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## MRx18 miniRepeater Release 2



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# 1. General

## 1.1. Abbreviations

3GPP	3 <sup>rd</sup> Generation Partnership Project	MCC	Mobile Country Code
ALC	Automatic Level Control	MNC	Mobile Network Code
AMPS	American Mobile Phone System or Advanced Mobile Phone System	MR	Microwave Repeater
		MS	Mobile Station
BITE	Built-In Test Equipment	OIP-3	Output Intercept Point of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Order
	BTSBase Transceiver Station	OMC	Operation and Maintenance Center
CDMA	Code Division Multiple Access	PA	Power Amplifier
CF	Center Frequency	PCS	Personal Communication System
CFO	Center Frequency Offset	PSU	Power Supply Unit
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	RED	Radio Equipment Directive
DL	Downlink	Rev	Revision
DoC	Declaration of Conformity	RF	Radio Frequency
ESD	Electrostatic Discharge	RLP	Radio Link Protocol
ETS	European Telecommunication Standard	RSSI	Receive Signal Strength Indication
ETSI	European Telecommunication Standards Institute	RTC	Real-Time Clock
GSM	Global System for Mobile Communication	RX	Receiver
GUI	Graphical User Interface	RoHS	Directive on Restriction of certain Hazardous Substances
I2C-Bus	Inter-Integrated Circuit Bus (Philips)	RSSI	Receive Signal Strength Indication
ID No	Identification Number	SCL	Serial Clock
IF	Intermediate Frequency	SDA	Serial Data
ISDE	Innovation, Sciences et Développement économique Canada	SMSC	Short Message Service Center
ISED	Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada; formerly IC / Industry Canada	TCH	Traffic Channel
		TX	Transmitter
LED	Light Emitting Diode	UE	User Equipment
LMT	Local Maintenance Terminal	UL	Uplink
LNA	Low Noise Amplifier	UMTS	Universal Mobile Telecommunication System
		UPS	Uninterruptable Power Supply
		URL	Uniform Resource Locator

## 1.2. Health and Safety



**Caution:** High frequency radiation in operation. Risk of health hazards associated with radiation from the antenna(s) connected to the unit. Implement prevention measures to avoid the possibility of very close proximity to the antenna(s) while in operation.

## 1.3. Property Damage Warnings

1. **Attention:** Due to power dissipation, the unit may reach a very high temperature. Do not operate this equipment on or close to flammable materials. Use caution when servicing the unit.
2. **Attention:** If the plug of the unit's power supply cable serves as disconnecting device, the socket for devices with a plug connection must be easily accessible and within easy reach.
3. **Notice:** Although the unit is internally protected against overvoltage, it is strongly recommended to ground (earth) the antenna cables close to the repeater's antenna connectors for protection against atmospheric discharge.
4.  **Notice:** ESD precautions must be observed. Before commencing maintenance work, use the available grounding (earthing) system to connect ESD protection measures.
5. **Notice:** Only suitably qualified personnel are allowed to work on this unit and only after becoming familiar with all safety notices, installation, operation and maintenance procedures contained in this manual.
6. **Notice:** Keep operating instructions within easy reach and make them available to all users.
7. **Notice:** Read and obey all the warning labels attached to the unit. Make sure that all warning labels are kept in a legible condition. Replace any missing or damaged labels.
8. **Notice:** Only license holders for the respective frequency range are allowed to operate this unit.
9. **Notice:** Make sure the repeater settings are correct for the intended use (refer to the manufacturer product information) and regulatory requirements are met. Do not carry out any modifications or fit any spare parts, which are not sold or recommended by the manufacturer.

Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CommScope, CommScope's general limited product warranty (<http://www.commscope.com/Resources/Warranties/>) shall be the warranty governing the MRx18 Units, including the installation, maintenance, usage and operation of the MRx18 Units.

## 1.4. Compliance

1. **Notice:** For installations, which have to comply with FCC RF exposure requirements, the antenna selection and installation must be completed in a way to ensure compliance with those FCC requirements. Depending on the RF frequency, rated output power, antenna gain, and the loss between the repeater and antenna, the minimum distance D to be maintained between the antenna location and human beings is calculated according to this formula:

$$D_{[cm]} = \sqrt{\frac{P_{[mW]}}{4 * \pi * PD_{[mW/cm^2]}}}$$

where

- P (mW) is the radiated power at the antenna, i.e. the max. rated repeater output power in addition to the antenna gain minus the loss between the repeater and the antenna.
- PD (mW/cm<sup>2</sup>) is the allowed Power Density limit acc. to 47 CFR 1.1310 (B) for general population / uncontrolled exposures which is
  - f (MHz) / 1500 for frequencies from 300MHz to 1500MHz
  - 1 for frequencies from 1500MHz to 100,000MHz

RF exposure compliance may need to be addressed at the time of licensing, as required by the responsible FCC Bureau(s), including antenna co-location requirements of 1.1307(b)(3).

2. **Notice:** For installations which have to comply with European EN50385 exposure compliance requirements, the following Power Density limits/guidelines (mW/cm<sup>2</sup>) according to ICNIRP are valid:
- 0.2 for frequencies from 10 MHz to 400 MHz
  - f (MHz) / 2000 for frequencies from 400 MHz to 2 GHz
  - 1 for frequencies from 2 GHz to 300 GHz
3. **Notice:** Installation of this equipment is in full responsibility of the installer, who has also the responsibility, that cables and couplers are calculated into the maximum gain of the antennas, so that this value, which is filed in the FCC Grant and can be requested from the FCC data base, is not exceeded. The industrial boosters are shipped only as a naked booster without any installation devices or antennas as it needs for professional installation.

**4. Notice:** For installations which have to comply with FCC/ISED requirements:**English:**

This device complies with FCC Part 15. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

This device complies with Health Canada's Safety Code. The installer of this device should ensure that RF radiation is not emitted in excess of the Health Canada's requirement. Information can be obtained at [http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/radiation/radio\\_guide-lignes\\_direct-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/radiation/radio_guide-lignes_direct-eng.php).

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

**Antenna Stmt for ISED:**

This device has been designated to operate with the antennas having a maximum gain of 9 dBi. Antennas having a gain greater than 9 dBi are prohibited for use with this device without consent by ISED regulators. The required antenna impedance is 50 ohms.

The antenna(s) used for this transmitter must be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 100 cm from all persons and must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. Users and installers must be provided with antenna installation instructions and transmitter operating conditions for satisfying RF exposure compliance.

**French:**

Cet appareil est conforme avec Santé Canada Code de sécurité 6. Le programme d'installation de cet appareil doit s'assurer que les rayonnements RF n'est pas émis au-delà de l'exigence de Santé Canada. Les informations peuvent être obtenues: [http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/radiation/radio\\_guide-lignes\\_direct-fra.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/radiation/radio_guide-lignes_direct-fra.php)

**Antenne Stmt pour ISDE:**

Ce dispositif a été désigné pour fonctionner avec les antennes ayant un gain maximal de 9 dBi. Antennes ayant un gain plus grand que 9 dBi sont interdites pour une utilisation avec cet appareil sans le consentement des organismes de réglementation d'ISDE. L'impédance d'antenne requise est 50 ohms.

L'antenne (s) utilisé pour cet émetteur doit être installé pour fournir une distance de séparation d'au moins 100 cm de toutes les personnes et ne doit pas être co-localisées ou opérant en conjonction avec une autre antenne ou émetteur. Les utilisateurs et les installateurs doivent être fournis avec des instructions d'installation de l'antenne et des conditions de fonctionnement de l'émetteur pour satisfaire la conformité aux expositions RF.

**5. Notice:** The power supply of the unit complies with Overvoltage Category II. It also complies with the surge requirement according to EN 61000-4-5 (fine protection); however, installation of an additional medium (via local supply connection) and/or coarse protection (external surge protection) is recommended depending on the individual application in order to avoid damage caused by overcurrent.

For Canada and US, components used to reduce the Overvoltage Category shall comply with the requirements of IEC 61643-series. As an alternative, components used to reduce the Overvoltage Category may comply with ANSI/IEEE C62.11, CSA Certification Notice No. 516, CSA C22.2 No. 1, or UL 1449. Suitability of the component for the application shall be determined for the intended installation.

- 6. Notice:** Corresponding local particularities and regulations must be observed. For national deviations, please refer to the respective documents that can be downloaded as well.
- 7. Note:** For a Class A digital device or peripheral:  
This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.
- 8. Note:** For a Class B digital device or peripheral:  
This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference.
- 9. Note:** This unit complies with European standard EN60950-1 / EN62368-1.

**Equipment Symbols Used / Compliance**

Please observe the meanings of the following symbols used in our equipment and the compliance warnings:

Symbol	Compliance	Meaning / Warning
---	FCC	For industrial (Part 20) signal booster: WARNING: This is NOT a CONSUMER device. It is designed for installation by FCC LICENSEES and QUALIFIED INSTALLERS. You MUST have an FCC LICENSE or express consent of an FCC Licensee to operate this device. Unauthorized use may result in significant forfeiture penalties, including penalties in excess of \$100,000 for each continuing violation.
---	ISED	WARNING: This is NOT a CONSUMER device. It is designed for installation by an installer approved by an ISED licensee. You MUST have an ISED LICENCE or the express consent of an ISED licensee to operate this device. AVERTISSEMENT: Ce produit N'EST PAS un appareil de CONSOMMATION. Il est conçu pour être installé par un installateur approuvé par un titulaire de licence d'ISDE. Pour utiliser cet appareil, vous DEVEZ détenir une LICENCE d'ISDE ou avoir obtenu le consentement exprès d'un titulaire de licence autorisé par ISDE.
CE	CE	To be sold exclusively to mobile operators or authorized installers – no harmonized frequency bands, operation requires license. Intended use: EU and EFTA countries Indicates conformity with the RED directive 2014/53/EU and/or RoHS directive 2011/65/EU.
CE 0700	CE	Indicates conformity with the RED directive 2014/53/EU and RoHS directive 2011/65/EU certified by the notified body no. 0700.

**WEEE Recycling**

Do not put the units into the garbage but dispose of them properly according to local and/or regional regulations.

Country specific information about collection and recycling arrangements per the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive and implementing regulations is available on CommScope's website.

<http://www.commscope.com/About-Us/Corporate-Responsibility-and-Sustainability/Environment/#recycling>

## 1.5. About CommScope

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*CommScope* has global engineering and manufacturing facilities. In addition, it maintains field engineering offices throughout the world.

*Andrew Wireless Systems GmbH* based in Buchdorf/Germany, which is part of *CommScope*, is a leading manufacturer of coverage equipment for mobile radio networks, specializing in high performance, RF and optical repeaters. Our optical distributed networks and RF repeater systems provide coverage and capacity solution for wireless networks in both indoor installations and outdoor environments, e.g. tunnels, subways, in-trains, airport buildings, stadiums, skyscrapers, shopping malls, hotels and conference rooms.

*Andrew Wireless Systems GmbH* operates a quality management system in compliance with the requirements of ISO 9001 and TL 9000. All equipment is manufactured using highly reliable material. To maintain highest quality of the products, comprehensive quality monitoring is conducted at all fabrication stages. Finished products leave the factory only after a thorough final acceptance test, accompanied by a test certificate guaranteeing optimal operation.

Hereby Andrew Wireless Systems declares that the radio equipment type Repeater is in compliance with Directive 2014/53/EU.

The full text of the EU declaration is available at the following internet address: <http://www.commscope.com/resources/in-building-wireless>.

**According to the DoC, our “CE”-marked equipment can be used in all member states of the European Union.**

**Note:** Exceptions of and national deviations from this intended use may be possible. To observe corresponding local particularities and regulations, please refer to the respective documents (also in national language) which can be downloaded which can be downloaded under the same link as this manual.

To make the most of this product, we recommend you carefully read the instructions in this manual and commission the system only according to these instructions.

In case you need additional manuals as reference, they can be downloaded under the same link as this manual or as specified in the “Accessing DCCS User Documentation“ part of the next chapter. Application notes and other additional documents that may be required as reference can either be downloaded under the same link or are available upon request.

For technical assistance and support, please refer to the *CMS Technical Support* contact information in the next chapter.

## 1.6. Contacting CommScope

### 1.6.1. CommScope Mobility Solutions (CMS) Technical Support

For additional information, please contact CMS Technical Support:

**Telephone Helplines:** Call one of the Telephone Helpline numbers listed below to get live support, 24 hours a day.

#### Global 24X7

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(Toll free for U.S. and Canada)

#### EMEA 8:00-17:00 (UTC +1)

+ 800 73732837  
(Toll free for parts of EMEA and Australia)

+ 49 909969333  
(Toll charge incurred)

Calls to an EMEA Helpline outside of the 8:00 to 17:00 time frame will be forwarded to the 24x7 Helpline.

**Online Support:** Click on the following URL link to submit tickets using the online CMS Technical Support Form:

<http://www.commscope.com/wisupport>

Alternatively, enter the preceding URL into your web browser, and then press ENTER on your keyboard or scan the QR code.



