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Introduction and Scope

Pepwave routers provide link aggregation and load balancing across multiple WAN connections, allowing a combination of technologies like 3G HSDPA, EVDO, 4G LTE, Wi-Fi, external WiMAX dongle, and satellite to be utilized to connect to the Internet.

The MAX wireless SD-WAN router series has a wide range of products suitable for many different deployments and markets. Entry level SD-WAN models such as the MAX BR1 are

suitable for SMEs or branch offices. High-capacity SD-WAN routers such as the MAX HD2 are suitable for larger organizations and head offices.

This manual covers setting up Pepwave routers and provides an introduction to their features and usage.

Tips

Want to know more about Pepwave routers? Visit our YouTube Channel for a video introduction!



<https://youtu.be/13M-JHRAICA>

Glossary

The following terms, acronyms, and abbreviations are frequently used in this manual:

Term	Definition
3G	3rd generation standards for wireless communications (e.g., HSDPA)
4G	4th generation standards for wireless communications (e.g., LTE)
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
DNS	Domain Name System
EVDO	Evolution-Data Optimized
FQDN	Fully Qualified Domain Name
HSDPA	High-Speed Downlink Packet Access
HTTP	Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol
ICMP	Internet Control Message Protocol
IP	Internet Protocol
LAN	Local Area Network
MAC Address	Media Access Control Address
MTU	Maximum Transmission Unit
MSS	Maximum Segment Size
NAT	Network Address Translation
PPPoE	Point to Point Protocol over Ethernet
QoS	Quality of Service
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
VPN	Virtual Private Network
VRRP	Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol
WAN	Wide Area Network
WINS	Windows Internet Name Service
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network

1 Product Features

Pepwave routers enable all LAN users to share broadband Internet connections, and they provide advanced features to enhance Internet access. Our Max BR wireless routers support multiple SIM cards. They can be configured to switch from using one SIM card to another SIM card according to different criteria, including wireless network reliability and data usage.

Our MAX HD series wireless routers are embedded with multiple 4G LTE modems, and allow simultaneous wireless Internet connections through multiple wireless networks. The wireless Internet connections can be bonded together using our SpeedFusion technology. This allows better reliability, larger bandwidth, and increased wireless coverage compared to use only one 4G LTE modem.

Below is a list of supported features on Pepwave routers. Features vary by model. For more information, please see [peplink.com/products](https://www.peplink.com/products).

1.1 Supported Network Features

1.1.1 WAN

- Ethernet WAN connection in full/half duplex
- Static IP support for PPPoE
- Built-in cellular modems
- USB mobile connection(s)
- Wi-Fi WAN connection
- Network address translation (NAT)/port address translation (PAT)
- Inbound and outbound NAT mapping
- IPsec NAT-T and PPTP packet passthrough
- MAC address clone and passthrough
- Customizable MTU and MSS values
- WAN connection health check
- Dynamic DNS (supported service providers: changeip.com, dyndns.org, no-ip.org, tzo.com and DNS-O-Matic)
- Ping, DNS lookup, and HTTP-based health check

1.1.2 LAN

- Wi-Fi AP
- Ethernet LAN ports
- DHCP server on LAN

- Extended DHCP option support
- Static routing rules
- VLAN on LAN support

1.1.3 VPN

- SpeedFusion VPN with SpeedFusion™
- SpeedFusion VPN performance analyzer
- X.509 certificate support
- VPN load balancing and failover among selected WAN connections
- Bandwidth bonding and failover among selected WAN connections
- IPsec VPN for network-to-network connections (works with Cisco and Juniper)
- Ability to route Internet traffic to a remote VPN peer
- Optional pre-shared key setting
- SpeedFusion™ throughput, ping, and traceroute tests
- PPTP server
- PPTP and IPsec passthrough

1.1.4 Firewall

- Outbound (LAN to WAN) firewall rules
- Inbound (WAN to LAN) firewall rules per WAN connection
- Intrusion detection and prevention
- Specification of NAT mappings
- Outbound firewall rules can be defined by destination domain name

1.1.5 Captive Portal

- Splash screen of open networks, login page for secure networks
- Customizable built-in captive portal
- Supports linking to outside page for captive portal

1.1.6 Outbound Policy

- Link load distribution per TCP/UDP service
- Persistent routing for specified source and/or destination IP addresses per TCP/UDP service
- Traffic prioritization and DSL optimization
- Prioritize and route traffic to VPN tunnels with Priority and Enforced algorithms

1.1.7 AP Controller

- Configure and manage Pepwave AP devices
- Review the status of connected APs

1.1.8 QoS

- Quality of service for different applications and custom protocols
- User group classification for different service levels
- Bandwidth usage control and monitoring on group- and user-level
- Application prioritization for custom protocols and DSL/cable optimization

1.2 Other Supported Features

- User-friendly web-based administration interface
- HTTP and HTTPS support for web admin interface (default redirection to HTTPS)
- Configurable web administration port and administrator password
- Firmware upgrades, configuration backups, ping, and traceroute via web admin interface
- Remote web-based configuration (via WAN and LAN interfaces)
- Time server synchronization
- SNMP
- Email notification
- Read-only user access for web admin
- Shared IP drop-in mode
- Authentication and accounting by RADIUS server for web admin
- Built-in WINS servers*
- Syslog
- SIP passthrough
- PPTP packet passthrough
- Event log
- Active sessions
- Client list
- WINS client list *
- UPnP / NAT-PMP
- Real-time, hourly, daily, and monthly bandwidth usage reports and charts
- IPv6 support
- Support USB tethering on Android 2.2+ phones

* Not supported on MAX Surf-On-The-Go, and BR1 variants

2 MAX BR1 Mini M2M Overview

2.1 Panel Appearance



2.1.1 LED Indicators

The statuses indicated by the front panel LEDs are as follows:

Status Indicators		
Status	OFF	System initializing
	Red	Booting up or busy
	Blinking red	Boot up error
	Green	Ready

Cellular Indicators		
Cellular	OFF	Disabled or no SIM card inserted
	Blinking slowly	Connecting to network(s)
	Green	Connected to network(s)

3 Advanced Feature Summary

3.1 Drop-in Mode and LAN Bypass: Transparent Deployment



As your organization grows, it may require more bandwidth, but modifying your network can be tedious. In **Drop-in Mode**, you can conveniently install your Peplink router without making any changes to your network. For any reason your Peplink router loses power, the **LAN Bypass** will safely and automatically bypass the Peplink router to resume your original network connection.

