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Model: Archer C54

Brand: TP-Link

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The TP-Link Archer C54 is an AC1200 MU-MIMO Dual-Band Wi-Fi Router designed to provide reliable and high-speed wireless connectivity for your home network. It supports the 802.11ac Wi-Fi standard, offering combined speeds of up to 1200 Mbps (300 Mbps on 2.4 GHz and 867 Mbps on 5 GHz) for smooth HD streaming, online gaming, and web browsing. Equipped with four external antennas, it ensures broad Wi-Fi coverage and stable connections.



Figure 1.1: Front view of the TP-Link Archer C54 Router with its four external antennas.

1.1 Package Contents

- TP-Link Archer C54 Wi-Fi Router
- Power Adapter
- RJ45 Ethernet Cable
- Quick Installation Guide

1.2 Physical Components

Familiarize yourself with the ports and indicators on your Archer C54 router.



Figure 1.2: Rear panel of the Archer C54, displaying connectivity ports and buttons.

- **Power Port:** Connects to the included power adapter.
- **WAN Port (Blue):** Connects to your modem or the internet service provider's (ISP) Ethernet cable.
- **LAN Ports (Yellow):** Four Ethernet ports for connecting wired devices such as computers, gaming consoles, or smart TVs.
- **WPS/Reset Button:** Press briefly for WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup) to quickly connect devices. Press and hold for approximately 5-10 seconds to reset the router to factory default settings.
- **LED Indicators:** Lights on the front panel indicate power, internet connectivity, Wi-Fi status, and LAN port activity.

2. SETUP GUIDE

Follow these steps to set up your Archer C54 router and establish an internet connection.

2.1 Hardware Connection

1. **Power Off Your Modem:** Disconnect the power from your existing modem.
2. **Connect Router to Modem:** Use the provided Ethernet cable to connect the WAN port (blue) on your Archer C54 router to the Ethernet port on your modem.
3. **Connect Power:** Connect the power adapter to the router's power port and plug it into a power outlet.
4. **Power On Devices:** First, power on your modem and wait for it to fully boot up (usually indicated by stable internet lights). Then, power on your Archer C54 router.
5. **Connect a Device (Optional):** For initial setup, you can connect a computer to one of the router's LAN ports (yellow) using an Ethernet cable, or connect wirelessly.

2.2 Wireless Connection Details

The default Wi-Fi network name (SSID) and password are found on the label at the bottom of your router.



Figure 2.1: Product label on the bottom of the Archer C54, containing default Wi-Fi credentials.

Locate the 'Wireless Password/PIN' and 'SSID' on this label. For example, the default password might be **10619746** and SSIDs like **TP-Link_CCC1** and **TP-Link_CCC1_5G**.

2.3 Quick Setup via Web Browser

1. **Access Router Management Page:** Open a web browser (e.g., Chrome, Firefox) on a device connected to the router. In the address bar, type <http://tplinkwifi.net> or <http://192.168.0.1> and press Enter.
2. **Login:** Create a new login password when prompted. This password will be used for all future logins to the management page.
3. **Run Quick Setup:** Follow the on-screen instructions of the Quick Setup Wizard. This will guide you through configuring your internet connection type and setting up your new Wi-Fi network name (SSID) and password. It is highly recommended to change the default Wi-Fi name and password for security.
4. **Save Settings:** Once the wizard is complete, save your settings. Your router should now be connected to the internet.

3. OPERATING THE ROUTER

After initial setup, you can manage your network and connect devices.

3.1 Connecting Devices

- **Wireless Devices:** On your smartphone, tablet, or laptop, search for available Wi-Fi networks. Select the Wi-Fi name (SSID) you configured during setup and enter your Wi-Fi password.
- **Wired Devices:** Connect devices like desktop computers, smart TVs, or gaming consoles to the yellow LAN ports on the back of the router using Ethernet cables.

3.2 Managing Router Settings

You can manage your router settings using the web management page or the TP-Link Tether app.

