

ESTeem 195 Narrowband (195M, 195H & 195C) Series Firmware Update – May 2024 (New Software)

(195nb_main_202402080915 & 195nb_bootloader_202402080915)

Overview

This firmware release for the ESTeem 195 Narrowband series is a <u>generational update</u> that will require all radios in the network to be above firmware version 202203171222 (March 2022 or newer) to communicate reliably. This firmware release consolidated three previous versions into a single revision. Multiple software commands, security, radio parameters and features were added to this release that can only be utilized when all radios are of the same firmware revision. No hardware updates to the radio are conducted, so if a previous version of the firmware is working for your application and the new features are not needed, the 195 Narrowband radios can be downgraded to a previous version. Contact technical support at <u>support@esteem.com</u> or 509-735-9092 for complete details.

Caution: Installation of this firmware will make communication to firmware versions older than March 2022 unreliable. It is recommended that all radios in the network update to this firmware version at the same time. <u>Do</u> not remove power from the radio during any of the following updates.

Update Procedure

The 195 Narrowband Configuration Tool used to complete firmware update and configuration of the radios is installed with the ESTeem Software Suite. The Esteem Software Suite and installation instructions can be downloaded at no cost from our website at https://www.esteem.com/esteem-utilities/ The 195NB Firmware image file can be downloaded from our website at https://www.esteem.com/esteem-utilities/ The 195NB Firmware image file can be downloaded from our website at https://www.esteem.com/firmware/ This same procedure will completed for all models of ESTeem 195 Narrowband radios; 195M (150-174 MHz), 195H (217-220 MHz) or 195C (450-470 MHz).

The software update is completed in three phases.

<u>Phase 1</u> – Firmware Preparation. This will add the new software commands and adapt any older commands.

Phase 2 – Bootloader Update. This will update the radio bootloader to the latest version.

<u>Phase 3</u> – Firmware Update. This final phase will update all parameters of the firmware for operation.



Phase 1 – Firmware Preparation

- 1. Once the ESTeem Software Suite Utility has been installed and is operational, open the Discovery Utility and press the "Discover" button in the lower left corner to find the ESTeem radio connected to the computer.
- 2. Verify the computer and radio are on the same TCP/IP subnet. If different, you can change the IP address of the radio by selecting Edit (Figure 1) or change the IP address of the computer to match the radio.
- 3. Select the radio to update, press the right-mouse button and select Configure Radio from the menu (Figure 1).

erial#	Wlan MAC(Peer)	↑ Ether MAC	IP Address	Netmask	Gateway	SSID	Mode	ID	Version	Model
0-25534	00:04:3F:00:BD:3A	00:04:3F:00:BD:38	172.18.8.134	255.255.0.0	172.16.8.1		Analyzer	Test	202105111144	Edge 900MHz
2-25576	00:04:3F:00:BD:E2	00:04:3F:00:BD:E0	172.26.89.1	255.255.0.0	172.26.1.1	ESTeemAP	AP Bridge	Conference Room	202306260923	Horizon 2.4GHz
M-148937	00:04:3F:08:45:66	00:04:3F:08:45:64	172.26.89	Configure Radio	172.18.9.1	154.57000MHZ_2.0W	RAW/ETHERNET_P2	est support	202309011047	195M VHF
				Actions •						
				Tools •						
				Edit Enter Select all Ctrl+A						



- 4. The 195 Narrowband Configuration Utility will launch. Once the utility verifies communication with the radio, select the Tools tab near the top. Then select the Update option and a new window will open (Figure 2).
- 5. Once the new window has opened, navigate to where the firmware image files have been saved, select the main file, and press the Open button. The radio will then apply the update and reboot.

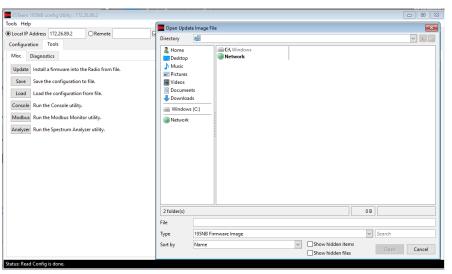


Figure 2: Select Firmware Files



Phase 2 – Bootloader Update

- 6. The process for updating the Bootloader is almost identical to what was completed in Phase 1. Reopen the Update Window (Figure 2) as shown above.
- 7. Navigate to the bootloader file that was downloaded with the main file from the website, select the file and press Open.
- 8. The bootloader will update and once complete the "Radio Rebooting waiting 20 seconds" message will display (Figure 3).

ESTeem 195NB config Utility : 172.26.89.2
Tools Help
Local IP Address 172.26.89.2 Remote Cuse Route From Append Table Cancel
Configuration Tools
Misc Diagnostics
Update Install a firmware into the Radio from file.
Save Save the configuration to file.
Load the configuration from file.
Console Run the Console utility.
Modbus Run the Modbus Monitor utility.
Analyzer Run the Spectrum Analyzer utility.
Status: Update: Radio Rebooting waiting 20 seconds
Figure 3: Update Status Ba

Phase 3 – Firmware Update

- 9. This last Phase will update all parameters to the bootloader and finalize the installation of the firmware. It is a repeat of Phase 1.
- 10. On the same screen as shown in Figure 2, select the main file once again and press Open. The radio will then update, reboot, and will be ready to use.