



INSTALLATION GUIDE



RADIO FREQUENCY GATEWAY

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INTRODUCTION

The Niles RFG Radio Frequency Gateway is a highly flexible tool that allows system designers to add a ZigBee® radio transmitter/receiver to Niles MultiZone products or extend the Radio Frequency Receiver of a Niles HT-MSU Home Theater Main System Unit.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

MULTI-MODE SET-UP DIPSWITCHES

The RFG has two dipswitches that are set to choose one of the four operation modes: Master Base, Repeater Base, Wireless Keypad and Not Assigned. The mode is determined by the system design.

INSTALLATION FLEXIBILITY

With a low profile design, easy access connections, and wall-mount hole wings, the RFG can be wall mounted behind system components or attached to a baseboard. The high-impact plastic housing is heat resistant, so the RFG can also be mounted in an attic to a crossbeam. System and Keypad connections allows multiple RFGs to be cascade-wired over a single CAT-5 wire run.

RELIABLE ZIGBEE RF COMMUNICATION

The RFG uses a reliable ZigBee based 2.4 Gigahertz radio frequency that works well even in “noisy” RF environments. The RFG has a 16-channel* and 16-network ID capability that allows multiple RFGs to be used near each other and in multiple-dwelling units like condos.

* RFG EX Model has 10 channels.

QUICK AND EASY SET-UP WITH WIZARD-BASED NILES QUICKCONFIG™ CONFIGURATION SOFTWARE

An RFG can be added to any network based Niles MultiZone Receiver or home system theater using the Niles QuickConfig System Configuration Software. The QuickConfig' software is wizard-based and guides the installer/programmer through basic and advanced system designs. Configuration is stored in non-volatile memory within the RFG. This safeguards against accidental loss of programming for the entire life of the product.

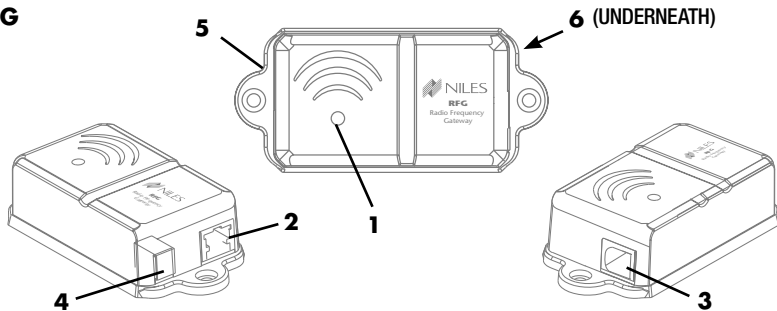
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Check that your RFG Radio Frequency Gateway contains the following:

- RFG (Radio Frequency Gateway)
- Ferrite Bead

PARTS GUIDE

RFG



1) Power LED - The blue LED indicates that the RFG has power. This LED also indicates the connection status to the Niles MultiZone Receiver or Home Theater Main System Unit.

2) System Connection - This RJ-45 connection is used when the RFG is connected to a Niles MultiZone receiver.

3) Keypad Connection - This RJ-45 connection is used when the RFG is connected to a keypad, a Niles HT-MSU Home Theater Main System Unit, or to continue the CAT-5 cable run to other RFGs.

4) Power Connection - This barrel type jack is where the power supply connects to the RFG. A Niles FG01035 Power Supply (optional) is required for certain system configurations. The ferrite bead is used on the end of the power plug connected to the RFG.

5) Mounting Wings - The RFG can be conveniently mounted to a baseboard, wooden stud, or directly to the wall. (mounting screws not included).

6) Set-up Dipswitches - These switches allow the RFG to be configured for one of four operation modes: Master Base, Repeater Base, Wireless Keypad, and Not Assigned.

SYSTEM DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

The Niles RFG Radio Frequency Gateway is a highly flexible tool that allows system designers to add a ZigBee radio transmitter/receiver to Niles MultiZone products or extend the Radio Frequency receiver of the Niles HT-MSU Home Theater Main System Unit.

Multiple RFGs are used to create a RF mesh network. RF mesh networks require at least a transmitter and a receiver, however in large installations repeater bases can be used.

ZIGBEE TERMINOLOGY

To understand how to use the RFG, the system designer needs to understand ZigBee terminology.

MASTER BASE

The Master Base is the coordinator of the RF mesh network. Its job is to receive information from the Repeater Bases and End-Points in the system, consolidate that information, and provide it to the main controlled source. The Master Base is like a head coach in football. His job is to listen to the assistant coaches and players to create and send the game plan to those that execute it. The Master Base should be located centrally and as high as possible within the system design. A Master Base is hard-wired to the main controlled source, the MultiZone receiver, or iC2 Main System Unit.

