



Astribank USB Channel Bank vs. IP Gateways

What makes the [Astribank™](#) USB channel bank superior to an IP gateway? There are three main reasons:

1. **Easy** – Installing Astribank is as close to ‘plug-and-play’ as telephony can get. Astribank is automatically detected and configured by the Asterisk® IP-PBX. Since the Astribank driver is an integral part of Asterisk, there are no interoperability issues or complex configuration requirements.
2. **Simple** – The unique centrally-managed architecture makes it simple to maintain remotely. All activities are performed interfacing a single device – the Asterisk IP-PBX.
3. **Reliable** – Astribank is LAN-independent. Using dedicated 480 Mbit USB 2.0 for all communication between the Asterisk PBX and the Astribank USB channel bank guarantees it will be flawless, independent of other devices on the LAN, unaffected by LAN performance, etc. A dedicated multiple power supply device provides redundancy.

Feature	Astribank	IP Gateway
Central management via Asterisk IP-PBX	✓	✗
LAN-independent architecture	✓	✗
Fully Asterisk integrated	✓	✗
Redundant power supply	✓	✗
Reliable fax support	✓	✗
Auto detection by Asterisk IP-PBX	✓	✗
Auto configuration by Asterisk IP-PBX	✓	✗
Low Cost of Ownership (COO)	✓	✗

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