- **Web Management Page:** Access <http://tplinkwifi.net> from a connected device. Here you can configure advanced settings such as Guest Network, Parental Controls, Quality of Service (QoS), and more.
- **TP-Link Tether App:** Download the free TP-Link Tether app from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android). The app provides an intuitive interface for managing your network, including viewing connected devices, setting up parental controls, and managing Wi-Fi settings.

3.3 Guest Network

The Guest Network feature allows you to provide internet access to guests without sharing your main network's password or resources. This enhances security by isolating guest devices from your primary network devices.

3.4 Parental Controls

Use Parental Controls to manage and monitor internet access for children or specific devices. You can set time limits, block websites, and restrict access to certain content categories.

4. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures optimal performance and longevity of your router.

- **Optimal Placement:** Place the router in a central location in your home, away from obstructions like thick walls, large metal objects, and interference sources (e.g., microwaves, cordless phones).
- **Regular Reboots:** Periodically reboot your router (unplug power for 10 seconds, then plug back in) to clear its memory and refresh network connections. This can resolve minor performance issues.
- **Firmware Updates:** Check the TP-Link official website for the latest firmware updates for your Archer C54 model.

Firmware updates can improve performance, add new features, and fix security vulnerabilities. Follow the instructions carefully when updating firmware.

- **Cleaning:** Keep the router clean and free from dust buildup, especially around ventilation holes, to prevent overheating. Use a soft, dry cloth.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your Archer C54 router.

5.1 No Internet Connection

- **Check Cables:** Ensure all Ethernet cables are securely connected to the correct ports (WAN to modem, LAN to devices).
- **Modem Status:** Verify that your modem is working correctly and has an active internet connection.
- **Reboot Sequence:** Power off your modem, then your router. Wait 30 seconds, then power on the modem first. Once the modem is fully online, power on the router.
- **Router LEDs:** Check the internet LED on the router. If it's off or red, there might be an issue with your internet connection from the ISP or modem.

5.2 Slow Wi-Fi Speed

- **Router Placement:** Ensure the router is centrally located and free from obstructions.
- **Interference:** Move the router away from other electronic devices that might cause interference (e.g., microwaves, cordless phones, Bluetooth devices).
- **Band Selection:** Connect devices capable of 5 GHz to the 5 GHz Wi-Fi network for faster speeds, especially for streaming and gaming.
- **Too Many Devices:** If many devices are connected and actively using the network, it can impact overall speed.
- **Firmware:** Ensure your router's firmware is up to date.

5.3 Cannot Access Web Management Page

- **Correct Address:** Ensure you are typing <http://tplinkwifi.net> or <http://192.168.0.1> correctly in the browser's address bar.
- **Network Connection:** Verify your device is connected to the router's Wi-Fi or via an Ethernet cable to a LAN port.
- **Clear Browser Cache:** Try clearing your browser's cache and cookies, or use a different browser.
- **Firewall/Antivirus:** Temporarily disable any firewall or antivirus software on your computer that might be blocking access.
- **Reset Router:** If all else fails, perform a factory reset by pressing and holding the WPS/Reset button for 5-10 seconds. Note that this will erase all your custom settings.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Detailed technical specifications for the TP-Link Archer C54 router.

Feature	Specification
Model Name	Archer C54
Dimensions (L x W x H)	4 x 5 x 1 inches (approximately)

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Item Weight	4.4 ounces
Wireless Standards	IEEE 802.11ac/n/a 5 GHz, IEEE 802.11n/b/g 2.4 GHz
Frequency	2.4 GHz and 5 GHz (Dual-Band)
Wi-Fi Speeds	AC1200 (300 Mbps on 2.4 GHz, 867 Mbps on 5 GHz)
Antennas	4 Fixed External Antennas
Ethernet Ports	1x 10/100 Mbps WAN Port, 4x 10/100 Mbps LAN Ports
Buttons	WPS/Reset Button
Power Supply	9V 0.85A
Security	WPA/WPA2, WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK encryption
Features	MU-MIMO, Guest Network, Parental Controls, QoS

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

TP-Link products typically come with a limited warranty. For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official TP-Link website.

For technical support, driver downloads, firmware updates, and frequently asked questions, please visit the official TP-Link support page:

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