

Linksys takes to CES 2020 to announce a range of networking hardware featuring 5G and Wifi 6 technology, all promising to bring faster downloads and lower latency while future-proofing the home.



The first set of products announced revolves around 5G. The 5G Mobile Hotspot offers both 5G and Wifi 6, and has a USB for Quick Charge capabilities. The 5G Modem provides access to 5G networking at home, and combines with Velop systems to provide mesh networking. The Velop 5G Mesh Gateway does something with Linksys Intelligent Mesh technology and AX/Wifi 6 for a two-in-one modem and router solution. Finally the 5G Outdoor Router does what it says on the tin, and adds a 10Gbps wired connection.

Moving on to Wifi 6 solutions, the MR9600 dual-band mesh Wifi 6 router promises x4 faster

speeds, broader range and increased capacity, with Intelligent Mesh technology allowing further range expansion through Velop nodes or mesh routers. Meanwhile 8-stream Wifi 6 technology brings speeds of up to 6000Mbps through simultaneous dual-band 2.4 and 5GHz connections.

The Velop range also gets a Wifi 6 offering through the AX4200, a Wifi 6 mesh system with Intelligent Mesh technology, Bluetooth connectivity and advanced security settings. Each node covers up to 280 square metres, and the 8-stream Wifi 6 technology provides speeds of up to 4200Mbps using tri-band (2.4, 5, 5GHz) connections.

The above Linksys solutions should start shipping from Q2 2020.

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