

The logo for GigaSpire BLAST u4, featuring a white Wi-Fi symbol above the text 'GigaSpire' in white and orange, with 'BLAST u4' in white below it.

The Calix GigaSpire® BLAST® u4 is a new generation smart home system that extends the access network into the home and acts as a strategic location for control of the ultimate Wi-Fi experience. Besides supporting broadband connectivity of data and video services, this intelligent, high-performance system offers the latest 802.11ax 'Wi-Fi 6' technology. The GigaSpire BLAST u4 provides switching and routing functions that support multi-Gigabit throughput for IPTV video and data services.

MULTI-GIGABIT SUBSCRIBER EXPERIENCE

The GigaSpire BLAST u4 is a premium smart home system that delivers the latest 'Wi-Fi 6' certified technology (802.11ax). The GigaSpire BLAST u4 uses a Gigabit Ethernet link at the subscriber's premises to provide carrier-class Wi-Fi and Gigabit Ethernet interfaces for customer multi-media devices. The GigaSpire BLAST u4 enables residential subscribers to receive Gigabit broadband data and Internet Protocol (IP) video services. Using the latest 802.11ax technology in both the 2.4 and 5 GHz radios, the GigaSpire BLAST u4 incorporates dual band 2x2 streams of Wi-Fi delivery (2x2 @ 2.4 GHz and 2x2 @ 5 GHz). In addition, with multi-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) and beamforming, the GigaSpire BLAST u4 allows service providers to extend the access network inside the home and establish a strategic location for the delivery and control of broadband services.

With Wi-Fi being the de facto wireless data communication technology of choice for consumers, Calix engineered the GigaSpire BLAST u4 for optimal whole-home coverage with simultaneous dual-band 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz operation and dynamic beamforming at 5 GHz. For maximum performance, the GigaSpire GigaSpire BLAST u4 supports high-power 2x2 MIMO spatial diversity at 2.4 GHz and 2x2 MU-MIMO at 5 GHz. Leveraging the latest Wi-Fi 6 features, the GigaSpire BLAST u4 provides longer range, higher efficiency and less interference compared to earlier generations of Wi-Fi technology. The GigaSpire BLAST u4 also supports the entire 5 GHz band, including Dynamic Frequency Selection (DFS) channels. The GigaSpire BLAST u4 easily delivers HD and UHD (ultra-HD) video and data throughout a subscriber's home in an increasingly video-rich and mobile broadband environment.

Ensuring consumers can have ultra-fast Wi-Fi throughout their premises, the GigaSpire BLAST u4 provides the latest generation of redundant mesh via the Calix Mesh GigaSpire BLAST u4m (GM1028 - please see the Mesh GigaSpire BLAST u4m data sheet for more information). With the GigaSpire BLAST u4 as the hub, and the GigaSpire BLAST u4m as the satellite, consumers can truly gain the whole home/smart home experience. For even higher mesh performance, multiple Mesh GigaSpire BLAST u4m satellites can be connected to the GigaSpire BLAST u4.

EASY TO INSTALL, ACTIVATE, AND MAINTAIN

With the GigaSpire BLAST u4, Calix has redefined how to install and activate residential services at a subscriber's premises. Using the Calix CommandIQ® app and a phone or laptop, a field technician can install and apply the subscriber's service profile without special equipment or assistance from the central office. Calix also provides the innovative Calix Support Cloud (CSC), which allows the service provider to configure, activate and upgrade the GigaSpire BLAST u4 quickly from a remote location using in-band management or TR-069. Extensive troubleshooting capabilities, remote software downloads, and easy-to-use service activation features ensure that services are delivered and maintained without needless truck rolls and hardware upgrades. Employing GigaSpire BLAST u4 systems allows service providers to reduce their operational expenses while effectively delivering the Gigabit experience to their subscribers.

CALIX EXPERIENCE INNOVATION PLATFORM

All GigaSpire BLAST systems are powered by the Calix Innovation Experience Platform.

This container-based platform allows service providers to quickly change and adapt their services to embrace new technologies and offer new, value-added services. This approach can generate recurring revenue and increase subscriber satisfaction.

KEY ATTRIBUTES

Home gateway

- Layer 2 bridge and Layer 3 routing for High Speed Internet (HSI) data and IPTV video services
- DHCP server options
- DHCP (IPoE) and PPPoE network connections
- Network Access Translation (NAT), public to private IP addressing
- Configurable IP address schemes, subnets, static-IP addresses
- DNS server
- Bridge port assignment and data traffic mappings
- Port forwarding
- Firewall and security
- Application and website filtering
- Selectable forwarding and blocking policies
- DMZ hosting
- Parental controls, time of day usage
- Denial of service (DoS) protection
- MAC filtering
- Time/Zone support
- Universal Plug-and-Play (UPnP)

1 gigabit ethernet (GE)

WAN interface

- 10/100/1000 BASE-T Ethernet, auto-negotiating

Wi-Fi

- 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz, simultaneous dual-band
- 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz 802.11ax (Wi-Fi 6) certified, 802.11a/n/ac compatible
- 4x4 streams (2x2 @ 2.4 GHz and 2x2 @ 5 GHz)
- WPA/WPA2/WPA3; WEP 64/128 bit encryption
- PuF (Physical Unclonable Functions)
- WPS push-button
- 2x2 DL/UL MU-MIMO, implicit/explicit high-power, dynamic beamforming (5 GHz radio)
- 2x2 DL/UL MU-MIMO implicit/explicit high-power, dynamic beamforming (2.4 GHz radio)
- 1024 QAM; OFDMA; BSS Coloring
- DCM (Dual Carrier Modulation)
- TWT (Target Wake Time) for IoT clients

