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Apple TV (2nd generation)

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Manual Updates

Apple Technician Guide introduced 28 September 2010

The manual covers the Apple TV (2nd generation).

Feedback

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Basics

Apple TV

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Overview



The Apple TV (2nd generation) has several differences from the first generation Apple TV:

- Redesigned smaller case, in black
- No hard drive
- Content streaming only
- Micro USB port
- No Component video and RCA audio ports
- · Status light has only a white color

Minimum System Requirements

See Apple TV Tech Specs for minimum system requirements: http://support.apple.com/specs/#appletv.

For Apple TV testing, you should update to the latest versions of all OS and iTunes software.

- Software Update... can be used to install the latest Mac OS and iTunes updates
- iTunes is available for download at: http://www.apple.com/itunes/download/

Apple TV (2nd generation) At-A-Glance

The Apple TV ports and the controls on the remote are referred to throughout these procedures. Use the graphic below to familiarize yourself, and refer back as needed.



Built-in Wi-Fi/AirPort wireless To connect Apple TV to a wireless network.

Apple Remote At-A-Glance



Serial Number Locations

There are two ways to get the serial number of the Apple TV.

1. It's printed on the bottom of the Apple TV.



2. If the Apple TV is operational, on the TV, choose Settings > General > About.



Note About Images In This Guide

Screen shots and other graphics are for illustration purposes only and may not show current or observed dialog boxes, wordings, values, versions, models, capacities, and may be for a different model than you are testing. However the steps and sequences are the same unless noted.



Troubleshooting

Apple TV

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General Troubleshooting

Update System Software

Important: Whenever possible before beginning troubleshooting, ensure the latest OS and iTunes software updates have been applied.

Safety First

- Do not perform troubleshooting if there is a concern for yours or the customer's safety. You should also inform the customer of the issue.
- If a safety issue is discovered, follow the documented safety procedures and escalate the issue.
- Warranty and service options may still apply.

What You Need for Testing

- The latest update to <u>iTunes 10</u> or later, installed on either a Mac or Windows PC (see iTunes hardware and software requirements)
- Apple TV Restore Cable, USB to Micro USB (p/n 922-9733)
- A high-definition TV with HDMI and capable of 720p 60/50Hz (see <u>Apple TV Technical Specifications</u> page for TV compatibility)
- An HDMI cable
- Apple TV power cord
- A 10/100BASE-T Ethernet network
- An 802.11g or 802.11n wireless network
- A broadband Internet connection (DSL, cable, or LAN)
- iTunes Store account

Cleaning Apple TV

To clean an Apple TV before returning it to a customer, unplug all cables and cords. Use a clean, soft, lint-free cloth. Do **NOT** use window cleaners, household cleaners, aerosol sprays, solvents, alcohol, ammonia or products containing ammonia, or abrasives.

Visual Mechanical Inspection

Perform a visual mechanical inspection before troubleshooting to protect test cables. Generally, inspect for damage or conditions that may affect warranty coverage *after* troubleshooting.

Apple TV Warranty Coverage

Apple covers defects in materials and workmanship on the Apple TV under normal use for a period of ONE (1) YEAR from the date of retail purchase by the original end-user purchaser. Apple's policy is to replace products showing defects that are not the result of an obvious external cause, and to offer out-of-warranty (OOW) paid service for products exhibiting repairable damage. The Apple TV warranty covers failures caused solely by manufacturing defects, regardless of accidental damage.

