

# Router Reviews - From Our Forum Members

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## **Routers included here are:**

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## Linksys

### **Router: Linksys WCG200**

#### **From Forum Member: HEYMAN12**

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#### **From Forum Member: HEYMAN12**

Wireless G Cable Gateway

Cable Modem and Wireless G router.

Compatible with both wireless G and wireless B devices.

Max WLAN (Wireless) Speed: 54 Mbs

Max LAN (Wired) Speed: 100 Mbs

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SSID broadcast, preventing people from seeing your network, or use Mac address filtering. The DS does work with those security measures.

### **Router: Linksys WRT150N**

**From Forum Member:** ZELDAFANBOY25

With my Wii: Works marvelously! Whereas I had trouble setting up my laptop's connection to it, setting it up with the Wii was very easy. Furthermore, if you have a pc, the helpful installation disk and software is extremely useful for managing the devices that connect to it. If at first it doesn't work with all devices (laptop) try changing the channel and also make sure it only uses 802.11b/g, not n, as that is probably the issue (if any arises). but as I said, I never had a single problem with my Wii and this router. Price: \$89.99

**From Forum Member:** STARFOXMASTERS951

I have the same one and it works great!!!! A lot better compared to my old router a Belkin wireless g sorry I do not have the model but I think it cost \$20??? which was pretty cheap but you get what you pay for LOL

### **Router: Linksys WRT54G**

**From Forum Member:** GOTHKID

Did the router work: It worked flawlessly on the very first try.

Price: \$69.99

Other things: I have never had trouble connecting with this router. I highly recommend it to everyone, especially if they've been thinking about adding a general purpose wireless network to their home, for all-purpose use, and not just Wii and/or DS related gameplay.

**From Forum Member:** METEOS342

I have this router, works flawlessly but if you have a lot of other wireless devices as I do, you may see much better results by changing the router channel. Mine saw a tenfold speed increase going from channel 1 to 11.

**From Forum Member: \*HEN\***

I think it needs to be noted that for the Linksys WRT54G that certain versions of it do NOT work seamlessly. In fact, certain versions make it so you get the an error code consistently and very RARELY actually connect with someone on your FC list. I believe it was v.4 that I had previously and had never-ending problems with nearly everyone I tried to connect with. It's only a few select versions that have this problem. I believe it's v.6 I currently have and it works with little to no problems.

**From Forum Member: HOLA84**

I can't get it to work. My specific router is the WRT54G. Anybody can help?

**From Forum Member: SUPERWARIO14**

Keep it on mixed but change the wireless broadcast channel to 1 or 11. Nintendo even says those channels are potentially faster and more reliable.

**Router: Linksys WRT54GL**

**From Forum Member: COOLBHO3001**

This router is the same as the WRT54G except it has double the memory and RAM, so it's possible to easily flash third-party firmware on it. Also, it boasts detachable, upgradeable antennas unlike the latest versions of the WRT54G. So far it's the best wireless device I've ever owned, requiring no reboots whatsoever.

Setup was as simple as entering the WEP key into the wireless clients. The router fully works with everything I throw at it, including the Wii and DS. After testing it for a while, I flashed it to a custom firmware called DD-WRT, which opens up many new possibilities. The

signal is three bars with my DS throughout my entire house, and the throughput remains at 54Mbps with the Wii even through a wall.

Conclusion: If you have some extra money to spend, pay a few more dollars and get this instead of a vanilla WRT54G, especially if you want the flexibility of custom firmware.

Overall rating:

Price \*\*\*

Performance \*\*\*\*\*

### **Router: Linksys WRT54GS v 7**

**From Forum Member:** CYNICX81

I wouldn't recommend this router to the novice computer user unless you want to learn a lot about home networking in a hurry. The average user may never realize that the network is not running at 100% but there is a lot of tweaking that can be done to this router.

Also I found that the Playstation 3 is required to be my place in the DMZ to avoid entire network crashes. Also to get top performance from the Xbox360 and certain Wii games there is quite a bit of port forwarding to do. Along with port forwarding certain applications for computer use esp. if you have a lot of downloading app for mp3's torrents or whatever.

All these things require the device being placed on static IP addresses. None of that is really \*THAT\* complicated but a little more complicated this it should be.

