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Model: Tapo C246D | Brand: Tapo

1. INTRODUCTION

The Tapo C246D HybridCam Duo is an advanced indoor/outdoor security camera featuring a unique dual-lens system. It combines a fixed wide-angle lens with a pan/tilt telephoto lens to provide comprehensive surveillance. This manual provides detailed instructions for setting up, operating, and maintaining your camera to ensure optimal performance and security.



Image: The Tapo C246D HybridCam Duo, showcasing its dual-lens design for versatile monitoring.

2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items are included in your package:

- 1 Tapo C246D Camera
- Power Adapter
- 1 Quick Start Guide
- 1 Camera Base
- Mounting Screws/Template



Image: A still frame from the official setup video, showing the camera and its included accessories laid out.

3. SETUP GUIDE

Follow these steps to set up your Tapo C246D camera:

3.1 Download the Tapo App

Download the Tapo app from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android). Create an account and log in.

3.2 Power Up Your Camera

Plug the power adapter into the camera and a power outlet. Wait for the camera's LED indicator to blink red and green, indicating it's ready for setup.

3.3 Connect to Wi-Fi

Open the Tapo app, tap the "+" icon to add a new device, and select your product model (Tapo C246D). Follow the in-app instructions to connect your camera to your 2.4GHz Wi-Fi network. Ensure the Wi-Fi password is correct.

3.4 Complete Setup

Continue following the app's prompts to name your device, assign it to a location, and customize initial settings. Your camera will be ready for use once the setup is complete.

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Video: Official Tapo C246D Setup Guide. This video demonstrates the step-by-step process of unboxing, powering on, and connecting the camera to the Tapo app.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Dual Lens Functionality

The Tapo C246D features two independent lenses: a fixed wide-angle lens (130° FOV) and a pan/tilt telephoto lens (6mm). This allows for simultaneous monitoring of two distinct areas or a wide overview with detailed zoom capabilities.

2K 3MP Dual Lens

Pan/Tilt Lens

Fixed Lens

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Tapo C246D

Live





Talk

Pan & Tilt

Alarm Off

Privacy Mode

Single View

Light

Tag Off

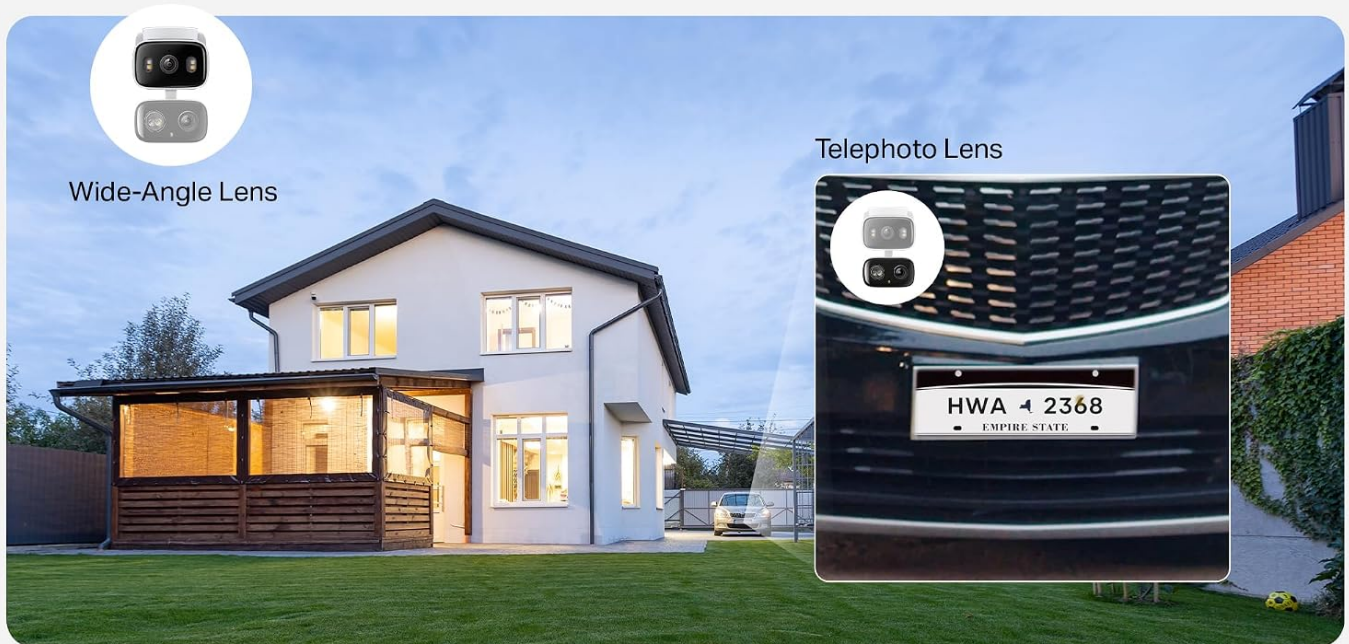
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Playback & Download

