or making things easier in future, I will try to expand on Kees17760's explanation here and make a new step-by-step guide, as I just did with my [R7000](https://amzn.to/32SEjYr" \t "https://www.linksysinfo.org/index.php?threads/asuswrt-merlin-on-netgear-r7000.71108/_blank):  
**How to go from AsusWrt-Merlin-XVortex NG (=version 384.xx) on [R7000](https://amzn.to/32SEjYr" \t "https://www.linksysinfo.org/index.php?threads/asuswrt-merlin-on-netgear-r7000.71108/_blank) back to stock, from any CFE:**  
  
Thes instructions in this little guide are best practises from my own and some other people's experiences. I am no official, no developer, just an user who likes toying around with these devices. Of course there's no warranty for the process to not brick your router and no one can hold me responsible Wink    ;)  
  
Use a wired (Ethernet) connection to your router instead of WiFi!  
After each step wait for the router's wild LED flashing to settle down and the UI being responsive again!  
Do NOT just run through the commands without thinking over what you are about to do!  
  
01. Restore factory settings from UI, router will reboot automatically  
02. Flash "R7000\_380.70\_0.trx" using the UI, wait for the router to reboot  
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**Perform steps 04 to 07 only if you have a custom CFE on your router! Otherwise skip directly to 08!**  
04. copy "mtd-write" and "r7000EU-stockcfe1.0.0.0.bin" (preferably your own backup from stock!) to the router using putty or scp  
05. make mtd-write executable: chmod +x mtd-write  
06. flash the CFE file using mtd-write: ./mtd-write -i r7000EU-stockcfe1.0.0.0.bin -d boot  
07. Restore factory settings from UI, router will rebot automatically  
  
08. Flash the back-to-stock firmware "[R7000](https://amzn.to/32SEjYr" \t "https://www.linksysinfo.org/index.php?threads/asuswrt-merlin-on-netgear-r7000.71108/_blank)-V1.0.3.80\_1.1.38.trx" using the UI, wait for the router to reboot, unless you get a message to do so yourself.  
09. Restore factory settings from UI, router will reboot automatically  
  
10. Let the router boot the Netgear software a first time  
11. Restore factory settings from UI, the router will rebot automatically  
  
12. Flash the [Netgear firmware](https://www.netgear.com/support/product/R7000" \l "download" \t "https://www.linksysinfo.org/index.php?threads/asuswrt-merlin-on-netgear-r7000.71108/_blank) of your choice.  
13. Restore factory settings from UI, the router will rebot automatically  
14. The router now is in genuine vanilla state  
  
**[Here's an archive](https://archive.org/details/r-7000-xvortex-back-to-stock-complete.-7z" \t "https://www.linksysinfo.org/index.php?threads/asuswrt-merlin-on-netgear-r7000.71108/_blank) with all needed files for this guide!**  
**I also included a working CFE 1.0.0.0 in case you don't have your personal backup anymore. From my current state of information there's no need to edit this CFE's MAC adresses, as all CFE 1.0.0.0 I have seen, yet, have the same MAC adress included!**  
(In case no download link is working anymore, please PM me).  
  
  
If you feel thankful and completed this guide using your **own, original stock backup of your router's CFE**, then it would be very nice, if you could upload your CFE here in a PM to me, with information on which land and region your router was officially sold at, and the approximate time (year/month) you bought it, so I could include a region dependent selection of CFEs in a later update!