I also found that a Series 6 Samsung TV connected to the internet (live stocks and weather) will crash the network. And while giving the TV a static IP and placing into the DMZ appears to fix the problem the OEM firmware only gives you 1 slot of the DMZ. So what's it going to be, a TV or PS3 that crashes the network?

Don't get me wrong I'm not all complaints. I like this router, its actually my second. The first WRT54 series I had lasted for 3-4 years without any problems (once setup right), then I think a power surge took it out. And I've had my current WRT54GS for a year or so without any problems.

Things I like about this router and why I continue to use it is because the security is tight as a drum and easy to setup. I'm using WPA encryption, hidden SSID + Mac filtering through a secure setup page and it was easy to setup. This router is also fairly reliable (once setup right), it will stay online for months without any interruption in performance where I found some routers require the power being cycled to maintain a fast connection....

I'd rate this router a 3.5/5 stars or whatever. There are a lot more sophisticated options for the gurus and a lot more user friendly options for the novices. But it does what its supposed to when its supposed to (once setup right)

### **Router: Linksys WRT45GS**

**From Forum Member:** WIIFAN170

The router works perfectly for my DS.

The only adjustment I made was to change the channel to 11.

The range is good and works with a laptop, Wii, and DS

I would give the router a 4 due to its reliability.

### **Router: Linksys WRT54G-TM**

**From Forum Member:** -SPIFFY-

This router worked great after resetting to factory defaults and setting up from scratch. At first it wouldn't work at all. The Wii would see it in the list of AP's, but it could never get a connection test to pass (getting the generic error 52130, 52131, or 52132 depending on which wireless profile I was using). After trying many combos of channels, manual config, and security on the router I finally just reset it to factory defaults using the reset button in

back. I then set up the LAN IP and had the Wii be the first device to connect. In the Wii I cleared the wireless settings and let it reconnect. Then it made a successful connection test. Then I set up encryption and it continued to work.

I would suggest anybody getting those errors to try defaulting your router and starting over as long as you're comfortable reconfiguring it. Then clear the wireless settings in the Wii and see if it will connect successfully.

### **Router: Linksys WRT160N v2**

#### **From Forum Member: THELEGEND1**

Recently set up a V3 model. Connected to the family PC and using Cox Cable for internet access. Setting up router was a breeze. But initially had problems installing the Easylink Advisor software that ships with router (needs lots of free hard drive space, and installer wants to automatically download an update (roughly 200MB), but once it was up and running everything was fine.

First attempt to log in the Wii to the router returned a 6-digit error (101342) because WiiConnect24 was disabled. Second attempt with WC24 disabled worked perfectly. The Easylink Advisor picked up the Wii and added it to the network automatically.

Wii is currently the only wireless connection so not sure how stable it'll be once I add other wireless hardware to network.

### Netgear

### **Router: Netgear CG814WG v2**

#### **From Forum Member: ABRA3**

Wii section: Brawl, Mario Kart Wii, MOH:H2

Did you need to do anything else to get your router to work : Nope

Price: Free! (got it from ISP)

Other things: Doesn't have the best range but it is excellent when the Wii is close to the router and it cuts connection to everything if it overheats

Rating: 2\*

### **Router: Netgear WGR614**

**From Forum Member:** TG854

Did your router work: Yes. Laggy only the first 23 hours.

Anything else to get your router to work: Password WEP

Price: \$49.99

Other things: I put in the password after I moved. Before moving, I didn't put in a password.

Rating: 4

### **Router: Netgear WGR614 v5**

**From Forum Member:** LINKMAN52

Wireless frequencies: 2.4 GHz over B and G transfer rate: 54 Mbps The Net gear WGR614v5 has been tested quite well with me and my friends, very few times had I lagged during Wi-Fi play. the connection is very strong at all spots in my home (medium sized home, 4 bed 2 bath 1 story) the number of internet cut offs with this router has been 0, I have yet to have the internet inexplicably shut down on me. I have also never had any connecting to the NWC, however I'm not sure if this is my fault or Nintendo's but in some games it will be difficult to find a match even with this router being split off in 4 different directions (2 lan lines and 2 Wlan computers) it is still reliable. overall this router gets a 4/5 for Nintendo DS compatibility, once again its only drawback is the possibility of it disallowing connections from other players (this showed strong in animal crossing)



**Router: Netgear WGT624 v2**

**From Forum Member:** BORIBORI

It's served me pretty well for the past what, 4 years or so? During the time that Nintendo WFC was first available until now, my router's been fine. Not much setup needs to be done, although Netgear routers seem to have this crazy thing where it won't let you connect with certain people. This has actually been quite... annoying, due to the fact that about a third of my friends couldn't even play in the same game room as me. The solution was supposed to be to assign a static IP to the DS, which actually didn't work too well. Who knows, it might have been fixed somehow and I didn't know about it because I haven't been on in a while...