### 1.6.2. Accessing DCCS User Documentation

To access the Customer Portal of DCCS (Distributed Coverage and Capacity Solutions), scan the QR Code to the right or go to <http://www.commscope.com/membership>. Follow the prompts and click DCCS to open the site. A user account and password are required. Please register for an account if you don't have one. Once you have access, click to select a product line link to access the documentation for that product.



### 1.6.3. Technical Training

To access the CommScope University Training site, please use the following web address <http://www.commscopeuniversity.com> or scan the QR code to the right.

Both online and classroom training are available. Instructor-led courses are conducted in North America and Europe. Before choosing a course, please verify the region.

For training related questions, please contact us:

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**EMEA:** [DASTrainingEMEA@CommScope.com](mailto:DASTrainingEMEA@CommScope.com)



## 2. Introduction

### 2.1. Purpose

The MRx18 is a bi-directional amplifier used to enhance signals between a mobile and a base station in a mobile network. It has been designed to increase signal strength in small and medium sized areas such as offices, shops, and basements. By boosting the signal level, the MRx18 increases indoor coverage and allows high data rate connectivity.

If weak signal transmissions occur within the coverage area due to indoor applications, topological conditions or distance from the transmitter, a repeater is used to extend transmission range. In the downlink path, the repeater picks up the signals from a donor antenna of a BTS / Node B, amplifies and re-transmits it into the required dark spot. In the uplink (UL) path the repeater picks up the signals from a mobile/UE and re-transmits it to the BTS/Node B.

### 2.2. The MRx18

CommScope's MRx18 gives designers a simple tool to solve their small area coverage and performance issues.

The MRx18 is easy to install. Also, a web-based browser simplifies to commission and configure the equipment. The RF link (donor) towards the base station is typically fed from an outdoor antenna while the coverage area is fed by an indoor antenna. The possibility to adjust the passband of a repeater helps to cover any specific segment or frequency band.

Due to modular design the single varia version MRx18 may be available as a triple-varia segment or a dual-band-varia version in one cabinet. Auto Gain functionality enables automatic gain adjustment in order to maximize performance; however, gain may be set manually if desired. An alarm interface with a display and LEDs indicates the status of the equipment locally. Moreover, the status and alarms of the MRx18 can be queried via the web-based browser. The MRx18 has an optional remote monitor function that provides equipment alarming and basic configuration settings via a GSM-SMS. Alarm SMSs (including heartbeat) can be sent to the common Andrew OMC or to any standard SMS receiver (even a mobile phone). Moreover, the MRx18 can be connected to LAN.

**Features at a glance**

- Easy to install due to light weight, small dimensions, and Auto Gain functionality
- Easy commissioning via web-based browser
- Automatic level control (ALC)
- Variable bandwidth
- Automatic power down/up option at user-defined DL RSSI threshold
- LEDs for local alarm indication
- Display of RSSI, gain, output power, status indication, and LAN IP address
- Optional remote control via SMS
- Connection to LAN
- Remote alarming through SNMP alarm traps
- Complying with all regulatory agencies (GSM 05.05, 3GPP and FCC)

**3. Functional Description****3.1. General**

The name of a specific MRx18 miniRepeater reflects the frequency range in which it operates (e.g. MR918 => 900 MHz frequency range). The operation principle is depicted in the following block diagram:

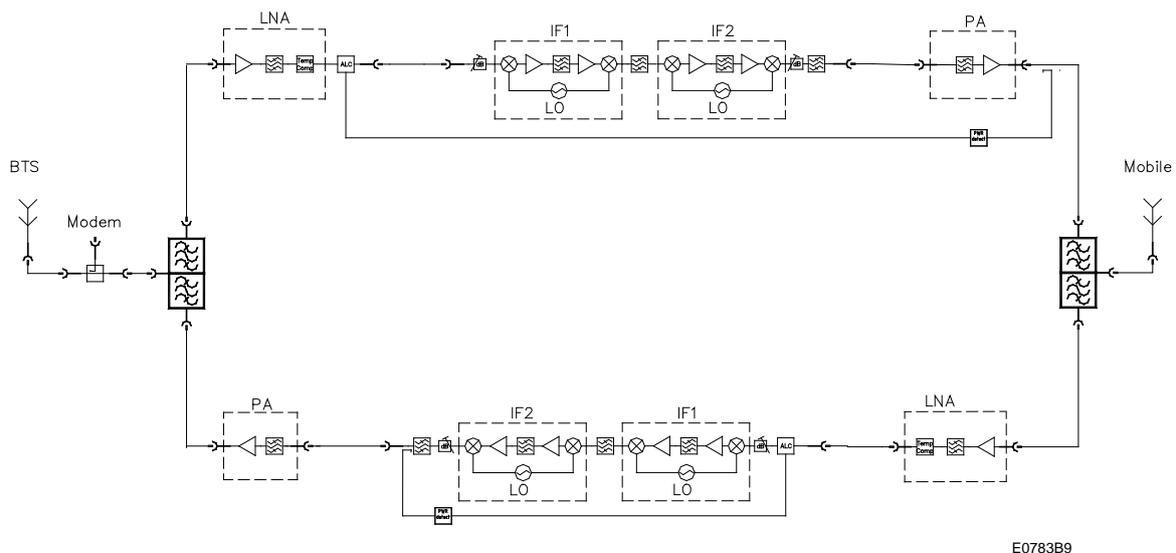


figure 3-1 Block diagram

### 3.2. Design and Connectors

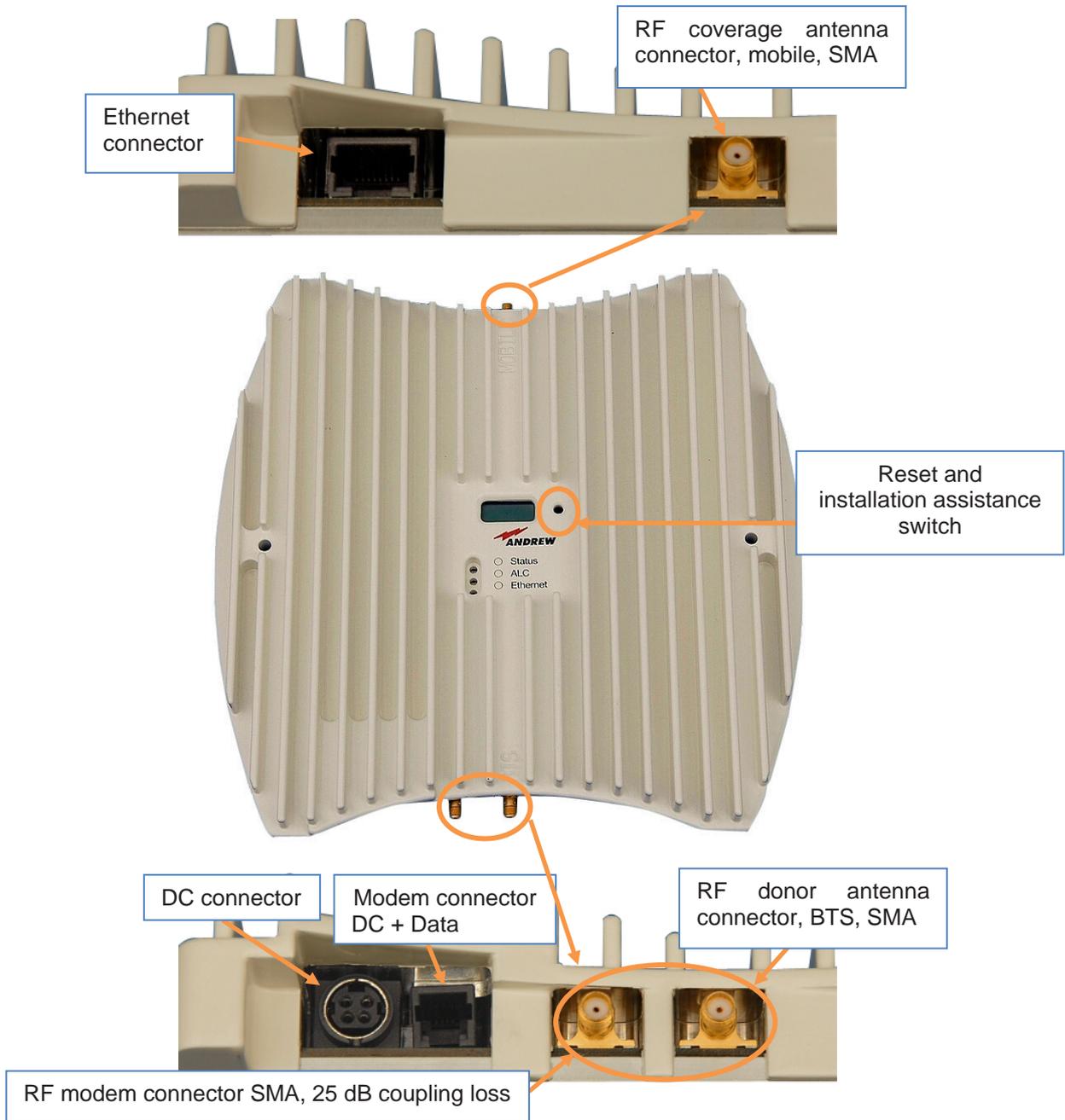


figure 3-2 Connectors of MRx18

**Note:** SMA connectors have a specified torque of 0.45 Nm. Use an appropriate tool to fasten and unfasten these connectors. Do not over-tighten the connectors or screws.

## 4. Installation and Commissioning

### 4.1. Mechanical Installation

#### 4.1.1. Health and Safety for Mechanical Installation



**Caution:** Risk of serious personal injury by equipment falling due to improper installation. The installer must verify that the supporting surface will safely support the combined load of the electronic equipment and all attached hardware and components. The screws and dowels (wall anchors) used should also be appropriate for the structure of the supporting wall.

#### 4.1.2. Property Damage Warnings for Mechanical Installation

1. **Attention:** Do not install the unit in a way or at a place where the specifications outlined in the Environmental and Safety Specifications leaflet of the supplier are not met.
2. **Attention:** It is the responsibility of the installer to verify that the supporting surface will safely support the combined load of the electronic equipment and all attached hardware and components and to ensure that the unit is safely and securely mounted.
3. **Notice:** Use proper mounting hardware depending on the structure of e.g. the wall where the unit will be installed.

Mount the MRx18 to a wall with two screws (spacers not required):

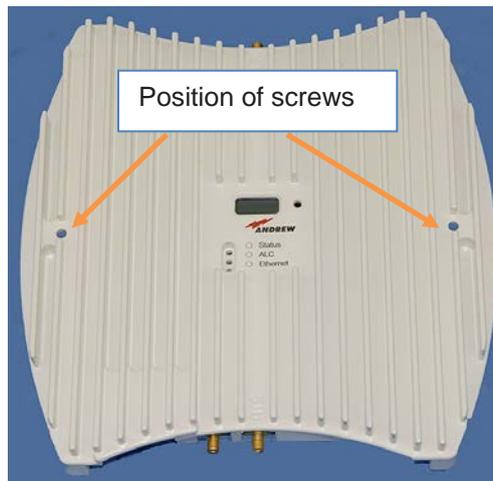


figure 4-1 MRx18, position of screws for wall mounting

## 4.2. Electrical Installation

1. **Notice:** The electrical installation has to be performed in accordance with the safety regulations of the local authorities. Due to safety reasons, the electrical installation must be performed by qualified personnel only. The repeater must not be opened.
2. **Notice:** Cable shields (outer conductors) of coaxial cables that lead into or out of the building must be included in the equipotential bonding system of the building, either on the devices or separately. If a galvanic isolator, a fully insulated subscriber junction box or house transfer points with galvanic isolation are used for the inner conductor and for the cable shield (outer conductor), there is no need for equipotential bonding for the subscriber terminal.
3. **Notice:** When exchanging or removing active or passive devices (e.g. amplifiers, splitters, or coaxial cables), care must be taken to avoid that leakage currents from terminal equipment cause dangerous voltages to arise between the interrupted parts (inner conductors and/or cable shields (outer conductors)) by disconnecting the loop. It must be ensured that the conductive connection of the cable shields (outer conductors) is maintained even when devices are exchanged or removed in order to avoid electric shock (dangerous body currents). The inner conductors must also be secured against contact. Before a temporary solution for the equipotential bonding is applied, the parts to be detached (e.g. the F-type plug-in connector of a removed cable) should remain connected to the temporary connection for equipotential bonding during the entire uninstallation/installation process.
4. **Notice:** Observe the labels on the front panels before connecting or disconnecting any cables.
  - Connect the antenna cables to the antenna connectors and the antennas.
  - Use only the power supply delivered with the unit. Do not modify the power supply unit (PSU) and cable.

**Do not mount the PSU to the ceiling.**

- Connect the DC connector of the power supply and provide mains to the power supply. Ensure the DC connector is plugged in correctly as in the following illustrations.

