**Q-Balancer**<sup>®</sup> How-to Guide

## Comparison of Bridge mode to ARP Proxy mode for Q-Balancer deployment:

Bridge Mode	ARP Proxy Mode
Layer 2	Layer 3
Q-Balancer is invisible on the network	ARP is proxied by the interfaces
and acts as a layer 2 bridge between	operating in ARP Proxy mode in Q-
network devices such as switch,	Balancer.
router, or firewall. Thus, when an ARP	
broadcast comes, Q-Balancer gets the	
packet and forwards it to the adjacent	
hosts.	
Both NAT and No NAT are supported.	Both NAT and No NAT are supported.
Fully compatible.	Fully compatible.
Supported with no special	Supported with no special
configuration requirements.	configuration requirements.
All incoming requests are able to	All incoming requests are merely able
access the hosts in the transparent	to access the hosts registered at IP
zone by default.	Binding.
Allow network traffic to be bypassed	Allow network traffic to be bypassed
on specific error conditions, for	on specific error conditions, for
example, a power failure.	example, a power failure.
PPPoE packets can be passed through	Interfaces operating in ARP mode do
a bridge-pair on Q-Balancer.	not allow PPPoE packets to pass
	through.
DHCP can be passed through a bridge-	Interfaces operating in ARP mode do
pair on Q-Balancer.	not allow DHCP packets to pass
	through.
	Layer 2  Q-Balancer is invisible on the network and acts as a layer 2 bridge between network devices such as switch, router, or firewall. Thus, when an ARP broadcast comes, Q-Balancer gets the packet and forwards it to the adjacent hosts.  Both NAT and No NAT are supported.  Fully compatible.  Supported with no special configuration requirements.  All incoming requests are able to access the hosts in the transparent zone by default.  Allow network traffic to be bypassed on specific error conditions, for example, a power failure.  PPPoE packets can be passed through a bridge-pair on Q-Balancer.