

Netgear R6400v1 DD-WRT Flash & Recovery Cheat Sheet

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Q: After flashing DD-WRT, I can't access 192.168.1.1. What now?

A:

- Make sure you're connected by Ethernet, not Wi-Fi.
- Set a static IP on your computer (e.g., 192.168.1.10).
- Try `http://192.168.1.1` again.
- If still stuck: perform a 30/30/30 reset to clear NVRAM.

Q: Router power light stays orange after flashing?

A:

- Soft-brick detected.
- Use TFTP recovery to flash stock firmware.
- Follow the Recovery Checklist carefully.

Q: Flash upload failed / browser gave an error?

A:

- Clear your browser cache.
- Try using a different browser (Edge, Firefox, etc.).
- Make sure you are flashing the `factory-to-ddwrt.chk` file for first installs.
- Always use a wired connection (not Wi-Fi).

Q: Flash seemed successful, but Wi-Fi doesn't work?

A:

- Go into DD-WRT Wireless Settings and set up SSID manually.
- Make sure region and channel are set correctly.
- Perform a NVRAM reset after first boot if wireless issues persist.

Q: How can I tell if my router entered TFTP recovery mode?

A:

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- Power LED stays solid orange.
- Ethernet lights are active when you plug in.
- Router will respond to ping 192.168.1.1 with TTL=100.

Q: Should I flash "latest" DD-WRT builds every time?

A:

- No. Always check the DD-WRT forum first.
- Some builds are buggy or have serious Wi-Fi/VPN issues.
- Recommended builds for R6400v1 are often called out (e.g., build 44715).