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# **Application Notes for Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter and Plantronics MDA 200 with Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones - Issue 1.0**

### **Abstract**

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required to integrate the Plantronics APV-63 EHS (Electronic Hook Switch) Adapter and the Plantronics MDA 200 with Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones. Plantronics APV-63 EHS provides Plantronics headsets the ability to answer and end calls from the MDA 200. The MDA 200 is a switcher that allows Plantronics USB corded headsets to handle calls from either the Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones or from an IP softphone, such as Avaya one-X Communicator. The Plantronics Blackwire C610 USB Headset was used to verify the functionality of the EHS adapter and MDA 200.

Information in these Application Notes has been obtained through DevConnect compliance testing and additional technical discussions. Testing was conducted via the DevConnect Program at the Avaya Solution and Interoperability Test Lab.

# 1. Introduction

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## 2. General Test Approach and Test Results

DevConnect Compliance Testing is conducted jointly by Avaya and DevConnect members. The jointly-defined test plan focuses on exercising APIs and/or standards-based interfaces pertinent to the interoperability of the tested products and their functionalities. DevConnect Compliance Testing is not intended to substitute full product performance or feature testing performed by DevConnect members, nor is it to be construed as an endorsement by Avaya of the suitability or completeness of a DevConnect member's solution.

Avaya's formal testing and Declaration of Conformity is provided only on the headsets/handsets that carry the Avaya brand or logo. Avaya may conduct testing of non-Avaya headset/handset to determine interoperability with Avaya phones. However, Avaya does not conduct the testing of non-Avaya headsets/handsets for: Acoustic Pressure, Safety, Hearing Aid Compliance, EMC regulations, or any other tests to ensure conformity with safety, audio quality, long-term reliability or any regulation requirements. As a result, Avaya makes no representations whether a particular non-Avaya headset will work with Avaya's telephones or with a different generation of the same Avaya telephone.

Since there is no industry standard for handset interfaces, different manufacturers utilize different handset/headset interfaces with their telephones. Therefore, any claim made by a headset vendor that its product is compatible with Avaya telephones does not equate to a guarantee that the headset will provide adequate safety protection or audio quality.

The interoperability compliance test included feature and serviceability testing. The feature testing focused on placing calls to and from the Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones with the Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter, Plantronics MDA 200, and Plantronics Blackwire USB Headset and verifying two-way audio. The call types included calls to voicemail, to local extensions, and to the PSTN. In addition, it was also verified that the MDA 200 could also handle calls with Avaya one-X Communicator. In this configuration, the MDA 200 was connected to both the IP telephone and the IP softphone.

The serviceability testing focused on verifying the usability of the Plantronics wireless headset after restarting the Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones.

## 2.1. Interoperability Compliance Testing

All test cases were performed manually. The following features were verified:

- Placing calls to the voicemail system. Voice messages were recorded and played back to verify that the playback volume and recording level were good.
- Placing calls to internal extensions to verify two-way audio.
- Placing calls to the PSTN to verify two-way audio.
- Answering and ending calls using the call control button on the MDA 200.
- Answering calls destined to either the IP telephone or IP softphone.
- Using the volume control buttons on the Plantronics headset to adjust the audio volume.
- Using the mute control button on the Plantronics headset to mute and un-mute the audio.

For the serviceability testing, an Avaya 9620 IP Telephone was restarted to verify proper operation of the headset after the reboot was completed.

## 2.2. Test Results

All test cases passed. See **Section 3.1** for instructions on answering, ending, and placing calls with the headset. The following observation was noted:

- The MDA 200 does not provide ring alerts for incoming calls to corded headsets.