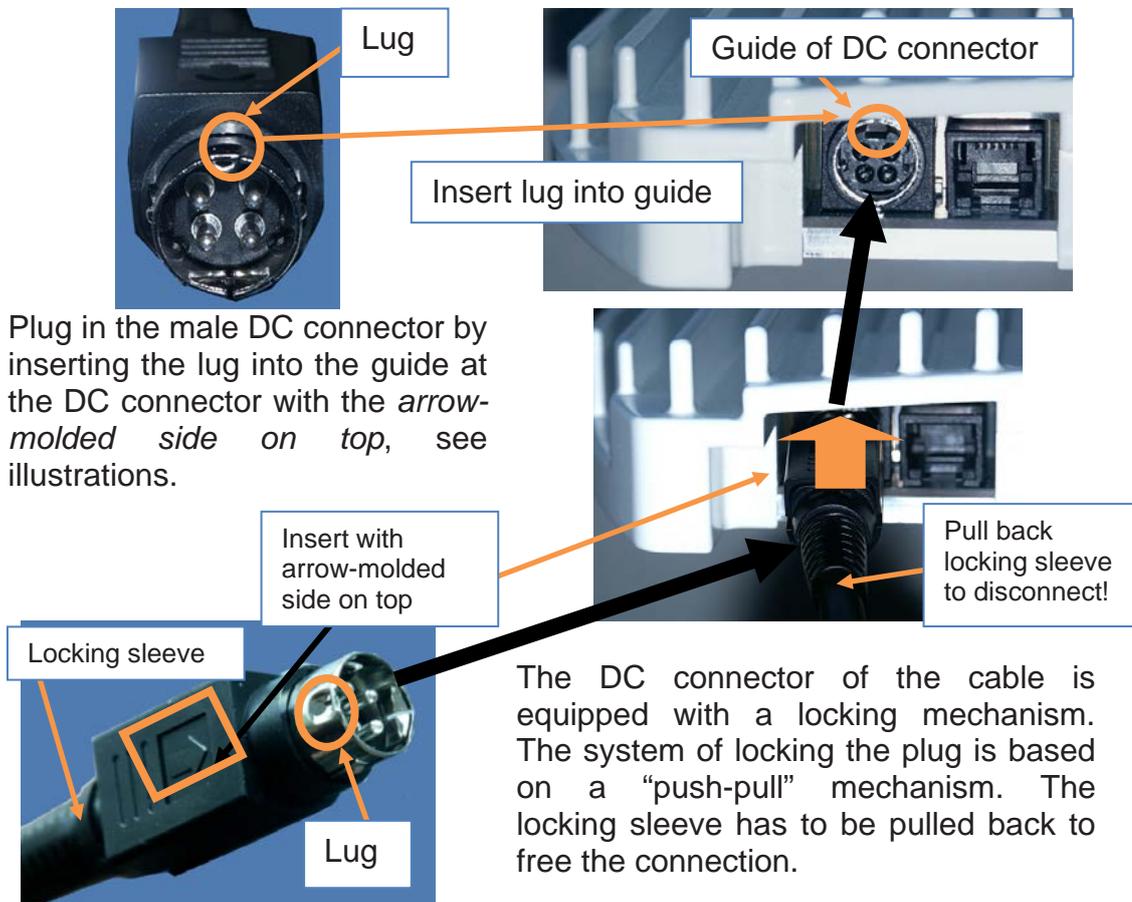


Figure 4-2 Power connection of DC connector with MRx18

- Align the donor antenna towards the BTS. The MRx18 provides antenna alignment assistance. Therefore, press the “Reset and installation assistance” switch (see chapter 3.2 *Design and Connectors*) for at least *ten* seconds **after** (!) the boot process has been finished (i.e. red ALC LED is blinking for four seconds). This will set the gain to max. value and disable Auto Gain for about four minutes. The status LED will be blinking red/green. Align the donor antenna towards the BTS / Node B tower to reach the highest RSSI level possible. Check the RSSI level at the display (see chapter 7 *Alarming and Supervision*). After four minutes the gain and Auto Gain are adjusted to the values prior to the activation of the antenna alignment.

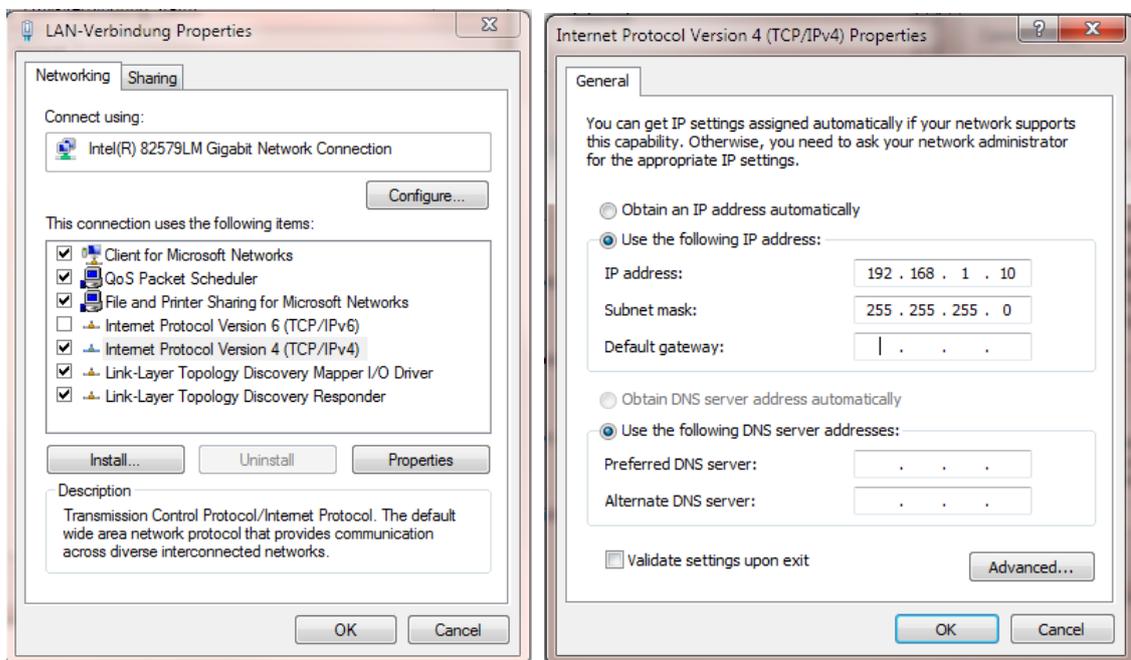
**Note:** With the “RSSI based Power Off” feature switched on, Antenna Alignment Assistance will be interrupted if the “RSSI power off” level is exceeded as the corresponding band will be switched off.

- Align the coverage antenna.

As the default settings of the repeater are set to ‘Auto Gain enabled’, only the frequencies have to be adjusted. Additionally, the repeater can be customized with a laptop or PC via Ethernet connector:

- For local connection, connect the **straight** CAT 6 patch cable to the Ethernet connector of the MRx18 and the network connector of a laptop or PC. For MRx18 connection to a LAN network, connect the **cross-over** cable. (Note: The MRx18 operates at 10 Mbps and full-duplex).
- Start a browser (e.g. Internet Explorer 11, or Mozilla Firefox, recommended version V70.0.1, or Chrome, recommended version 78.0 or higher) and enter URL: **http://192.168.1.1**. For IE11 it might be necessary to set the “Browser Mode” to Compatibility View as explained at the end of this chapter.

**Note: If the connection cannot be established**, it might be necessary to set the IP address of the computer or laptop (Start => Settings => Control Panel => Network Connections => *Your Network-Connection* => Properties => Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) => Properties => Enable ‘Use the following IP address’ and enter an IP address, e.g. 192.168.1.10). **Do not use IP addresses 192.168.1.2 or 192.168.1.1.**



**Before changing the settings in the Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) => Properties, please write down the current settings. Ensure no proxy server for internet access is activated any longer, either.**



**After having finished setting up the MRx18, please change all the TCP/IP settings to the original ones BEFORE re-connecting your computer to any other network. Re-activate the proxy settings if necessary, too.**

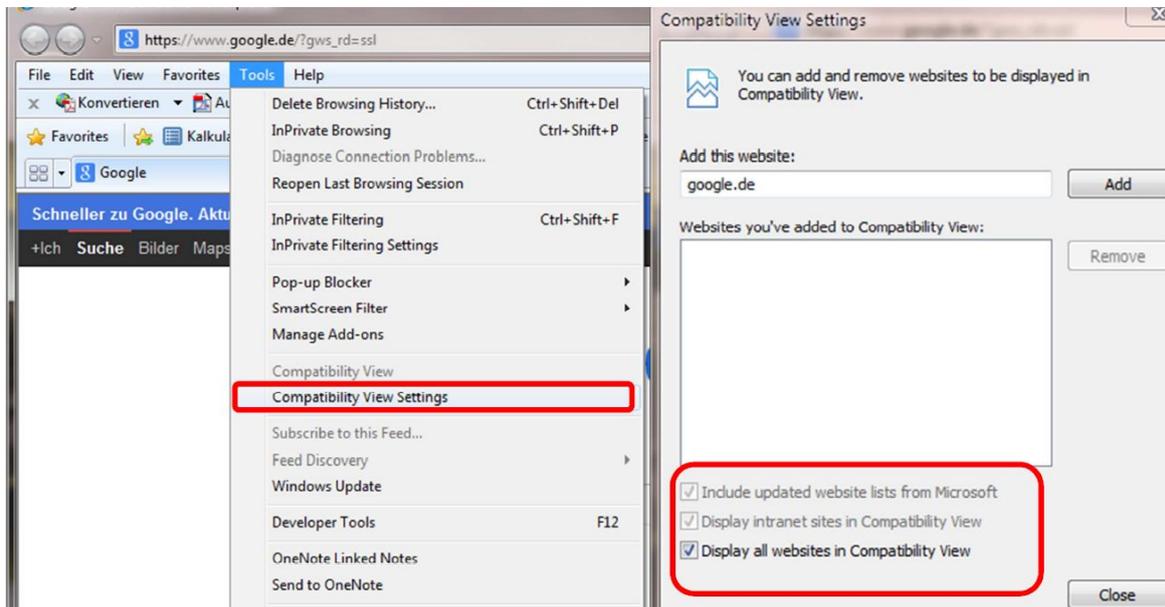
- Enter User name: **MRx18** and password: **MRx18** (case-sensitive).
- Commission the repeater according to the description in the following chapter and save settings to the repeater.
- Disconnect the CAT 6 patch cable and check LEDs and display of the repeater.

In case the Ethernet connection cannot be established due to wrong settings in the Connectivity page (see chapter 5.5.4 Settings – LAN Connectivity) or if username or password have been forgotten, these settings can be reset to the default factory settings.

To reset Ethernet settings, username and password to the default factory settings, press the “Reset and installation assistance switch” during the boot process (i.e. red ALC LED is blinking for four seconds after power has been supplied) and keep the switch pressed until the boot process starts again (Ethernet LED starts blinking). It is not possible to execute a reset when a local connection is established.

#### Browser mode settings for IE11:

Open the „Compatibility View Settings“ and mark all checkboxes:



## 5. Software Setup

### 5.1. Login

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**Login**

Username MRx18

Password ●●●●●●

Submit

Status bar

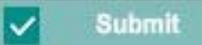
Unit Location a | Name MRx18 | ID 7602823 | SN 1 | IP Address 172.24.23.100 | Software V 03.03.00 | GUI V 03.03.00 | Model MR1818L/1818L/1818L

figure 5-1 Login page

Enter Username: MRx18

Enter Password: MRx18

Please note that username and password are case-sensitive when entering “MRx18”.

Click the  button.

If an incorrect username or password has been entered, an error message appears. This message prompts to insert your username or password anew. Press key F5 to refresh the login mask.

If an incorrect username or password has been entered for three times, the interface to the repeater is locked for 30 minutes.

## 5.2. Menu Bar – Buttons



The menu bar consisting of tabs and buttons is always visible. For description of the tabs, please refer to the following chapters. The following buttons are provided on top of the right side of the menu bar:

Button	Explanation
	The <b>first</b> button is <b>Contrast</b> . Click this button to have the webpage displayed in high contrast. To switch back into default contrast, just click on the button again and the webpage will be displayed in default contrast again. High-contrast Webpages are available for each of the Status, Settings, and Maintenance pages (an example of a high-contrast page is shown in chapter 5.4).
 Help	The <b>second</b> button is <b>Help</b> . It provides context-sensitive help to the Status, Settings and Maintenance pages. By clicking this button, the corresponding help page with detailed information will be opened immediately.
 Logout	The <b>third</b> button is <b>Logout</b> . Click this button to logout and quit the session. Then the logout page will be opened (see chapter 5.7 Logout).

table 5-1 Menu-bar buttons, description

## 5.3. Status Bar



figure 5-2 Status-bar

The status bar is located on the bottom of each webpage. The following information is displayed: These data is being read out of the MRx18 repeater.