Wi-Fi redundant mesh

- Self Managed: self configuration, Air time fairness
- Dynamic Mesh: load balancing, band/node steering; interference management
- Self Healing; diagnostics; events

Gigabit ethernet (GE)

LAN interfaces

- Two (2) ports of multi-rate 10/100/1000 BASE-T Ethernet, auto-negotiating for residential IPTV and data services

USB port

- USB 2.0 - Type A host interface

Supports multiple data service profiles

Traffic management and quality of service (QoS)

- 802.1Q VLANs
- 802.1p service prioritization
- Q-in-Q tagging
- Multiple VLANs
- DiffServ
- Pre-defined QoS on service type
- LAG of GE ports
- MAP-T

IPTV, IGMPv2, future support of IGMPv3

- GMP Snooping and Proxy
- IGMP Fast Leaves

Gateway management

- Calix Support Cloud
- TR-069
- Local Home Gateway GUI, access provisional
- Remote WAN side GUI access
- Default username/password

AC to 12 V DC power adapter

SPECIFICATIONS

Dimensions

- Width: 5 in (12.7 cm)
- Height: 1.6 in (4 cm)
- Depth: 5 in (12.7 cm)
- Weight: 10.6 oz. (0.3 kg)

WAN Interface

- Interface: One Gigabit-Ethernet Port, RJ-45 connector

Interfaces

- Wireless: 2.4 GHz 2x2 and 5 GHz 2x2 internal antennas
- LAN Data/IPTV: Two (2) 10/100/1000 BASE-T Ethernet port, RJ-45 connectors
- WAN: One (1) 10/100/1000
- USB: USB 2.0 Type A
- Power: Single-pin barrel connector
- WPS Switch: Push-button actuator
- Reset button for factory default

Data

- Drop length: 328 feet (100 m) maximum using Cat5/6 cable for GigE
- Auto MDI/MDIX crossover for 1000BASE-TX, 100BASE-TX
- Traffic Management and QoS: 802.11Q VLAN; 802.11p voice, video, data and management priorities; Q-in-Q tagging

Wireless

- 2.4 GHz 802.11 b/g/n/ac/ax
- 5 GHz 802.11 a/n/ac/ax
- 2x2 DL/UL MU-MIMO, implicit/explicit high-power, dynamic beamforming (5 GHz radio)
- 2x2 DL/UL MU-MIMO implicit/explicit high-power, dynamic beamforming (2.4 GHz radio)
- DCM, TWT, extended GI
- Auto channel selecting and interference detection
- WPS push button
- Wi-Fi multimedia (WMM)
- 802.11k, 802.11v, 802.11r
- Supports up to 200 wireless clients
- US Wi-Fi Output Power: 30 dBm EU: ETSI Wi-Fi Output Power compliant

Remote Management

- TR-069 remote management
- TR-098 Internet Gateway Device Data Model

Environmental

- Operating temperature: Indoor ambient temperature, 0° to 40°C (32° to 104° F)
- Operating and storage relative humidity: 10 to 90 % and 5 to 95% non-condensing respectively

Certification and Compliance

- Emissions: FCC Part 15 Class B, IC ICES-003 Class B, and CISPR-22
- Safety: UL 60950 and UL 1697 approved
- IEEE: 802.3, 802.3AB, 802.3U, 802.11p, 802.11Q
- Wi-Fi Alliance Certified 802.11ax



- USB-IF Compliance USB 2.0



Powering and Alarms

- Single barrel connector
- 12 V DC (nominal)
- External Power Adapter: 12 V DC, 2 A

Ookla-based Performance Testing

- Subscribers can run an Ookla-based performance test from within the Calix CommandIQ® mobile app
- Symmetrical speed test results of 1 Gbps are possible with the GigaSpire BLAST u4 system (owing to the 1 GigE WAN port)

ORDERING INFORMATION

Calix GigaSpire BLAST u4 (GS2028E)

000-01177..... GS2028E BLAST u4, dual band 2x2 Wi-Fi 6, GE WAN, 2 GE LAN, AM Power Adapter

Calix GS2028E/GM1028 Power Adapter

100-05544..... GigaSpire BLAST u4/u4m (GS2028E/GM1028) Power Adapter, 12 V, 2 A – AM Type A

Optional Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)

100-04068..... Indoor UPS (8 hour support), Wall Mount or Desktop, 12 V, 7.2 AH, 36 W, Black - AM, Type B, Grounded

100-05345..... Indoor UPS (24 hour support), Wall Mount or Desktop, 12 V, 20AH, 75W, Audible Alarm, Regulated Output R3 Production

UPS Power Adapters

100-04235..... Indoor UPS Power cord, 7-pin UPS to 2-pin 800 GC, 1m, black

100-04236..... Indoor UPS Power cord, 7-pin UPS to 2-pin 800 GC, 3m, black

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