Rating: 4/5

Actiontec

**Router: Actiontec M1424WR**

**From Forum Member:** M0NK3Y

Wireless G Cable Gateway

Modem and Wireless G router.

Compatible with both wireless G and wireless B devices.

This router/modem is supplied when you sign up with Verizon FiOS. Setup is a trick if you are unfamiliar with SSID or WEP keys. Connecting seems to be a bit slower than other routers but once connected there is no further degradation in speed.

Recommendation: not much of a choice if you choose Verizon FiOS but it does the job.

**Router: Actiontec MI424-WR (Verizon FiOS)**

**From Forum Member:** MNL148

Did it Work?: well that's hard to say. I've had a huge problem with it since I got my Wii (see my other thread) here. Now that problem has been resolved and is working perfect with no problems.

Other things: This router is only for Verizon FiOS customers. If you do have FiOS and this router though, its fairly easy to set up and is fast. Also to note though if you have the problem (you get disconnected after it seems a set time) go to my thread above for the answer).

Also note: I am pretty sure the only difference between the old and new version of this router is the case (the look) and the fact that the new version can use more advanced for of encryption. Other than that (I'm pretty sure) they are the same.

Rating: 9/10 (4.5/5 if you want)

A 9 obviously because of the problem, but it seems only me that had it so everyone should be good.

**Router: Actiontec GT701-WG**

**From Forum Member:** SMASHLOSER

Wii : connected to my Wii just fine, it usually works well on Guitar Hero, sometimes its a bit laggy (mostly when playing with people across the world) I get a 3 or 4 star connection on Super Mario Strikers Charged, & I can play Super Smash Bros Brawl with Friends, & get & send info (stages, pics, replays) but I can't play with anyone. works ok for shop channel, internet channel & mail

Did your router work: yes

Did you need to do anything else to get your router to work: I don't think so, my dad set it all up so I don't have a clue

Price: don't know, it's probably on Actiontec's website

Other things: Range is fine works all over the house (I haven't tried the basement) it's on the 3rd floor in a corner, & works in the opposite one on the first floor

Rating: \*\*\* (out of 5)

## 2Wire

### **Router: 2Wire 1701HG**

**From Forum Member:** DARKNESS092

Works?: Works well with Nintendo Wi-Fi Connection, as I have played Medal of Honor Heroes: 2 Smoothly on it. Wii and DS also connect every time.

Extras: Nothing else required besides setting it up and adding the router info to the Wii.

Price: I do not remember, but it is part of a wireless package when ordering for SBC DSL.

Range: goes 100+ across my house well, although the Wii cannot connect to it downstairs through a few walls when it is on the other end of my house.

Rating: \*\*\*\*\*

### **Router: 2Wire 2700HG-E**

#### **From Forum Member: COMPUTERS**

Had this router/modem 2-in-1 combo for a couple months now from my internet provider Telus Communications and it works flawlessly with online gaming. Very easy to setup and it supports WPA and WEP encryptions. This router has a limit of up to 5 wireless devices that can connect at the same time, in order to keep the network running smoothly. Also, I have not encountered any slowdowns in my connection with this device as my download rate ranges from 1.5MB/sec - 3.0MB/sec on this router.

In addition, the signal strength is excellent so you can access it from anywhere inside or outside your home as long as you are on your property even though you can detect this router from up to 3 houses away from yours as I can detect mine from a short walk up the road.

Overall, this router has a reliable connection and keeps intruders out with updates for the firewall every so often. Keeps also a log of all people attempting to access your network with their IP address and hostname so you may block them from accessing your network.

Edit: Also posted this on the Nintendo Wi-Fi Connection board since this router works good with the Nintendo DS as well.

#### **From Forum Member: STONEREIGN**

Its a Wireless G DSL Modem and 4 port Router, a great all in one solution.

I have this hooked up to my laptop, desktop, and I use it for my DS. You don't need to install anything to make it work. Everything is setup by a webpage interface or DHCP. I bought it

off eBay for about 40\$ used and it works great. The only trouble I had with it was setting up the WEP security. It took a little trial and error setting it up. In the end I had to use the WEP-shared setting. All other settings worked fine as default. The connections are very stable.