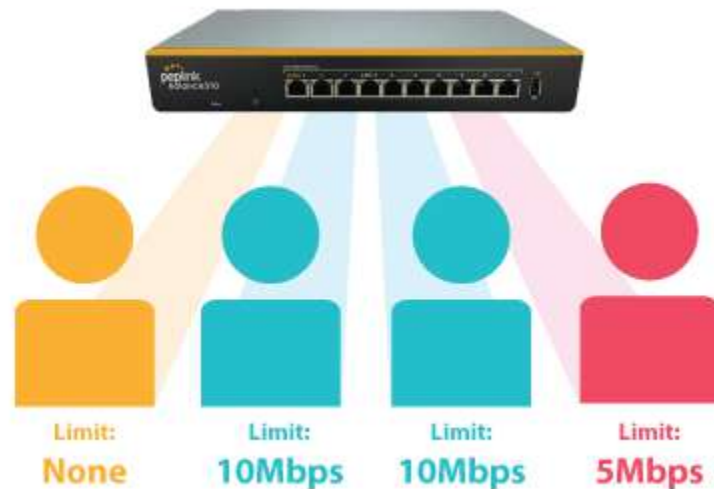
Note: Drop-in mode is compatible for All MAX models except MAX BR1 IP67

3.2 QoS: Clearer VoIP



VoIP and videoconferencing are highly sensitive to latency. With QoS, Peplink routers can detect VoIP traffic and assign it the highest priority, giving you crystal-clear calls.

3.3 Per-User Bandwidth Control



With per-user bandwidth control, you can define bandwidth control policies for up to 3 groups of users to prevent network congestion. Define groups by IP address and subnet, and set bandwidth limits for every user in the group.

3.4 High Availability via VRRP



When your organization has a corporate requirement demanding the highest availability with no single point of failure, you can deploy two Peplink routers in **High Availability mode**. With High Availability mode, the second device will take over when needed.

Compatible with: MAX 700, MAX HD2 (All variants), HD4 (All Variants)

3.5 USB Modem and Android Tethering



For increased WAN diversity, plug in a USB LTE modem as a backup. Peplink routers are compatible with over [200 modem types](#). You can also tether to smartphones running Android 4.1.X and above.

Compatible with: MAX 700, HD2 (all variants except IP67), HD4 (All variants)

3.6 Built-In Remote User VPN Support



Use OpenVPN or L2TP with IPsec to safely and conveniently connect remote clients to your private network. L2TP with IPsec is supported by most devices, but legacy devices can also connect using PPTP.

[Click here for the full instructions on setting up L2TP with IPsec.](#)

[Click here for the full instructions on setting up OpenVPN connections](#)

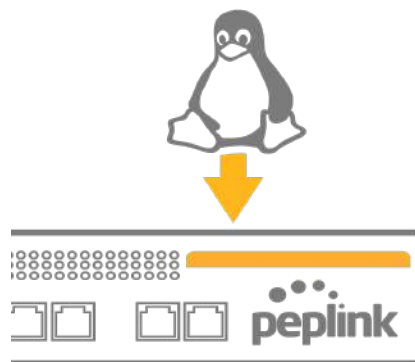
3.7 SIM-card USSD support



Cellular-enabled routers can now use USSD to check their SIM card's balance, process pre-paid cards, and configure carrier-specific services.

[Click here for full instructions on using USSD](#)

3.8 KVM Virtualization



KVM is a virtualisation module that allows administrators using our routers to host a large range of virtual machines. KVM is now supported on some MediaFast / ContentHub routers.

[Click here for the full instructions on how to set up KVM](#)

[Click here for the full instructions on how to set up KVM with USB Storage](#)

3.9 DPI Engine

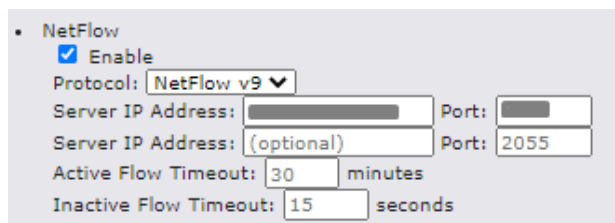
The DPI report written in the updated KB article will show further information on InControl2 through breaking down application categories into subcategories.

<https://forum.peplink.com/t/ic2-deep-packet-inspection-dpi-reports-and-everything-you-need-to-know-about-it/10151/>

3.10 NetFlow

NetFlow protocol is used to track network traffic. Tracking information from NetFlow can be sent to the NetFlow collector, which analyzes data and generates reports for review.

Note: To enable this feature, go to <https://<Device's IP>/cgi-bin/MANGA/support.cgi>



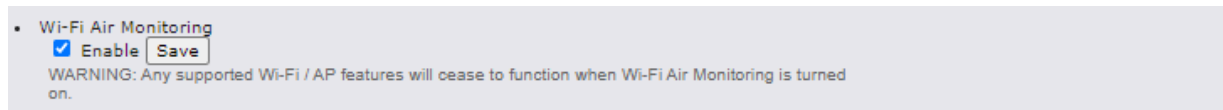
NetFlow configuration interface showing the following settings:

- ☒ Enable
- Protocol: **NetFlow v9** (dropdown)
- Server IP Address: Port:
- Server IP Address: (optional) Port: **2055**
- Active Flow Timeout: **30** minutes
- Inactive Flow Timeout: **15** seconds

3.11 Wi-Fi Air Monitoring

Pepwave routers support Wi-Fi “Air Monitoring Mode” which is used to troubleshoot remotely and proactively monitor Wi-Fi and WAN performance. The report can be viewed under InControl 2 > Reports > AirProbe Reports after enabling Wi-Fi Air Monitoring.

Note: To enable this feature, go to <https://<Device's IP>/cgi-bin/MANGA/support.cgi>



Wi-Fi Air Monitoring configuration interface showing the following settings:

- ☒ Enable **Save**
- WARNING: Any supported Wi-Fi / AP features will cease to function when Wi-Fi Air Monitoring is turned on.