END-POINT

The End-Point is where the RF transmitted information starts and stops. For the RFG, the End-Point is typically a MultiZone system keypad. A system design can have multiple End-Points (keypads). End-Points can be spread over a large area and communicate directly to the Master Base, or through a Repeater Base to the Master Base. By its nature an End-Point will not repeat RF information to other End-Points.

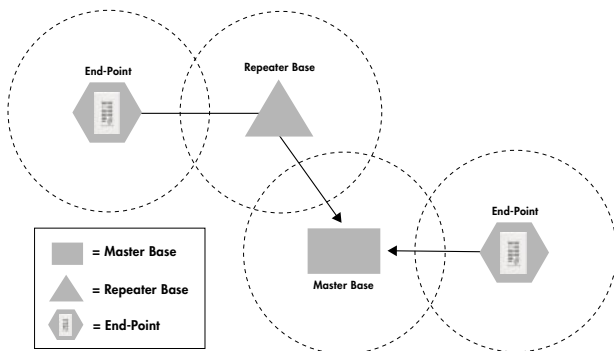
REPEATER BASE

The job of a Repeater Base is to listen for any network RF information, take that information and re-transmit it so that other bases can pick it up if they are too far away for direct communication.

ZIGBEE RF NETWORK

When designing an RF network it is important to know that at least one Master Base and one End-Point are needed. Repeater bases are used to expand the coverage area of the RF network. Multiple hops can be used in a RF network design, however great care should be used to not exceed more than four hops. To count the hops, start from an end-point, and then add one for each Repeater Base used between the End-Point and the Master Base. See **Figure 1** for basic RF network system design.

Figure 1. Basic RF Network



RFG USAGE WITH NILES NETWORK-BASED MULTIZONE RECEIVERS

The RFG can be used with Niles Network-based MultiZone receivers allowing the installer to create “wireless keypads.” Typically, control keypads are connected to the MultiZone receiver via a CAT-5 cable. In installations that do not allow a run of CAT-5 cable (such as a retrofit or a detached area from the main equipment area), use the RFG to overcome the hard-wired limitation. The dipswitches pre-configure each RFG to the application for which it is being used. See *Setting the Dipswitches* section.

RFG USAGE WITH A NILES iC2™ HOME THEATER AUTOMATION & CONTROL SYSTEM

The Niles iC2 uses RF communication between the iC2 Tabletop Controller and the Home Theater Main System Unit (HT-MSU). In other words, there is a Master Base built inside of the HT-MSU and the iC2 remote is an End-Point. The HT-MSU is typically located behind the home theater gear in an equipment rack. That is usually the worst place for the Master Base to be located due to the metal and noise (interference) created by the home theater sources. One RFG can be use to **replace and extend** the built-in Master Base to an area where there will be little or no interference. The RFG is hard-wired to the HT-MSU using CAT-5 cable terminated with RJ-45 plugs. Please see the *Installation Section* for proper termination wiring.

SETTING THE DIPSWITCHES

The two dipswitches on the RFG allow for it to be pre-configured to one of the four modes:

- 1) *MASTER BASE*
- 2) *REPEATER BASE*
- 3) *WIRELESS KEYPAD (END-POINT)*
- 4) *NOT ASSIGNED*

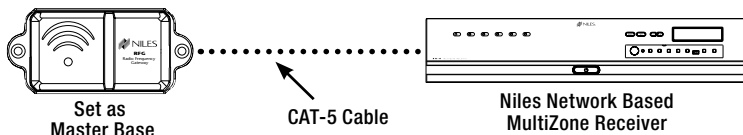
SYSTEM DESIGN WIRING FOR RFG

The RFG has two RJ-45 connections for wiring into the system. The connection used depends on the mode and overall system design.

A MASTER RFG CONNECTED TO A NILES NETWORK-BASED MULTIZONE RECEIVER:

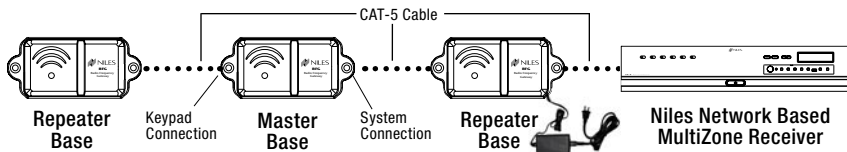
A RFG with dipswitches set for Master Base mode must be connected directly to the MultiZone receiver using CAT-5 cable as detailed in **Figure 2**. No power supply is needed.

