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NETGEAR Nighthawk M3 5G Router User Manual

Brand: NETGEAR | Model: MH3150-100EUS

1. Introduction

The NETGEAR Nighthawk M3 (MH3150) is a high-performance 5G/4G mobile router designed to provide fast, reliable internet connectivity on the go. Featuring WiFi 6 technology, it allows you to connect up to 32 devices simultaneously, offering a secure and powerful alternative to public Wi-Fi networks or mobile phone hotspots. Its versatile design makes it suitable for personal, business, or travel use, ensuring you stay connected wherever you are.

2. Package Contents

Before you begin, ensure all items are present in your package:

- NETGEAR Nighthawk M3 5G Router
- Power supply
- Installation instructions

3. Setup Guide

3.1. SIM Card Installation

The Nighthawk M3 requires a Nano SIM card from your preferred Internet Service Provider (ISP). Ensure your SIM card is activated and has an active data plan before insertion.

1. Locate the SIM card slot on your Nighthawk M3 device.
2. Carefully insert the Nano SIM card into the slot until it clicks into place. Ensure the SIM card is oriented correctly as indicated on the device or in the quick start guide.
3. *Tip: If you encounter issues with SIM card recognition, try inserting the SIM into a mobile phone first to ensure it is fully activated and functional.*



Figure 3.1: The Nighthawk M3 is unlocked and compatible with mobile carriers in over 125 countries. Simply insert your Nano SIM card to get started.

3.2. Initial Power On and Configuration

Once the SIM card is installed, you can power on your device and begin the initial setup.

1. Press and hold the Power button on the device until the screen illuminates.
2. Follow the on-screen prompts on the 2.4" LCD color screen to complete the initial setup. This may include setting up Wi-Fi names (SSIDs) and passwords.
3. Alternatively, you can connect to the device's default Wi-Fi network (details usually found on a sticker inside the battery compartment or on the device itself) and access the web interface via a browser (e.g., by typing 192.168.1.1 or attwifimanager if applicable) for advanced settings.



Figure 3.2: The Nighthawk M3's LCD screen provides easy navigation and monitoring of Wi-Fi settings and data usage.

4. Operation

4.1. Connecting Devices to Wi-Fi

The Nighthawk M3 supports up to 32 simultaneous device connections using Wi-Fi 6.

1. On your device (smartphone, laptop, tablet, etc.), search for available Wi-Fi networks.
2. Select the Wi-Fi network name (SSID) broadcast by your Nighthawk M3.
3. Enter the Wi-Fi password (security key) when prompted. This is typically found on the device's screen or a label.



Figure 4.1: The Nighthawk M3 offers blazing-fast 5G with WiFi 6 technology, supporting up to 2.5Gbps speeds and connecting up to 32 devices.

4.2. Wired Connection via USB-C

For an ultra-fast wired connection, you can connect your Nighthawk M3 to a computer or compatible device using its USB-C port, achieving speeds up to 5Gbps.

1. Connect one end of a USB-C cable (not included) to the Nighthawk M3's USB-C port.
2. Connect the other end to your computer's USB-C port.
3. The device should be recognized as a network adapter, providing a direct internet connection.

