are saved.
- Repeat Step 1 of these login steps to log in to the local browser UI using your new local device password.
You can now view and manage the WAX218 configuration settings.

Step 4. Connect to the Internet and update the firmware

Before using your AP, we recommend that you update to the latest WAX218 firmware.

- On your WiFi-enabled computer, open the software utility that manages WiFi connections.
The utility scans for all WiFi networks in your area.
- Find and select your WAX218's main SSID and type the WiFi passphrase.
You can now connect to the Internet.
Note: If you cannot connect to the Internet, see the user manual at netgear.com/support/download for more information.
- Visit netgear.com/support/download and enter the model number to see if new firmware is available for your device.
If new firmware is available, download the firmware file to your computer.
- Launch a web browser and enter **https://192.168.0.100** in the address field.
- Under System Manager, select **Firmware** to view the current firmware version.
- In the Firmware Upgrade section, click the **Choose File** button, and browse to the firmware file on your computer.
- Click the **Upload** button. The page displays the upgrade progress.
WARNING: To avoid corrupting the firmware, do not interrupt the upgrade. For example, do not close the browser, click a link, or load a new page. Do not power off the access point.
- When the upgrade finishes, reconnect to the main SSID.
The login page displays.
Your WAX218 is now ready for use.

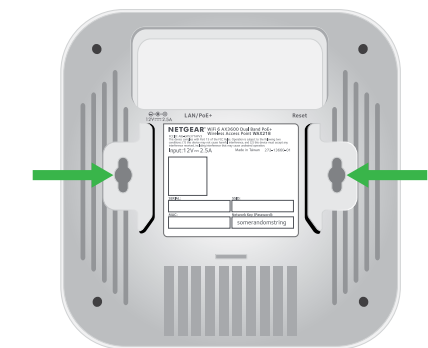
Mounting options

You can mount the access point (AP) to a solid surface (a wall or a ceiling), or to a ceiling with a 15/16 in. (23.8 mm) T-bar, or you can install the AP freestanding on a flat surface.

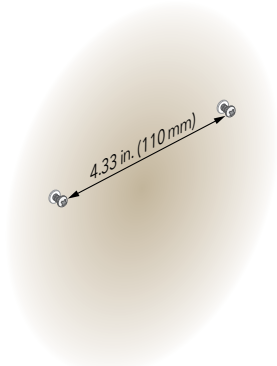
We recommend that you use a *flat* Ethernet cable so that the cable fits in the narrow space between the AP and the surface on which it is mounted or placed.

Mount to a solid wall

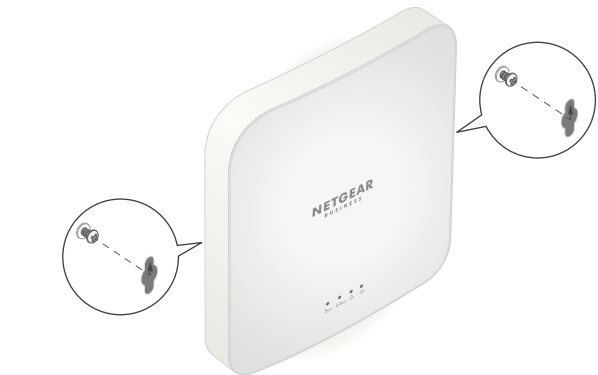
The bottom of the AP includes two holes that let you mount it on two screws inserted in a wall.



1. Mark the wall where you want to insert the provided anchors and screws, which must be 4.33 in. (110 mm) apart, and insert the anchors and screws.
Leave about 0.25 in. (6 mm) of each screw protruding from the wall so that you can insert the screws into the holes on the bottom of the AP.