Designation	Description
<b>Unit Location</b>	Displays the unit location of the MRx18 repeater – user defined area entered in chapter 5.5.3 <i>Settings – Modem Control</i> or in chapter 5.5.4 <i>Settings – LAN Connectivity</i> .
<b>Name</b>	Displays the designation of the repeater: MRx18 – user defined, entered in chapter 5.5.4 <i>Settings – LAN Connectivity</i> .
<b>ID</b>	Displays the Identification Number of the MRx18 repeater.
<b>SN</b>	Displays the Serial Number of the MRx18 repeater.
<b>IP Address</b>	Displays the current repeater IP address set: 192.168.1.1.
<b>Software</b>	Displays the current software version installed.
<b>GUI</b>	Displays the current version of the Graphical User Interface (GUI).
<b>Model</b>	Displays the specific repeater type of the MRx18.

Table 5-2 Status bar, description

### 5.4. Status

The screenshot shows the 'Status' page in the COMMSCOPE interface. It has a top navigation bar with 'Status', 'Settings', and 'Maintenance' tabs. Below the navigation bar, there are two main sections: 'General' and 'Alarms'.  
**General Section:** A table with columns: Band, Actual Gain (dB) [DL, UL], Output Power (dBm) [DL, UL], RSSI Level (dBm), ALC [DL, UL], Current Consumption, Temperature, and RSSI Based Power OFF. The row for MR918 shows: Band: MR918, Actual Gain: DL=70, UL=70, Output Power: DL<-10.0, UL<-10.0, RSSI Level: <-80, ALC: DL=not active, UL=not active, Current Consumption: ok, Temperature: ok 20 °C, RSSI Based Power OFF: disabled.  
**Alarms Section:** A table with columns: Band, Local Oscillator, RSSI Level, ALC [DL, UL], Current Alarm, Temperature, and RSSI Based Power OFF. The row for MR918 shows: Band: MR918, Local Oscillator: OK, RSSI Level: Warning, ALC: DL=OK, UL=OK, Current Alarm: OK, Temperature: OK, RSSI Based Power OFF: (empty).

figure 5-3 Status – General & Alarms

In order to show this page in high-contrast view, use the corresponding button  of the menu bar (see chapter 5.2):

In the Status page, actual values are shown. The values are referenced to the condition when the status page has been opened.

Furthermore, present alarms of the MRx18 are listed in this page. No values/alarms are captured in case the RF section is switched off (see chapter 5.5.1).

Button	Explanation
	This button updates the values of the Status page.
	By clicking this button, the values of the Status page are automatically updated every 3 seconds. Auto Refresh is deactivated by pressing this button once again or by leaving the Status page.

Table 5-3 Refresh and Auto Refresh buttons, description

This screenshot is similar to the one above but shows updated values for the 'General' section. The row for MR918 now shows: Band: MR918, Actual Gain: DL=70, UL=68, Output Power: DL<-10.0, UL<-10.0, RSSI Level: <-80, ALC: DL=not active, UL=not active, Current Consumption: ok, Temperature: ok 25 °C, RSSI Based Power OFF: disabled.

Status - Description of General Parameters	
<b>Band</b>	For the single band repeater MRx18 only <i>one</i> band is displayed.
<b>Actual Gain (dB) DL/UL</b>	The current UL and DL gain is shown, even if Auto Gain is activated.
<b>Output Power (dBm) DL/UL</b>	The current measured output power in DL and UL is shown, for low output power levels “<-10.0” is displayed.
<b>RSSI Level (dBm)</b>	The current DL input level at the donor antenna port is indicated.
<b>ALC DL/UL</b>	The condition of the ALC is displayed herein. When ALC is active, the ALC limit is stated in brackets, e.g. “active (18)”.
<b>Current Consumption</b>	Shows if the current is within the pre-defined limits.
<b>Temperature</b>	The current temperature condition is displayed. If temperature rises above 80° C, an alarm is generated and the RF section of the repeater is powered down until normal temperature is reached.
<b>RSSI Based Power OFF</b>	The condition of the automatic RSSI Based Power OFF is displayed. If the RSSI level exceeds the RSSI power off level, the band amplifier is switched off. Possible states are ‘not active’, ‘active’ and ‘disabled’.

Table 5-4 Status – General

Alarms						
Band	Local Oscillator	RSSI Level	ALC		Current Alarm	Temperature
			DL	UL		
MR918	OK	Warning	OK	OK	OK	OK

Description of Alarms		
Parameter	Cause	Solution
<b>Local Oscillator</b>	The LO does not lock.	Restart repeater. If the error persists, contact technical support.
<b>RSSI Level</b>	If P-out is <-10dBm with adjusted gain on RSSI-level.	Check antenna alignment, donor antenna and antenna cables. Increase the gain.
<b>ALC DL/UL</b>	Input power too high.	Decrease gain, set 'Auto Gain enabled' or decrease input power with external attenuators.
<b>Current Alarm</b>	Power consumption is not within the defined range.	Restart repeater. If the error persists, contact technical support.
<b>Temperature</b>	Temperature too high. (>80°C)	Check installation location of MRx18 and improve ventilation.

Table 5-5 Status – Alarms

The severity and latency time of the alarms can be changed/set in the Settings page (see chapter 5.5.2). Before an alarm is notified and displayed, the repeater has to be in alarm condition for the set latency time.

## 5.5. Settings

In the Settings pages current information on settings of all parameters is shown. The settings of these parameters can be changed in those pages.

The sub-tabs of the Settings page are the following:

- Radio Frequency
- Alarms
- Modem Control
- LAN Connectivity
- User Account

### Note:

 Apply	Changed settings at the Settings pages will only become valid by clicking the Apply button. Then, all changes made will be saved to the repeater.
 Logout	Additionally, changes made to Settings – LAN Connectivity and Settings – User Account require a logout by the user to make the changes valid. After a disconnection without Logout or a timeout of the session, changes in these tabs will not be applied.

### 5.5.1. Settings – Radio Frequency

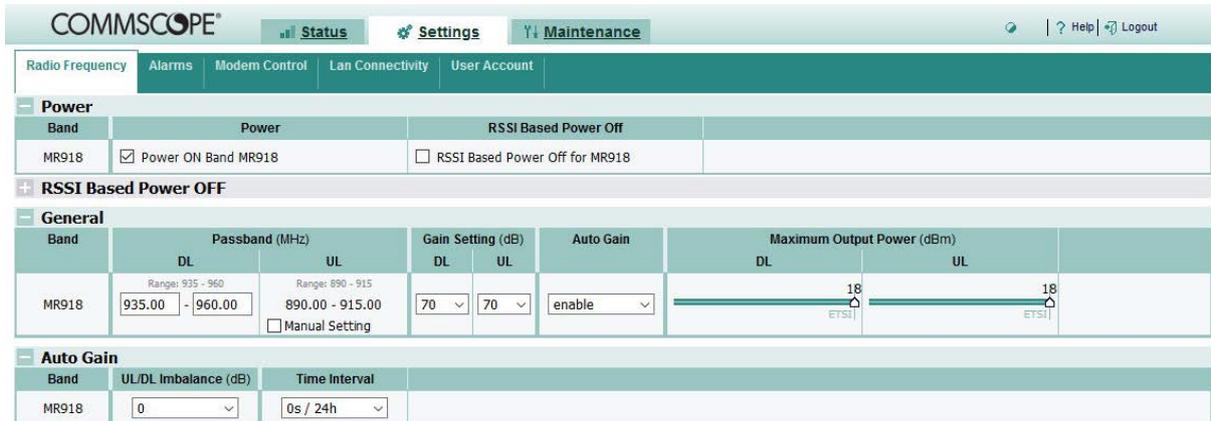


figure 5-4 Settings – Radio Frequency

Power		
Band	Power	RSSI Based Power Off
MR918	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power ON Band MR918	<input type="checkbox"/> RSSI Based Power Off for MR918

Radio Frequency - Description of Power Parameters	
<b>Band</b>	For the single band repeater MRx18 only <i>one</i> band is displayed.
<b>Power</b>	To power on, check “Power ON Band MRx18”. Uncheck “Power ON Band MRx18” to power down the RF-section of the repeater.
<b>RSSI Based Power Off</b>	Switch on /disable the automatic RSSI dependent band power control. If the RSSI level exceeds the set RSSI level threshold, the band amplifiers are switched off.

Table 5-6 Radio Frequency – Power

RSSI Based Power OFF				
Band	Threshold Power OFF (> dBm)	Offset Power ON (dB)	Latency Time (s)	Internal Power ON Attempt (h)
MR1818L	-32	9	900	24

Radio Frequency - Description of RSSI Based Power OFF Parameters	
<b>Band</b>	For the single band repeater MRx18 only <i>one</i> band is displayed.
<b>Threshold Power OFF (&gt; dBm)</b>	If the measured RSSI level exceeds this threshold, the amplifiers for this band are switched off. Possible settings are -20 to -50 dBm in steps of 1.
<b>Offset Power On (dB)</b>	Offset in dB that has to be exceeded to switch the amplifiers on again. For the above example (threshold -32 dBm, offset 9 dB) an RSSI level of -42 dBm or less switches the amplifiers on again. Possible settings are 1 to 10 dB in steps of 1.
<b>Latency Time (s)</b>	Latency time in seconds that the RSSI level above the RSSI threshold has to persist to cause an amplifier switch off. Possible values are in the range from 30 to 900 seconds.
<b>Internal Power On Attempt (h)</b>	Time interval in hours after which the RSSI is measured again for the band that has been switched off due to high RSSI level. Possible values are 0 (which means disabled) and 1 to 24 hours.

General							
Band	Passband (MHz)		Gain Setting (dB)		Auto Gain	Maximum Output Power (dBm)	
	DL	UL	DL	UL		DL	UL
MR918	940.00	955.00	70	70	enable	18	18
	Range: 935 - 960 <input type="checkbox"/> Manual Setting					Range: 890 - 915 ETSI	

### Radio Frequency - Description of General Parameters

Band	
	For the single band repeater MRx18 only <i>one</i> band is displayed.
<b>Passband (MHz)* DL/UL</b>	<p>Enter the DL frequency range to be amplified (start and stop frequency) within the duplexer range that is indicated above the field.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> It is not recommended to amplify different modulation types (e.g. LTE, UMTS, GSM, ...) within one frequency band.</p> <p>Step size is 10 kHz. Recommended bandwidth for UMTS networks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 UMTS carrier: 4.6 MHz</li> <li>2 UMTS carriers: 9.6 MHz</li> <li>3 UMTS carriers: 14.6 MHz</li> </ul> <p>For LTE, the actual channel width corresponds to the repeater passband, i.e. (in case of a 10 MHz LTE channel, for example) start and stop frequency must be adjusted to produce a 10 MHz passband.</p> <p>Depending on the passband DL, the passband UL is set accordingly.</p> <p>When <b>Manual Setting</b> is activated, the UL passband can be adjusted independently from the DL frequency setting.</p>
<b>Gain Setting (dB) DL/UL</b>	<p>Select the gain for UL and DL.</p> <p>When Auto Gain is enabled, the entries are not applied. For the MR2118 and MR2618 a warning is displayed (and field turns red) for an UL gain &gt;70dB to guarantee full compliance to ETSI. Otherwise an uplink spurious requirement might be slightly exceeded.</p>
<b>Auto Gain</b>	<p>With Auto Gain activated, the repeater will automatically set its gain to the maximum value. Depending on the DL input level, gain is decreased to optimize the output power to the value adjusted at the <i>Maximum Output Power (dBm) DL</i> without reaching the ALC level. Gain is increased after the time selected at <i>Auto Gain Time Interval</i> has expired, when the DL input level decreases. UL gain is set accordingly with respect to Auto Gain imbalance setting.</p>
<b>Maximum Output Power (dBm) DL/UL</b>	<p>The ALC limit level or max. output power can be selected for DL and UL independently by shifting the slider to left or right. Depending on application / network, the output-power value specified in chapter 8.1 <i>Electrical Specifications MRx18</i> must be entered in order to meet the respective standards. ETSI refers to the standards meeting &lt;-36 dBm or &lt;-30 dBm intermodulation products. For output power values that do not refer to ETSI, the intermodulation products are &lt;-13 dBm.</p>

\* Passband corresponds to 3 dB bandwidth

table 5-7 Radio Frequency – General

- Auto Gain		
Band	UL/DL Imbalance (dB)	Time Interval
MR918	2	10s / 24h

Radio Frequency - Description of Auto Gain * Parameters	
<b>Band</b>	For the single band repeater MRx18 only <i>one</i> band is displayed.
<b>UL/DL Imbalance (dB)</b>	When Auto Gain is enabled, the gain is adjusted automatically. With an entry in the Auto Gain imbalance field, the UL gain is decreased compared to the DL gain for this value.
<b>Time Interval</b>	<p>Possibility to select between four behaviors of Auto Gain:</p> <p><b>0s / 24h:</b> Gain is reduced without latency time in case of too high input power. Every 24 hours the repeater tries to increase gain by 1 dB to max. output power in case input power has decreased again.</p> <p><b>0s / 12h:</b> See above, but the interval for a try to increase gain again is 12 hours.</p> <p><b>10s / 12h:</b> Gain is reduced after a latency time of 10s in case of too high input power. Interval for a try to increase gain again is 12 hours.</p> <p><b>10s / 24h:</b> See above, but the interval for a try to increase gain again is 24 hours.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This setting (10s / 24h) is recommended for <b>LTE</b>, <b>UMTS</b>, and <b>HSDPA</b>.</p>

\* If Auto Gain is disabled, these parameters cannot be accessed.