Get the Full Picture with Dual Optics: Two Views, One Screen



Image: An aerial view demonstrating the simultaneous coverage of the fixed wide-angle lens and the pan/tilt telephoto lens, displayed on a single screen in the Tapo app.



*Image enhanced to amplify feature.

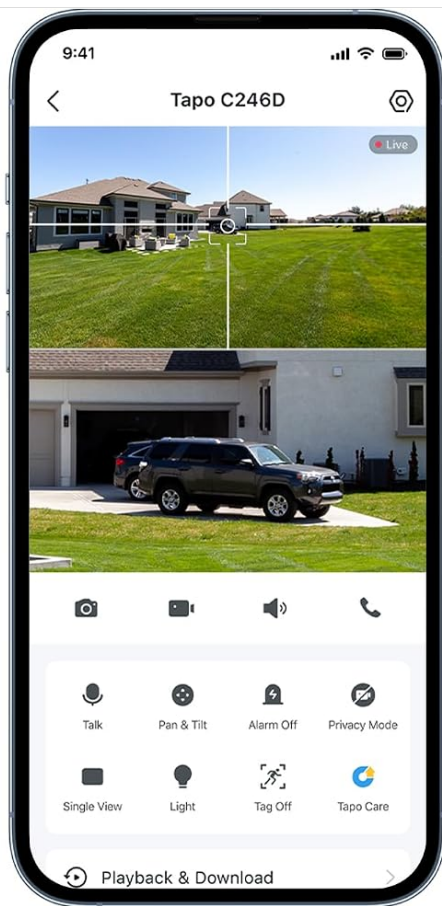
125° FOV Wide-Angle Lens & 6mm Telephoto Lens

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Image: A visual comparison illustrating the broad coverage of the wide-angle lens versus the magnified, detailed view provided by the 6mm telephoto lens.

4.2 Pan/Tilt Control and Smart Focus

Control the pan/tilt lens directly from the Tapo app to adjust its viewing angle (360° horizontal, 114° vertical). Utilize the one-tap smart focus feature: simply tap on any area in the wide-angle live view, and the pan/tilt camera will automatically zoom and center on that point for detailed inspection.



Instant Zoom with One-Tap Smart Focus

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Image: A smartphone screen showing the Tapo app's interface, highlighting the one-tap smart focus functionality where tapping on a wide-angle view instantly centers the pan/tilt lens on that spot.



