

ASSOCIATE PARTNER SUPPORT: SIMPLY BETTER SUPPORT

Ruckus Wireless offers two support programs, both delivering high-quality, knowledgeable, and responsive worldwide technical support for its Smart Wi-Fi Systems.

Resellers and distributors can offer their customers either End User WatchDog Premium Support, or Associate Partner Support. This document discusses Associate Partner Support.

With Associate Partner Support, Ruckus support partners provide Level 1 support services to end users, with support engineers trained and certified on Ruckus Wireless products. If an event requires escalation to Ruckus support, our partners will open a case on your behalf and provide you with updates on the status of the issue.

Smart Wi-Fi Systems: Associate Partner Support Deliverables

Associate Partner Support delivers the following to ensure the reliability and functionality of your system:

- Technical support through Ruckus Support Partners, backed up by Ruckus if necessary.
- Access to product information, technical documentation, software downloads, community forums and more via Ruckus Web support at <http://support.ruckuswireless.com>.
- Software updates and upgrades, including bug fixes and maintenance releases, as available, for controllers and APs.
- Advance Hardware Replacement on controllers.

For most customers, Associate Partner Support is all they need for high-quality support of their infrastructure. For coverage, customers must buy support on the controller and on all AP licenses installed on the controller. Customers should purchase the same term support (1, 3, 5 years) on both the controller and the AP licenses. For customers looking for faster parts replacement or for customers with APs not connected to controllers, there are additional options.

For Access Points: AP Advance Hardware Replacement (Separate Offer, Optional)

Under warranty, parts are replaced on a Return to Factory (RTF) basis. Indoor access points are sold including a limited lifetime warranty. Outdoor access points are sold with a 1-year warranty. [Click here for Warranty Information](#).

In the unlikely event of a hardware failure, customers may benefit from the additional speed and convenience offered through the AP Advance Replacement service. This service can be purchased as an add-on to the Associate Partner Support offer.

Associate Partner Support for Standalone Access Points (Only for Access Points not Connected to a Controller)

For Access Points that are not connected to a controller, Ruckus provides a full suite of deliverables with Standalone Access Point Support, including:

- Ruckus Support Web access, plus L1 support through partners.
- Software updates and upgrades, as available
- Advance Replacement on Access Point hardware.

Note that the Associate Partner Support for Standalone Access Points should only be purchased by customers who don't have their access points connected to a controller.

Additional Details on Deliverables

Web, Phone, and Chat support. Ruckus Web support is available at <http://support.ruckuswireless.com>, and contains comprehensive product information including information available only to Premium Support customers. To contact a support engineer for assistance, please contact your reseller or distributor.

Software Updates and Upgrades

Ruckus software products are covered by a 90-Day Warranty. During the first 90 days following shipment of the hardware product from Ruckus, customers are entitled to upgrade to the latest software release which may include bug fixes that enable the Product to perform as stated in the then-current documentation. After 90 days, Associate Partner Support customers will receive software upgrades, as available, for the applicable hardware for the term of the support contract.

Software documentation is accessible via the Ruckus Support Web Site, <http://support.ruckuswireless.com>.

Advance Hardware Replacement

Associate Partner Support customers are entitled to advance hardware replacement for a failed controller unit in advance of return shipment. Customers must ship failed unit(s) to Ruckus within fifteen (15) business days from the date of receipt of replacement product(s). Ruckus reserves the right to bill customers for units not shipped within this time. The replacement unit may be either refurbished or new, at the option of Ruckus.

AP Advance Hardware Replacement Customers are eligible to receive advance AP replacement for a failed unit. AP Advance Hardware Replacement customers must ship failed units to Ruckus within fifteen (15) business days from the date of receipt of replacement product(s). Ruckus reserves the right to bill customers for units not shipped within this time. The replacement unit may be either refurbished or new, at the option of Ruckus.

