NETGEAR MR6500

NETGEAR Nighthawk M6 Pro 5G Mobile Hotspot Router User Manual

Model: MR6500 | Brand: NETGEAR

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1. Product Overview

The NETGEAR Nighthawk M6 Pro 5G Mobile Hotspot Router (Model MR6500) is a high-performance portable networking device designed to provide fast and reliable internet connectivity on the go. It leverages advanced 5G mmWave and Sub-6 bands, along with Wi-Fi 6E technology, to deliver speeds up to 3.6Gbps. This device features a 2.8-inch color touch LCD panel for easy management and can support up to 32 devices simultaneously. It includes a 2.5G Ethernet port for wired connections and a 5040mAh battery for extended use.



Figure 1: Front view of the NETGEAR Nighthawk M6 Pro 5G Mobile Hotspot Router, showing the touchscreen interface with Wi-Fi details.

2. What's in the Box

Upon unboxing your NETGEAR Nighthawk M6 Pro, verify that all the following components are included:

- NETGEAR Nighthawk M6 Pro 5G Mobile Hotspot Router (MR6500)
- Lithium Ion Battery (5040mAh)
- USB Cable
- Power Adapter
- Ethernet Cable
- Quick Start Guide



Figure 2: Side view of the device highlighting the USB-C charging port and the 2.5G Ethernet port.

3. Setup Guide

3.1. SIM Card Installation

1. Ensure the device is powered off.
2. Remove the back cover of the Nighthawk M6 Pro. The cover is designed to be easily removable.
3. Carefully remove the Lithium Ion battery from its compartment.
4. Locate the Nano SIM card slot. Insert your Nano SIM card into the designated slot, ensuring proper orientation.
5. Reinsert the battery and replace the back cover.



Figure 3: Rear view of the device with the back cover and battery removed, illustrating the SIM card slot location.

3.2. Initial Power On and Wi-Fi Customization

1. Press and hold the power button on the device for approximately 2 seconds to turn it on.
2. The device will boot up and display the NETGEAR logo, followed by the AT&T logo (if AT&T unlocked version).
3. Follow the on-screen prompts on the 2.8-inch touchscreen to select your preferred language (e.g., English).
4. You will be prompted to customize your Wi-Fi network name (SSID) and password. It is highly recommended to change the default credentials for security purposes. Use the on-screen keyboard to enter your desired Wi-Fi name and password.
5. Once customization is complete, the device will attempt to connect to the cellular network. The screen will display network status, including signal strength and carrier (e.g., T-Mobile 5G).

4. Operating Instructions

4.1. Connecting Devices

- **Wi-Fi Connection:** On your Wi-Fi enabled device (smartphone, laptop, tablet), search for available Wi-Fi networks. Select the Wi-Fi name you configured during setup and enter the password. The Nighthawk M6 Pro supports Wi-Fi 6E, allowing connection for up to 32 devices.
- **Ethernet Connection:** For a wired connection, connect one end of the provided Ethernet cable to the 2.5G Ethernet port on the Nighthawk M6 Pro and the other end to your computer or network device.

4.2. External Antenna Usage

The Nighthawk M6 Pro features two external antenna ports. Connecting an optional external antenna (such as the NETGEAR Omni-directional antenna) can significantly improve signal reception and internet speeds, especially in areas with weaker cellular coverage. Simply plug the antenna cables into the designated ports on the device.



Figure 4: Angled view of the device, highlighting the external antenna ports for enhanced signal reception.

5. Maintenance

- **Battery Management:** If using the device while continuously plugged into an AC power source, it is recommended to remove the battery to help with heat dissipation and potentially prolong battery life.
- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the device. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Software Updates:** Periodically check for firmware updates through the device's settings menu or the NETGEAR mobile app to ensure optimal performance and security.

6. Troubleshooting

- **"SIM Not Installed" Error:** If you encounter this message, power off the device, remove the back cover and battery, and re-seat the Nano SIM card to ensure it is properly inserted.
- **No Internet Connection / Slow Speeds:**
  - Check the signal strength indicator on the device's screen. Low signal can result in slow speeds.
  - Relocate the device to an area with better cellular reception.
  - Consider using an external antenna to boost signal strength.
  - Verify your data plan. Some plans may throttle speeds after a certain data usage threshold.
  - Restart the device.
- **Device Overheating:** Ensure proper ventilation around the device. If continuously plugged in, consider removing the battery as mentioned in the Maintenance section.
- **Touchscreen Unresponsive:** Restart the device. If the issue persists, perform a factory reset (refer to the Quick Start Guide for instructions, as this will erase custom settings).

7. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model	Nighthawk M6 Pro 5G (MR6500)
Dimensions	4.14 x 0.85 x 4.14 inches
Item Weight	9 ounces
Display	2.8" Color Touch LCD Panel
Battery	5040mAh Lithium Ion
Chipset	Qualcomm Snapdragon X65 5G Modem-RF System
5G Bands	mmWave and Sub-6 Bands (n2/n5/n12/n14/n29/n30/n38/n66/n77/n78, n260)
4G LTE Bands	1/2/3/4/5/7/12/14/29/30/46/48/66
Wi-Fi Standard	Wi-Fi 6E (AXE3600)
Max Wi-Fi Throughput	Up to 3.6Gbps (2.9Gbps on 5GHz/6GHz, 700Mbps on 2.4GHz)
Connected Devices	Up to 32
Ethernet Port	2.5G Port
SIM Card Type	Nano SIM
Operating System	Android 13.0
Special Features	WPS, Guest Wi-Fi Privacy Separation

8. Warranty & Support

This NETGEAR Nighthawk M6 Pro (MR6500) is a renewed product. For specific warranty details and support, please refer to the documentation provided with your renewed device or contact the seller directly. General product support and resources for NETGEAR products can be found on the official NETGEAR support website.
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