

## Gateway Label

The gateway label is located on the bottom of your SBG6900-AC.

To receive high-speed Internet service, your service provider may request the Media Access Control (MAC) address (see **HFC MAC ID**) and serial number (see **S/N**) listed on the gateway label (see below).

If the label is not attached, please refer to the bottom of your gateway.

You may need the following gateway label information to activate your gateway and set up a wireless network connection:

- **Model** - Gateway model name
- **SSID** - Default name of your wireless network. Recommended that you change the network name or add additional wireless networks.
- **WI-FI SECURITY KEY** - Needed to access a wireless network using a secure gateway. Recommended that you change the network name which is needed to add additional wireless devices to your wireless network.
- **S/N** - Gateway serial number. Your service provider may require this number to activate your gateway.
- **HFC MAC ID** - Your service provider may require the Media Access Control (MAC) number to activate your gateway.

### Notes

Write your additional wireless network names and passwords here for future reference:

**SSID #1:**

**Wi-Fi Security Key #1:**

**SSID #2:**

**Wi-Fi Security Key #2:**

**SSID #3:**

**Wi-Fi Security Key #3:**

**SSID #4:**

**Wi-Fi Security Key #4:**

**Additional SSID:**

**Add'l Wi-Fi Security Key:**

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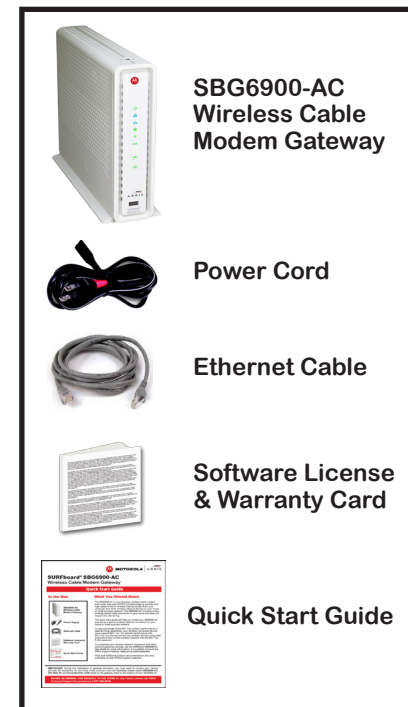
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# SURFboard® SBG6900-AC Wireless Cable Modem Gateway

## Quick Start Guide

### In the Box



### What You Should Know

The SBG6900-AC is a combination wireless cable modem and router that uses DOCSIS 3.0 technology to provide ultra high-speed wired or wireless Internet access from your computer and other wireless network devices on your home or small business network. The SBG6900-AC connects to the existing coaxial cable connection in your home and does not require any new wiring.

This quick start guide will help you install your SBG6900-AC and set up a secure wireless network connection on your home or small business network.

To take advantage of the 802.11ac wireless performance or beamforming capabilities, your wireless connected devices must support 802.11ac. For optimal performance with 802.11ac, you should connect any wireless devices using older networking protocols to the 2.4 GHz wireless network (not the 802.11ac 5 GHz wireless network).

To customize your wireless network connection and other advanced gateway settings, see the *SURFboard SBG6900-AC User Guide* for more information. It is available online at the ARRIS Support website: [www.arris.com/consumer](http://www.arris.com/consumer).

Frequently asked questions (FAQs) and additional product documentation are also available on the ARRIS Support website.

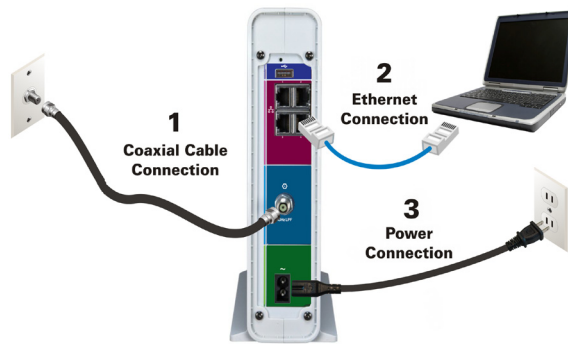
**IMPORTANT!** During the installation or gateway activation, you may have to contact your service provider for assistance. To save time, make sure you have the **Gateway model name (SBG6900-AC)**, **HFC MAC ID**, and **Serial Number (S/N)** listed on the gateway label on the bottom of your SBG6900-AC.