Within North America, replacement shipments requested by 3 PM Pacific Time Monday through Friday are made via overnight service to arrive next business day. Outside of North America, replacement shipments are made via overnight service within two business days; actual delivery times will vary.

With Advance Replacement, Ruckus pays for shipment of both the replacement unit and for return of the failed unit. Customers who do not ship failed units back to Ruckus within fifteen (15) calendar days are liable for the full retail value of the replacement unit.

Associate Partner Support Summary

PURPOSE	FOR SMART WI-FI SYSTEM SUPPORT	OPTIONAL HW REPLACEMENT OFFER	APs NOT CONNECTED TO CONTROLLERS
SUPPORT DELIVERABLES	PARTNER WATCHDOG PREMIUM SUPPORT	AP ADVANCE REPLACEMENT	PARTNER WATCHDOG STANDALONE AP SUPPORT
ACCESS TO TECHNICAL SUPPORT ENGINEERS	L1 through Partner	N/A	L1 through Partner
SUPPORT WEB ACCESS	Premium	N/A	Premium
ADVANCE HARDWARE REPLACEMENT	Controller only	AP only	AP only
SOFTWARE UPDATES AND UPGRADES, AS AVAILABLE	Controller and attached APs	N/A	Yes, AP only
DURATION	One year min., multi-year discounts available	One year min., multi-year discounts available	One year min., multi-year discounts available

Contact Information

The Technical Assistance Center is the primary contact point for all support related issues. Phone contact is the preferred method for P1/P2 issues where partners need Ruckus assistance, for more information please visit us at <https://support.ruckuswireless.com/contact-us>

Ruckus Escalation Procedures

Escalation Flow

Partners who require an immediate update on the status of a support issue can request Ruckus Support to engage the Duty Manager at any time. The escalation path is shown below.



CASE PRIORITIES AND SLAS

Ruckus Support Case Priorities and Service Level Agreements

In the event partners require Ruckus assistance on high-priority cases, the below SLAs will apply from Ruckus to the partner. Partners are responsible for the SLAs to their customers.

	P-1 CRITICAL	P-2 HIGH
PRIORITY DESCRIPTION	Network service is down and business is impacted. No known workaround.	Network or service is impacted but not down. Business impact may be high. Workaround may be available.
INITIAL RESPONSE TIME (PENDING RUCKUS ACTION)	Within 30 Minutes	Within 2 Hours
CUSTOMER UPDATE FREQUENCY	Every hour	Every 12 hours

All hours and days are calendar hours and days.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT DETAILS

Hardware Repair/Replacement

Return to Factory (RTF) service

All returns must be authorized and assigned Return Materials Authorization (RMA) numbers in advance by a Ruckus Technical Support Engineer. To begin the RMA process, contact Ruckus Technical support via the web portal, chat, or phone. Be prepared to provide serial number(s) and a description of the problem. See

<https://support.ruckuswireless.com/cases/new> for full details.

Note that you will need a login.

Advance Replacement, If Applicable

U.S./Canada and EU Customers: Advance replacement units are shipped within one (1) business day Monday through Friday PST via overnight shipment. Delivery times will vary for locations outside of the U.S., Canada and EU.

Warranty Guidelines

The most updated Ruckus Warranty terms can be found at: <http://support.ruckuswireless.com/warranty>.

Ruckus Support Locations

Ruckus Support Operations are headquartered in Sunnyvale, CA, and we have a well-established Technical Wireless Center of Excellence in Bangalore. We have physical support labs in Sunnyvale and Bangalore, and have virtualized those labs to provide worldwide access if needed by our distributed support engineers. These organizations are supplemented remotely by well-seasoned and veteran support engineers around the world.

ORDERING INFORMATION

Associate Partner Support Services are available globally. For details, please contact your local Ruckus sales manager.

The descriptions herein are provided for reference purposes only and summarize the offers of the Partner WatchDog Support Program. The Ruckus terms of service for such offering shall be solely set forth in the Ruckus WatchDog Support Services terms.



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