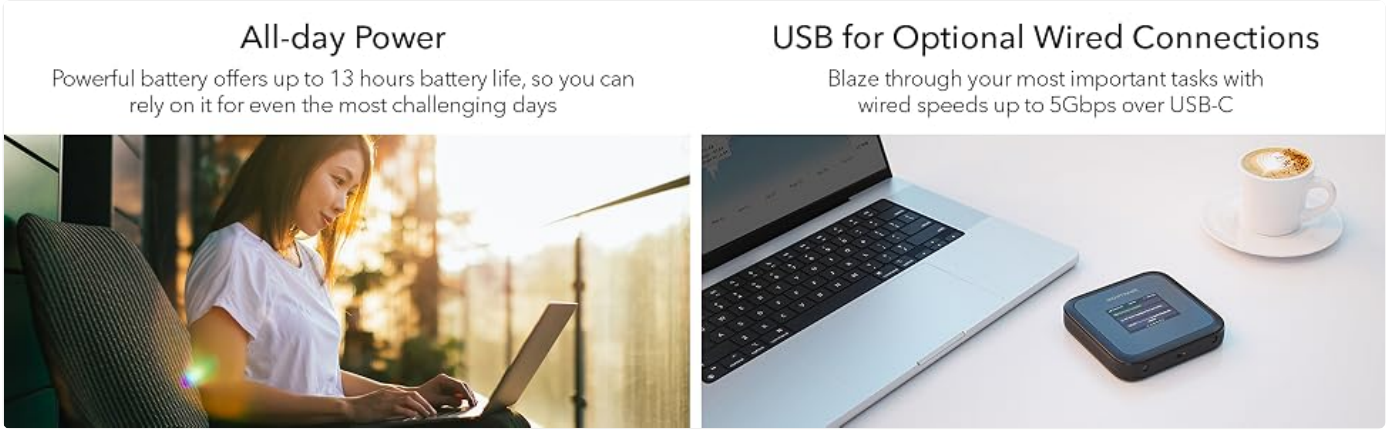


Figure 4.2: The Nighthawk M3 provides USB for optional wired connections, allowing wired speeds up to 5Gbps over USB-C.

4.3. Power Management and Battery Life

The Nighthawk M3 features a long-lasting battery, providing up to 13 hours of use on a single charge. For continuous operation, especially when used as a stationary router, it is recommended to remove the battery and power the device directly via a compatible USB-C power adapter (15W or higher, not included).

- To conserve battery, power off the device when not in use.
- For prolonged plugged-in use, remove the battery to prevent potential overheating or battery degradation.

5. Maintenance

5.1. Cleaning Your Device

To maintain optimal performance and appearance, regularly clean your Nighthawk M3.

- Use a soft, dry, lint-free cloth to wipe the exterior of the device.
- Avoid using liquid cleaners, aerosols, or abrasive solvents.
- Ensure ports are free of dust and debris.

5.2. Firmware Updates

NETGEAR periodically releases firmware updates to improve performance, add features, and enhance security. It is recommended to keep your device's firmware up to date.

- Connect your Nighthawk M3 to the internet.
- Access the device's web interface (refer to Section 3.2).
- Navigate to the firmware update section (exact location may vary by firmware version).
- Follow the on-screen instructions to check for and install any available updates.

6. Troubleshooting

6.1. Common Issues and Solutions

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution

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No Internet Connection	SIM card not activated or inserted incorrectly; no data plan; poor signal.	Ensure SIM is activated (try in a phone). Reinsert SIM card correctly. Check data plan status with your ISP. Move to an area with better network coverage.
Device Randomly Shuts Down / Overheats	Battery overheating during prolonged plugged-in use; insufficient power adapter.	If using continuously, remove the battery. Use a compatible USB-C power adapter (15W or higher). Ensure adequate ventilation around the device.
Poor 5G/4G Signal Reception	Location with weak network coverage.	Relocate the device to an area with better signal. Consider purchasing an optional external antenna (NETGEAR model 6000451) for improved reception in remote areas. The device has 2 x TS-9 ports for this purpose.