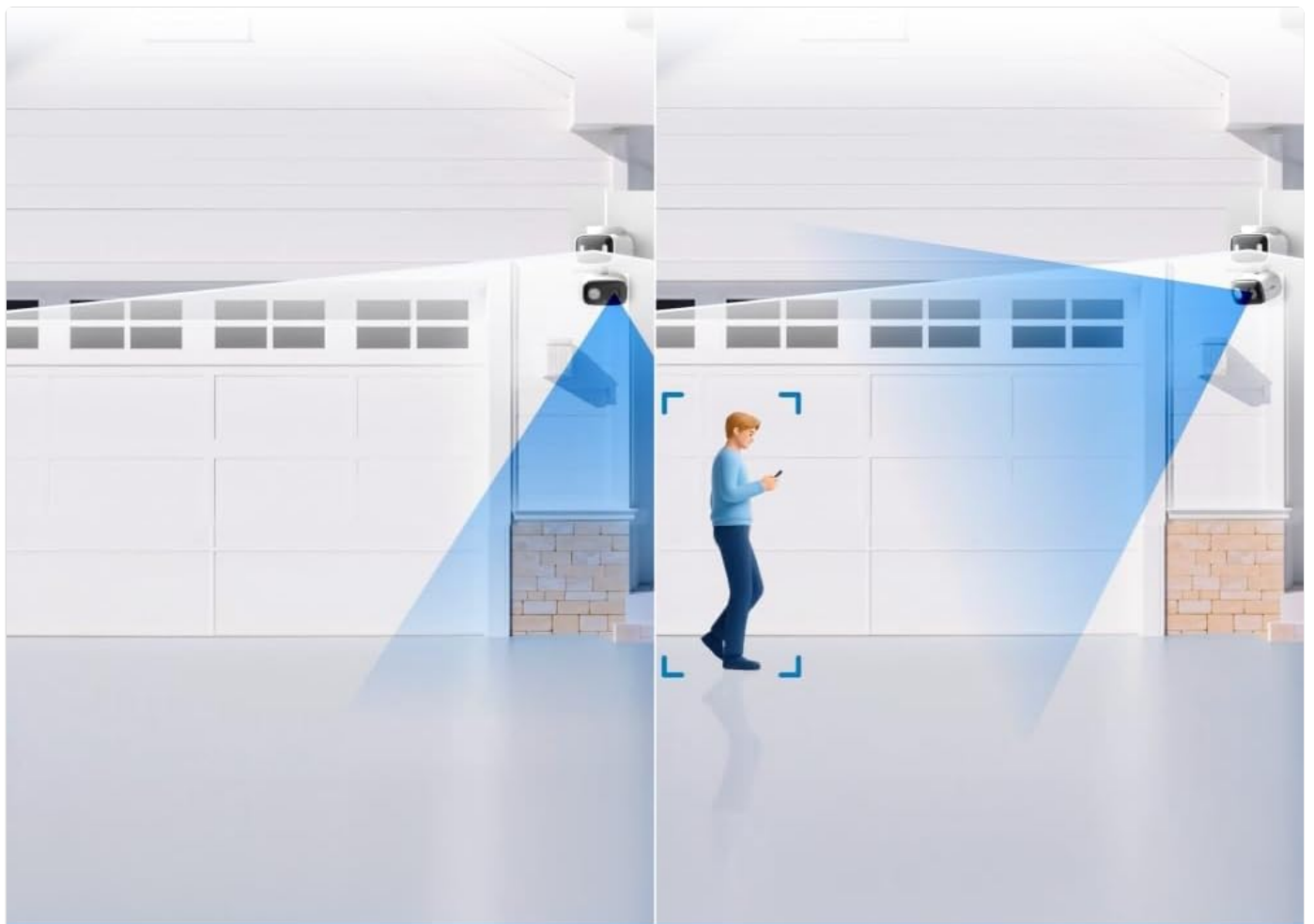
The wide-angle lens can be manually adjusted.

Flexible Coverage with a Pan/Tilt Lens **tapo**

Image: The camera unit illustrating its 360° horizontal pan and 135° vertical tilt capabilities, providing flexible coverage.

4.3 AI Detection and Smart Tracking

The camera features built-in AI detection for people, pets, vehicles, and baby cries, providing accurate alerts without subscription fees. Enable synchronized smart tracking in the Tapo app; the pan/tilt lens will automatically follow motion detected by the fixed lens, ensuring continuous surveillance.