Pros: Simple all in one solution! Nice webpage interface with many useful options.

Cons: Doesn't have the option to secure the wireless network by MAC address.

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Edit: Also, posted this on the "Connecting your Wii to the internet board" since this works with Wii as well.

**Router: 2Wire 2701HG-B**

**From Forum Member:** MARIOTURNS89

Price: Don't know. Comes with service provider.

Comments: Works great with all my devices: Macs, PCs, Wii, and DS.

Extras: For DS, switch the WEP Authentication to the "Shared" option.

Rating:\*\*\*\*\*

Belkin

**Router: Belkin F5D7230-4**

**From Forum Member:** BROADWOOD

Wii section: Pokémon Battle Revolution, Wii menu, Updates etc.

Did your router work (include how well too)?: Very well, it has cut out on me only once, and turns out it was was my ISP.

Did you need to do anything else to get your router to work (such as changing the channel)?:  
It doesn't have any channel, you just plug and play.

Price: \$100 AUS dollars (It was a deal which came with a wireless USB which I used with my computer.)

Other things: I can use it out in my backyard (which is about 50m)

Rating: \*\*\*\*\* Five stars. Nothing bad about it

**From Forum Member: CCH**

This model is actually one of the worst you can get from Belkin. The Belkin brand is ok over all. I use a Belkin myself, but everyone I've known who had the model said it died within about 3-6 months.

**From Forum Member: BRANDOS12**

This is a very good basic router. It is very easy to set up and works great with the DS. So far, I have not experienced any problems and it is working great! I bought this at Fred Myer for \$49.99 but on their website it is only \$39.99. On the box, it says it has a 400 ft range, on an outdoor environment. It may be less in the house because of obstacles and walls that can get in the way but it works pretty nice around the house too!

Rating:\*\*\*\*

**Router: Belkin F5D83231-4**

**From Forum Member: ONMIWIIWII**

I have had problems getting my Belkin F5D83231-4 Router to pass connection tests on the Wii. I had attempted every option I could find on Google and the Wii support sites. It's an N1 router but does support both "B" and "G" bands so there's got to be something in the settings that can be corrected. I broke down and called Nintendo support and got the response that this is an incompatible router and I need to get a supported model??? This router lists at \$149.00 and has all the security and range I want so I have no intent of sticking it in a closet to connect an old "B" router. I do enjoy the Wii but the developer that had the brilliant idea to support only "B" band should be placed in a new position. Nintendo is typically the type company that looks to the future so going with antiquated B support wasn't the best decision.

Ok, enough rambling. I did contact Belkin who provided the advice below. I'll give it a try tonight and will post a follow up. If anyone else has had success or gives this a try, please post your status or settings.

To resolve the issue, please follow the steps given below for opening ports.

- Please open the Internet Explorer and in the address bar type in "192.168.2.1" and Enter.
- Leave the password blank and click on "submit".
- Please click on "Virtual server" under the "Firewall".
- Enter the port number under "Inbound port" & "private port".
- Enter the IP address of this computer under the "Private IP address".
- Please check the "Enable" box and click on "Apply changes".

#### **Router: Belkin F5D8231-4**

##### **From Forum Member: 4MYWIIWII**

Ok, with the help of Belkin I finally got my Belkin F5D8231-4 Wireless router working. If you disable security, it will pass the connection tests so I then tried the following:

WPA/PSK - TKIP - Does not pass test (Error 51330)

WPA2/PSK - AES - Does not pass test (Error 51330)

128 Bit WEP - Works and passes test

64 Bit WEP - Works fine and passes test

So considering my laptops (2) connect to the router using either WPA or WPA2 with no problems, it's apparent where the compatibility issue lies. After reconfiguring the laptops (and entering the 128 Bit key), I guess I'll stick with 128 Bit WEP until someone comes up



with an update to allow the additional security. Wii think it's a Nintendo problem rather than the router. ;>)

All is working well now!

**Router: Belkin F5D7230-4v4000**

**From Forum Member:** A129260

I have no issues with this router on the Wii. It works great doing everything, shop channel, Internet channel, updates, Nintendo Wi-Fi connection works great. =] Sometimes Wii connect 24 gives me an error code, but I just resend the message, or retry again and then it works. And that happens very rarely.