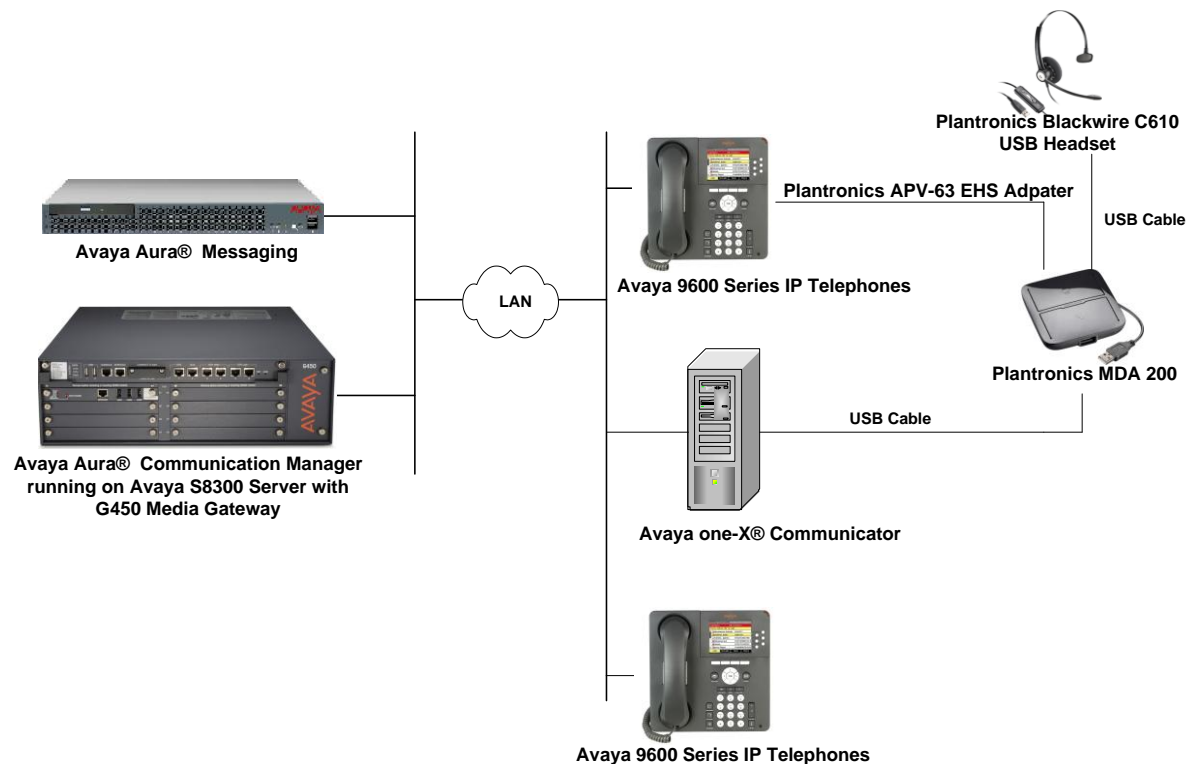
## 2.3. Support

For technical support and information on Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter and Plantronics MDA 200, contact Plantronics at:

- Phone: 800-544-4660 (toll free)  
+1 831-426-5858 (International)
- Website: [http://www.plantronics.com/north\\_america/en\\_US/support/](http://www.plantronics.com/north_america/en_US/support/)

### 3. Reference Configuration

**Figure 1** illustrates the test configuration used to verify the Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter, Plantronics MDA 200, and Plantronics Blackwire C610 USB Headset with an Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephone. The configuration consists of an Avaya S8300 Server running Avaya Aura® Communication Manager with an Avaya G450 Media Gateway providing connectivity to the PSTN (not shown). Avaya Aura® Messaging was used as the voicemail system.



**Figure 1: Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephone with Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter, Plantronics MDA 200, and Plantronics Blackwire C610 USB Headset**

### 3.1. Answering, Ending, and Placing Calls

To answer, end, or place a call using the Plantronics headset follow the instructions below.

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| To Answer a Call | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Press the call control button on the MDA 200 to answer an incoming call. This would automatically activate the headset button on the IP telephone.</li></ul> <p>Alternatively, if the headset button on the IP telephone is pressed first, then press the call control button on the MDA 200, if it isn't already activated, to answer an incoming call. Note that pressing the headset button on the IP telephone does not automatically activate the call control button on the MDA 200.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ If auto-answer is enabled and the headset button on the IP telephone <i>and</i> the call control button on the headset are activated, subsequent incoming calls will be answered automatically and a two-way audio path will be established to the MDA 200 and headset. If the far-end drops the call, the call control button on MDA 200 and the headset button on IP telephone will remain activated. Therefore, the next incoming call will be automatically answered.</li></ul> |
| To End a Call    | <p>Press the call control button on the MDA 200 to terminate a call. This automatically deactivates the headset button on the IP telephone.</p> <p>Alternatively, press the headset button on the IP telephone to end the call. Note that pressing the headset button on the IP telephone does not automatically deactivate the call control button on the MDA 200.</p>  |
| To Place a Call  | <p>Press the call control button on the MDA 200 to get dial tone and dial the number. This would automatically activate the headset button on the IP telephone.</p> <p>Alternatively, if the headset button on the IP telephone is pressed first, the call control button on the MDA 200 needs to be pressed manually. Pressing the headset button on the IP telephone does not automatically activate the call control button on the MDA 200.</p>   |