Synchronized Smart Motion Tracking

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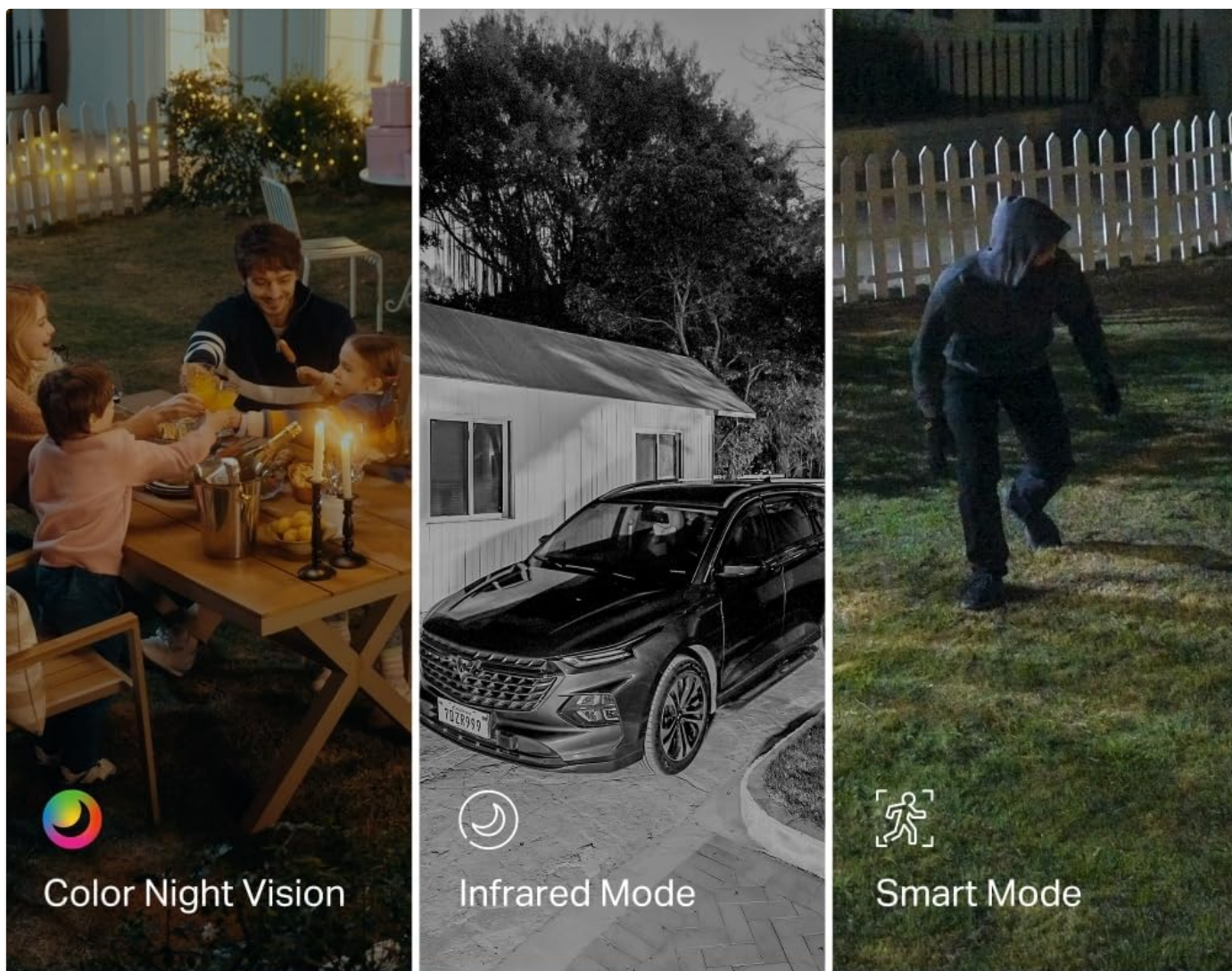
Image: A visual representation of the synchronized smart motion tracking feature, where the pan/tilt lens automatically follows a detected person.