**BEFORE RETURNING THIS PRODUCT TO THE STORE for any reason, please call ARRIS Technical Support for assistance: 1-877-466-8646**

## Install the Gateway

1. Connect the coaxial cable from the cable wall outlet or RF splitter (optional) to the **Cable** connector on the rear of your SBG6900-AC. Use your hand to tighten each connector.
2. Connect the Ethernet cable to the **Ethernet** port on your computer and to an **Ethernet** port on the rear of your SBG6900-AC.
3. Connect the power cord to the **Power** port on the rear of your SBG6900-AC and then plug it into an electrical wall outlet.

This automatically powers ON your SBG6900-AC. Check the front panel LEDs on your SBG6900-AC. During the initial startup, the **Power, Receive, Send, and Online** LEDs will FLASH. Afterwards, check that all four LEDs are lit SOLID green or blue. Both **Wireless** LEDs will light up only when wireless devices are connected. See **Front Panel LEDs** for more information.



## Test the Gateway Connection

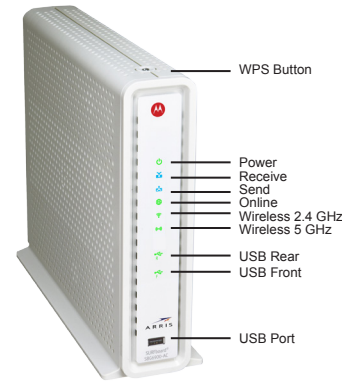
1. Power ON your computer and log in.
2. Contact your service provider to activate (provision) your SBG6900-AC.
3. Open a web browser on your computer, such as Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Firefox, or Safari.
4. Type a valid URL (such as **www.surfboard.com**) in the address bar and then press **Enter**.

The ARRIS website should open. If it did not open, please contact your service provider to set up your Internet service or activate your gateway.

## Front Panel LEDs

During normal operation, the **Power, Receive, Send, and Online** LEDs on the SBG6900-AC front panel should always be lit SOLID green or blue.

**Note:** During startup, the first four LEDs will FLASH and then light up SOLID in sequence. If the **Power LED** does not light up, please first check the gateway power connection before contacting ARRIS. If the other LEDs do not light up correctly, please call ARRIS Technical Support at **1-877-466-8646**.



## LED Status

	<b>POWER</b>	<b>ON</b> - Power is properly connected to the gateway
	<b>RECEIVE</b>	<b>ON</b> - Downstream channel is connected
	<b>SEND</b>	<b>ON</b> - Upstream channel is connected
	<b>ONLINE</b>	<b>ON</b> - Gateway is connected to the network
	<b>WIRELESS</b>	<b>FLASH</b> - 2.4 GHz wireless connection is made between the gateway and wireless device
	<b>WIRELESS</b>	<b>FLASH</b> - 5 GHz wireless connection is made between the gateway and wireless device
	<b>USB Rear &amp; Front</b>	<b>ON</b> - USB device is detected after connection to the gateway

## Set Up a Wireless Network Connection

Choose one of the following options to set up your wireless network connection. When done, proceed with **Test Your Wireless Network Connection** below.

- Computer Wireless Network Options
- WPS Pairing Button

## A Set Up the Wireless Network on Your Computer

**Note:** The steps for setting up a wireless network may differ slightly depending on the operating system installed on your computer. The following steps apply to Windows® 7.

1. From the Windows taskbar, click the following in sequential order:
  - **Start** button
  - **Control Panel**
  - **Network and Sharing Center**
  - **Set up a new connection or network**
  - **Connect to a network**

The Wireless Network Connection window should open.

2. Click on the ARRIS wireless network name for the SBG6900-AC from the list of wireless networks. Use the **SSID** name listed on the gateway label.
3. Select **Connect automatically** to set up automatic log on connections for the wireless devices on your home network.
4. Click **Connect** to open the Connect to a Network window.
5. Type your wireless network security code or password in the **Security key** field.

**Note:** Enter the **Wi-Fi Security Key** listed on the gateway label or create your own network password (see the **SBG6900-AC User Guide** for more information on changing the default password).

6. Select **Hide characters** to encrypt your wireless network password for security purposes and then click **OK** to complete the wireless network connection. The **Successfully added** message should display.
7. Close the Wireless Network Connection window.

## B Use the WPS Pairing Button

To use WPS, your computer hardware must support WPS and also have WPA security compatibility.

