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Models: C660, C460, H500

## INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Tapo 4K Outdoor Solar-Powered Camera System. This kit includes the Tapo C660 Pan/Tilt Camera, Tapo C460 Camera, and the Tapo Smart Hub H500, designed to provide comprehensive outdoor surveillance with the convenience of solar power.



Figure 1: Tapo 4K Outdoor Solar-Powered Camera System Kit, showing the C660 Pan/Tilt camera, C460 camera, and H500 Smart Hub.

## PACKAGE CONTENTS

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Verify that all components are present in your package:

- 1x Tapo C660 4K Outdoor Solar-Powered Pan/Tilt Camera
- 1x Tapo C460 4K Outdoor Solar-Powered Camera
- 1x Tapo Smart Hub H500
- Mounting Kits for Cameras and Solar Panels
- USB Charging Cables
- Quick Start Guide

## SETUP

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### 1. Initial Charging

Before installation, fully charge both C660 and C460 cameras using the provided USB cables. A full charge ensures optimal performance and allows the solar panel to maintain battery levels effectively.

## 2. Smart Hub H500 Setup

1. Connect the Tapo Smart Hub H500 to power using the provided adapter.
2. Download the Tapo app from the App Store or Google Play.
3. Open the Tapo app and follow the on-screen instructions to add the H500 Hub to your account.
4. Ensure the hub is placed in a central location to provide good Wi-Fi coverage for both cameras. The system supports dual-band Wi-Fi (2.4 GHz and 5 GHz) for flexible connectivity.



\*5GHz band has more bandwidth but has decreased Wi-Fi range compared to the 2.4GHz band.  
Ensure that your router is in range to use the 5GHz connection.

## Dual Band Wi-Fi Connection

Can connect to both 5 GHz and 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi bands for range flexibility.

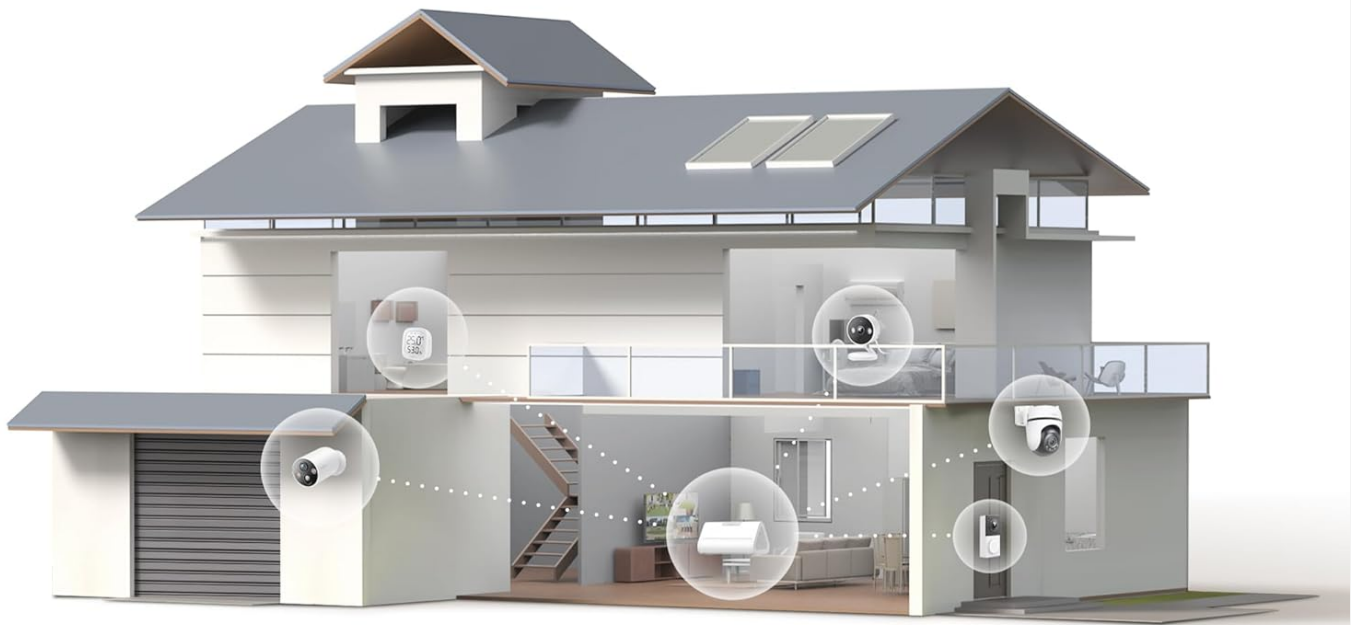
Figure 2: Diagram illustrating dual-band Wi-Fi connectivity for the Tapo system, showing 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz coverage within a home environment.