**Router: Belkin F5D7231-4 (Ver.3000) 802.11g router**

**From Forum Member:** CRUNCHFANGLED

I got this on sale for \$30.50 CAD with tax, but it retails for around \$50-\$60 normally.

Installation was very easy, and it was up and running in under 15 minutes upon bringing it home, including the time it took to setup my DS to work with it. When I first set it up I put it on wireless channel 11, but I have since tested with the default channel 6 and it worked fine even though there are several other Wi-Fi signals on that channel in my area. It was very easy to set up WEP encryption, and MAC Address Filtering can also be used for extra security.

I have had absolutely no problems with it since I got it a month ago (there have been zero problems with any device I've connected to it, not just the DS). Every Wi-Fi DS game I have played has worked perfectly with no disconnects or lag. I get full bars throughout my house, and I can even play outside of my house if I don't wander too far.

Pros: Cheap, easy to set up, lifetime warranty, works 100% with Nintendo Wi-Fi, great wireless range, fast speed, perfect for someone who just wants to get online with their DS/Wii/Laptop/etc.

Cons: Router restarts when you change your router settings and save them, which takes 15 seconds (most don't need to restart). Probably not as many settings as you'd get if you bought an expensive router.

Overall I'd give it a 4.5 out of 5. For its price it does everything you'd expect, and possibly more.

#### D-Link

#### **Router: D-Link DI-624**

**From Forum Member:** SAMMY1000

Did it work: Perfectly. No problem at all.

Price: \$59.99

Other things: This router was easy to set up and there were no problems. I was connected on the first try with both my Wii and my DS.

Recommendation: \*\*\*\*\* (That's 6/5 stars. It's that good.)

### **Router: D-Link WBR-1310**

**From Forum Member:** JAMES\_SQUARED

have had no issues with it. It was easy to setup and it was easy to add the Wii to the network. I purchased this because it was on sale quite a while back for about \$35 and our other D-Link router was a bit old and was not able to support more advanced security options such as WPA and WPA-2. I use a D-Link router because they have a very good reputation of working well with Macs and this certainly has been the case here.

### **Router: D-Link WBR-2310**

**From Forum Member:** YOUR\_MASTER\_OF\_NINTENDO

this router works fine without modifications but one critical problem. DOES NOT SURVIVE! the router breaks down after about 2 months so when that happened I just bought a new one only to find after awhile IT BROKE AGAIN! so I don't recommend this router I'm finally getting a airport express and when I get that I'll put a report for that

rating: 1 star

### **Router: D-Link DI-524**

**From Forum Member:** MOYERTHEDESTROYER

I used my old DLink Di-524 for DS, DS Lite and Wii. It's several years old and the range is not great but it works fine. Heads up: if you own one of these and like me check the Nintendo router support pages before connecting you will see it recommends updating the firmware. On this particular DLink when you do that you lose all settings. Fortunately I had my WEP key written down so I didn't have to reconfigure all my devices.

**From Forum Member:** HOCKEYFAN99

I can get WEP and WPA-PSK(AES) to work with my Wii, unfortunately WPA2-PSK(AES) for this router will not work with the Wii, regardless if I am using G-mode or mixed mode. I've

even tried assigning a static IP address for the Wii to try and get it to connect using WPA2, to no avail. To compromise, I have my router set to WPA2-auto, so computers in the house can connect using WPA2 while the Wii connects using WPA.

**From Forum Member: LEWIS\_82**

Did your router work ? At first it worked very well. But suddenly, it stopped working for two of my DS games (MKDS, AC:WW), but it still worked for Zelda: Phantom Hourglass. And then later, I changed the router mode from "Open System" to "Shared Key". And by doing this, it worked again.

Did you need to do anything else to get your router to work? As said higher, change authentication mode from "Open System" to "Shared Key" in the setup page. It will still be compatible with your other devices.

Other things: When there is a power failure, you have to pass through the whole installation process (powering router and modem off, connecting cables, etc...), but it takes two minutes and its easy, as long as you have kept the user manual.

Rating: \*\*\*\*, not the fastest router available, but does the job (almost) perfectly and is very cheap.