Figure 2. A master RFG connected to a MultiZone receiver



A master RFG can be wired with repeater RFGs by wiring the CAT-5 cable from the MultiZone Receiver's Communications port to the System connection of the first RFG, and then from the first RFG's Keypad connection port to the System connection of the next RFG. Two RFGs can be daisy chained to the receiver without an additional power supply. A Niles Power supply (FG01035) can be used to power up to four RFGs on a single CAT-5 cable run.

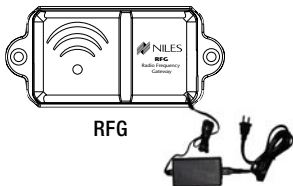
Figure 3. Daisy-chain wiring and powering of 3 RFGs



A REPEATER RFG NOT WIRED TO A MULTIZONE RECEIVER

A RFG set for Repeater Base Mode and not connected to a MultiZone receiver (stand alone) must have an optional power supply connected.

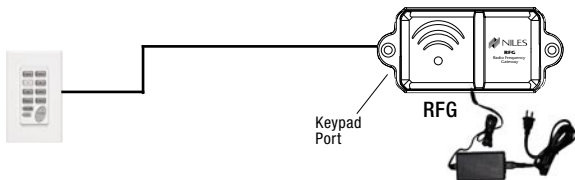
Figure 4. RFG wired as a stand alone repeater



A RFG SET FOR WIRELESS KEYPAD MODE

A RFG set for Wireless Keypad must have the optional power supply and a CAT-5 cable connected to the keypad.

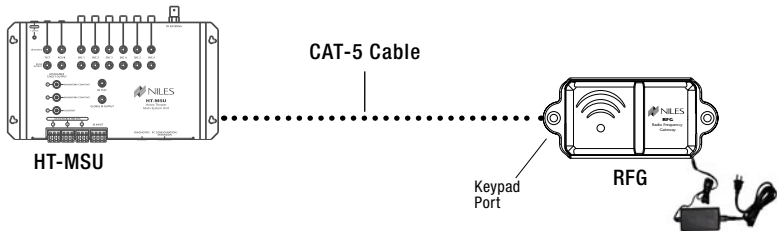
Figure 5. RFG in wireless keypad configuration



A RFG EXTENDING THE RADIO OF THE NILES HT-MSU

The RFG dipswitches should be set for Master Base mode and an optional power supply must be used. Connect from the HT-MSU Expansion port to the RFG's Keypad connection (**Figure 6**). See more detail in HT-MSU manual, available online at www.nilesaudio.com).

Figure 6. RFG extending the radio of a HT-MSU



INSTALLATION CONSIDERATIONS

PLACEMENT OF THE RFG

Niles recommends placing the RFG along a baseboard or in an attic. Generally, the unit should be placed in a concealed location because its indicator and connections are only used during installation. Placement possibilities include:

- 1) *Baseboard (affixed to the back of the equipment cabinet or a nearby wall)*
- 2) *Attic (attached to a ceiling joist)*

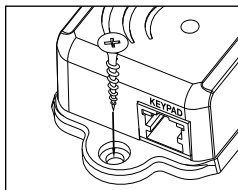
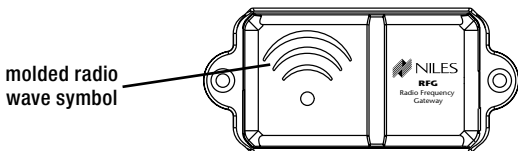


Figure 7. Wall mount placement.
Use Sheetrock Screws

ANTENNA CONSIDERATIONS

Communication between RFGs is RF-based with a frequency of 2.4 Gigahertz. Effective range of communication is 75 feet (22.86 meters) in open air. The RF antenna is internal to the RFG and its orientation is shown by the “molded radio wave symbol” on the front of the RFG. The RFG and its antenna should be vertical for best reception.

Figure 8. RFG vertical antenna orientation



WIRING CONSIDERATIONS

The RFG requires two different types of wires run, based on set-up and system design:

1) CAT-5 CABLE

*A CAT-5 cable is used to connect the RFG to either the MultiZone receiver or to a keypad. This cable must be terminated with RJ45 connectors using T568A protocol as shown in the **Installation Section**.*

2) POWER CABLE

A power supply is needed when the RFG is set-up as an independent Repeater Base or Wireless Keypad. A Niles FG01035 Power Supply (sold separately) is used and connected using the barrel connector.