3.12 SP Default Configuration

The SP Default Configuration feature written in the updated KB article allows for the provisioning of custom made settings (a.k.a. InControl2 configuration) via the Ethernet LAN port and is ideal for those wanting to do a bulk deployment of many Peplink devices.

Note: If you would like to use this feature, please contact your purchase point (Eg. VAD).

3.13 Peplink Relay

Cloud Service Providers often restrict access to certain applications. With SFC Relay, you can route traffic before going out to the Internet, allowing access to previously restricted applications experienced with the public SpeedFusion Cloud nodes. Available as an add-on for your home router or as an upgradable license to your Peplink router, SFC Relay is sure to impress you and any peers you give access to.

<https://forum.peplink.com/t/configure-speedfusion-cloud-relay-server-and-client/6215ca9b017e48e0f3ff2479/>

3.14 DNS over HTTPS (DoH)

DoH provides the benefits of communicating DNS information over a secure HTTPS connection in an encrypted manner. The protocol offers increased privacy and confidentiality by preventing data interception and man-in-the-middle attacks.

3.15 Peplink InTouch

InTouch is Peplink's zero-touch remote network management solution, leveraging InControl 2 and a SpeedFusion Connect (formerly known as SpeedFusion Cloud) data plan. This service extends a network administrator's ability to reach any device UI backed by a Peplink/Pepwave router. To configure InTouch, all you need is a valid InControl 2 subscription, a SpeedFusion Connect data plan, and a Peplink/Pepwave router (which requires the latest 8.2.0 firmware).

To watch a demonstration and read the FAQ, visit

<https://www.peplink.com/enterprise-solutions/intouch/>

Or learn to configure InTouch at <https://youtu.be/zg0iavHGkJw>

3.16 Synergy Mode

Synergy mode is a cascade multiple devices and combine the number of WANs to a single device virtually. All the WANs on the Synergized Device will appear as native WAN interfaces at the Synergy Controller and it can be managed like the built-in WAN interfaces.

[https://forum.peplink.com/t/synergy-mode-\(firmware-8.3.0\)/639be7d8af8c71a6f3050323/](https://forum.peplink.com/t/synergy-mode-(firmware-8.3.0)/639be7d8af8c71a6f3050323/)

3.17 Virtual WAN on VLAN

The Virtual WAN Activation License allows you to create 1 x virtual WAN on a particular VLAN, on either WAN or LAN interface. This means that you can create a virtual WAN on VLAN for a WAN port, or a virtual WAN on VLAN for a LAN port.

<https://forum.peplink.com/t/b20x-virtual-wan-activation-license-faq/6204bac7d90b9e6355e96e8d/1>

4 Installation

The following section details connecting Pepwave routers to your network.

4.1 Preparation

Before installing your Pepwave router, please prepare the following as appropriate for your installation:

- At least one Internet/WAN access account and/or Wi-Fi access information
- Depending on network connection type(s), one or more of the following:
 - **Ethernet WAN:** A 10/100/1000BaseT UTP cable with RJ45 connector
 - **USB:** A USB modem
 - **Embedded modem:** A SIM card for 5G/4G LTE service
 - **Wi-Fi WAN:** Wi-Fi antennas
- A computer installed with the TCP/IP network protocol and a supported web browser. Supported browsers include Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 or above, Mozilla Firefox 24 or above, Apple Safari 7 or above, and Google Chrome 18 or above.

4.2 Constructing the Network

At a high level, construct the network according to the following steps:

1. With an Ethernet cable, connect a computer to one of the LAN ports on the Pepwave router. Repeat with different cables for up to 4 computers to be connected.
2. Connect either another Ethernet cable or a USB modem to one of the WAN ports or USB ports respectively, or connect to Wi-Fi as WAN on the Pepwave router. Repeat the same process for any additional WAN ports.
3. Connect the power adapter to the power connector on the rear panel of the Pepwave router, and then plug it into a power outlet.

4.3 Configuring the Network Environment

To ensure that the Pepwave router works properly in the LAN environment and can access the Internet via WAN connections, please refer to the following setup procedures:

- LAN configuration

For basic configuration, refer to **Section 8, Connecting to the Web Admin Interface**.

For advanced configuration, go to **Section 9, Configuring the LAN Interface(s)**.

- WAN configuration

For basic configuration, refer to **Section 8, Connecting to the Web Admin Interface**.

For advanced configuration, go to **Section 9.2, Captive Portal**.

5 Mounting the Unit

5.1 Wall Mount

The Pepwave MAX 700/HD2/On-The-Go can be wall mounted using screws. After adding the screw on the wall, slide the MAX in the screw hole socket as indicated below. Recommended screw specification: M3.5 x 20mm, head diameter 6mm, head thickness 2.4mm.

The Pepwave MAX BR1 requires four screws for wall mounting.

5.2 Car Mount

The Pepwave MAX700/HD2 can be mounted in a vehicle using the included mounting brackets. Place the mounting brackets by the two sides and screw them onto the device.



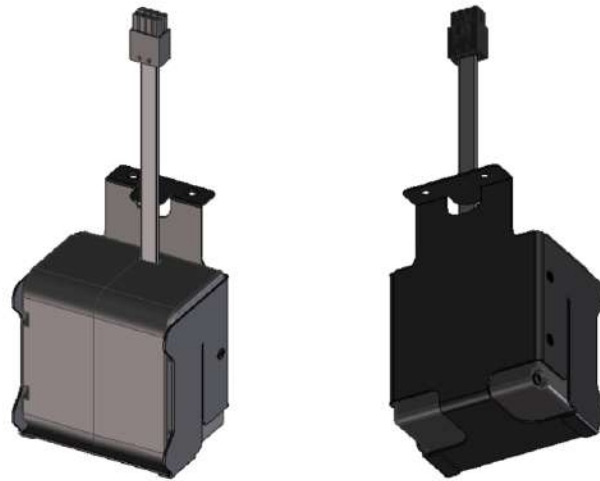
5.3 IP67 Installation Guide

Installation instructions for IP67 devices can be found here:

