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TP-Link AC1200

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Product Overview

The TP-Link Deco M4 is a Whole Home Mesh WiFi System designed to provide seamless wireless coverage throughout your home. This system replaces traditional routers and range extenders, creating a unified network with a single WiFi name. It is ideal for homes requiring extensive coverage, supporting up to 5,500 sq. ft. with the 3-pack configuration.



Image: Three TP-Link Deco M4 units, showcasing their compact and modern design. These units work together to form a mesh network.

Key features include Gigabit Ethernet ports for wired connections, seamless roaming for uninterrupted connectivity as you move around your home, and robust parental controls to manage internet access for family members.

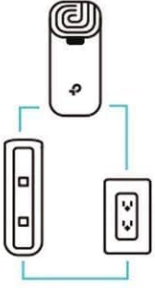
Setup Guide

Setting up your TP-Link Deco M4 system is a straightforward process primarily managed through the Deco mobile application. Follow these steps for initial installation:

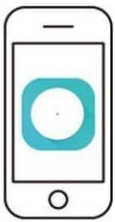
1. **Connect Deco Unit:** Connect one Deco unit to your cable modem or existing router using the provided Ethernet cable. Power on both the modem/router and the Deco unit.
2. **Download Deco App:** Download and launch the TP-Link Deco app on your smartphone or tablet. The app is available for both iOS and Android devices.
3. **Follow In-App Instructions:** The Deco app will guide you through the configuration process, including setting up your

network name (SSID) and password, and adding additional Deco units to expand your coverage.