INSTALLATION

1) SET THE RF MODE DIPSWITCHES (**Figure 9**)

2) CONNECT CAT-5 CABLE

Connection to a MultiZone receiver or a keypad uses CAT-5 cable terminated with RJ45 connection plugs. The CAT-5 cable must be terminated using the T568A standard wiring (**Figure 10**).

Figure 9. Repeater Base Dipswitch setting

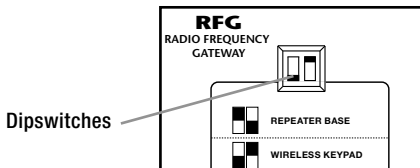
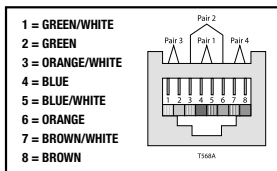


Figure 10. T568A wire termination



3) CONNECT POWER SUPPLY PER RFG SET-UP

Based on the mode of the RFG, a Niles Power Supply maybe needed (see **System Considerations** section to see if optional power supply is needed).

4) MOUNT THE RFG (see **Figure 7**)

5) SET RF COMMUNICATION CHANNEL

After the RFG has been mounted and all connections made, the RF channel must be set if the RFG is being used in a wireless keypad mode. The RF channel can be set by accessing the installer settings mode of the keypad (please see Niles Keypad manual for information on this menu).

TROUBLESHOOTING

The set-up dipswitches allow the RFG to be pre-configured for its role in the system RF mode design. With this in mind, troubleshooting the RFG comes down to two main issues:

- 1) *SET-UP ISSUES*
- 2) *HARDWARE ISSUES*

SET-UP ISSUES

PROBLEM:

1. Wrong Set-up

If the RFG is set-up for the wrong operation mode, the system will not operate properly. The symptoms could include: Power LED flickers or is off, intermittent operation, or no operation.

SOLUTIONS:

- *Check the dipswitch settings*
- *If set for wireless keypad mode, check the RF channel by accessing through the keypads installer settings mode*
- *If dipswitches are set for Not Assigned mode, the RFG must be configured using the Niles QuickConfig software*

HARDWARE ISSUES

There are two basic issues that can prevent proper operation of the RFG. These issues are presented in the order of probability.

PROBLEM:

1. Bad Connections or Wiring

If the connections or wiring are wrong, loose, shorted, or open, the system will not operate properly. The symptoms could include: Power LED flickers or is off, intermittent operation or no operation.

SOLUTIONS:

- *Test your power supply connections*
- *Test your CAT-5 cable for shorts and opens*

PROBLEM:

2. RF or Electromagnetic Interference

Digital sources, poorly shielded sources, microwave ovens, cordless telephones, cell phones, high definition television sets, light dimming controls and other sources of electromagnetic fields can induce radio frequency noise and interfere with your radio frequency gateway. The symptoms could include: Blue LED on RFG continuously flickering or poor range, intermittent operation or no operation.

SOLUTIONS:

- *Move your RFG to a new mounting location*
- *Change the RF Channel the RFG is communicating on*

NOTE: THERE ARE ZIGBEE “SNIFFING” TOOLS AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET THAT ALLOW AN INSTALLER TO SEE RF CHANNEL USAGE BY WI-FI AND OTHER ZIGBEE DEVICES

ACCESSORIES

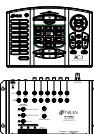
1.25A 12VDC UNIVERSAL POWER SUPPLY



FG01035

Current outlet provides 12V DC sync connection via an accessory cable to the HT-MSU

IC2 HOME THEATER AUTOMATION AND CONTROL SYSTEM



FG01342

Home theater automation and control system that includes table top remote control, main system unit, two power supplies, master key labels, ZigBee Antenna and Extension Kit

SPECIFICATIONS

Power Requirements: 12VDC from either connection to Niles Network based MultiZone receiver or optional Niles power supply (FG01035)

Unit Dimensions: 4.68" L x 2.15" W x 1.15" H
11.89 cm x 5.46cm x 2.92cm

RF Section: 2.4-GHz frequency ZigBee wireless mesh technology

Signal Range: 75 to 100 feet open air
(22.86 meters to 30.48 meters)

Wiring Requirements: CAT-5 cable

Shipping Weight: 1 lb.

Warranty: Two-year limited

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 45-54
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Income:

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all that apply)

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 R&B
 Rock
 Other _____

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 Direct Mail
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What magazines do you read?

1. _____
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