WPS automatically assigns a random SSID wireless network name and Wi-Fi Security Key to connect your SBG6900-AC and other WPS-enabled wireless devices to your wireless network.

Do the following to connect your WPS devices:

1. Power ON the SBG6900-AC and other WPS-enabled wireless devices that you want to connect to your wireless network.
2. Press the **WPS** button located on the top of the SBG6900-AC.
3. Press and hold the **WPS** button on your WPS-enabled wireless computer or other WPS device for five or more seconds, then release.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for each additional WPS-enabled wireless device.

## Test Your Wireless Network Connection

1. If connected, disconnect the Ethernet cable from your computer and the SBG6900-AC.
2. Open a web browser on your computer.
3. Type a valid URL (such as **www.surfboard.com**) in the web browser address bar and press **Enter**.

## Start the Gateway Web Manager

Use the SBG6900-AC Web Manager to set up and manage your wireless gateway and network security configurations. To access the web manager:

1. Open any web browser on your computer, type **192.168.0.1** in the address bar, and press **Enter**.
 

**Note:** The Device Status button is an available option for you to view general product and status information related to your connected gateway without logging in to the web manager.
2. Type the default user name: **admin**.
3. Type the default password: **password**.
4. Click **Login** to open the web manager.

## **SAFETY AND REGULATORY INFORMATION**

### **Important Safety Instructions**

**Read This Before You Begin** — When using your equipment, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and injury to persons, including the following:

- Read all of the instructions listed here and/or in the user manual before you operate this device. Give particular attention to all safety precautions. Retain the instructions for future reference.
- This device must be installed and used in strict accordance with manufacturer's instructions, as described in the user documentation that is included with the device.
- Comply with all warning and caution statements in the instructions. Observe all warning and caution symbols that are affixed to this device.
- To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose this device to rain or moisture. The device must not be exposed to dripping or splashing. Do not place objects filled with liquids, such as vases, on the device.
- This device was qualified under test conditions that included the use of the supplied cables between system components. To ensure regulatory and safety compliance, use only the provided power and interface cables and install them properly.
- Different types of cord sets may be used for connections to the main POWER supply circuit. Use only a main line cord that complies with all applicable device safety requirements of the country of use.
- Installation of this device must be in accordance with national wiring codes and conform to local regulations.
- Operate this device only from the type of power source indicated on the device's marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supplied to your home, consult your dealer or local power company.
- Do not overload outlets or extension cords, as this can result in a risk of fire or electric shock. Overloaded AC outlets, extension cords, frayed power cords, damaged or cracked wire insulation, and broken plugs are dangerous. They may result in a shock or fire hazard.
- Route power supply cords so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them. Pay particular attention to cords where they are attached to plugs and convenience receptacles, and examine the point where they exit from the device.
- Place this device in a location that is close enough to an electrical outlet to accommodate the length of the power cord.
- Place the device to allow for easy access when disconnecting the power cord of the device from the AC wall outlet.
- Do not connect the plug into an extension cord, receptacle, or other outlet unless the plug can be fully inserted with no part of the blades exposed.
- Place this device on a stable surface.

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- Avoid damaging the cable modem with static by touching the coaxial cable when it is attached to the earth-grounded coaxial cable-TV wall outlet.
- Always first touch the coaxial cable connector on the cable modem when disconnecting or reconnecting the Ethernet cable from the cable modem or user's PC.
- It is recommended that the customer install an AC surge protector in the AC outlet to which this device is connected. This is to avoid damaging the device by local lightning strikes and other electrical surges.
- Postpone installation until there is no risk of thunderstorm or lightning activity in the area.
- Do not use this product near water: for example, near a bathtub, washbowl, kitchen sink or laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool.
- Do not cover the device or block the airflow to the device with any other objects. Keep the device away from excessive heat and humidity and keep the device free from vibration and dust.
- Wipe the device with a clean, dry cloth. Never use cleaning fluid or similar chemicals. Do not spray cleaners directly on the device or use forced air to remove dust.
- For added protection, unplug the device from the wall outlet and disconnect the cables to avoid damage to this device due to lightning and power surges.
- Upon completion of any service or repairs to this device, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to determine that the device is in safe operating condition.
- Do not open the device. Do not perform any servicing other than that contained in the installation and troubleshooting instructions. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- This device should not be used in an environment that exceeds 104° F (40° C).

### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

**Note to CATV System Installer** — This reminder is provided to call the CATV system installer's attention to Article 820.93 and 820.100 of the National Electric Code, which provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the Coaxial cable shield shall be connected to the grounding system of the building, as close to the point of cable entry as practical.

### Caring for the Environment By Recycling



When you see this symbol on an ARRIS device, do not dispose of the product with residential or commercial waste.

#### Recycling your ARRIS Equipment

Please do not dispose of this product with your residential or commercial waste. Some countries or regions, such as the European Union, have set up systems to collect and recycle electrical and electronic waste items. Contact your local authorities for information about practices established for your region.

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### FCC STATEMENTS

#### FCC Interference Statement

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 environment. 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 device off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the device and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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

**FCC CAUTION:** Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by ARRIS for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

#### FCC Declaration of Conformity

ARRIS Enterprises, Inc., 3871 Lakefield Drive, Suwanee, GA 30024, declares that the DOCSIS 3.0 Wireless Cable Modem & Router-SBG6900-AC complies with 47 CFR Parts 2 and 15 of the FCC rules as a Class B digital device.

#### FCC Radiation Exposure Statement

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. To comply with the FCC RF exposure compliance requirements, the separation distance between the antenna and any person's body (including hands, wrists, feet and ankles) must be at least 29 cm (11 inches).

This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter except those already approved in this filing.

The availability of some specific channels and/or operational frequency bands are country dependent and are firmware programmed at the factory to match the intended destinations. The firmware setting is not accessible by the end user.

#### Industry Canada (IC) Statement

This device complies with RSS-210 of the Industry Canada Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause interference, and
- This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

CAN ICES-3 (B)/NMB-3 (B)

In Canada, RLAN devices are restricted from using the 5600-5650 MHz frequency band.

**Caution:** To reduce the potential for harmful interference to co-channel mobile satellite systems, use of the 5150-5250 MHz frequency band is restricted to indoor use only.

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High power radars are allocated as primary users (meaning they have priority) of 5250-5350 MHz and 5650-5850 MHz frequency bands. These radars could cause interference and/or damage to License Exempt-Local Area Network (LE-LAN) devices.

### IC Radiation Exposure Statement

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This equipment complies with IC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with a minimum distance of 34 cm between the radiator and your body.

### Avis D'Industrie Canada (IC)

Cet appareil est conforme à la réglementation RSS-210 d'Industrie Canada. Son utilisation est assujettie aux deux conditions suivantes :

- Cet appareil ne doit pas causer d'interférences et
- Cet appareil doit accepter toute interférence reçue, y compris les interférences causant un fonctionnement non désiré.

CAN ICES-3 (B)/NMB-3 (B)

Au Canada, les appareils de réseau local sans fil ne sont pas autorisés à utiliser les bandes de fréquence 5600-5650 MHz.

**Avvertissement:** afin de réduire les risques de brouillage préjudiciable aux systèmes de satellites mobiles utilisant les mêmes canaux, les dispositifs fonctionnant dans la bande 5150-5250 MHz sont réservés uniquement pour une utilisation à l'intérieur.

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### Déclaration de IC Sur L'exposition Aux Rayonnements

**Note importante :** cet équipement est conforme aux limites d'exposition aux rayonnements établies par IC pour un environnement non contrôlé. Cet équipement doit être installé et utilisé de manière à maintenir une distance d'au moins 34 cm entre la source de rayonnement et votre corps.

### WIRELESS LAN INFORMATION

This device is a wireless network product that uses Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) and Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiple Access (OFDMA) radio technologies. The device is designed to be interoperable with any other wireless DSSS and OFDMA products that comply with:

- The IEEE 802.11 Standard on Wireless LANs (Revision B, Revision G, and Revision N), as defined and approved by the Institute of Electrical Electronics Engineers
- The Wireless Fidelity (Wi-Fi) certification as defined by the Wireless Ethernet Compatibility Alliance (WECA).



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### Restrictions on the Use of Wireless Devices

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**Note:** *The use of the 5150-5250 MHz frequency band is restricted to Indoor Use Only.*

**Security Warning:** This device allows you to create a wireless network. Wireless network connections may be accessible by unauthorized users. For more information on how to protect your network, see the *SBG6900-AC User Guide* for instructions or visit the ARRIS website at [www.arris.com/consumer](http://www.arris.com/consumer).

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