**Router: D-Link Dir-655 Extreme N Gigabit Router**

**From Forum Member: WHIFFER**

Router works flawlessly. I have used both WPA and WPA2 (currently on WPA2 and never WEP) and no issues. Signal strength is excellent through the ceiling/floor which is to be expected from a Platinum product. If you plan on doing a lot of online gaming the QOS (prioritizes traffic) engine will help with that if you are capable of setting that up (not too hard). You don't need any extra setup past what you use for security (like Mac filtering or encryption) or if you set static IP's for your network. I also used Orb to stream video/music to the Wii until I got bored with it and it was flawless considering the Wii's limited abilities (some files were too large for the Wii's small buffer) but regardless the streaming was great.

Rating \*\*\*\*\* 5

Price. 85 USD on Dell.com (right now) but you may find cheaper (or much more expensive if your not willing to look). I paid 160 CDN about 2 years ago.

Last thought... if you are looking for a high end router then you may consider the DIR-855 instead its essentially the same thing but dual band (2.4GHz/5GHz) with a LCD display (Albeit 200\$). If I was buying a new router today I would. That said the price on the DIR-655 has come down recently after being about 160 Cdn for 2 years.

**From Forum Member: NESJUNKIE420**

Since I don't want to reduce security to WEP, I still use my trusty Nintendo Wi-Fi USB connector just for my DS Lite. I have found that, really, nothing works better for my DS Lite than that great little piece of equipment. And after a few tweaks to the D-Link (which I found a little difficult, as I am technology-illiterate), it works fantastically; we get super speeds on everything, and (for now) are even running a VoIP phone off of it, as well as having the computer wired off of it. It has the security options of WEP, WPA, and WPA2, and can support up to 32 wireless devices, although it did cost \$150 at best buy. D-Link does have a "better" quality "gaming" N-series router, which was only available online in my area, and it ran \$199. We figured we would try this one first, and it seems to work well. The company has a forum site with tech support available to answer questions, so I haven't actually had to call them with any of my little problems, the biggest of which being Vonage's problem, which is why we are switching back to embarq tomorrow after nearly 2 years on Vonage. But, oh well. I say, research your router. If you are paying for a really high speed internet, and using a G-series router, you are losing about half your speed you are paying for. And if you are running a few appliances off the router, you need to just invest in an N-series router (I've had bad luck with Belkin, especially if you have DSL through Embarq or Sprint), it pays off in the long run. Just read the manual, and call customer support if you don't understand. the manuals do use big words, and I had to look a lot of stuff up online LOL.

**Router: D-Link DSL-604+ (Telus)**

**From Forum Member: XCUBEADVANCE2**

Important Note: This is not solely a wireless router. Provided to DSL customers of Telus (a Canadian phone and internet service provider) around 2004, it is a combined box that contains wireless and wired routers, DSL modem and hardware firewall. This is not the same as the regular DSL-604+, which was sold in several countries but not in Canada, and which was a wireless router and not a combined box.

Did the Router Work: If you haven't changed the settings from the default, it works right off the bat. You can change the SSID to anything you want, but make sure to accommodate the change on your console(s). WEP encryption can also be used, but don't mess with the firewall settings. WPA also works, but only with the Wii and not the DS just so you know.

Price: It came with the Telus DSL, but if you've still got this old dinosaur you probably don't want to pay Telus to give you a new modem as well as buy a new router (\$150 Canadian total), so it's moot.

Other Things: If said cost of getting a new modem and router is not a problem, do it. It works with the Wii and DS, but it's a crippled device when it comes to everything else, due to Telus and D-Link refusing to provide tech support for it (you have to get an installation guy to come in to look at it, which is a rip-off).

Recommendation: \*\*\*

**Router: D-Link DIR-615**

**From Forum Member: FENNEC**

This router was bought as a replacement for my venerable DI-624. It does work great, but with a caveat.

1. Follow the installation instructions TO THE LETTER! D-Link products tend to be very temperamental during the initial setup stage - just allow it to configure all the defaults for you.

2. Make sure you use only WEP encryption. Yeah, I know, older then your granny's socks, but Wii does NOT play nice with WPA on D-Link products. It will work, but connection will be lost after extended period of inactivity.

3. Leave protocol on "mixed n/g/b" ("n" will be disabled with WEP)

4. No need to select a channel - let router select one for you as well (mine selected 11)

Otherwise, great router for the price. Wii and DS have connected flawlessly on the first try. A week later - still did not have to reset the router. I have verified in the router log - Wii connects on 801.11g protocol, DS on 801.11b - both fast and stable.

