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Linksys WUSB6300 USB Wireless Network Adapter User Manual

Model: WUSB6300 | Brand: Linksys

1. Introduction

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the installation, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Linksys WUSB6300 USB Wireless Network Adapter. The WUSB6300 is designed to connect your computer to a wireless AC network, enabling high-definition video streaming and high-speed online gaming. It supports USB 3.0 for optimal performance.



Figure 1: Front view of the Linksys WUSB6300 USB Wireless Network Adapter. This image shows the adapter's main body with the Linksys logo and status indicators, connected to a USB 3.0 plug.

2. Key Features

- Supports Microsoft Windows 10, 7, 8, XP, Vista operating systems.
- Enables lightning-fast HD video streaming and gaming.
- Achieves up to 867 Mbps speed on the Wireless AC 5 GHz band.
- Achieves up to 300 Mbps speed on the Wireless N 2.4 GHz band.
- Compatible with all Wireless AC 802.11ac routers, access points, and extenders (including Linksys, Belkin, and other brands).
- Supports robust encryption protocols including WEP, WPA, and WPA2 (up to 128-bit encryption).

3. Package Contents

The Linksys WUSB6300 USB Wireless Network Adapter package includes the following items:

- Linksys Dual-Band AC1200 Wireless USB 3.0 Adapter (WUSB6300)

Note: Drivers are typically available for download from the official Linksys support website.

4. Setup and Installation

Follow these steps to install your Linksys WUSB6300 USB Wireless Network Adapter:

1. **Driver Installation:** Before plugging in the adapter, it is recommended to download and install the latest drivers from the official Linksys support website (www.linksys.com/support). This ensures optimal performance and compatibility with your operating system.
2. **Connect the Adapter:** Locate an available USB 3.0 port on your computer. For best performance, use a USB 3.0 port (often identified by a blue insert or a "SS" SuperSpeed logo next to the port). Insert the WUSB6300 adapter firmly into the USB port.



Figure 2: Angled view of the Linksys WUSB6300, highlighting the USB 3.0 connector. The blue insert in the USB plug indicates it is a USB 3.0 device.

3. **System Recognition:** Your operating system (Windows) should detect the new hardware and, if drivers were pre-installed, begin the setup process automatically. If not, follow the on-screen prompts to complete the driver installation.
4. **Connect to a Wireless Network:** Once the adapter is recognized and drivers are installed, you can connect to a wireless network.
    - Open your computer's wireless network settings (e.g., Wi-Fi icon in the system tray).
    - Select your desired wireless network (SSID) from the list of available networks.
    - Enter the network security key (password) if prompted.
    - Click "Connect".
5. **WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup):** If your router supports WPS, you can use the WPS button on the adapter for a quick connection.
    - Press the WPS button on your Linksys WUSB6300 adapter.
    - Within two minutes, press the WPS button on your wireless router.
    - The adapter and router will automatically establish a secure connection.



Figure 3: Side view of the Linksys WUSB6300, showing the WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup) button. This button allows for easy and secure connection to compatible routers.

5. Operating the Adapter

The Linksys WUSB6300 is a dual-band adapter, meaning it can operate on both the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz wireless frequencies. The 5 GHz band typically offers faster speeds and less interference, ideal for streaming and gaming, while the 2.4 GHz band provides wider coverage.

5.1. Band Selection

Your computer's wireless utility will automatically detect available networks on both bands. If your router broadcasts separate SSIDs for 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz, you can manually select which band to connect to. For optimal performance with Wireless-AC, connect to the 5 GHz network.

5.2. Speed and Performance

To achieve the advertised speeds (up to 867 Mbps on 5 GHz), ensure your router also supports Wireless-AC (802.11ac) and that your computer's USB port is USB 3.0. Using a USB 2.0 port will limit the adapter's maximum speed.

5.3. Security

The adapter supports WEP, WPA, and WPA2 encryption. Always connect to networks secured with WPA2 for the strongest protection against unauthorized access.

6. Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Linksys WUSB6300 adapter, consider the following maintenance tips:

- **Keep it Clean:** Periodically wipe the adapter with a soft, dry cloth to remove dust and debris. Avoid using liquid cleaners.
- **Protect the USB Connector:** Avoid bending or applying excessive force to the USB connector. When not in use, consider unplugging it or ensuring it is not in a position where it can be accidentally bumped or damaged.
- **Software Updates:** Regularly check the Linksys support website for updated drivers. Keeping your drivers current can improve performance and resolve compatibility issues.
- **Environmental Conditions:** Operate the adapter within typical indoor temperature and humidity ranges. Avoid extreme heat, cold, or moisture.

7. Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your Linksys WUSB6300 USB Wireless Network

Adapter.

7.1. Connection Drops or Disconnects Frequently

Frequent disconnections can often be resolved by adjusting power management settings in your operating system. This prevents the computer from turning off the adapter to save power.

1. **Windows Power Options - Wireless Adapter:**
    - Go to Control Panel > Power Options.
    - Click "Change plan settings" for your active power plan.
    - Click "Change advanced power settings".
    - Expand "Wireless Adapter Settings" and then "Power Saving Mode".
    - Set both "On battery" and "Plugged in" to "Maximum Performance".
2. **Windows Power Options - USB Settings:**
    - In the same "Advanced Power Settings" window, expand "USB settings" and then "USB selective suspend setting".
    - Set both "On battery" and "Plugged in" to "Disabled".
3. **Device Manager - Network Adapter Power Management:**
    - Right-click the Start button and select "Device Manager".
    - Expand "Network adapters".
    - Right-click on your Linksys WUSB6300 adapter (it might appear as "Wireless-AC Adapter" or similar) and select "Properties".
    - Go to the "Power Management" tab.
    - **Uncheck** the box that says "Allow the computer to turn off this device to save power."
    - Click "OK" to apply changes.

7.2. Slow Speeds or Not Reaching Expected Performance

- **Use a USB 3.0 Port:** Ensure the adapter is plugged into a USB 3.0 port on your computer. USB 2.0 ports will significantly limit the maximum data transfer rate.
- **Router Compatibility:** Verify that your wireless router supports 802.11ac (Wireless-AC) and is configured for 5 GHz operation for the highest speeds.
- **Driver Updates:** Ensure you have the latest drivers installed from the Linksys support website. Outdated drivers can cause performance issues.
- **Interference:** Reduce interference by keeping the adapter away from other electronic devices (microwaves, cordless phones) and large metal objects.
- **Signal Strength:** Ensure your computer is within a reasonable range of your wireless router. Obstacles like walls and floors can degrade signal strength.

7.3. Adapter Not Detected or Not Working

- **Re-insert Adapter:** Unplug the adapter and plug it back into the same or a different USB port.
- **Restart Computer:** A simple restart can often resolve detection issues.
- **Reinstall Drivers:** Uninstall the current drivers from Device Manager, restart your computer, and then reinstall the latest drivers from the Linksys website.
- **Check Device Manager:** Look for any yellow exclamation marks next to the adapter in Device Manager, which indicate a driver issue.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	WUSB6300
Wireless Type	802.11a, 802.11b, 802.11g, 802.11n, 802.11ac (AC1200)
Data Transfer Rate	Up to 867 Mbps (5 GHz), Up to 300 Mbps (2.4 GHz)
Hardware Interface	USB 3.0 (backward compatible with USB 2.0)
Operating System Support	Microsoft Windows 10, 8, 7, XP, Vista
Security Features	WEP, WPA, WPA2 (up to 128-bit encryption)
Item Weight	0.48 ounces (approx. 13.61 g)
Product Dimensions (LxWxH)	6.1 x 5.31 x 2.36 inches
Color	Black
Manufacturer	Linksys

9. Warranty Information

All warranty claims and services for the Linksys WUSB6300 USB Wireless Network Adapter are handled directly through Linksys. Please refer to the official Linksys website or contact their customer support for detailed warranty terms and conditions, as well as information on how to obtain warranty service.
For the most current warranty information, visit:www.linksys.com/support/warranty

10. Customer Support

If you require further assistance with your Linksys WUSB6300 USB Wireless Network Adapter, please utilize the following resources:

- **Online Support:** Visit the official Linksys support website for FAQs, driver downloads, firmware updates, and troubleshooting guides. www.linksys.com/support
- **Contact Support:** For direct assistance, refer to the contact information provided on the Linksys support website, which may include phone numbers or live chat options.

When contacting support, please have your product model number (WUSB6300) and a description of your issue ready.

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