Table 5-8 Radio Frequency – Auto Gain

### 5.5.2. Settings – Alarms

Parameter	Severity	Latency Time (s)
ALC UL/DL	Warning	10
RSSI Level	Warning	10
Current Alarm	Warning	10
Local Oscillator	Warning	10
Temperature	Warning	10

figure 5-5 Settings – Alarms

Alarms -	
Parameter	Description of Severity / Latency Time
<b>ALC UL/DL</b>	<p>A severity level can be assigned to each alarm. It is also possible to disable alarms.</p> <p>The severity of alarms may be: disabled, warning, minor, major, critical</p> <p>The latency time for each alarm can selected from a drop-down list in a range from 10 seconds to 3600 seconds (in pre-defined steps). This setting means that the repeater has to be in alarm condition for the set period of time before an alarm is notified and displayed on the <i>Status</i> page (see chapter 5.4).</p>
<b>RSSI Level</b>	
<b>Current Alarm</b>	
<b>Local Oscillator</b>	
<b>Temperature</b>	

table 5-9 Settings – Alarms

## 5.5.3. Settings – Modem Control

	Value
Modem Type	PLS8
Software Version	PLS8-E REVISION 03.0
SMSC	+491710760000
Destination Phone Number	+491707915500
Unit Location	Buchdorf
Unique System ID	175bacd279357c41dd45
Heartbeat Interval	24h
Time to Next Heartbeat	23:52:12 hh:mm:ss
Alarming via SMS	enable
Test SMS Phone Number	?
Send Test SMS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send

figure 5-6 Settings – Modem Control

<b>Modem Control - Description of Value Parameter</b>	
<b>Modem Type</b>	Different modems can be selected for SMS remote monitoring. If a modem is connected to the repeater, it is automatically initialized during the boot process of the repeater. If no reboot is performed, the modem type has to be selected manually.
<b>Software Version</b>	The software version of the modem connected to the repeater is shown. If no modem is connected or the modem cannot be recognized, the message “no valid modem found” appears.
<b>SMSC</b>	The Service Center Phone Number (SMSC) is entered here (including country code, +CC, e.g. +49 for Germany). If the SMSC is stored to the SIM card of the modem, no entry needs to be done.
<b>Destination Phone Number <sup>1)</sup></b>	Both the number of the destination for alarm messages and heartbeat SMS and the sender for SMS are determined herein. The number should be preceded with the country code (i.e. +CC, e.g. +49 for Germany). Only decimal digits are allowed, no spaces. The max. size of the phone number is 20 decimal digits.
<b>Unit Location <sup>1)</sup></b>	The Unit Location is sent with each SMS to get information about e.g. address location or building where the repeater is installed. No validation is done with the entry. The Unit Location is a user-defined field. The content of Unit Location on the Modem Control page corresponds to that of the Unit Location on LAN Connectivity page. The settings are only applied in the status bar at the bottom of each page after a new login. Max. 20 characters are allowed.
<b>Unique System ID <sup>1)</sup></b>	The Unique System ID is for identification of the repeater within A.I.M.O.S. software. This field is read-only.

<sup>1)</sup> With integration in A.I.M.O.S. a configuration SMS is sent from A.I.M.O.S. that overwrites the entries of these fields by the entries coming from A.I.M.O.S.

<b>Modem Control - Description of Value Parameter</b>	
<b>Heartbeat Interval</b>	A heartbeat SMS is sent after a certain period of time that can be selected in this field. The heartbeat indicates that the supervision of the repeater is working. If no heartbeat message is sent after the interval entered, the connection and supervision is down. If heartbeat interval is set to "0", the heartbeat functionality is disabled.
<b>Time to Next Heartbeat</b>	Depending on the heartbeat interval the time that still remains until the next heartbeat will be sent to the destination phone number is indicated.
<b>Alarming via SMS</b>	The alarming via SMS can be disabled in case no alarm and heartbeat SMS shall be sent to the destination phone number. However, settings can be changed or the status of the repeater can be queried via SMS, when Alarming via SMS is disabled.
<b>Test SMS Phone Number</b>	To check connectivity of the modem, a test SMS can be sent to a different receiver, e.g. your own mobile. The test SMS will contain Unit Location, Modem RSSI level, date, and timestamp.
<b>Send Test SMS</b>	Click this button to send a test SMS to the receiver entered in Test SMS Phone Number field.

table 5-10 Settings – Modem Control

To make the changes valid, the Apply button has to be pressed and the user has to log out.

### 5.5.4. Settings – LAN Connectivity

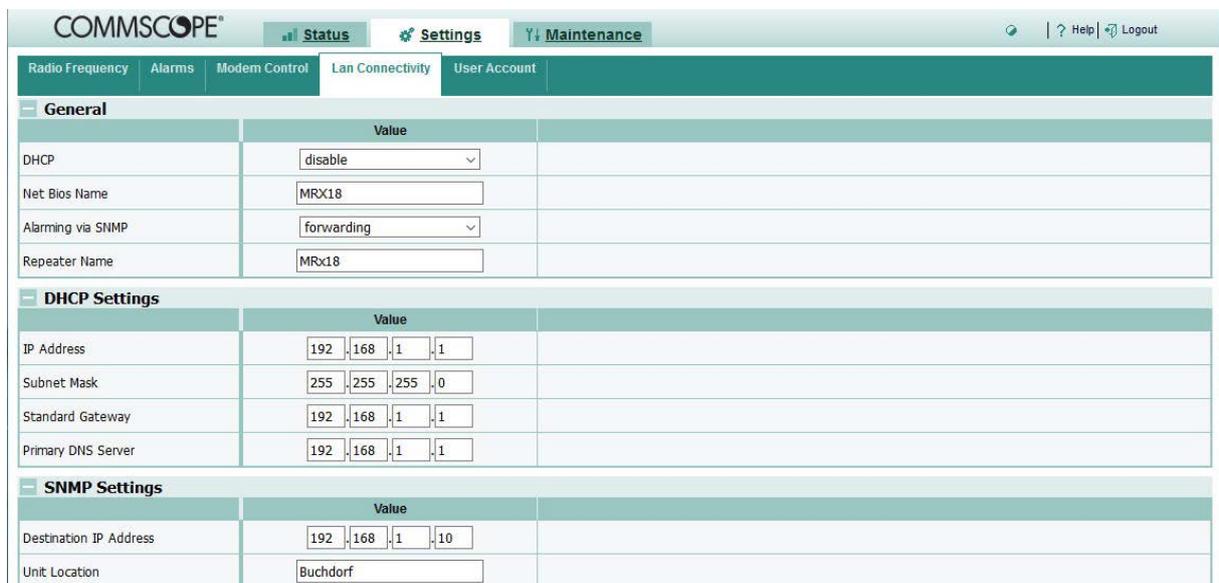
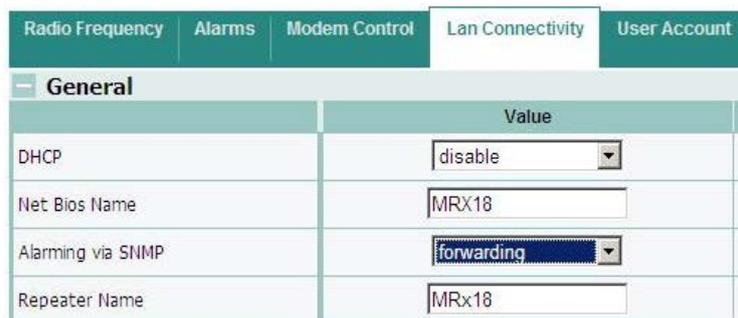


figure 5-7 Settings – LAN Connectivity



<b>LAN Connectivity – General</b>	
<b>Description of Value Parameters</b>	
<b>DHCP</b>	Default setting is DHCP disabled. With DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) enabled the repeater receives its IP address from the server of the LAN network. <b>Note:</b> No entries for <i>IP Address</i> , <i>Subnet Mask</i> , <i>Standard Gateway</i> and <i>Primary DNS Server</i> (DHCP Settings) can be made when DHCP is enabled.
<b>Net BIOS Name</b>	If Net Bios Name is supported by the LAN the repeater is connected to, the repeater can be accessed by entering the Net Bios Name in the explorer instead of the IP address. Max. 15 characters are allowed for the Net Bios Name.
<b>Alarming via SNMP</b>	Three options can be selected for the <i>Alarming via SNMP</i> : <b>Disable:</b> Alarming via SNMP is deactivated. <b>Forwarding:</b> SNMP V1 traps of active alarms are sent to a user-defined destination IP address. The destination IP address must be entered beyond the <i>SNMP Settings</i> item. <b>Polling:</b> The status of the alarm can be queried. A static alarm table provides the status of the alarms.
<b>Repeater Name</b>	For identification, the repeater name can be changed. No validation is done with the repeater name. Max. 15 characters are allowed. The settings are only applied in the bar at the bottom of each page after a new login.

Table 5-11 LAN Connectivity – General

To make the changes valid, the Apply button has to be pressed and the user has to log out.

DHCP Settings	
	Value
IP Address	192 .168 .1 .1
Subnet Mask	255 .255 .255 .0
Standard Gateway	192 .168 .1 .1
Primary DNS Server	192 .168 .1 .1

<b>LAN Connectivity – DHCP Settings *</b>	
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description of Value</b>
<b>IP Address</b>	The IP address of the repeater can be changed herein.
<b>Subnet Mask</b>	The Subnet Mask can be changed herein.
<b>Standard Gateway</b>	The Standard Gateway can be changed herein.
<b>Primary DNS Server</b>	The primary DNS server can be changed herein.

\* **Note:** When *DHCP* is enabled no entries can be made.

Table 5-12 LAN Connectivity – DHCP Settings

To make the changes valid, the Apply button has to be pressed and the user has to log out.

SNMP Settings	
	Value
Destination IP Address	192 . 168 . 1 . 10
Unit Location	Buchdorf

<b>LAN Connectivity – SNMP Settings *</b>	
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description of Value</b>
<b>Destination IP Address</b>	If ‘forwarding’ of alarms via SNMP is selected, the destination IP address has to be entered where the alarms traps ought to be sent to.
<b>Unit Location</b>	The Unit Location is sent with each SNMP alarm trap to get information about e.g. address or location/building where the repeater is installed. No validation is done with the entry. Max. 20 characters are allowed. The settings are only applied in the status bar at the bottom of each page after a new login.

\* When “polling” or “disabled” is selected at *Alarming via SNMP*, these parameters cannot be accessed.

Table 5-13 LAN Connectivity – SNMP Settings

To make the changes valid, the Apply button has to be pressed and the user has to log out.

### 5.5.5. Settings – User Account

figure 5-8 Settings – User Account

<b>User Account</b>	
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description of Value</b>
<b>Username</b>	To login the user name is required. The default user name can be changed. Max. 8 characters are allowed.
<b>New Password</b>	The password to login can be changed. Max. 8 characters are allowed.
<b>Repeat Password</b>	The new password has to be repeated.

table 5-14 Settings – User Account

To make the changes valid, the Apply button has to be pressed and the user has to log out.

## 5.6. Maintenance

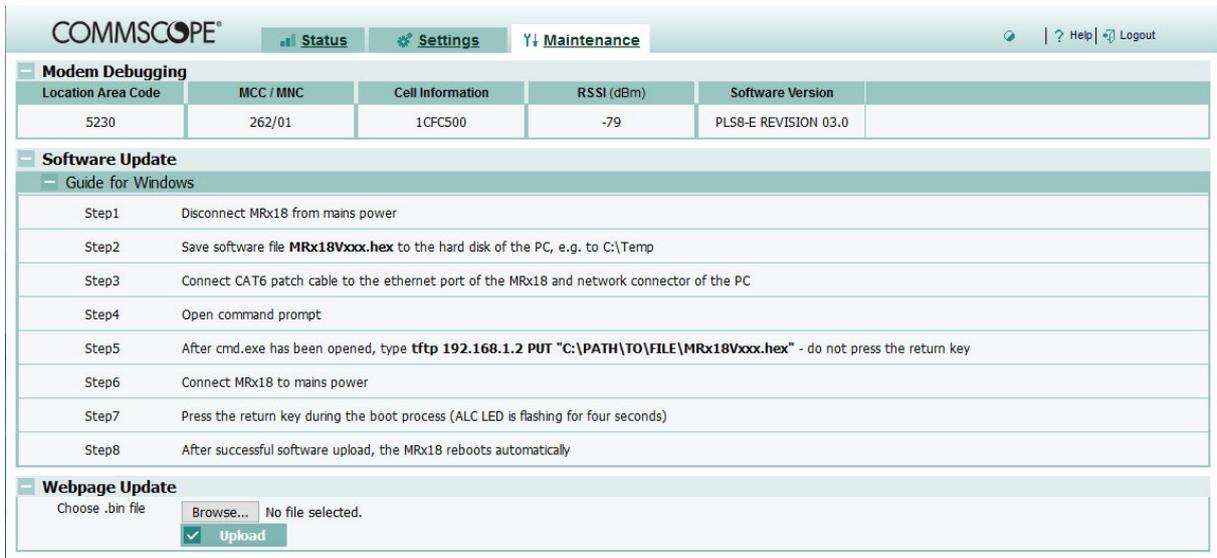
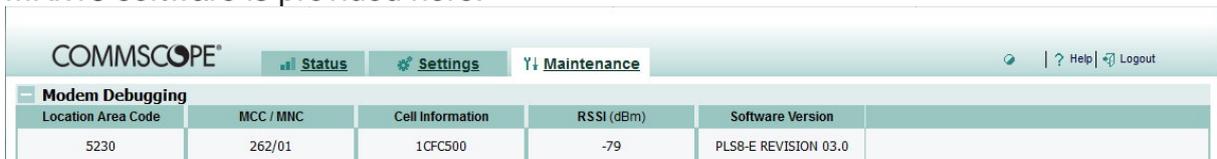


figure 5-9 Maintenance

In the Maintenance page current information on the modem is available (e.g. cell information). Moreover, the Webpages can be updated and a guide to update the MRx18 software is provided here.