#### **From Forum Member: GRNDPNDR**

I purchased a DLink DIR615. This was also my first step into the wireless internet world, and into networking for that matter. The router is excellent, and after the initial setup (which was a pain due to user error only) the router was working great, Wii connected and running smoothly.

After tweaking some more stuff for security it's been working flawlessly since day 1. Cost was \$39.99 CAD on sale, \$59.99 CAD reg, unless the price went down.

#### **Router: D-Link 614+ (802.11b)**

#### **From Forum Member: DUDE9023**

The router did not work at first, but thankfully, I was able to make it work by changing the TX rates. The router works perfectly. It has a decent enough connection from upstairs and in the basement, with it being in the middle. I don't remember ever losing my connection.

(In case anyone doesn't know how to change that on this router, you type 192.168.0.1 in a web browser, where you'd normally type a site address. It will ask you for a username and password, which were by default set to admin and blank. Click on the "Advanced" tab on the top, and then "Performance" on the left side. You should set Basic Rates and TX Rates to 1-2. When you press apply, and the router resets, you should be good to go.)

Rating: \*\*\*\* in both connection quality and distance.

**Router: D-Link 514 ver.b**

**From Forum Member: JONATH**

Router didn't work until I did what DUDE9023 mentioned for the D-Link 614+:

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When I changed the rates it worked like a charm!

**Router: D-Link DWL-G700AP**

**From Forum Member: MEOWMEOWMIMI**

Did your router work? It worked but I had to get pretty close.

Did you need to do anything else to get your router to work. I tried EVERYTHING for about 24 hours. I then edited the firewall settings to the ones it says on Nintendo's error place and got really close to the router and it still didn't work. I got fed up then decided to pop in the router's setup on my desktop, then while I was waiting I tried it again and it worked. Sorry to say I don't know why it suddenly worked.



Other things: It doesn't seem to work next to my laptop about 12 steps away. \*I can't estimate the length, but I took 12 normal sized steps to get there. About one room away.\*

Rating: 2. I wish it would work the first time I tried it. It seems to be unstable, like some days it works some it doesn't.

### Other Routers

#### **Router: USR 5461**

#### **From Forum Member: THEDIVINGSOCCERPLAYER**

Did the router work: It worked on the first try without any problems. It was rather fast and my Wii had all bars of reception in my basement.

Price: 49.99 in store and about 10\$ after mail in rebates. Yeah it was a good sale.

Other things: This router by default uses WPA 2 encryption. You will have to change this AFTER you set up the router. This router also allows anyone connected to the network to access the administrative settings (if they have the pass word). I suggest you keep a long password. This router has an incredible range. You may need to knock the power down a bit so that it doesn't broadcast to the entire neighborhood (at 100% my two doors down neighbors can receive the signal at two bars on his laptop). Some restarts may be needed every once in a while.

Recommendation: \*\*\*\*\*

**From Forum Member: THEDIVINGSOCCERPLAYER**

Did the router work: The first one only worked for a week. USR sent another though to replace it and since then it has worked fine.

For the DS

What did I had to do to get it to work: The first one worked fine for a while then anything I tried couldn't get it to work. If you try everything and it won't work it is likely a problem with the router. Once I got the new one I didn't have to do anything however it works far better with manual setup.

Price: 49.99 in store and about 10\$ after mail in rebates. Yeah it was a good sale.

Other things: This router by default uses WPA 2 encryption. You will have to change this AFTER you set up the router. This router also allows anyone connected to the network to access the administrative settings (if they have the pass word). I suggest you keep a long password. This router has an incredible range. You may need to knock the power down a bit so that it doesn't broadcast to the entire neighborhood (at 100% my two doors down neighbors can receive the signal at two bars on his laptop). Some restarts may be needed every once in a while.

Recommendation: \*\*\*\*

**Router: Buffalo WHR-G125**

**From Forum Member: NINTENDO**

Did the router work: This works really well. I didn't have to set mine to any specific channels (mine is set to Auto Channel). I've been able to get my Wii online every time I've tried it -

the Wii Shop, Opera Browser, Wii Updates, and all of the other channels that go online have been able to connect just fine. Guitar Hero III works great with it too, no lag or anything.

