








Edimax nMAX Modem

A decent showing from the new kids on the block.

Edimax 
www.edimax.com.au 
\$175 

Great wireless distance; good setup wizard; good ADSL throughput. 

Simple configuration options; not as flexible as some. 

SPECIAL FEATURES 
802.11b/g/n support
One-touch configuration
MIMO, WEP, WPA, WPS

It's not often that a wholly new brand appears in the pages of tech mags, especially with a comprehensive collection of products. In this case it's Edimax, a Taiwan-based networking company that has been selling product nearly everywhere else in the world since the '80s, but until now hasn't hit the sunny shores of Australia.

For our first look, we obtained Edimax's 802.11n ADSL2+ modem/router AR-7265WNA to run through its paces. The unit's specs are certainly up to par, offering an ADSL2+ modem, 802.11b/g/n support with MIMO and three external antennas, WEP, WPA and WPS one-touch configuration, plus the regular firewall, virtual server rules, DMZ and support for different network protocols.

Out of the box the Edimax has a slim, pleasing design, though the antennas were prone to slipping around. Edimax is pushing its "EZmax" setup wizards for device configuration, which we found comprehensive and easy to use. We did have a slight issue during the setup, where a screen for entering Wi-Fi information kept repeating, though after restarting this bug disappeared.

Performance of the Edimax AR-7265WNA was good. Roughly on par with our incumbent Labs ADSL2+ modem, the Billion 7404, with similar sync speeds and download speeds off

Internode's FTP. Wireless 802.11n was where we were quite surprised. The Edimax's result in this case was very, very good. The unit outdistanced the 2.4GHz Linksys WRT610N by a good margin, with a reasonably strong signal across the length of our offices.

All in all, there's much to like about the Edimax AR-7265WNA ADSL2+ wireless modem router: it showed solid performance during our testing and a good (very easy) installation wizard. Now, does it have the lasting power?

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