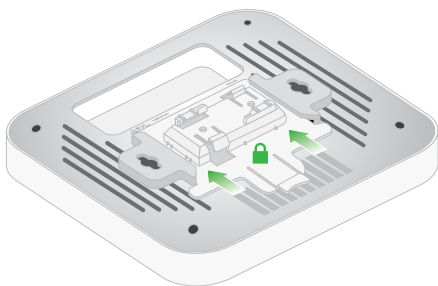
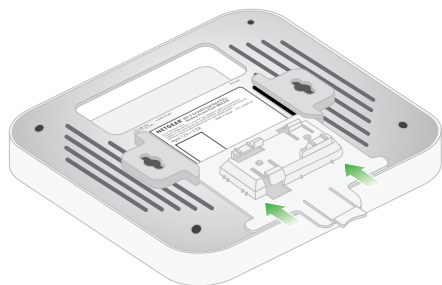


2. Line up the holes on the bottom of the AP with the screws in the wall and mount it to the wall.

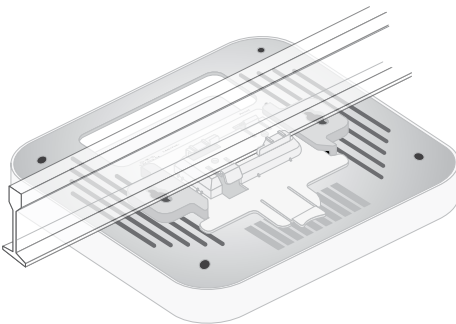


Mount to a T-bar

1. Slide the 15/16 in. (23.8 mm) bracket between the guides on the bottom of the AP until it locks in place.
The locking tab must be at the front of the AP.

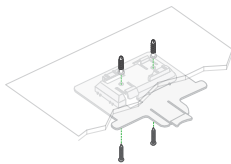


2. Hold the AP upside down.
Note: If you can reach behind the T-bar, hold the T-bar with one hand and the AP with your other hand.
3. Align the rectangular protruding part of the bracket with the T-bar.
4. Hook the bracket onto one side of the T-bar.
5. Hook the bracket onto the other side of the T-bar until the bracket locks onto the T-bar.

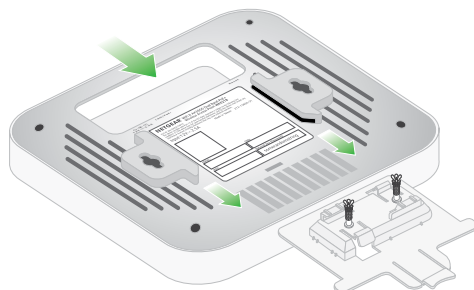


Mount to a solid ceiling

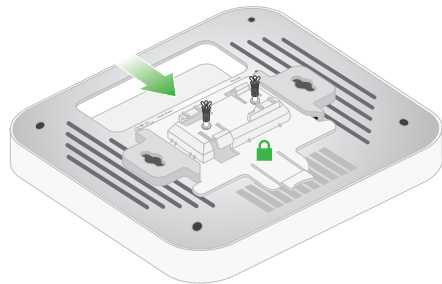
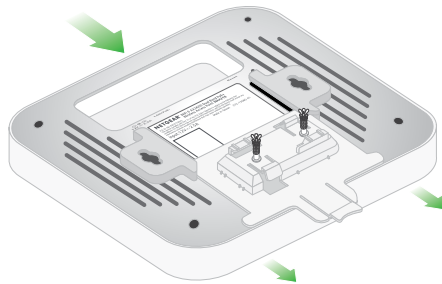
1. Using the anchors and screws provided, attach the 15/16 in. (23.8 mm) bracket with the screw holes to the ceiling.
The rectangular protruding part of the bracket must be facing the ceiling.



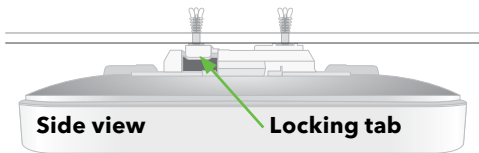
2. Hold the AP upside down with the front of the AP facing the bracket.
Then, line up the guides on the bottom of the AP with the bracket.



3. Slide the AP into the bracket until it locks in place.
The locking tab must be at the front of the AP.



Note: To unlock the AP, push the locking tab toward the ceiling and slide the AP out of the bracket.



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Do not use this device outdoors. The PoE source is intended for intra building connection only.

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