Image: A graphic illustrating the camera's AI detection capabilities, identifying and outlining a person, vehicle, and pet.

4.4 Adaptive Night Vision

Choose from various night vision modes: black-and-white IR, full-color with built-in spotlights, or smart auto mode which switches to color when motion is detected, providing clear visibility in low-light conditions.



Versatile Night Vision Modes

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Image: A triptych showing the three versatile night vision modes: full-color, infrared (black and white), and smart mode which adapts based on motion detection.

4.5 Storage Options

Recordings can be stored locally on a microSD card (up to 512GB, not included) without any subscription fees.

Alternatively, subscribe to Tapo Care for encrypted and unlimited cloud video storage, offering additional benefits like 30-day video history and advanced detection features.



Supports microSD cards up to 512GB or subscribe to Tapo Care cloud storage.◇

No Subscription Storage Option

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Image: The camera unit with a visible microSD card slot, indicating the option for local storage without a subscription.

4.6 Customizable Privacy and Detection Zones

Set privacy zones to block recordings in specific personal areas. Define detection zones to receive alerts only from key areas, ensuring your privacy while focusing on important activity.

Create Custom Activity Zones

Precisely define specific areas within the camera's field of view that you deem important, ensuring you only receive notifications when motion or events are detected within those designated areas.



Image: A visual representation of how users can define custom activity zones within the camera's field of view to focus detection on specific areas.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1 Cleaning

To maintain optimal image quality, regularly clean the camera lenses with a soft, dry, lint-free cloth. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials that could scratch the lenses or damage the camera's exterior.

5.2 Firmware Updates

Ensure your camera's firmware is up to date for optimal performance and security. Auto-update is enabled by default and can be managed in the Tapo app under Device Settings > Firmware Update. Updates typically take 3-5 minutes.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Tapo C246D, try the following common solutions:

- **No Power:** Ensure the power adapter is securely connected to both the camera and a working power outlet.
- **Wi-Fi Connection Issues:** Verify your Wi-Fi network is 2.4GHz. Check the Wi-Fi password in the Tapo app. If the LED is not blinking red and green during setup, you may need to reset the camera.
- **Poor Video Quality:** Check your internet connection speed. Ensure the camera lenses are clean and free from obstructions.
- **Motion Detection Not Working:** Verify that motion detection is enabled in the Tapo app and that detection zones are correctly configured.

6.1 Resetting the Camera

To reset your camera, locate the Reset button cover on the side of the device. Use a pin or a similar pointed object to press and hold the Reset button:

- Press and hold for **5 seconds** until the LED blinks red quickly: This resets Wi-Fi settings ONLY.
- Press and hold for **10 seconds** until the LED blinks red quickly: This resets the camera to factory default settings.

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Video: Official Tapo C246D Setup Guide. The segment from 01:40 onwards demonstrates how to locate and use the reset button on the camera.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	Tapo C246D
Video Capture Resolution	2K 3MP
Indoor/Outdoor Usage	Outdoor, Indoor
Water Resistance Level	Water Resistant (IP65)
Connectivity Technology	Wi-Fi (2.4 GHz required)
Night Vision Range	30 Feet
Storage Options	MicroSD card (up to 512GB), Tapo Care Cloud Storage
Dimensions (L x W x H)	3.07 x 3.02 x 4.21 inches
Compatible Devices	Alexa, Google Assistant, Tablet, Smartphone

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official Tapo website or contact Tapo customer service. Details regarding protection plans and cloud storage subscriptions (Tapo Care) can be found at <https://www.tapo.com/tapocare/>.

Tapo is committed to cybersecurity and is a signatory of the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) Secure-by-Design pledge, ensuring advanced security as a core requirement for this device.

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Question

Example: How do I reset this device or fix this error?

Details

Model number, symptoms, what you tried, or the section of the manual you are using.

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