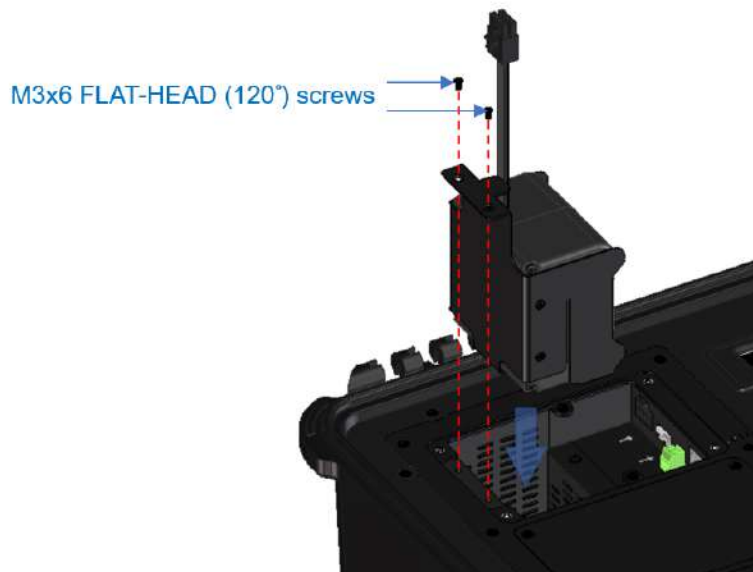
http://download.peplink.com/manual/IP67_Installation_Guide.pdf

5.4 PDX Accessory Kit Installation Guide

5.4.1 Battery Set appearance



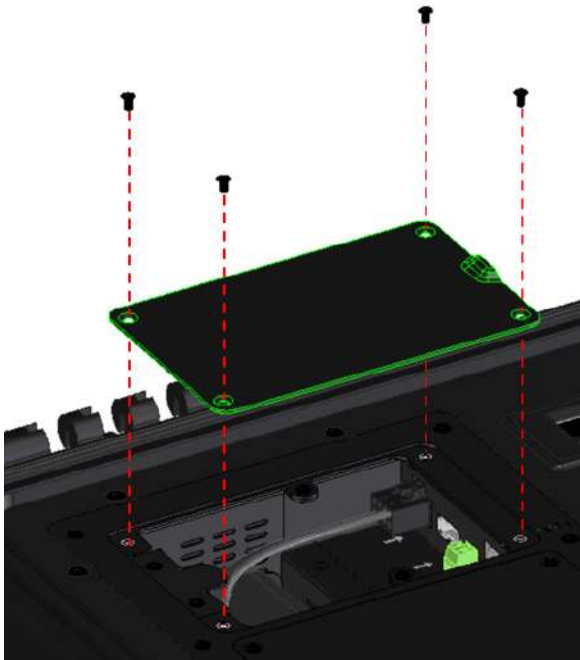
- Step 1: Lock the battery set in the slot with 2 pcs M3 screws.



- Step 2: Plug power cable into the socket



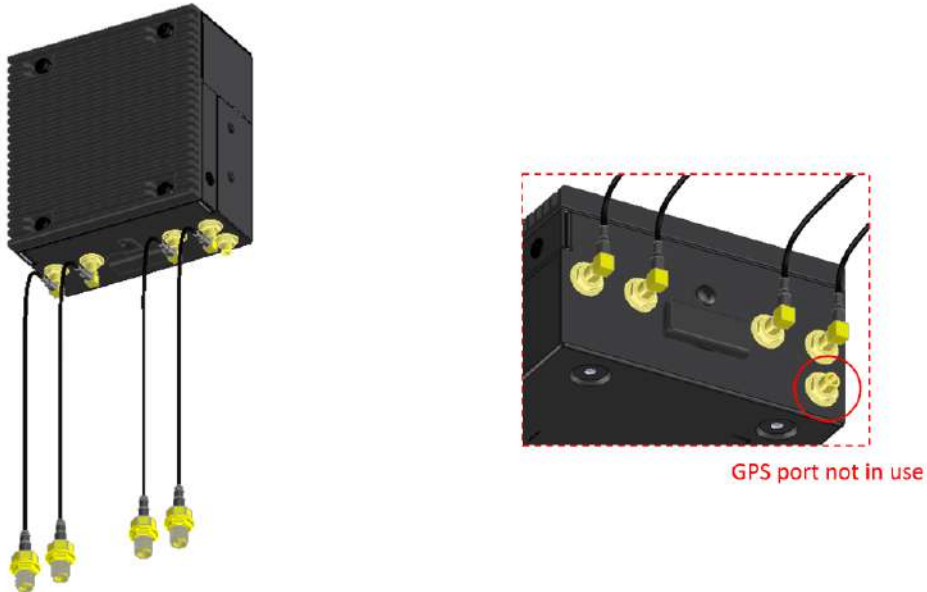
- STEP 3: Lock the slot cover with 4 pcs M3 screws.