<b>Maintenance - Description of Modem Debugging Parameters</b>	
<b>Location Area Code</b>	The Location Area Code of the existing server cell is indicated. This information is provided by the connected modem. “No network” is stated in case no modem is connected or is recognized to/by the repeater or the modem is not able to access to a mobile network.
<b>MCC/ MNC</b>	The Mobile Country Code (MCC) and Mobile Network Code (MNC) of the server cell are indicated. The first three digits show the MCC, the last two digits the MNC. The MCC and MNC are detected by the connected modem. “No network” is stated in case no modem is connected or is recognized to/by the repeater or the modem is not able to access to a mobile network.
<b>Cell Information</b>	The cell information displays the ID of the cell the modem is served. “No network” is stated in case no modem is connected or is recognized to/by the repeater or the modem is not able to access to a mobile network.
<b>RSSI (dBm)</b>	The received signal level at the antenna port of the modem is displayed. The loss of 25 dB of the modem coupler integrated in the repeater is considered. “No network” is stated in case no modem is connected or is recognized to/by the repeater or the modem is not able to access to a mobile network.
<b>Software Version</b>	The software version of the modem connected to the repeater is shown. If no modem is connected or the modem cannot be recognized, the message “no valid modem found” appears.

Table 5-15 Maintenance – Modem Debugging

Software Update	
Guide for Windows	
Step1	Disconnect MRx18 from mains power
Step2	Save software file <b>MRx18Vxxx.hex</b> to the hard disk of the PC, e.g. to C:\Temp
Step3	Connect CAT6 patch cable to the ethernet port of the MRx18 and network connector of the PC
Step4	Open command prompt
Step5	After cmd.exe has been opened, type <b>tftp 192.168.1.2 PUT "C:\PATH\TO\FILE\MRx18Vxxx.hex"</b> - do not press the return key
Step6	Connect MRx18 to mains power
Step7	Press the return key during the boot process (ALC LED is flashing for four seconds)
Step8	After successful software upload, the MRx18 reboots automatically

Description of Software Update Parameters	
<b>Guide for Windows</b>	The procedure how to update the repeater software.

Table 5-16 Maintenance – Software Update

For software update, please also refer to chapter 5.8 Upload New Software Version.

**Note:** Observe that SW and GUI (webpage file) always have to be updated to the same version.



Maintenance	
Webpage Update	Description
<b>Choose .bin file</b>	The Webpages can be updated by uploading the .bin file. Choose the bin file by clicking the <b>Browse...</b> button and then click the <b>Upload</b> button to upload and update the webpage.

Table 5-17 Maintenance – Webpage Update

## 5.7. Logout

The Logout page can be accessed by clicking Logout.

By clicking the **Logout** button, the session will be quit and the Login page opened:

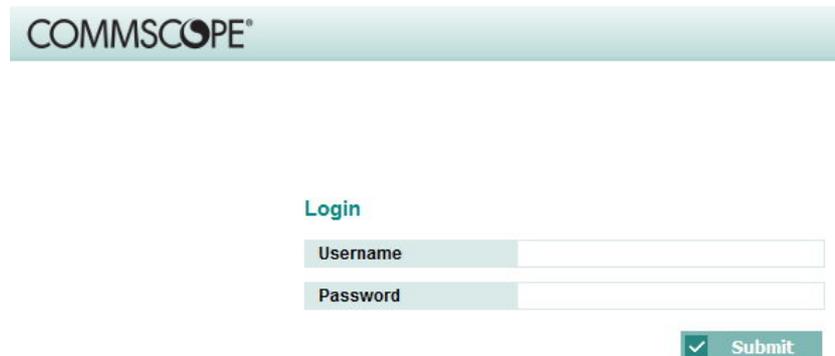


figure 5-10 Logout

Logout is possible from the Status, Settings, and Maintenance pages at any time.

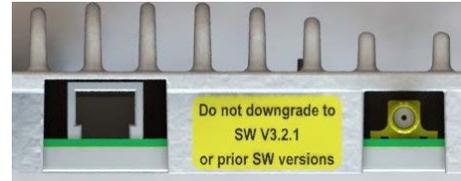
**Note:** Settings made in LAN Connectivity and User Account will only become valid after the user has executed a manual logout.

## 5.8. Upload New Software Version

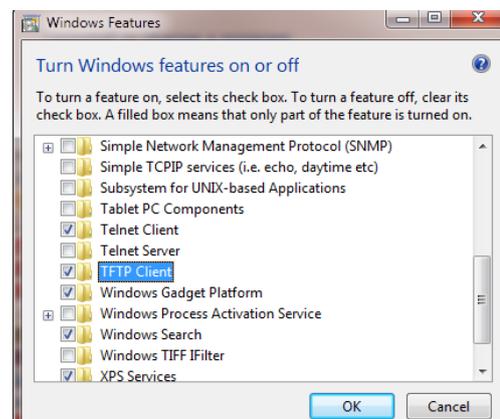
The software can be updated. The new software version is delivered as MRx18Vxxx.hex file.

**Note:** Observe that SW and GUI (webpage file) always have to be updated to the same version.

**Note:** As the new PCBs of the MRx18 single band are only supported by SW V3.3.0, a downgrade to a prior SW version must NOT be done (as indicated by the corresponding label on the unit). After a downgrade, the unit will function properly no longer and installing a SW version  $\geq$ V3.3.0 will be required.



Observe that from Windows 7 onwards the TFTP-Client required for the upload is deactivated by default. Therefore, it has to be activated via Control Panel → All Control Panel Items → Programs and Features → Turn Windows features on or off:



1. Disconnect the MRx18 from mains power.
2. Save the new software version file to a folder on the hard disk or USB-stick of the laptop or PC, e.g. to C:\Temp.
3. For **local** connection, connect the **straight** CAT 6 patch cable to the Ethernet connector of the MRx18 and the network connector of a laptop or PC. For MRx18 connection to a **LAN** network, connect the **cross-over** cable.
4. Open a command prompt (Start – Run...- cmd) and enter: tftp 192.168.1.2 PUT "C:\Temp\MRx18Vxxx.hex" (Do not press return button yet).

```

C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
C:\Documents and Settings\rapanlilio>tftp
Transfers files to and from a remote computer running the TFTP service.
TFTP [-i] host [GET | PUT] source [destination]
-i           Specifies binary image transfer mode (also called
             octet). In binary image mode the file is moved
             literally, byte by byte. Use this mode when
             transferring binary files.
host        Specifies the local or remote host.
GET         Transfers the file destination on the remote host to
             the file source on the local host.
PUT         Transfers the file source on the local host to
             the file destination on the remote host.
source      Specifies the file to transfer.
destination Specifies where to transfer the file.

C:\Documents and Settings\rapanlilio>tftp 192.168.1.2 PUT "C:\Temp\MRx18U100.hex"

```

figure 5-11 Upload new software version

5. Provide power to the MRx18 and press the return button of the laptop or PC during the boot process (i.e. red ALC LED is blinking for four seconds). After the software upload, the MRx18 will reboot automatically.

**Note:** Only the software is updated, the configuration settings made before the update are not changed.

If the software upload had not been successful, it might be necessary to set the IP address of the PC or laptop to a fixed IP, e.g. to 192.168.1.10 (please see chapter 4.2 Electrical Installation).

### Automation Tool

In case an EEPROM malfunction is suspected and SW version is older than V2.2.2, SW has to be updated to V3.0.0 and the automation tool has to be executed before uploading a newer SW version. For detailed instructions, the SW Release Note of MRx18 SW V3.0.0 shall be observed. Malfunction of EEPROM might be indicated by:

- Wrong repeater type (e.g. MR918 instead of MR2118)
- Wrong ID No or serial number is indicated on status bar of the web-pages
- Denied access to web-pages, i.e. error message of browser states that web-page can not be displayed
- Web-pages are displayed incorrectly or parameters are suspected to be wrong

**Note:** The Automation Tool requires a 32-bit version of Java. Verify your Java installation before you start the Automation Tool.

To run the Automation Tool, proceed as follows:

1. Save folder  AUTOMATION incl. all files/subfolders to hard disk of the PC to C:\Automation.

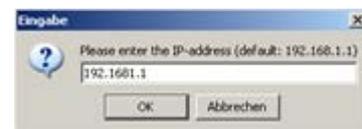
**Note:** Do not create any subfolders, program is only executed when the files are saved to C:\Automation.

2. Execute  AUTOMATION.jar by double click.
3. Window of Automation Tool is opened.

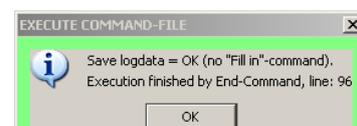


**Note:** In case the Automation Tool does not run properly, the  Add on Java is needed. In this event the subfolders  bin and  lib of  Add on Java have to be copied into the java program file folder of the PC (usually located in C:\Program Files\Java\jre6). Already existing files can be overwritten.

4. Select command file (SetHiddata.cmd) by clicking on  icon (command file is stored in C:\Automation\cmdfiles\SetHiddata.cmd)
5. Start program by clicking on  icon.
6. Enter IP address of the repeater (factory default address is 192.168.1.1) and press OK (for default IP 192.168.1.1 the address does not need to be entered, just press OK without entering any value for the IP).



7. Once the message to the right appears, the program has been finished successfully.



8. Access the repeater via GUI, update the webpages (if not already done) and check all parameters and settings.

## 6. Optional Equipment

### 6.1. External Modem (Kit)

As an option, the MRx18 can be also equipped with an external modem for remote supervision. Besides alarm forwarding via SMS (including heartbeat), settings of the MRx18 can be changed remotely via A.I.M.O.S. or by a mobile by sending SMS commands.

Several modems are available as kits; for their exact designation please see chapter 8.4 *Spare Parts List*.

Further information is available in a separate manual which can be downloaded as well.

**Notes:** For proper operation, the minimum level at the modem antenna port has to be  $>-100$  dBm.

The coupling loss of the modem coupler integrated in the MRx18 repeater is approx. 25 dB. Thus, the minimum level at the BTS port of the repeater has to be  $>-75$  dBm.

### 6.2. Antenna

An omni-directional multi-band coverage antenna can be directly mounted to the MRx18 antenna port (labeled *Mobile*) as illustrated to the right.



figure 6-1 Coverage antenna for MRx18, optional equipment

### 6.3. Adapter Cable

Cables with SMA male to N-female connectors can be ordered, if required. The length of the cable is 500 mm.

## 7. Alarming and Supervision

For alarming and supervision, the MRx18 is provided with an alarming interface represented by three LEDs. Without having to connect a PC or laptop locally to the MRx18, the display provides the status information described in the following chapter.

