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Quick Start

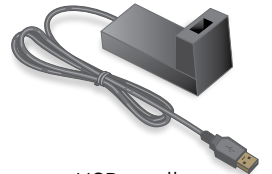
NIGHTHAWK®

Wireless AXE3000 WiFi 6/6E
USB 3.0 Adapter
Model A8000

Package contents



WiFi USB adapter



USB cradle



USB thumb drive



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Step 1: Copy or Download the A8000 Installation Program

Copy the A8000 installation program from the supplied USB thumb drive to your computer or visit <https://www.netgear.com/A8000-download> and download the A8000 installation program.

Step 2: Verify that Windows is up-to-date

Make sure that your computer is running an up-to-date version of Windows 10 or Windows 11.

For more information about updating Windows, see Microsoft's [Update Windows](#) support article.

NOTE: Microsoft only supports the 6 GHz band (WiFi 6E) on Windows 11.

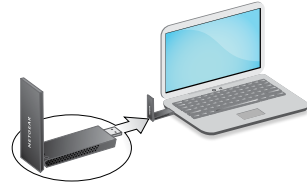
Step 3: Insert the adapter

Select the configuration that works best for you.

- **With the desktop cradle:**



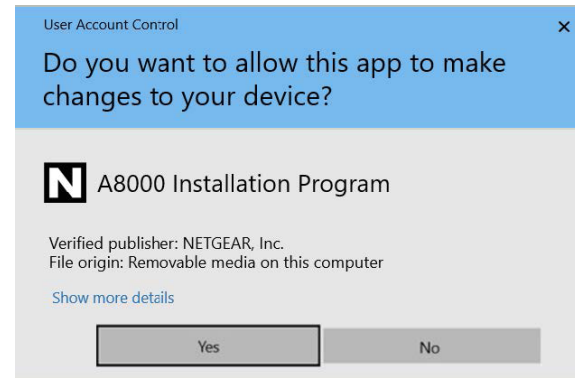
- **Without the desktop cradle:**



Step 4: Run the A8000 Installation Program

1. Extract the files from the **.zip** file.
2. Double-click the **A8000 Windows Installation** program file that ends in **.exe**.

NOTE: If a User Account Control window appears that asks if you want to allow the app to make changes to your device, select **Yes**.



3. Follow the steps displayed on screen to complete installation.

NOTE: The installation program gives you the option to disable other WiFi adapters. For best performance, we recommend that you disable other adapters.

4. Click **Finish** to exit the installation wizard.

Step 5: Join a WiFi network

1. Open the WiFi network settings on your computer by right-clicking the WiFi icon (📶) or the No Internet Access icon (🌐) displayed in the lower right corner of your screen.

2. (Windows 11 only) Click **Manage Wi-Fi connections (>)**, which is next to the WiFi icon.

3. Select your network's name.

4. Click **Connect**.

5. Enter the network security key (WiFi password).

6. Click **Next**.

When you see the message "Connected, secured", setup is complete.

7. Press the **ESC** key or click on the desktop to exit WiFi network settings.

Step 6: Register your A8000

Scan the QR code or visit <https://www.netgear.com/register> to register your A8000 and receive the latest driver updates and other information.