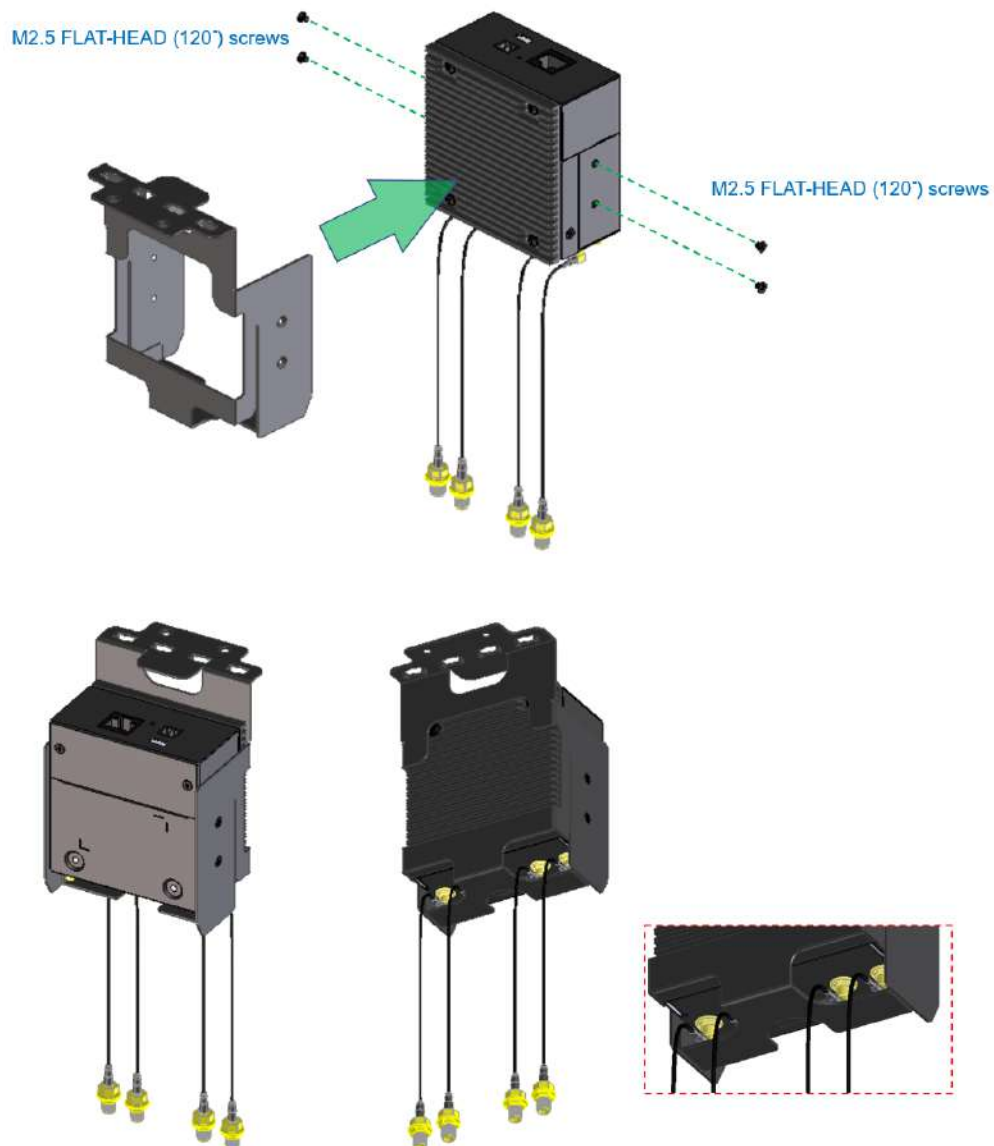
5.4.2 SFE-DUO Set appearance

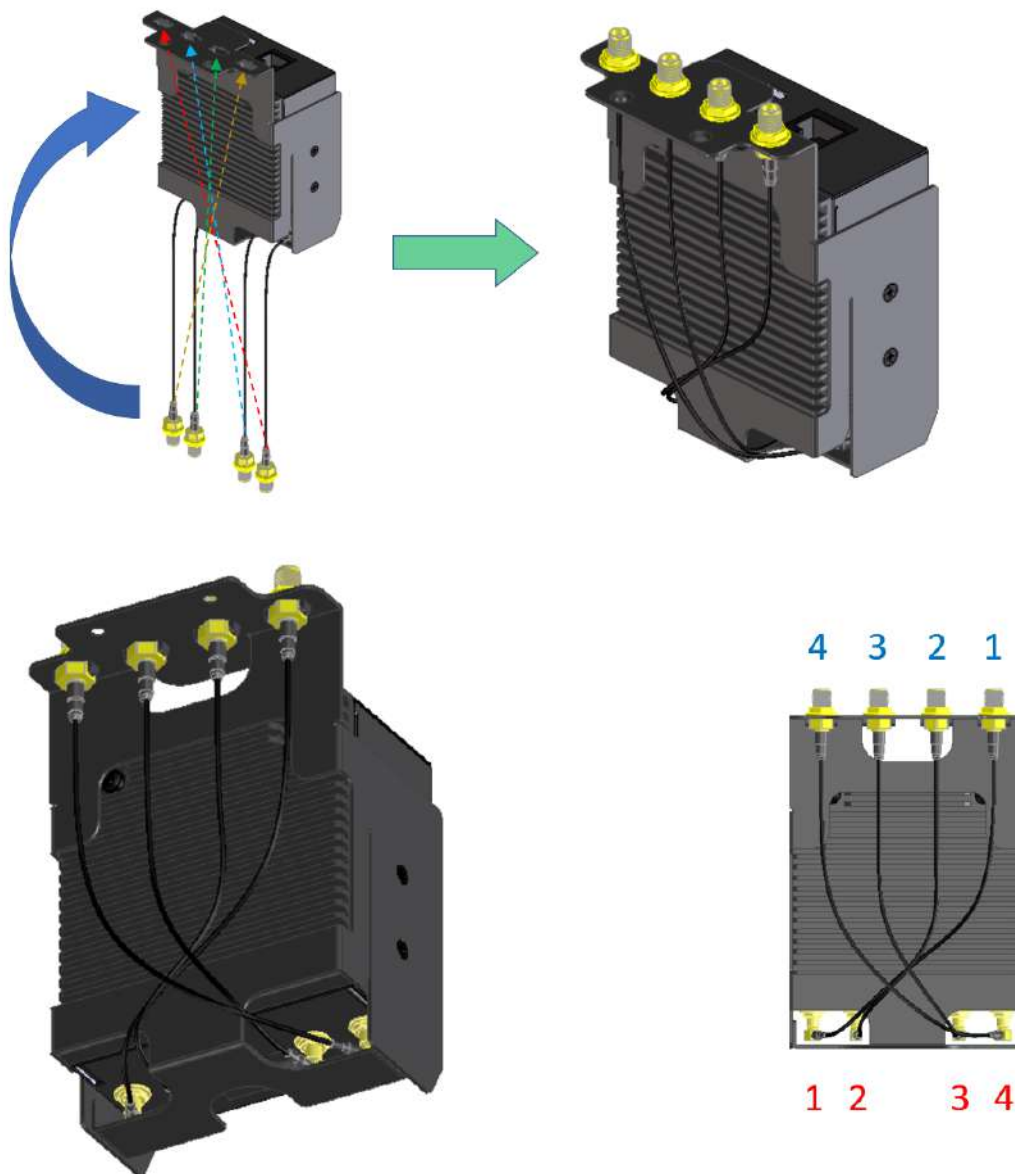


- STEP 1: Assemble SMA cables to the device

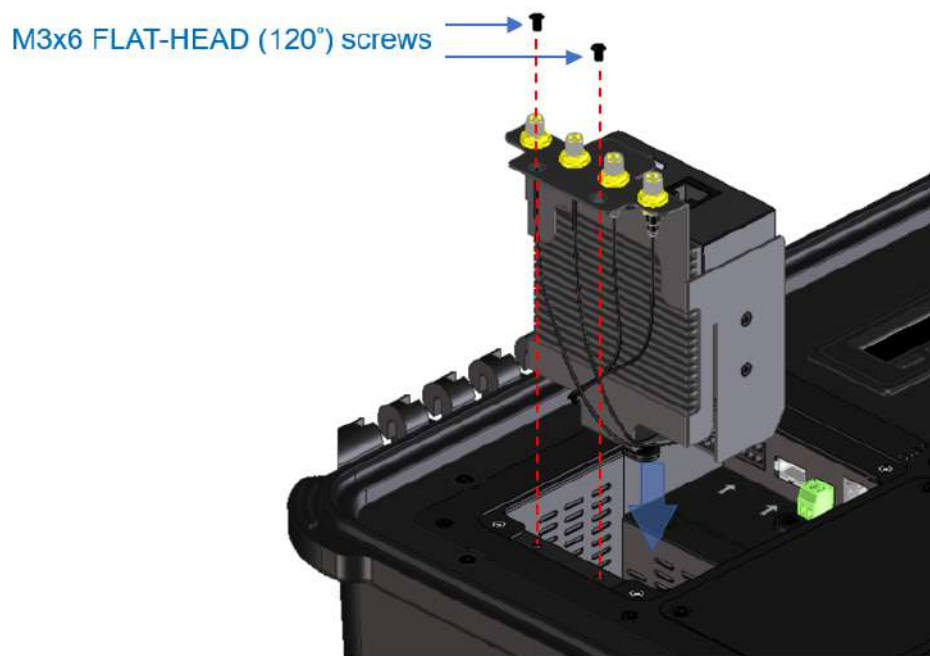


- STEP 2: Assemble bracket to the device

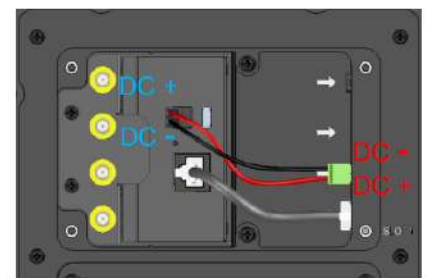
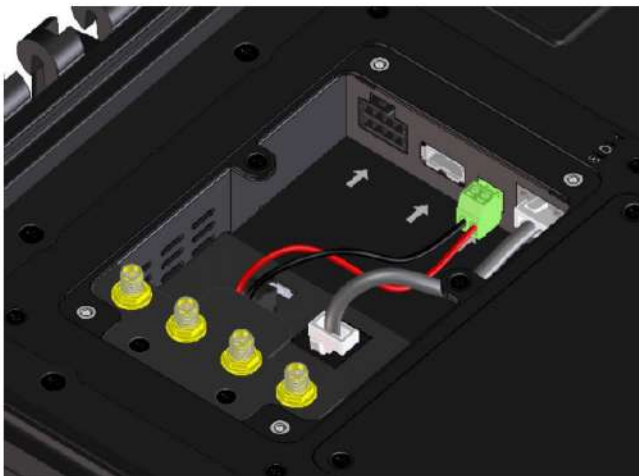




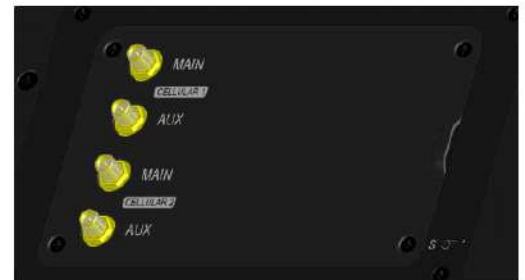
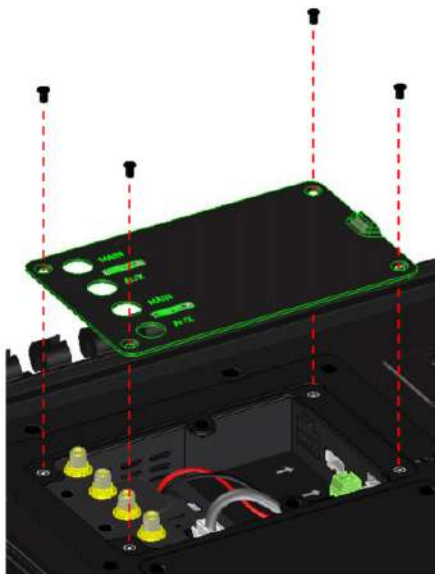
- STEP 4: Lock the SFE-Duo set in the slot with 2 pcs M3 screws.



- STEP 5: Connect DC power & ETH port



- STEP 6: Lock the slot cover with 4 pcs M3 screws.



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6 Connecting to the Web Admin Interface

1. Start a web browser on a computer that is connected with the Pepwave router through the LAN.
2. To connect to the router's web admin interface, enter the following LAN IP address in the address field of the web browser:

http://192.168.50.1

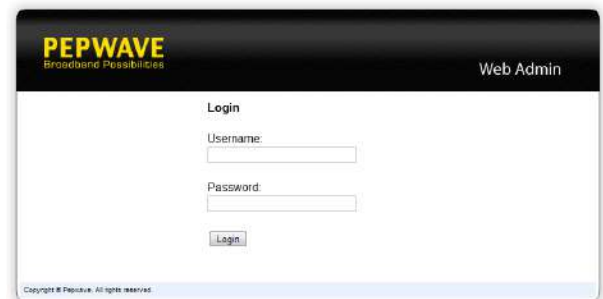
(This is the default LAN IP address for Pepwave routers.)

