

TP-Link Announces 802.11ad Router

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CES 2016 has TP-Link announce what it claims is the first 802.11ad router in the world-- the Talon AD7200, a faintly terrifying multi-pronged beast promising faster downloads at short distances.



Designed to sit on top of the existing 2.4GHz and 5GHz wifi bands, 802.11ad uses the 60GHz frequency. The Talon AD7200 features a Qualcomm chipset combining all frequencies for connection speeds reaching up to 7.2Gbp (TP-Link says it allows users to download an entire 4K movie in around 4 minutes), if with the cost of shorter distances and low wall penetration.

802.11a, b, g, n and ac wifi support is also included, while MU-MIMO technology promises to reduce bottlenecks when providing internet connections to multiple devices.

Being high-end TP-Link hardware, the router is big, black and looks like something out of Star Wars. It sports no less than 8 adjustable antennas complete with powered amplifiers, and further connectivity comes through 2 USB 3.0 ports and 4 ethernet ports.

The Talon AD7200 should hit the market later on 2016.

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