Issues Not Covered Under the Warranty

This warranty does not apply to:

- Damage caused by use with non-Apple products
- Damage caused by accident, abuse, misuse, flood, fire, earthquake or other external causes
- Damage caused by operating the product outside the permitted or intended uses described by Apple
- Damage caused by service (including upgrades and expansions) performed by anyone who is not a representative of Apple or an Apple Authorized Service Provider (AASP)
- A product or part that has been modified to alter functionality or capability without the written permission of Apple
- Consumable parts, such as protective coatings designed to diminish over time, unless damage has occurred due to a defect in materials or workmanship
- Damage caused by intentional separation, opening, or disassembly of enclosure
- Damage caused by punctures or holes in the outer case
- Cosmetic damage from external causes, including but not limited to dents, abrasions, scratches on case, discoloration, cracking, peeling of metal or plastic parts of enclosure
- Damage or failure caused by wet or dry chemicals, such as gasoline, acid or corrosives
- Damage caused by dust, soil, or foreign matter

Important:

- Failures due to material or foreign objects in the ports are not covered under the Apple TV warranty, but may be eligible for OOW paid service.
- Cosmetic blemishes caused by normal use are not covered under the Apple TV warranty.
- An Apple TV with multiple cracks or deformations is not covered under warranty, but may be eligible for OOW service
- Excessive damage or damage caused by disassembly is not covered under warranty and is NOT eligible for service.

Training Resources

AppleCare Service Self-Paced Training for Apple TV (2nd generation)

Technical Resources

Refer the following links for latest system requirements for Mac and Windows, supported languages, media formats, and technical details.

- Apple TV Technical Specifications http://www.apple.com/appletv/specs.html
- Apple TV Tech Specs (Support) <u>http://support.apple.com/specs/#appletv</u>
- Apple TV Product Page http://www.apple.com/appletv/
- Apple TV Support Page http://www.apple.com/support/appletv/
- Apple TV Setup Guide <u>http://support.apple.com/manuals/#appletv</u> (The Setup Guide also contains useful troubleshooting information.)
- For iTunes topics, refer to the iTunes "How-to" page http://www.apple.com/itunes/how-to

Additional Troubleshooting

Refer to these articles for more troubleshooting information: (If the full URL is needed, add the article number to this address: http://support.apple.com/kb/)

General

- Apple TV: How to reset your Apple TV <u>HT3180</u>
- Troubleshooting Home Sharing with Apple TV (2nd generation) TS3509

Audio

 Apple TV (2nd generation): Static or no sound from your TV when playing Apple TV content TS3518

Content

- iTunes Store: How to rent TV shows HT4309
- Apple TV (2nd generation): How to use personal pictures with your Apple TV screensaver <u>HT4362</u>
- Apple TV: Depending on my country, what content can I buy or rent from the iTunes Store? HT3069

Network Connectivity

Apple TV: Switching between wired and wireless networks HT2822

Apple TV Remote

- Apple TV: How to use your Apple remote for Apple TV HT3176
- Pairing and Unpairing the Apple Remote with Apple TV HT1555
- About Remote Learning on Apple TV HT3296
- Remote for iPhone or iPod touch can't connect to iTunes or Apple TV TS1741

Customer Checks

If it is determined that the Apple TV is functioning normally, the customer may need to check other possibilities at the location where their Apple TV is set up. The troubleshooting section of the **Apple TV Setup Guide** provides the following helpful checks and solutions:

The customer should make sure:

- The cables between Apple TV and the TV are pushed in all the way.
- The power cords for Apple TV and the TV are securely connected to a working power source.
- The TV is turned on and set to the correct input.
- Apple TV is connected to the network. They can go to the Settings menu on Apple TV, select Network, and see if Apple TV has an IP address.
- The network and Internet connections are on and working properly.

If they still have trouble, they can try resetting their equipment by disconnecting Apple TV, their TV, their wireless networking equipment or AirPort base station, and their router from the power outlet, wait 30 seconds, and then reconnect everything.

The troubleshooting section of the Apple TV Setup Guide also give solutions to the following symptoms:

- If the remote isn't working
- If Apple TV can't access the network
- If your TV screen appears fuzzy or black
- If you can see a picture but Apple TV isn't responding
- If Apple TV doesn't respond, try restoring it
- If you can't hear sound
- If Apple TV isn't playing your photo albums or slideshows
- If noise is coming from your TV speakers
- If you don't see your iTunes library under Computers on Apple TV

Troubleshooting Functions

Symptom Codes

Symptom Codes are used by service providers when processing a repair, to categorize the type of failure.