3. Enter the following to access the web admin interface.

Username: admin

Password: admin

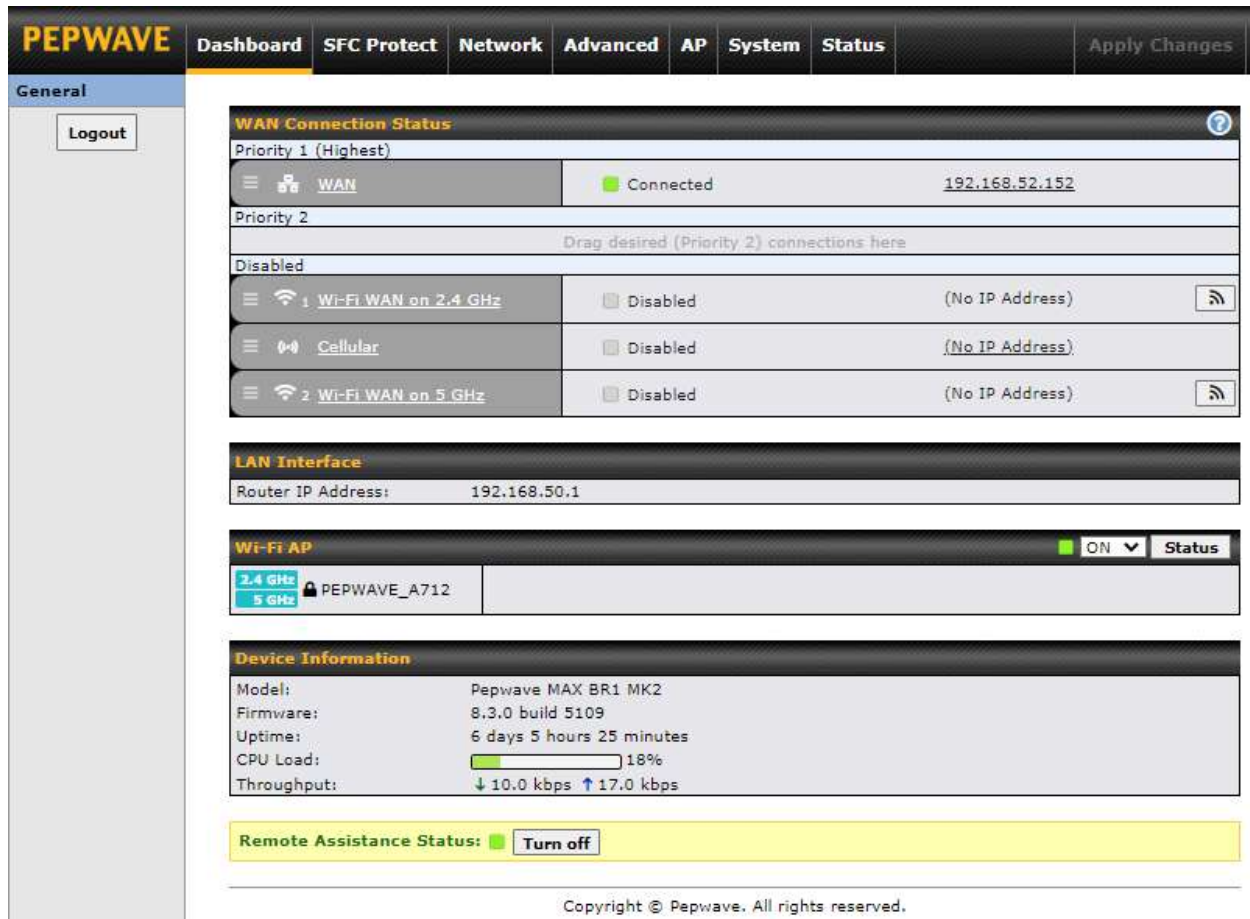
(This is the default username and password for Pepwave routers).



- You must change the default password on the first successful login.
- Password requirements are: A minimum of 10 lower AND upper case characters, including at least 1 number.
- When HTTP is selected, the URL will be redirected to HTTPS by default.



After successful login, the **Dashboard** of the web admin interface will be displayed.



The screenshot shows the Peplink PEPWAVE web admin interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Dashboard, SFC Protect, Network, Advanced, AP, System, and Status, along with an 'Apply Changes' button. The left sidebar has a 'General' section with a 'Logout' button. The main content area displays several status panels:

- WAN Connection Status:** Shows Priority 1 (Highest) as 'Connected' with IP 192.168.52.152. Priority 2 is disabled with a note to 'Drag desired (Priority 2) connections here'. Below are three disabled connections: 'Wi-Fi WAN on 2.4 GHz', 'Cellular', and 'Wi-Fi WAN on 5 GHz', all showing '(No IP Address)'.
- LAN Interface:** Shows 'Router IP Address: 192.168.50.1'.
- Wi-Fi AP:** Shows status 'ON' and a 'Status' button. Below are '2.4 GHz' and '5 GHz' options, with 'PEPWAVE_A712' listed.
- Device Information:** Displays 'Model: Pepwave MAX BR1 MK2', 'Firmware: 8.3.0 build 5109', 'Uptime: 6 days 5 hours 25 minutes', 'CPU Load: 18%' (with a progress bar), and 'Throughput: ↓ 10.0 kbps ↑ 17.0 kbps'.
- Remote Assistance Status:** Shows a green status indicator and a 'Turn off' button.

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The **Dashboard** shows current WAN, LAN, and Wi-Fi AP statuses. Here, you can change WAN connection priority and switch on/off the Wi-Fi AP. For further information on setting up these connections, please refer to **Sections 8 and 9**.

Device Information displays details about the device, including model name, firmware version, and uptime. For further information, please refer to **Section 22**.

Important Note

Configuration changes (e.g. WAN, LAN, admin settings, etc.) will take effect only after clicking the **Save** button at the bottom of each page. The **Apply Changes** button causes the changes to be saved and applied.

