

Google Redesigns the Router

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Google claims to have an easier way for customers to manage and connect to home networks-- the OnHub, a "different kind of router" promising quick and stable wifi connectivity with setup based around a mobile app.



The result of a collaboration with TP-Link, the OnHub does not look like a regular, antenna-equipped router. Instead it is an Amazon Echo-style cylinder featuring 13 (six 2.4GHz, six 5GHz and one congestion monitor) internal antennas, 4GB internal storage and "subtle, useful lighting."

Wifi speeds clock at up to 1900Mbps, with smart device support including 802.15.4i, Bluetooth Smart Ready and Weave.

As mentioned earlier setup and management come through Google On mobile device (Android and iOS) app-- one allowing users to manage bandwidth use, run network checks and even easily share passwords with family and friends.

The OnHub will initially be available in N. America before eventual global release. Google also plans to launch other OnHub devices with other hardware partners in the future, with a second, Asus device launching later this year.

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