## 4. Equipment and Software Validated

The following equipment and software were used for the sample configuration provided:

Equipment/Software	Release/Version
Avaya Aura® Communication Manager running Avaya S8300 Server with a G450 Media Gateway	6.2 SP 3 (R016x.02.0.823.0 with Patch 19926)
Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones	3.1 SP 5 (H.323)
Avaya Aura® Messaging	6.0.1 SP 1
Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter	P/N 38734-11
Plantronics MDA 200	USB Firmware 58
Plantronics Blackwire C610 USB Headset	90

## 5. Configure Avaya Aura® Communication Manager

This section covers the station configuration for the Avaya 9620 IP Telephone. The configuration is performed via the System Access Terminal (SAT) on Communication Manager.

### 5.1. Configure a Station for Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephone

Use the **add station** command to create a station for the 9620 IP telephone. Set the **Type** field to the station type to be emulated. In this example, *9620* was used. Set the **Port** field to *IP* and configure a **Security Code** as that password to be used by the Avaya telephone to log in.

**Note:** To enable Auto Answer on the IP telephone set the **Auto Answer** field on **Page 2** (not shown) to the appropriate value, such as *all*.

add station 40000		Page 1 of 5
STATION		
Extension: 40000	Lock Messages? n	BCC: 0
<b>Type: 9620</b>	<b>Security Code: 40000</b>	TN: 1
<b>Port: IP</b>	Coverage Path 1:	COR: 1
Name: Plantronics	Coverage Path 2:	COS: 1
	Hunt-to Station:	
STATION OPTIONS		
	Time of Day Lock Table:	
Loss Group: 19	Personalized Ringing Pattern: 1	
	Message Lamp Ext: 40000	
Speakerphone: 2-way	Mute Button Enabled? y	
Display Language: english		
Survivable GK Node Name:		
Survivable COR: internal	Media Complex Ext:	
Survivable Trunk Dest? y	IP SoftPhone? n	
	IP Video? n	
	Short/Prefixed Registration Allowed: default	

## 6. Configure Plantronics APV-63 EHS and Plantronics MDA 200

To connect the MDA 200 switcher to the Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephone, use the APV-63 EHS adapter to connect the MDA 200 to the headset port of the 9620 IP telephone. Connect the MDA 200 to the PC running the IP softphone via the USB cable on the MDA 200. The Blackwire C610 USB Headset connects to the MDA 200 via USB. The default settings on the MDA 200 were used.

## 7. Verification Steps

Verify that the Plantronics APV-63 EHS, Plantronics MDA 200, and Plantronics USB headset have been connected to the Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephone. Once the headset is connected to the phone, verify that incoming and outgoing calls are established with two-way audio to the headset connected to the MDA 200 and that the headset can get dial tone and end an active call from the MDA 200.

## 8. Conclusion

These Application Notes describe the configuration steps required to integrate the Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter and Plantronics MDA 200 Switcher with Avaya 9600 Series IP Telephones. All test cases were completed successfully with observations noted in **Section 2.2**.

## 9. Additional References

This section references the Avaya and Plantronics documentation that are relevant to these Application Notes.

The following Avaya product documentation can be found at <http://support.avaya.com>.

- [1] *Administering Avaya Aura® Communication Manager*, Release 6.2, Issue 7.0, December 2012, Document Number 03-300509.
- [2] *Avaya one-X® Deskphone Edition for 9600 Series IP Telephones Installation and Maintenance Guide*, Release 3.1, Issue 7, November 2009, Document Number 16-300694.

The following Plantronics documentation can be found at <http://www.plantronics.com>.

- [3] *Plantronics APV-63 EHS Adapter Quick Reference Guide*.
- [4] *Plantronics MDA 200 Quick Start Guide*.



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