7 SpeedFusion Connect Protect

With Pepwave products, your device is able to connect to SpeedFusion Connect Protect without the use of a second endpoint. This service has wide access to a number of SpeedFusion endpoints hosted from around the world, providing your device with unbreakable connectivity wherever you are.*



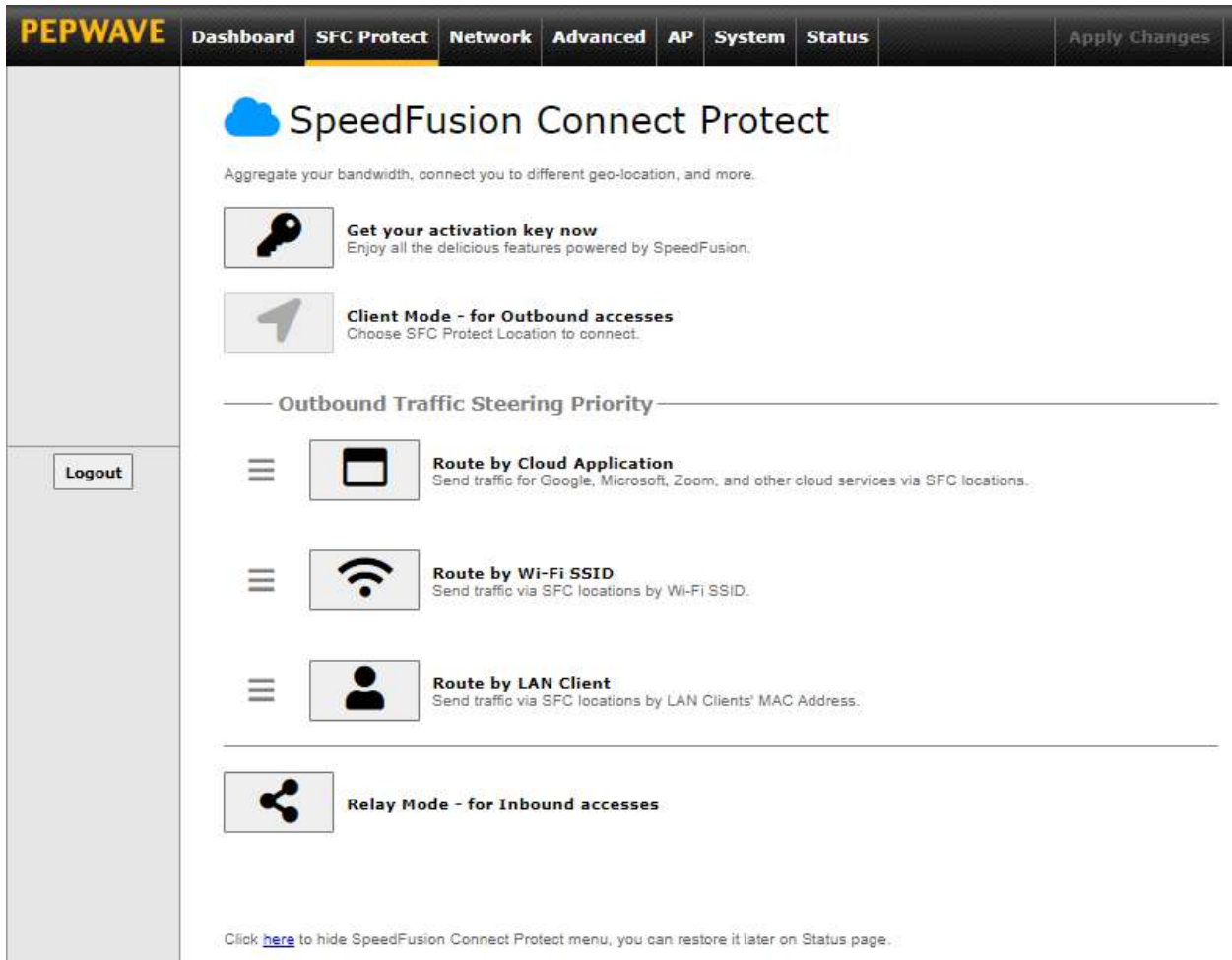
*SpeedFusion Connect Protect is supported in firmware version 8.1.0 and above. SpeedFusion Connect is a subscription basis. SpeedFusion Connect Protect license can be purchased at <https://estore.peplink.com/> > **SpeedFusion Service** > **SpeedFusion Connect Protect**.

7.1 Activate SpeedFusion Connect Protect

All Care plans now come with SpeedFusion Connect Protect included. This data allowance will automatically begin and end in accordance with your warranty. No activation is required.

7.2 Enable SpeedFusion Connect Protect

Access the Web Admin of the device you want to create as the Peplink Relay Server, navigating to the **“SFC Protect”** tab.



The screenshot shows the Peplink Web Admin interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Dashboard, **SFC Protect**, Network, Advanced, AP, System, and Status. A 'Logout' button is visible on the left sidebar. The main content area is titled 'SpeedFusion Connect Protect' with a subtitle 'Aggregate your bandwidth, connect you to different geo-location, and more.' Below this, there are three main sections:

- Get your activation key now**: Enjoy all the delicious features powered by SpeedFusion.
- Client Mode - for Outbound accesses**: Choose SFC Protect Location to connect.
- Outbound Traffic Steering Priority**:
 - Route by Cloud Application**: Send traffic for Google, Microsoft, Zoom, and other cloud services via SFC locations.
 - Route by Wi-Fi SSID**: Send traffic via SFC locations by Wi-Fi SSID.
 - Route by LAN Client**: Send traffic via SFC locations by LAN Clients' MAC Address.
- Relay Mode - for Inbound accesses**

At the bottom, a note states: 'Click [here](#) to hide SpeedFusion Connect Protect menu, you can restore it later on Status page.'

To setup a Peplink Relay Mode, select **“Relay Mode - for Inbound accesses”** > Choose the **SFC Protect Location** you wish to connect to > Click on the **Green tick button** to confirm the change.



The screenshot shows the 'SpeedFusion Connect Protect > Setup Relay Mode' configuration page. It includes a subtitle 'Allow remote peers to access local networks, and the internet via this device.' Below this, there is a table with two columns: 'SpeedFusion Connect Relay' and 'SFC Protect Location'. The 'SFC Protect Location' column contains a dropdown menu with 'Singapore (SIN) / 10ms' selected. To the right of the dropdown is a green checkmark button, indicating confirmation.