## 3. Camera Pairing and Installation

1. In the Tapo app, select "Add Device" and follow the prompts to pair your C660 and C460 cameras with the H500 Hub.
2. Choose an outdoor location for each camera that provides a clear view of the area you wish to monitor.
3. Mount the solar panel in a location that receives direct sunlight for several hours daily to ensure continuous charging.
4. Attach the camera to its mounting bracket and connect it to the solar panel. Adjust the camera angle for optimal coverage.

Up to  
**16 Cameras**

Up to  
**64 Sensors**



## Smart Home Ecosystem Center

Capable of supporting up to 16 Tapo cameras,  
64 Tapo sensors and several IoT devices.

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Figure 3: Illustration of the Tapo Smart Home Ecosystem, showing the H500 Hub connecting up to 16 cameras and 64 sensors, integrating various smart devices within a home.

## OPERATING YOUR TAPO CAMERA SYSTEM

### Live View and Playback

Access real-time video feeds from your cameras through the Tapo app. The app also allows you to review recorded footage, with options for detailed playback across multiple cameras.

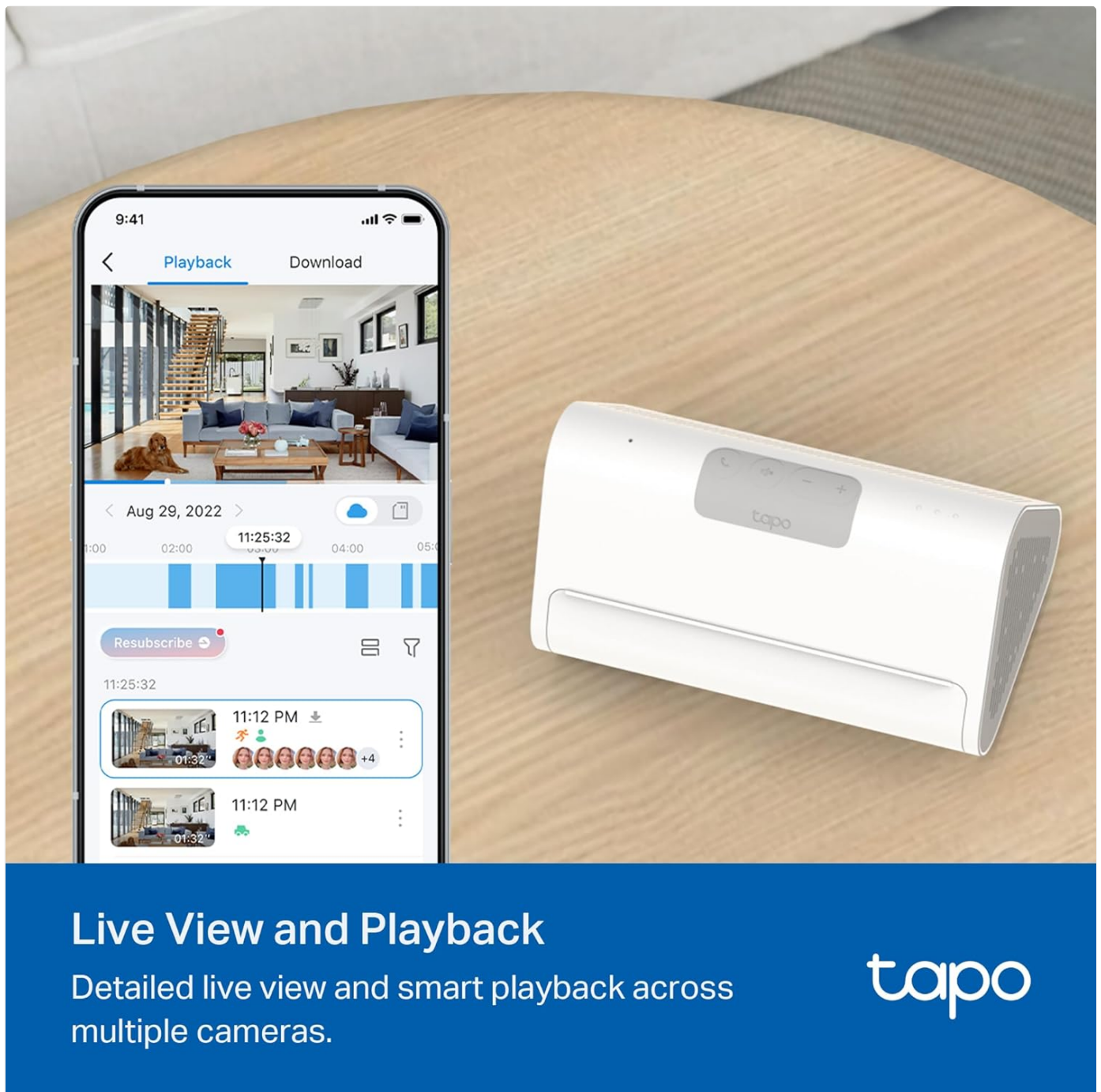


Figure 4: Screenshot of the Tapo app interface demonstrating live view and playback functionalities, showing a timeline for recorded events.

### **Pan/Tilt Functionality (C660)**

The Tapo C660 camera offers 360° horizontal and 130° vertical pan/tilt capabilities, allowing you to adjust the camera's view remotely via the Tapo app to cover a wider area.

### **4K 8MP Full HD Live View and Recording**

Both cameras provide clear and sharp 4K 8MP resolution, capturing finer details and improving overall image clarity.



## 4K Ultra HD

More clarity, finer details. Capture license plates, smaller objects, and more with 4K.

Figure 5: Side-by-side comparison of 4K and 1080p video quality, highlighting the enhanced clarity and detail of 4K resolution, particularly for small objects like license plates.

## Full-Color Night Vision

Equipped with a large aperture lens and built-in spotlights, the cameras can capture vibrant full-color images even in complete darkness, up to 30ft away.



## See in Color, Even at Night

Capture clear, full-color images in low light with the F1.6 lens, starlight sensor, and spotlights.

Figure 6: An example image demonstrating the camera's ability to capture clear, full-color footage at night using its F1.6 lens, starlight sensor, and spotlights.

### Enhanced AI Detection

The system features advanced AI functions for improved detection accuracy, including facial recognition, person, pet, and vehicle detection. These features help reduce false alerts and provide more relevant notifications.