Price: I got mine for \$39.99 plus tax

Other things: I know this is supposed to be a Wii Router review, but it has AirStation One-Touch Secure System™ (AOSS™) to connect with your DS with just one button press. I haven't used it myself since I didn't need to, but that option is there for those who want to use it. The router's control panel isn't as intuitive as previous routers that I've owned (Netgear MR-314, Microsoft MN-700, Linksys WRT54G)... for example, with port forwarding, you can't just type in a range of ports, you have to type in every port in the range manually, but it gets the job done. If you just need to get your Wii online, then it works fine.

Recommendation: \*\*\*\*\*

#### **Router: Westell Versalink B90 327W**

**From Forum Member:** ANGELWITHWINGS

Never worked with the Wii. Probably never will. No matter how hard I try it just refuses to connect. It used to connect to the DS just fine. But I guess it decided to just stop working for that too. Impossible to find decent help on getting this piece of junk to work. Not surprised why.

Rating: -5/5

#### **Router: Motorola SBG900 Surfboard Gateway**

**From Forum Member:** LEONARDO\_GOLDEN

## Wii Usage - Channels that require internet, firmware updates

Did the router work: Yes. It works great and I've never experienced any error codes while using it. It was "usable" right out of the box.

Price: 100\$ and up

Rating: ☆☆☆☆☆

### **Router: Meraki Indoor**

**From Forum Member:** BATALLON40

Works fine, at full speed. I previously reported that with a 1024kbps connection the Wii was downloading at 300kbps, that's true but only for the Nintendo Channel.

If you use the Internet Channel or any other channel, you get the max speed of your internet connection.

Currently there is a download cap in the Nintendo Channel

### **Router: BEC Technologies 7300N Wireless ADSL2+ Router Draft 802.11n ADSL2+ / Broadband Router**

**From Forum Member:** RICKSHAYNE

We got it for \$75 from our telcom provider when we got high speed internet. We have our PC & Wii running Wi-Fi connection simultaneously with very little problems. Set up was easy, just followed the Wii set up instructions after updating the Wii.

Use it specifically for Call of Duty Modern Warfare Reflex.

**Router: Motorola SBG900 Surfboard Gateway**

**From Forum Member:** LEONARDO\_GOLDEN

DS Usage: Wi-Fi Gaming

Does your router work: Yes. It works great and I've never experienced any error codes, lag or lost connections while using it. It has only given me one error code once, but it was because my friend's router was slow.

Did you need to do anything else to get your router to work: No. It was "usable" right out of the box.

Price - 100\$ and up

Rating: \*\*\*\*\*

**Router: Microsoft MN-700**

**From Forum Member:** SKIP9494

Had this router for about 2 years now. Very easy to connect and setup. Nintendo DS automatically found it with no problems connecting. Games work great playing online. Never got disconnected when I was in range and only experienced small lag when there was 1 bar. Range is great, reached from anywhere in my house and even outside around my front and back yard. Did not slow down internet connection on my computers, maybe even sped it up a bit. Only con is that the connection can be easily blocked by obstacles if your not close to the router. Other than that, it has worked perfectly.

Rating: 4.5/5



**BROOD7** 2 posts since

Apr 19, 2010 **1. Re: Router Reviews - From Our Forum Members** Apr 19, 2010 9:32 PM

Router: Zoom X6 (DSL Modem + Wireless-G Router + Switch)

Modem auto setup feature works with most DSL services. Had trouble getting Wii to connect until I changed to Wireless Channel 11 (Default is 10). Purchased a DSi XL and had to change to Channel 1 to get both units to connect properly.



**AGENTARKANE** 1 posts since

Apr 23, 2010 **2. Re: Router Reviews - From Our Forum Members** Apr 23, 2010 7:44 PM

i know this maybe a month or so old but i have a D-link wireless n router (dir-615) i dont know much about it just that when i try to conect my wii it show's error code 52130 and it sais to change the channel but i dont know how to.



**CSD13** 3 posts since

May 8, 2010 **3. Re: Router Reviews - From Our Forum Members** May 8, 2010 7:39 AM

The router I have - the "AirPort Extreme" by Apple has been highly easy to use, and easy to connect to my Wii. I'd recommend it to anyone.



**GAMEHATERDAD** 602 posts since

May 17, 2010 4. Re: Router Reviews - From Our Forum Members Jun 5, 2010 5:13 AM

Just lower the security level to WEP or (none), and you're ready to go with this Netgear Wireless-G+four slotted LAN **WGR614** v9



router!

All for less than a hundred bucks!