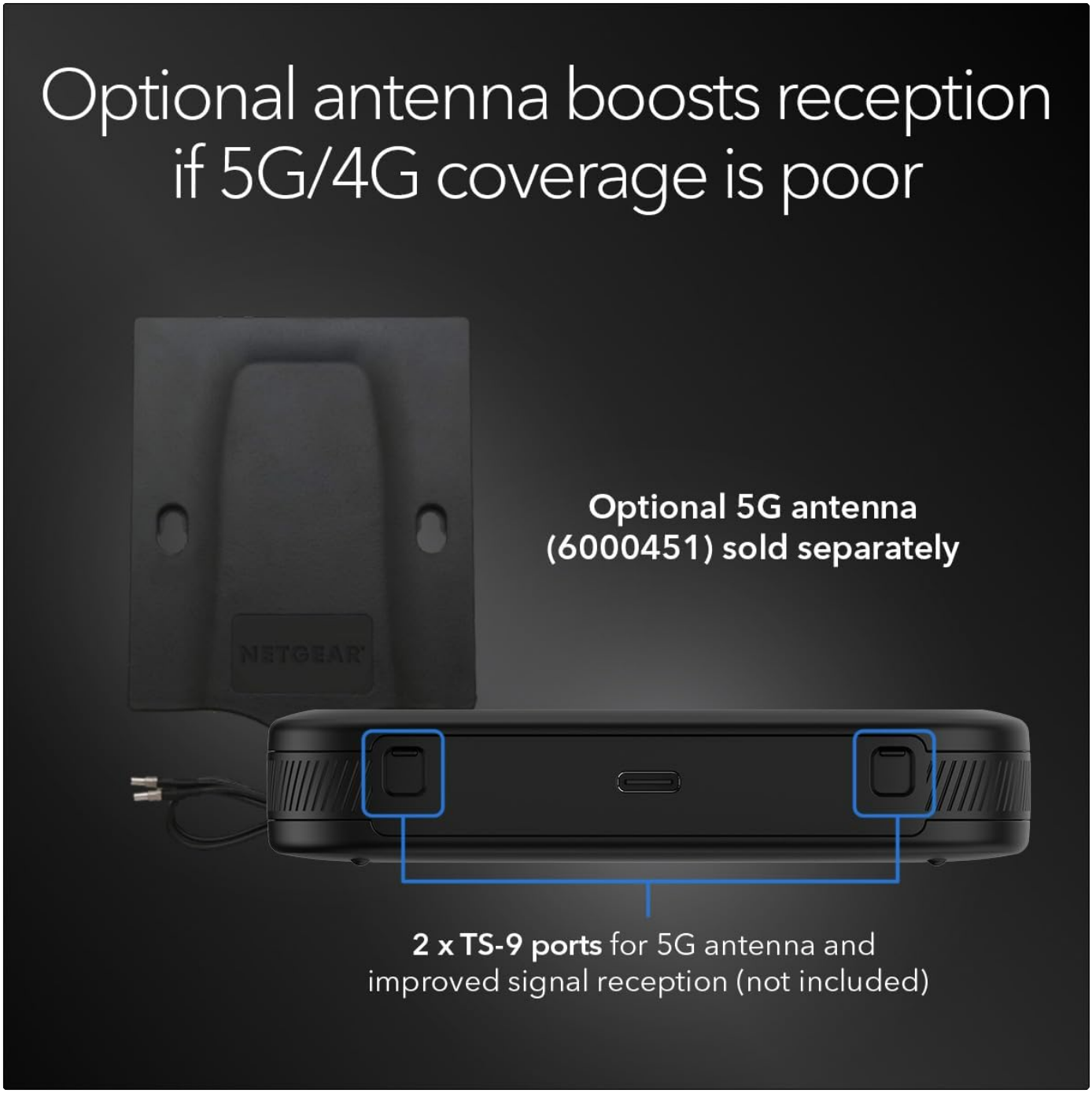


Figure 6.1: The Nighthawk M3 features two TS-9 ports for connecting an optional external antenna (sold separately) to boost signal reception.

6.2. Factory Reset

If you experience persistent issues, a factory reset can often resolve them. This will erase all custom settings and restore the device to its default configuration.

1. With the device powered on, locate the reset button (often a small pinhole) on the Nighthawk M3.
2. Using a paperclip or similar pointed object, press and hold the reset button for approximately 10-15 seconds until the device reboots.
3. Allow the device to restart completely. You will then need to reconfigure your settings.

7. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	NETGEAR
Model Name	MH3150-100EUS
Product Dimensions	10.5 x 10.5 x 2.15 cm
Item Weight	260 g
Connectivity Technology	5G
Wireless Communication Standard	802.11ax (WiFi 6)
Frequency Band Class	Dual-Band (2.4 GHz, 5 GHz)
Max Connected Devices	Up to 32
Max Speed	Up to 2.5Gbps (5G)
Battery Life	Up to 13 hours
USB Port	USB-C (up to 5Gbps wired connection)
External Antenna Ports	2 x TS-9 (for optional antenna)
Operating System	NETGEAR proprietary firmware

8. Warranty and Support

For detailed warranty information and technical support, please visit the official NETGEAR support website. You can find resources such as FAQs, downloads, and contact options for customer service.
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