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Applicable to 6 GHz devices only: Only use the device indoors. The operation of 6 GHz devices is prohibited on oil platforms, cars, trains, boats, and aircraft, except that operation of this device is permitted in large aircraft while flying above 10,000 feet. Operation of transmitters in the 5.925-7.125 GHz band is prohibited for control of or communications with unmanned aircraft systems.

# NETGEAR®

## Quick Start

### NIGHTHAWK®

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

## Package contents



WiFi USB adapter

USB cradle

USB thumb drive

# Step 1: Copy or download the A8000 Installation Program file

Plug the supplied USB thumb drive into your computer, then copy the A8000 installation program file (**A8000 Windows Installation Program V1.x.x.xxx_x.x.xx.zip**) to your computer. After copying the installation program file to your computer, remove the USB thumb drive.

Instead of using the thumb drive, you can also visit netgear.com/A8000-download and download the A8000 installation program.

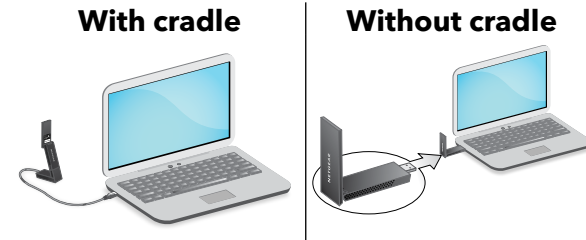# Step 2: Verify that Windows is up-to-date

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 Windows 11 is required to connect to the 6 GHz band (WiFi 6E). Windows 10 only supports the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz bands.
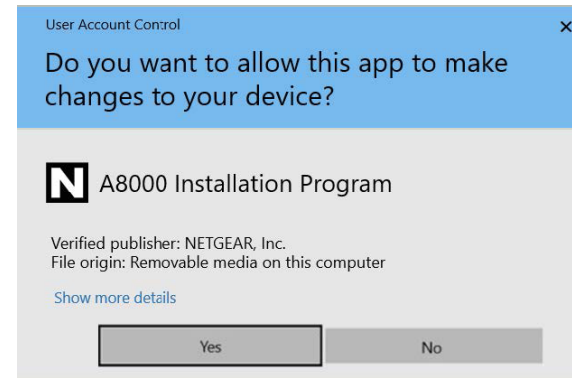
# Step 3: Insert the adapter

Select the connection that works best for you.

**With cradle** | **Without cradle**

# Step 4: Run the A8000 Installation Program

1. Right-click the the A8000 installation program file (**A8000 Windows Installation Program V1.x.x.xxx_x.x.xx.zip**) that you previously copied to your computer and select **Extract All**.

2. Click **Extract**.

3. Double-click **A8000 Windows Installation Program V1.x.x.xxx_x.x.xx.exe** to launch the installation program.

**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**.

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User Account Control ✕

Do you want to allow this app to make changes to your device?

**N** A8000 Installation Program

Verified publisher: NETGEAR, Inc.
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Show more details

Yes | No

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4. 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.

5. 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.