## AI-Enhanced Accuracy

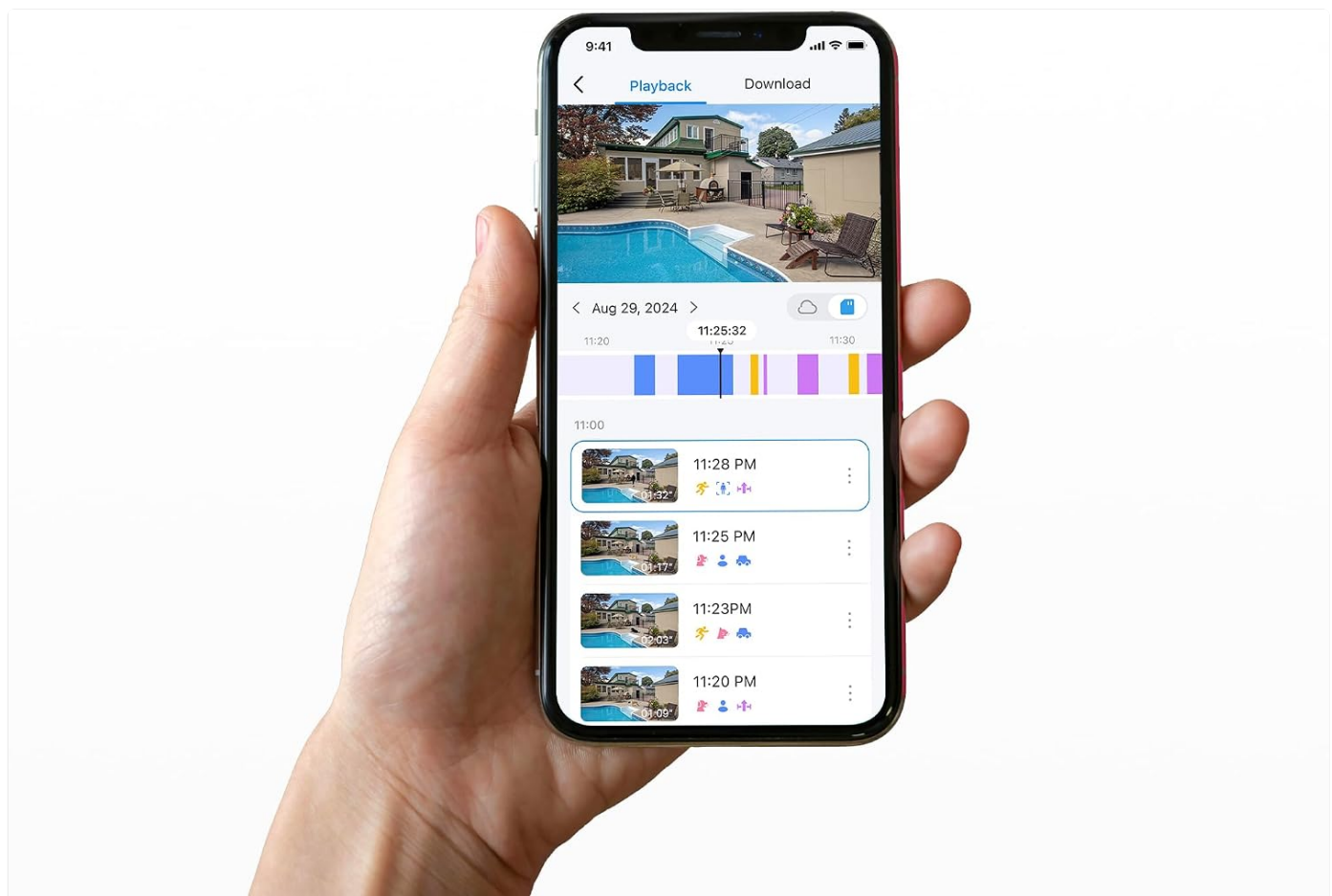
Enhance connected cameras with smart AI and improve detection accuracy.

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Figure 7: Visual representation of AI-enhanced accuracy, showing various detection icons (person, pet, vehicle) around a tablet displaying camera feeds.

### Local Storage

The Smart Hub H500 includes a built-in 16GB eMMC for local storage, expandable up to 16TB via an external HDD/SDD drive (not included). This provides secure and free local storage for your recordings.



## 24/7 Continuous Capture, Beyond Battery Camera Limits

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Figure 8: Screenshot of the Tapo app showing a continuous capture timeline, indicating the system's capability for 24/7 recording beyond typical battery camera limits.

## MAINTENANCE

- **Solar Panel Cleaning:** Periodically clean the surface of the solar panels with a soft, damp cloth to ensure maximum sunlight absorption and efficient charging.
- **Camera Lens Cleaning:** Gently wipe the camera lenses with a microfiber cloth to remove dust or smudges that may affect image quality.
- **Firmware Updates:** Regularly check for and install firmware updates via the Tapo app. Updates often include performance improvements, new features, and security enhancements.
- **Battery Health:** While solar-powered, the cameras have built-in rechargeable batteries. Ensure the solar panels receive adequate sunlight to maintain battery charge. If the battery level drops significantly, consider temporarily charging the camera via USB.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

