

5 steps to enable 5GHz WiFi on TP-Link router

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Most routers can operate simultaneously in two frequency bands. The 5GHz range is becoming more and more popular, especially as new devices with the 802.11ax standard are released.

But for various reasons, dual-band router owners may want to disable the 2.4GHz or 5GHz range. For example, if you own an iPad and live in a small apartment, you don't really need two wireless networks, as a 5GHz hotspot will be enough for your needs.

And in this case, it doesn't really matter which generation of 5GHz WiFi you use - WiFi 5 or WiFi 6.

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Step 1: Connect

You first need to establish a connection before you can configure the wireless network. Connect your smartphone or laptop to the router's WiFi network, or connect your PC to the router's LAN port using an Ethernet cable.

Step 2: Log in to router settings

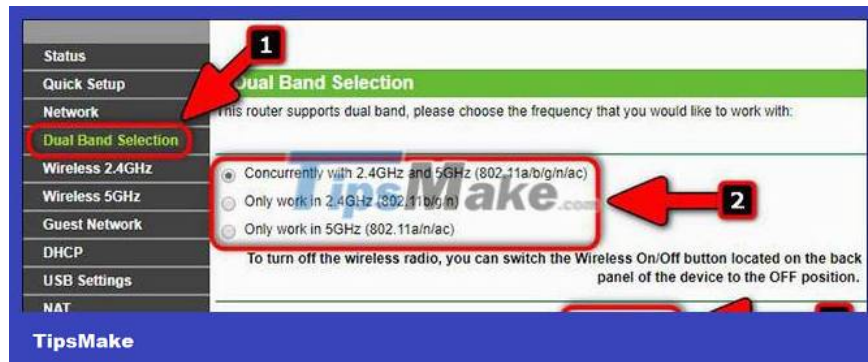
Enter the address or server name, enter the username and password to log in to the wireless router's configuration page. See the label on the router or the documentation on the official website. If you can't find your username or password, you can factory reset your router at any time.

Step 3: Choose 2.4GHz, 5GHz band or both

Go to **Dual Band Selection** .

Here, to activate the 5GHz band, you can choose **Concurrently with 2.4GHz and 5GHz (802.11a/b/g/n/ac)** or **Only work in 5 GHz** .

If you want to disable the 5GHz band (802.11ac), select the **Only work in 2.4 (802.11b/g/n)** option .



On modern TP-Link routers with a blue interface design, you need:

1. Navigate to **Advanced > Wireless > Wireless settings**.
2. Choose one of 3 hotspots.
3. Select/uncheck the checkbox to enable or disable 2.4GHz and 5GHz networks separately.
4. Click **Save** to save the configuration.
5. Click **Reboot** to apply the changes.

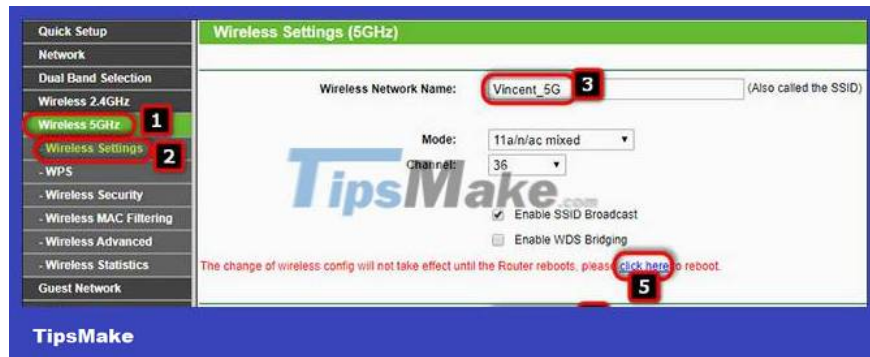
On the screenshot below, you can see that some higher-end TP-Link router models like the Archer 3200 have one 2.4GHz hotspot and even two hotspots operating in the 5GHz band. Therefore, you can choose any of the 3 networks you want to use or disable them:



Step 4: Configure 5GHz WiFi network

Name the network (SSID). For example, **Vincent_5G** and click **Save**.

Then go to the **Wireless Security** subsection and specify the password (security key) for the 5GHz network, then click **Save**.



For more configuration details, please refer to the article: [5 steps to increase security for wireless routers](#).

Don't forget to click **Save** at the bottom of each page if you have modified the corresponding section.

Step 5: Save the settings and restart the router

After making all the necessary changes to the wireless router's configuration and clicking the final **Save** button, you should reboot your router. **On the TP-Link router, you can click the Reboot link or go to System Tools > Reboot and click the Reboot button.**



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