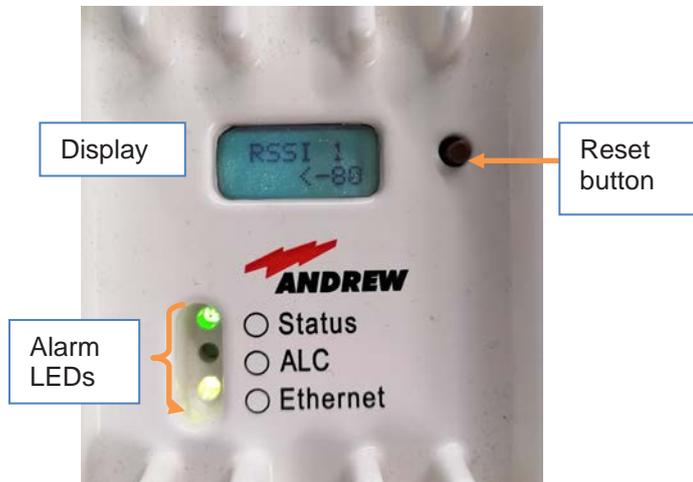


figure 7-1 Display and alarm LEDs

### 7.1. Alarm LEDs

LED	Color	Function/ Indication
<b>Status</b>	Green	A green light indicates the normal operation of the repeater. Power is present and the current consumption of the unit is within the specifications.
	Orange	An orange light indicates that current consumption of the repeater is not within defined limits or the LO cannot lock and the repeater might not work properly.
	Off	If the LED is off, the respective MRx18 does not receive any DC power.
	Red	A red light indicates the temperature alarm, which switches to power-down mode once an over-temperature has been reached. The temperature sensor of the controller will continue to check the temperature in power-down mode. As soon as the temperature has returned to normal, the controller will enable the RF-section.
	Blinking red/green	Blinking red/green indicates the antenna alignment assistance for approx. four minutes.
<b>ALC</b>	Off/red	A red LED indicates that the input power received by the repeater is too high. The output power of the repeater must be limited. This will be done by the ALC. Limitation of power ensures that the final stage is not overdriven and that intermodulation is kept below the limits.
	Blinking red	The LED is blinking red for four seconds during the boot process.
<b>Ethernet</b>	Off/green	The LED is green if the repeater is connected via Ethernet. LED is blinking during data transfer via Ethernet connection.

Table 7-1 Alarm LEDs

## 7.2. Display and Reset & Installation Assistance Button

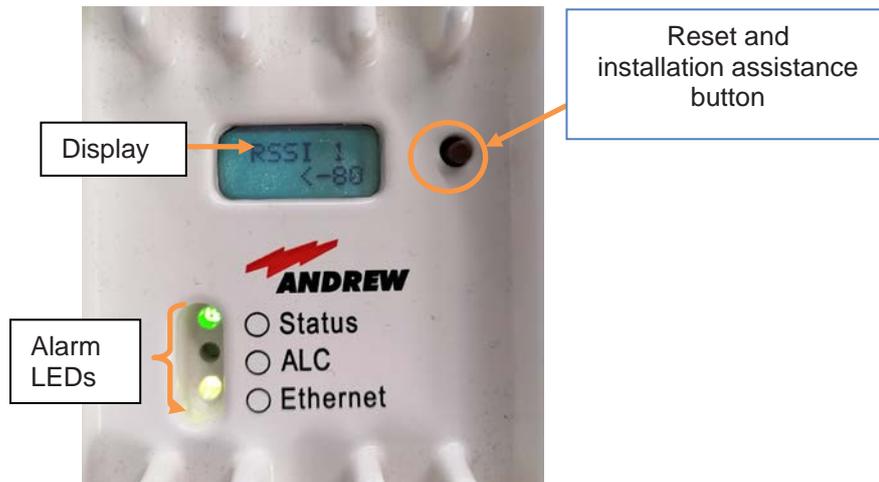


figure 7-2 Display with reset button and alarm LEDs

### Functions of the Reset Button:

- **To align the donor antenna** of the MRx18 towards the BTS via the antenna alignment assistance (as described in chapter 4.2 *Electrical Installation*), press the “Reset and installation assistance” switch (illustrated in figure above) for at least *ten* seconds **after** (!) the boot process has been finished (i.e. red ALC LED is blinking for four seconds). This will set the gain to max. value and disable Auto Gain for about 4 minutes. The status LED will be blinking red/green. Align the donor antenna towards the BTS / Node B tower to reach the highest RSSI level possible. Check the RSSI level at the display (see chapter 7 *Alarming and Supervision*). After four minutes the gain and Auto Gain are adjusted to the values prior to the activation of the antenna alignment.
- **To activate the display from sleep mode** this button has to be pressed. Even when an alarm is raised, the display will not be switched on. Thus, active alarms are initially only indicated by the LED’s until the button is pressed. Then, the alarm information is indicated on the display. The display will be switched off automatically after 10 minutes even if an existing alarm is indicated on the display.
- **To reset Ethernet settings, username and password** to the default factory settings, press the ‘Reset and installation assistance switch’ during the boot process (i.e. red ALC LED is blinking for four seconds after power has been supplied) and keep the switch pressed until the boot process starts again (Ethernet LED starts blinking).

- By pushing the reset and installation assistance button, several pieces of **status information of the MRx18 can be queried**. Information given is on **RSSI**, current **gain** UL and DL, current **output power** UL and DL (abbreviated by Pout in the display), and on the LAN IP Address. The reset and installation button is used to switch between the status information in the following sequence:

RSSI → Gain → Output power → LAN IP Address

Reset and installation assistance button

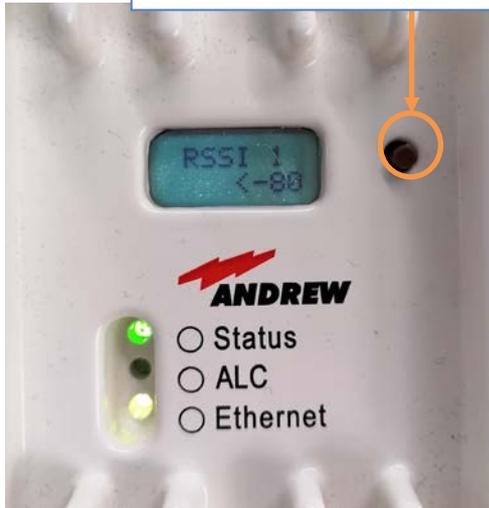


figure 7-3 Display – RSSI

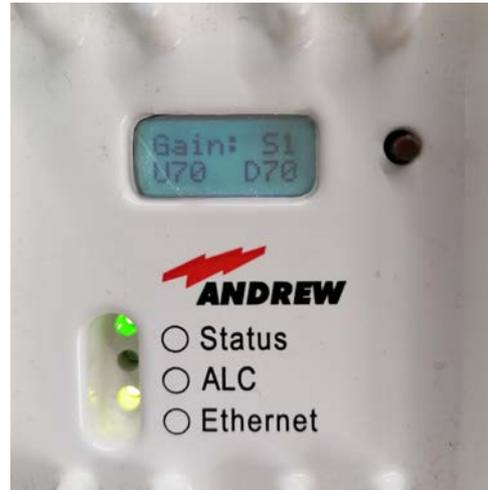


figure 7-4 Display – Gain UL and DL

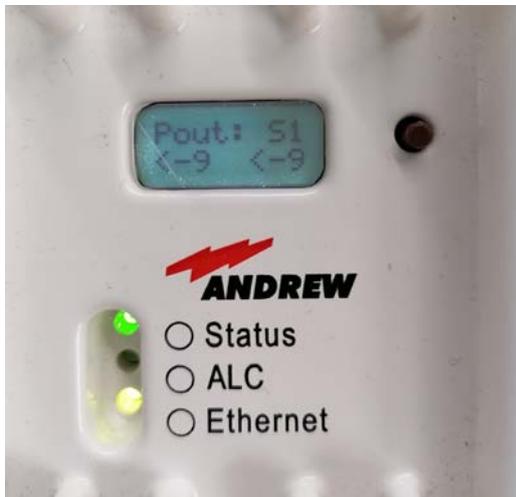


figure 7-5 Display – P<sub>out</sub> UL and DL

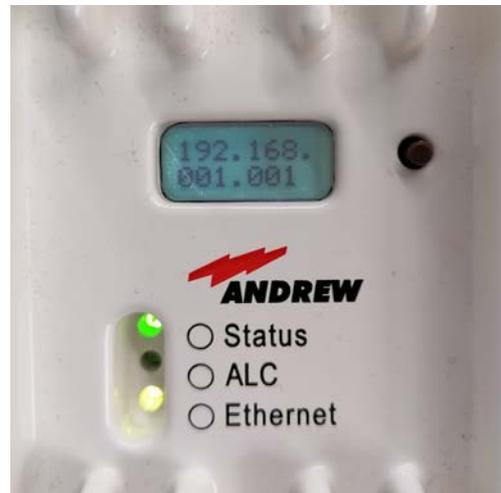


figure 7-6 Display – LAN IP Address

In alarm condition the display shows\* the segment and kind of alarm. When the MRx18 is in normal operation with no active alarms, “System Ok” is indicated.

\* When the display is in sleep mode it has to be activated by the “Reset and installation assistance button”, first.

## 8. Appendix

### 8.1. Electrical Specifications MRx18

Frequency range		GSM900/UMTS900/LTE900	
		MR918	MR918E
UL	DL	890 – 915 MHz	880 – 905 MHz
	DL	935 – 960 MHz	925 – 950 MHz
Bandwidth options <sup>1)</sup>		variable 1 MHz to 25 MHz in steps of 10 kHz	
Gain		70 dB	
Gain adjustment range		30 dB in steps of 1 dB	
Flatness		±3 dB	
RF output power UL/DL <sup>2)</sup>		+18 dB @ 1 carrier +15 dB @ 2 carriers	
OICP3	UL/DL	+41 dBm	
Spurious emission		according to GSM05.05, 3GPP according to 3GPP	
P-1dBc	UL/DL	+28 dBm	
Noise figure	UL/DL	6.0 dB @ max. gain	
Delay		5 µs	
Power supply	Mains power	100 Vac to 240 Vac	
	Local power	6 Vdc	
Power consumption <sup>3)</sup>		24 watts	
Antenna port	Connector	SMA Female	
	Return loss	10 dB	
Indoor antenna (optional)	Antenna gain	2.0 dBi	
	Radiation	Omni	

All figures are typical values.

- <sup>1)</sup> Recommended bandwidth for UMTS carriers: 1 carrier: 4.6 MHz, 2 carriers: 9.6 MHz, 3 carriers: 14.6 MHz
- <sup>2)</sup> MRx18 extended power versions: +24 dBm @ 1 carrier, +21 dBm @ 2 carriers meeting <-13 dBm intermodulation products
- <sup>3)</sup> Not considering power supply losses

**All data is subject to change without notice.**

<b>GSM1800 / LTE1800 – MR1818</b>			
Frequency range	UL DL	<b>MR1818L</b> 1710 MHz -1765 MHz 1805 MHz -1860 MHz	<b>MR1818U</b> 1730 MHz -1785 MHz 1825 MHz -1880 MHz
Bandwidth options <sup>1)</sup>		variable 1 MHz to 25 MHz in steps of 10 kHz	
Gain		70 dB	
Gain adjustment range		30 dB in steps of 1 dB	
Flatness		±3 dB	
RF output power UL/DL <sup>2)</sup>		+18 dB @ 1 carrier +15 dB @ 2 carriers	
OICP3	UL/DL	+42 dBm	
<b>GSM1800 / LTE1800 – MR1818</b>			
Spurious emission		According to GSM05.05, 3GPP	
P-1 dBc	UL/DL	+28 dBm	
Noise figure	UL/DL	6.0 dB @ max. gain	
Delay		5 µs	
Power supply	Mains power	100 Vac to 240 Vac	
	Local power	6 Vdc	
Power consumption <sup>3)</sup>		24 watts	
Antenna port	Connector	SMA Female	
	Return loss	10 dB	
Indoor antenna (optional)	Antenna gain	2.0 dBi	
	Radiation	Omni	

All figures are typical values.

- 1) Recommended bandwidth for UMTS carriers: 1 carrier: 4.6 MHz, 2 carriers: 9.6 MHz, 3 carriers: 14.6 MHz
- 2) MRx18 extended power versions: +24 dBm @ 1 carrier, +21 dBm @ 2 carriers meeting <-13 dBm intermodulation products
- 3) Not considering power supply losses

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<b>UMTS2100 / LTE2100 – MR2118</b>		
Frequency range	UL DL	1920 MHz – 1980 MHz 2110 MHz – 2170 MHz
Bandwidth options <sup>1)</sup>		variable 1 MHz to 25 MHz in steps of 10 kHz
Gain		75 dB
Gain adjustment range		30 dB in steps of 1 dB
Flatness		±2.5 dB
RF output power UL/DL <sup>2)</sup>		+18 dB @ 1 carrier +15 dB @ 2 carriers
OICP3	UL/DL	+42 dBm
Spurious emission		According to 3GPP
P-1dBc	UL/DL	+28 dBm
Noise figure	UL/DL	6.0 dB @ max. gain
Delay		5 µs
Delay ripple		±200 ns
EVM		3.5 %
PCDE @ SF = 256		-42 dB
Power supply	Mains power	100 Vac to 240 Vac
	Local power	6 Vdc
Power consumption <sup>3)</sup>		24 watts

All figures are typical values.

