

Wi-Ex zBoost-One Review

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Designed with consumers in mind, the zBoost-One signal booster extends service in the home or office for up to 4 devices on either the Sprint or MetroPCS network. The zBoost-One provides up to 1200 square feet of additional coverage through the all in one unit. This is the first of its kind from Wi-Ex, actually syncing with your device to reduce dropped calls and increase call quality. [Available from Wi-Ex for \\$250.](#)

In the Box

- zBoost-One
- AC Adaptor

Specifications

- Downlink: 1930 – 1990 MHz
- Uplink: 1850 – 1910 MHz
- Networks: CDMA, 1xRTT, EVDO
- Max output power: PCS 24dBm uplink, 13dBm downlink, Cellular 26dBm uplink, 10dBm downlink
- System Gain: Average 45 dB
- Weight: 1.2 lbs
- Size: 10" x 9" x 3.5"
- Coverage 1200 sq feet or 40 feet from the unit

About the zBoost-One

- Increases indoor signal coverage – up to 1200 sq. ft. or 1 – 2 rooms
- No external antennas – ONE PIECE
- Easy to set up – just put it where you get signal and plug it in
- Supports 1 to 4 users operating on the same carrier network
- Compatible with phones, Smartphone's and data cards using Sprint or MetroPCS
- Extends phone battery life (uses less power when signal is stronger)
- Protects the operator's network using patent-pending technologies

Installation

Unlike most signal boosters, the zBoost-One requires very little configuration. The first time you turn the unit on, it needs to be synced with the network of your carrier of choice. Next, put the unit on a window sill or in an area of the strongest signal. Then connect power to the unit via the provided AC power supply. The "SyncLink" button will flash red. Place a call from your phone, and once the call connects, press the SyncLink button, which will then blink green and the Handset Indicator will turn on.



Finally, use the Signal Strength Indicator to find a location that has 3 or more lit bars to provide the optimal performance for the base unit.



Here is a brief overview of the zBoost-One, along with the installation and some real world testing.

Use and Results

Sprint service in my house has been an issue since I moved in 3 years ago. The zBoost has given me the confidence to use my Sprint Blackberry almost anywhere in the house, and not fear the dropped calls that I was used to. The signal strength in the surrounding rooms to the installation point has been boosted up to 10-15 dBm, allowing the phone to show an increase in 2-3 signal bars consistently.

Overall

For \$250, the zBoost-One Cell Phone Signal Booster from Wi-Ex is a great home or office solution for those with poor service and dropped calls. Having used other signal enhancing products, the One works as advertised, and allows phones to be used in areas that have poor service more reliably.