Setup Just Got a Lot Easier



- 1 Connect Deco to your cable modem & turn on both



- 2 Download & launch the Deco app



- 3 Follow the in-app instructions to configure your Deco system

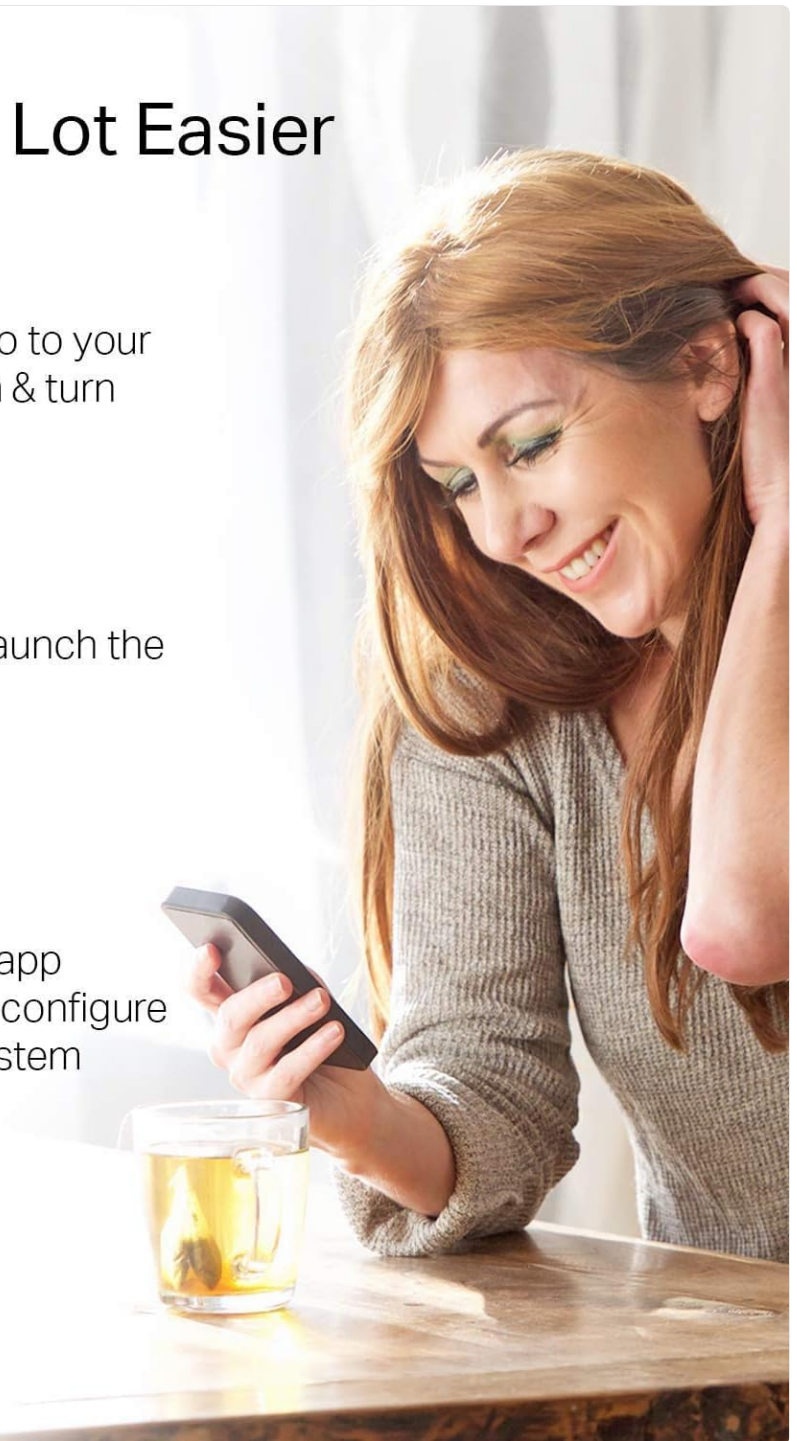


Image: Visual representation of the three-step setup process for the TP-Link Deco system, emphasizing app-guided installation.

The package includes the necessary power supplies for each Deco unit and a network cable for the initial connection to your modem.

Operating Your Deco System

Once set up, your Deco M4 system operates as a unified mesh network, providing consistent and strong WiFi signals across your entire coverage area.

Seamless Roaming

The Deco system ensures seamless roaming, meaning your devices automatically switch to the Deco unit with the strongest signal as you move through your home. This eliminates dead zones and buffering, providing an uninterrupted online experience.

Seamless Roaming with One WiFi Name



Image: Depiction of seamless roaming, where devices maintain a single WiFi name and automatically connect to the strongest Deco signal as users move.

Parental Controls

The Deco app provides intuitive parental control features to manage internet access for family members. These features include:

- **Filter Levels:** Block websites based on age-appropriateness (Child, Pre-Teen, Teen, Adult).
- **Time Limits:** Set daily time limits for internet usage for individual profiles.
- **Insights:** View visited websites and time spent online for each profile.
- **Suspend Connectivity:** Temporarily pause internet access for specific devices or profiles with a single tap.

Parental Controls

Simple, intuitive parental controls make it easy to keep your children safe while they're online



Filter Levels

One-touch security settings block websites based on age-appropriateness.



Time Limits

Set limits on how much time each person in your family can spend online.



Insights

View your children's visited sites, & time spent on each, to ensure safety while online.



Suspend Connectivity

Bring quality time back to the home with a tap of a button to suspend internet access.

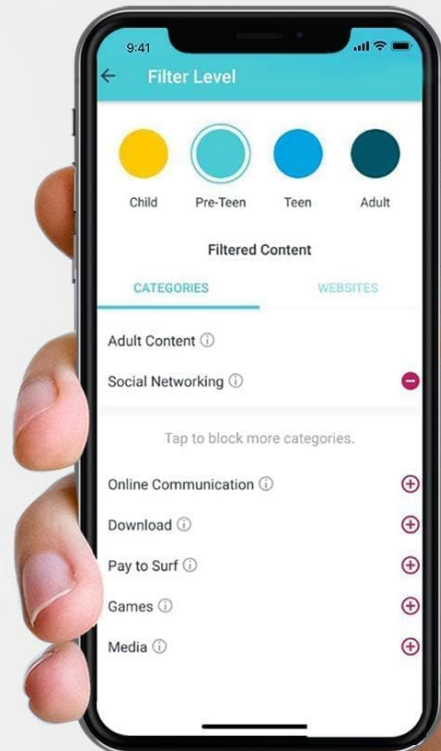


Image: Screenshot illustrating the parental control features available within the TP-Link Deco app, including content filtering and time management.

Device Capacity and Performance

The Deco M4 system is designed to handle multiple devices simultaneously, providing stable connections for various activities. It supports single-application connections for up to 100 devices, ensuring smooth performance for streaming, browsing, and smart home devices.