- 1) Recommended bandwidth for UMTS carriers: 1 carrier: 4.6 MHz, 2 carriers: 9.6 MHz, 3 carriers: 14.6 MHz
- 2) MRx18 extended power versions: +24 dBm @ 1 carrier, +21 dBm @ 2 carriers meeting <-13 dBm intermodulation products
- 3) Not considering power supply losses

**All data is subject to change without notice.**

AWS – MR1718			
Frequency range	UL DL	1710 to 1755 MHz 2110 to 2155 MHz	
Bandwidth options <sup>1)</sup>	variable 1 MHz to 25 MHz in steps of 10 kHz		
Gain	78 dB		
Gain adjustment range	30 dB in steps of 1		
Flatness	±3 dB		
		<b>UMTS</b>	<b>CDMA</b>
RF output power <sup>2)</sup>	UL/DL	+18 dBm @ 1 carrier +15 dBm @ 2 carriers	+22 dBm @ 1 carrier +19 dBm @ 2 carriers
OICP3	UL/DL	+41 dBm	
Spurious emission	According to 3GPP		<-13 dBm
P-1 dBc	UL/DL		+28 dBm
Noise figure	UL/DL		6.0 dB @ max. gain
Delay	5 µs		
Delay ripple	±200 ns		
Input and output impedance	50 Ohms		
EVM	3.5 %		
Power supply	Mains Power	100 Vac to 240 Vac	
	Local Power	6 Vdc	
Power consumption <sup>3)</sup>	24 watts		
Antenna port	Connector	SMA Female	
	Return loss	10 dB	
Indoor antenna (optional)	Antenna gain	2.0 dBi	
	Radiation	Omni	

All figures are typical values.

- <sup>1)</sup> Recommended bandwidth for UMTS carriers: 1 carrier: 4.6 MHz, 2 carriers: 9.6 MHz, 3 carriers: 14.6 MHz
- <sup>2)</sup> **Note:** The manufacturer's rated output power of this equipment is for single carrier operation. For situations when multiple carrier signals are present, the rating would have to be reduced by 3.5 dB, especially where the output signal is re-radiated and can cause interference to adjacent band users. This power reduction is to be made by means of input power or gain reduction and not by an attenuator at the output of the device.
- <sup>3)</sup> Not considering power supply losses

**All data is subject to change without notice.**

		MR8018	MR8518
Frequency range	UL DL	806 MHz to 824 MHz 851 MHz to 869 MHz	824 MHz to 849 MHz 869 MHz to 894 MHz
Bandwidth options		variable 1 MHz to 25 MHz in steps of 10 kHz	
Gain		78 dB	
Gain adjustment range		30 dB in steps of 1	
Flatness		±3 dB	
RF output power <sup>1)</sup>	UL/DL	+22 dBm @ 1 carrier +19 dBm @ 2 carriers	
OICP3	UL/DL	+41 dBm	
Spurious emission		<-13 dBm	
P-1dBc	UL/DL	+28 dBm	
Noise figure	UL/DL	6.0 dB @ max. gain	
Delay		5 µs	
Input and output impedance		50 Ohms	
Power supply	Mains power	100 Vac to 240 Vac	
	Local power	6 Vdc	
Power consumption <sup>2)</sup>		24 watts	
Antenna port	Connectors	SMA Female	
	Return loss	10 dB	
Indoor antenna (optional)	Antenna gain	2.0 dBi	
	Radiation	Omni	

All figures are typical values.

<sup>1)</sup> **Note:** The manufacturer's rated output power of this equipment is for single carrier operation. For situations when multiple carrier signals are present, the rating would have to be reduced by 3.5 dB, especially where the output signal is re-radiated and can cause interference to adjacent band users. This power reduction is to be made by means of input power or gain reduction and not by an attenuator at the output of the device.

<sup>2)</sup> Not considering power supply losses

**All data is subject to change without notice.**

1900 MHz PCS - MR1918			
Frequency range	UL	1850 MHz to 1910 MHz	
	DL	1930 MHz to 1990 MHz	
Bandwidth options	variable 1 MHz to 25 MHz in steps of 10 kHz		
Gain	78 dB		
Gain adjustment range	30 dB in steps of 1 dB		
Flatness <sup>1)</sup>	±3 dB		
		<b>GSM</b>	<b>CDMA</b>
RF output power <sup>1) 2)</sup>	UL/ DL	+22 dBm @ 1 carrier +19 dBm @ 2 carriers	+22 dBm @ 1 carrier +19 dBm @ 2 carriers
OICP3	UL/DL	+41 dBm	
Spurious emission	<-13 dBm		
P-1 dBc	UL/DL	+28 dBm	
Noise figure UL/DL	8.0 dB @ max. gain		
Delay	5 µs		
Power supply	Mains Power	100 to 240 Vac	
	Local Power	6 Vdc	
Power consumption <sup>3)</sup>	24 watts		
Antenna port	Connectors	SMA Female	
	Return loss	10 dB	
Indoor antenna (optional)	Antenna gain	2.0 dBi	
	Radiation	Omni	

All figures are typical values.

<sup>1)</sup> Degradation at 1905 – 1910 MHz in UL and 1930 – 1935 MHz in DL

<sup>2)</sup> **Note:** The manufacturer’s rated output power of this equipment is for single carrier operation. For situations when multiple carrier signals are present, the rating would have to be reduced by 3.5 dB, especially where the output signal is re-radiated and can cause interference to adjacent band users. This power reduction is to be made by means of input power or gain reduction and not by an attenuator at the output of the device.

<sup>3)</sup> Not considering power supply losses

**All data is subject to change without notice.**

LTE2600 - MR2618		
Frequency range	UL	2500 MHz to 2570 MHz
	DL	2620 MHz to 2690 MHz
Bandwidth options	variable 1 MHz to 25 MHz in steps of 10 kHz	
Gain	75 dB	
Gain adjustment range	30 dB in steps of 1 dB	
Flatness	±3 dB	
RF output power <sup>1)</sup>	UL	+18 dBm @ 1 carrier +15 dBm @ 2 carriers <sup>2)</sup> +10 dBm @ 6 carriers
	DL	+18 dBm @ 1 carrier +15 dBm @ 2 carriers +10 dBm @ 6 carriers
OICP3	UL/DL	+42 dBm
Spurious emission	according to 3GPP	
P-1dBc	UL/DL	+28 dBm
Noise figure	UL/DL	6.0 dB maximum gain
Delay	3.5 µs	
Delay ripple	±200 ns	
EVM	3.5 %	
Power supply	Mains power	100 to 240 Vac
	Local power	6 Vdc
Power consumption <sup>3)</sup>	27 watts	
Antenna port	Connector	SMA Female
	Return loss	10 dB

All figures are typical values.

- <sup>1)</sup> **Note:** The manufacturer's rated output power of this equipment is for single carrier operation. For situations when multiple carrier signals are present, the rating would have to be reduced by 3.5 dB, especially where the output signal is re-radiated and can cause interference to adjacent band users. This power reduction is to be made by means of input power or gain reduction and not by an attenuator at the output of the device.
- <sup>2)</sup> For certain passband adjustments and carrier constellations the limits for unwanted emissions for protection of base station receiver might require slight restrictions
- <sup>3)</sup> Not considering power supply losses

**All data is subject to change without notice.**

LTE800 - MR818		
Frequency range	UL	832 MHz to 862 MHz
	DL	791 MHz to 821 MHz
Bandwidth options	variable 1 MHz to 25 MHz in steps of 10 kHz	
Gain	70 dB	
Gain adjustment range	30 dB in steps of 1 dB	
Flatness, maximum	±3 dB	
RF output power	UL	+18 dBm @ 1 carrier +15 dBm @ 2 carriers
	DL	+ 18 dBm @ 1 carrier +15 dBm @ 2 carriers
OICP3	UL/DL	+42 dBm
Spurious emission	according to 3GPP	
P-1dBc	UL/DL	+28 dBm
Noise figure	UL/DL	6.0 dB maximum gain
Delay	5.0 µs	
Power supply	Mains power	100 to 240 Vac
	Local power	6 Vdc
Power consumption <sup>1)</sup>	24 watts	
Antenna port	Connector	SMA Female
	Return loss	10 dB

All figures are typical values.

<sup>1)</sup> Not considering power supply losses

**All data is subject to change without notice.**

System Supervision and Control – All miniRepeater	
Alarms	Temperature, Current, ALC
Options	Remote control and heartbeat via SMS

## 8.2. Environmental and Safety Specifications MRx18

**Note:** The specifications for environmental and safety conditions are according to ETS 300 019 (European Telecommunication Standard). For further details, please refer to the “Environmental and Safety Specifications” leaflet of the supplier.

Operating temperature range	+5° C to +40° C
Ingress protection	IP30

**All data is subject to change without notice.**

### 8.3. Mechanical Specifications MRx18

Height, width, depth	240 x 240 x 35 mm (9.5 x 9.5 x 1.4 in)
Weight	1.5 kg (3.3 lb)

All data is subject to change without notice.

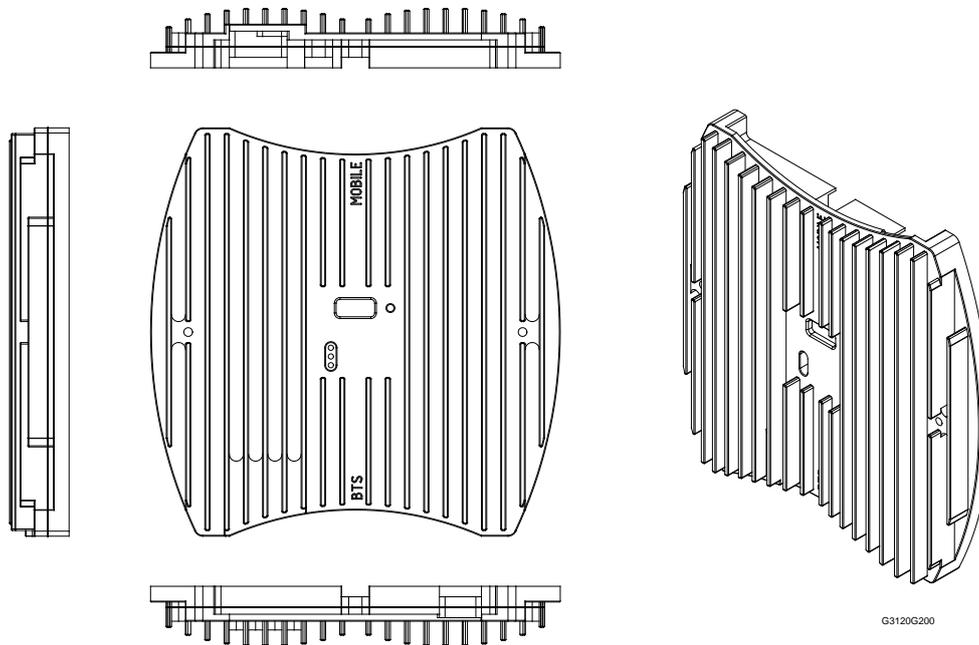


figure 8-1 Cabinet drawing MRX18

### 8.4. Spare Parts List

**Note:** When sending back the unit, use an appropriate packaging. We strongly recommend using the original packaging.

Repeaters:	ID No:
MR818	7657462
MR8018	7613679
MR8518	7613680
MR918	7599148
MR918E	7599149
MR1718	7613701
MR1818L	7566418
MR1818U	7600606
MR1918	7613702
MR2118	7618228
MR2618*	7633937

\* In case MR2618 is equipped with a modem kit, 60W power supply kit is recommended (see parts list in the following).

<b>Part:</b>	<b>ID No:</b>
PSU Kit AC IN 100-240V/OUT 6 V 30W AUS	7563232
PSU Kit AC IN 100-240V/OUT 6 V 30W EURO	7563219
PSU Kit AC IN 100-240V/OUT 6 V 30W IND	7563220
PSU Kit AC IN 100-240V/OUT 6 V 30W UK	7563233
PSU Kit AC IN 100-240V/OUT 6 V 30W USA	7563234
PSU Kit AC IN 100-240V/OUT 6 V 30W ZA	7563231
PSU Kit AC IN 100-240V/OUT 6V 60W EURO	7604783
PSU Kit AC IN 100-240V/OUT 6V 60W IND	7565820
PSU Kit AC IN 100-240V/OUT 6V 60W ZA	7565921
PSU Kit AC IN 100-240V/OUT 6V 60W AUS	7565922
PSU Kit AC IN 100-240V/OUT 6V 60W UK	7565923
PSU Kit AC IN 100-240V/OUT 6V 60W USA	7565924
Antenna 791-960 1710-2690	7579858
RF Cable-Kit SMA to N 500 mm	7594320
Modem-Kit EGS5-3 MRX18 *	7721516
Modem-Kit PHS8 MRx18	7679560

\* This kit is the successor of Modem-Kit EGS5 MRx18 (7615377).

Last Replaceable Unit (LRU) is the entire miniRepeater MRx18 listed above, except for the power supply kits and the optional equipment (antennas, RF cable kit, and modem kits) listed above.

**Note:** To ensure compatibility with your system, do not order any individual components (e.g. modems) of the kits available. Make sure to always order the complete kit (ID must be listed above) as spare part.

The manufacturer reserves the right to replace the spare parts listed above by equivalent substitutes!

## 9. List of Changes

<b>Version</b>	<b>Changes</b>	<b>Release Date</b>
M0139ADW		12-December-2019
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