| Issue | Possible Solution |
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| Issue                            | Possible Solution                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Camera not connecting to Hub     | Ensure the Hub is powered on and within range. Restart both the camera and the Hub. Check Wi-Fi signal strength in the Tapo app.                                  |
| Poor image quality               | Clean the camera lens. Ensure there are no obstructions in the camera's field of view. Check network stability.                                                   |
| Solar panel not charging battery | Verify the solar panel is connected correctly to the camera. Ensure the panel receives direct sunlight for several hours daily. Clean the panel surface.          |
| AI detection not accurate        | Adjust detection zones and sensitivity settings in the Tapo app. Ensure the camera's view is clear of excessive motion sources (e.g., swaying branches).          |
| No recording to local storage    | Check if an external HDD/SDD is properly connected and formatted (if applicable). Verify recording settings in the Tapo app. Ensure the eMMC has available space. |

## SPECIFICATIONS

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- **Camera Resolution:** 4K (8MP)
- **Pan/Tilt (C660):** 360° Horizontal, 130° Vertical
- **Night Vision:** Full-Color, up to 30ft
- **Connectivity:** Dual-Band Wi-Fi (2.4 GHz & 5 GHz)
- **Storage:** Built-in 16GB eMMC (Hub), expandable up to 16TB via HDD/SDD
- **Battery Life:** Up to 180 days\* (on a single charge, depending on usage and solar charging)
- **AI Features:** Facial Recognition, Person, Pet, Vehicle Detection
- **ASIN:** B0FCFKZX1Z
- **First Available:** May 1, 2025

*\*Battery life estimates are based on laboratory conditions and may vary with actual usage, environmental factors, and solar panel exposure.*

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official Tapo website or contact Tapo customer service. Tapo is committed to cybersecurity and privacy, adhering to industry standards and practices to protect your data.

# Our Commitment to Cybersecurity and Privacy

Tapo is a signatory of the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security  
Agency's (CISA) Secure-by-Design pledge.

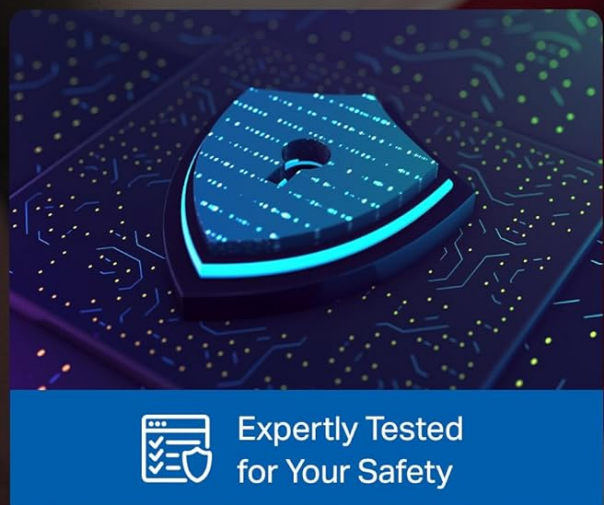
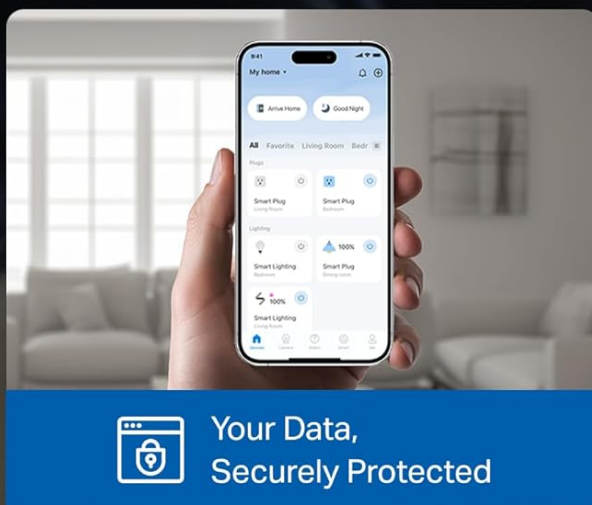


Figure 9: Image highlighting Tapo's commitment to cybersecurity and privacy, featuring icons for securely protected data and expert testing for safety.

You can also find additional resources, FAQs, and community forums on the Tapo support page.