No More Buffering

Single-application connections
for up to 100 devices

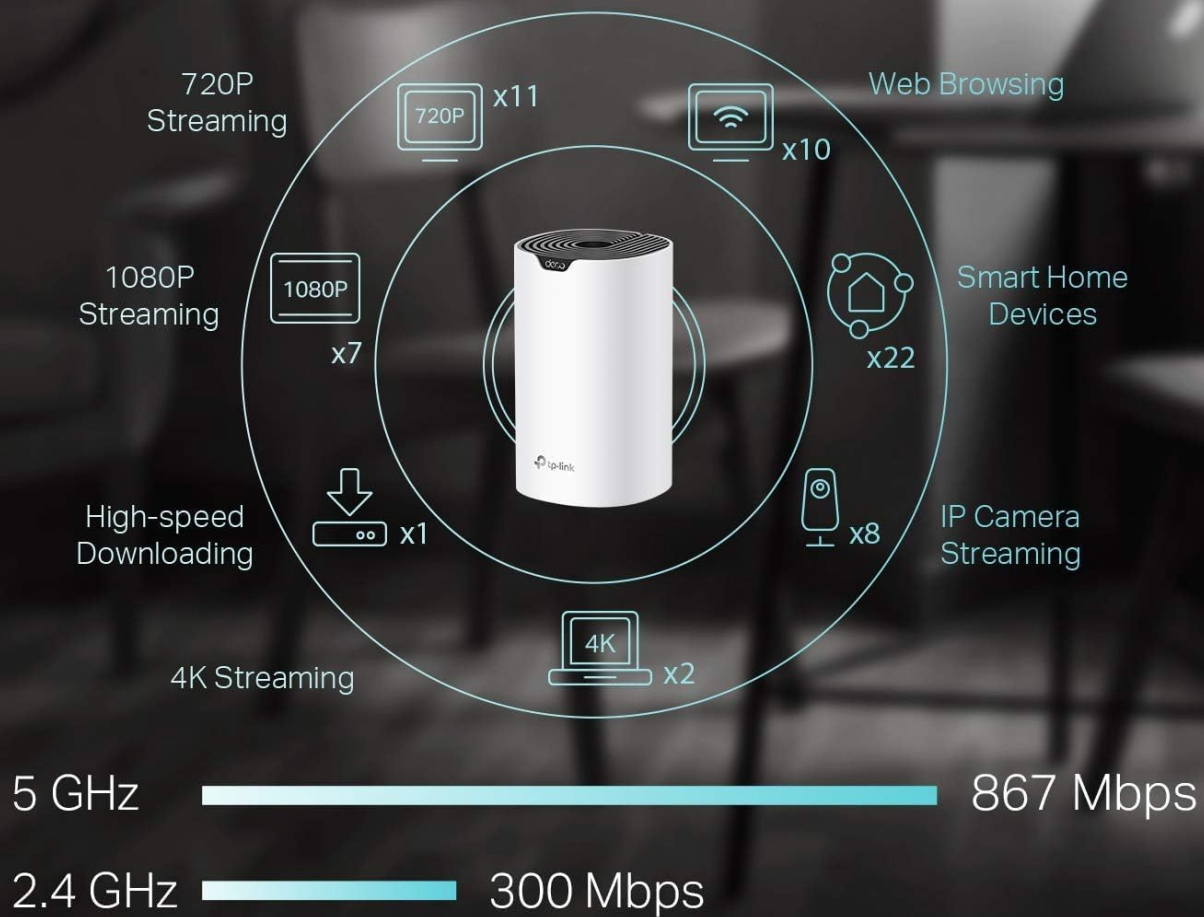


Image: An infographic detailing the Deco M4's capacity for various online activities and the typical speeds for 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz bands.

