HOW TO SET TP-LINK DECO TO AP MODE

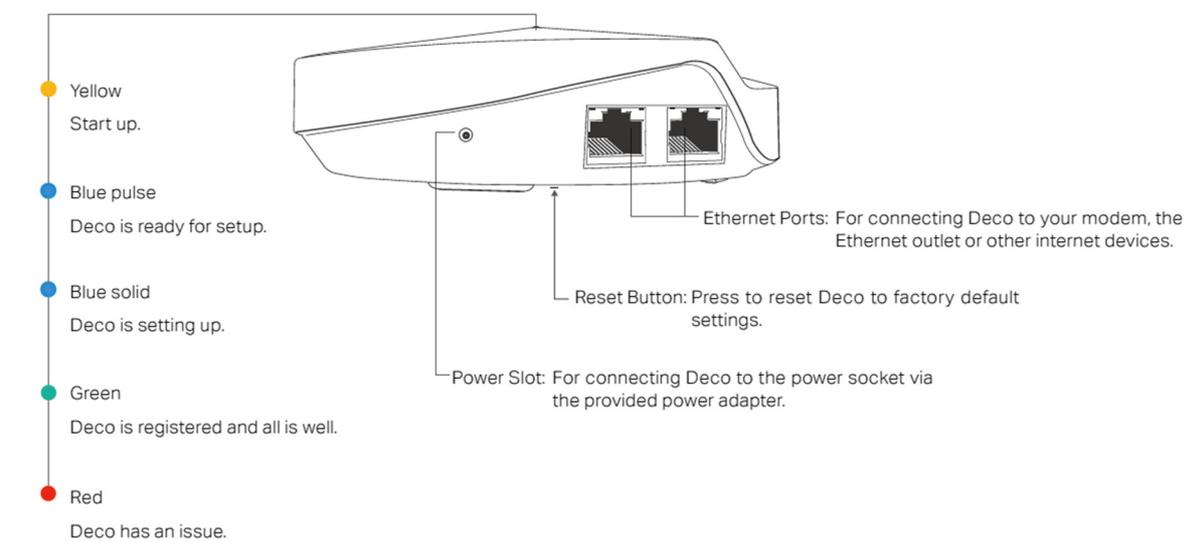Deco Whole-Home Wi-Fi

Deco M5

Appearance

Each Deco has an LED that changes colour according to its status, two RJ45 Ethernet ports and power slot. See the explanation below :

Yellow
Start up.

Blue pulse
Deco is ready for setup.

Blue solid
Deco is setting up.

Green
Deco is registered and all is well.

Red
Deco has an issue.

Ethernet Ports: For connecting Deco to your modem, the Ethernet outlet or other internet devices.

Reset Button: Press to reset Deco to factory default settings.

Power Slot: For connecting Deco to the power socket via the provided power adapter.

Access Point mode aims to extend the existing wired network and expand the wireless coverage for a home network. At this time, the Deco system will not create its own subnet but purely transfer data between the root router and the clients.

Note:

1. Always keep the Deco's firmware up-to-date to use AP mode. If you're not sure, just tap the Settings icon at the bottom right corner, then tap Update Deco for a check.
2. Please make sure you have installed the latest Deco app version to use AP mode:

   For Android: 1.2.5 or later version

   For iOS: 1.2.9 or later version

3. In AP mode, the Deco system will not act as a DHCP server to assign IP addresses to the clients. Please make sure you have enabled the DHCP server function on the root router.
4. In AP mode, since all the clients are managed by the root router, some advanced features will not be available on the Deco app, including Antivirus, Parental Controls, Port Forwarding, Address Reservation, TP-Link DDNS, etc.
5. Ethernet Backhaul could still take effect in AP mode.
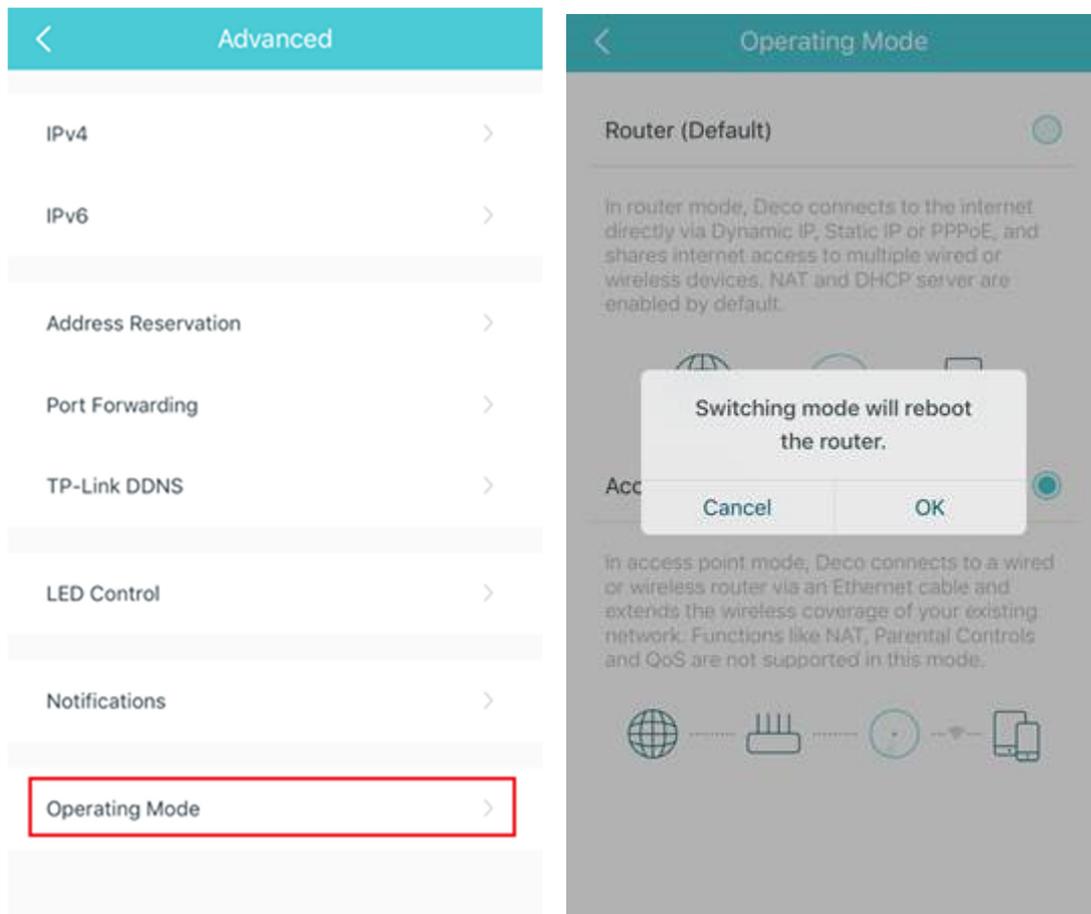
Typical Setup

Step 1

Launch the Deco app, tap the Settings icon at the bottom right corner, then tap Advanced.

Step 2

Tap Operating Mode, then choose Access Point mode. The app will indicate to reboot the router, tap OK.

Step 3

Wait for about 2 minutes until the LED light recovers to solid green, then the Deco system should work in AP mode.

In AP mode, you're able to change some basic settings on the Deco app including Wireless Settings, LED Control, etc.

In addition, you can also tap Advanced -> Working Mode to switch back to Router mode.