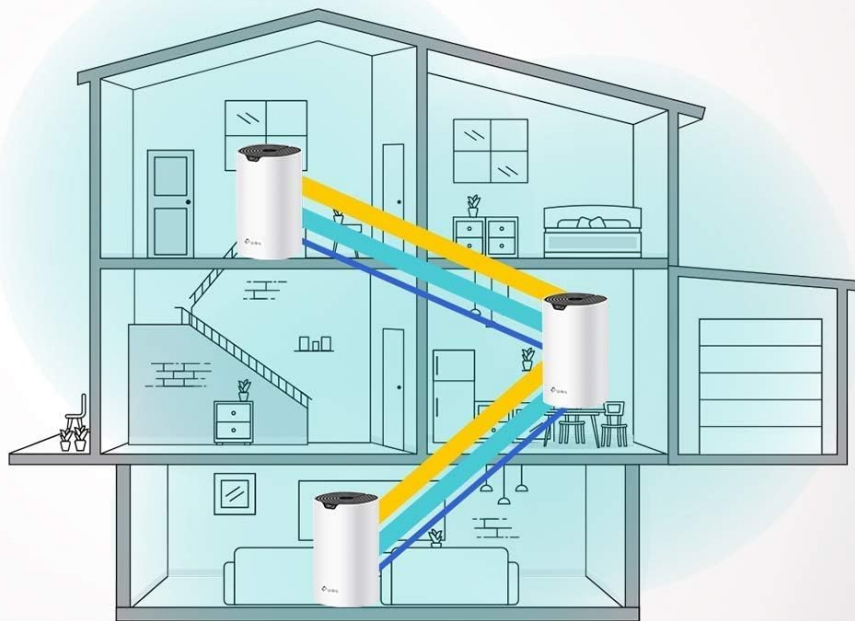
Maintenance

To ensure optimal performance and longevity of your TP-Link Deco M4 system, consider the following maintenance practices:

- **Firmware Updates:** Regularly check for and install firmware updates through the Deco app. Updates often include performance improvements, security enhancements, and new features.
- **Optimal Placement:** Ensure Deco units are placed in open areas, away from large metal objects, thick walls, and other sources of interference (e.g., microwaves, cordless phones). Refer to the "WiFi Dead Zone Killer" image for ideal placement strategies.
- **Cleaning:** Keep the units clean and free from dust accumulation, which can affect ventilation and performance. Use a soft, dry cloth for cleaning.
- **Rebooting:** Periodically rebooting your Deco system (unplugging and replugging the power) can help resolve minor network issues and refresh connections.

WiFi Dead Zone Killer

Covers up to 5,500 sq. ft.
Ideal for 3-5 bedroom homes.



2.4 GHz wireless
connection

5 GHz wireless
connection

Optional Ethernet
backhaul

Image: A diagram demonstrating effective placement of Deco units to eliminate WiFi dead zones and provide comprehensive coverage across different floors and rooms.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Deco M4 system, consider the following troubleshooting steps:

- **No Internet Connection:**

- Check if your modem is working correctly.
- Ensure the main Deco unit is properly connected to the modem.
- Reboot your modem and the main Deco unit.

- **Weak Signal or Dead Zones:**

- Relocate Deco units to optimize coverage. Ensure they are not too far apart or obstructed by dense materials.
- Check the Deco app for signal strength indicators for each unit.

- **Devices Not Connecting:**

- Verify the WiFi password.
- Restart the problematic device.
- Ensure the Deco system's firmware is up to date.

- **Slow Speeds:**

- Run a network optimization scan through the Deco app.
- Check for potential interference from other wireless devices.
- Ensure your internet service provider (ISP) is delivering the expected speeds to your modem.

Note: Actual wireless transmission rates, coverage, and number of connected devices can vary due to environmental factors (building materials, obstacles), network conditions (interference, traffic density), and client limitations (device performance, location, connection quality).



Image: The underside of a Deco M4 unit, displaying important identification details such as model number (AC1200), serial number, MAC address, and the location of the reset button.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Name	AC1200 Gigabyte Ethernet (Deco M4)
Product Dimensions	3.57 x 3.57 x 7.48 inches
Item Weight	0.1 ounces

Connectivity Technology	Wi-Fi
Wireless Communication Standard	802.11a, 802.11ac, 802.11b, 802.11g, 802.11n
Frequency Band Class	Dual-Band (2.4 GHz and 5 GHz)
Special Feature	WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup)
Compatible Devices	Personal Computer, Smart Home Devices, Mobile Devices
Recommended Uses	Home Network Coverage
Included Components	Network Cable, Power Supply, Quick Installation Guide (QIG)
Color	White
Coverage Area (3-pack)	Up to 5,500 sq. ft.

Warranty and Support

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For technical support, firmware updates, and additional resources, please visit the official TP-Link support website or contact their customer service. Refer to the Quick Installation Guide (QIG) for initial support contact information.