Before verifying a failure a restore must be performed or attempted.

Refer to the following Symptom Code table or to the Symptom Charts to determine the appropriate code to use.

Code	Failure Type
Uncategorized Symptom Unable to locate appropriate symptom code	If this table does not list an appropriate code for the reported symptom, document the symptom and send feedback to smfeedback5@apple.com stating that a suitable symptom code could not be found.
T01	No Power/Dead Unit
T02	No Video Output
Т03	Distorted Video
T06	No Audio from Optical Digital Audio Port
T07	No Audio from HDMI
T08	Won't Boot Up
T09	System Hangs/Freezes Up
T10	Distorted or Cracking Audio
T11	Unusually Hot/Overheating
T14	Ethernet Connectivity Issue
T15	Wireless (Wi-Fi) Issue
T16	Cosmetic Issue
T17	Can't Reset/Restore
T18	Mechanical Damage
X04	Apple Remote Issue

The Apple Remote has the basic functions described below.

То	Do this			
Move through the menu options	Press Up, Down, Left, or Right			
Select an option from a menu	Press Select			
Return to a previous menu	Press Menu			
Return to the main menu	Press and hold Menu			
Reset Apple TV	Press and hold Menu and Down for 6 seconds,			
	then release			
Pair Apple TV and a remote	Press and hold Menu and Right for 6 seconds.			
	A chainlink symbol () appears above a			
	picture of a remote.			
Unpair all remotes	Press and hold Menu and Left for 6 seconds.			
	A broken chainlink symbol (${\cal O}$ \bigcirc) appears			
	above a picture of a remote.			

Status Light

The status light on the front of Apple TV indicates what's happening.

If Apple TV is	The status light
On	Glows
Off or in standby	ls off
Starting up	Flashes slowly
Accepting a command from the remote	Flashes once
Rejecting a command from the remote (A remote is paired with Apple TV, but you're using a remote that's not paired)	Flashes three times
Having problems	Flashes quickly

Troubleshooting Functions Chart

Function	Action
Reset	A reset restarts the operating system and clears currently running background processes.
	 There are three ways to Reset, either: Press and hold Menu and Down on the Apple Remote about 6 seconds, until the status light flashes quickly, then release. Disconnect Apple TV from power, wait 5 seconds, then reconnect. Choose General > Reset Settings from the main menu on Apple TV.
	 Note: A Reset would generally not be performed during field testing, since it automatically happens when the Apple TV is connected to power. If a reset is needed, a restore should be performed. A reset may be an appropriate first step for the customer to try when the Apple TV is connected in their home system.
Reset equipment	At home, the customer could try resetting their equipment by disconnecting Apple TV, their TV, their wireless networking equipment or AirPort base station, and their router from the power outlet. Wait 30 seconds, and then reconnect everything.
Reset All Settings ¹	Resets all settings, including accounts and configurations. The Apple TV will have to be set up again.
Restore ¹	A restore returns the Apple TV to its factory settings. The latest software update will be downloaded and installed (a Wi-Fi or Ethernet Internet connection is needed). The Apple TV will have to be set up again.
	There are two ways to perform a Restore, either from the TV or with iTunes: See the <u>Restore</u> heading.

Below are the main methods to return the Apple TV to proper function:

¹Before doing a Reset All Settings or a Restore, make sure the customer understands that these procedures remove all network and account settings and passwords, including Parental Controls, and requires the Apple TV to be set up again.



Restore

To perform a restore from the TV or iTunes, do the following:

Important: Before doing a Restore, make sure the customer understands that a restore removes all network and account settings and passwords, including Parental Controls, and requires the Apple TV to be set up again.

Restore from the TV:

This is the recommended method to restore, when possible.

- 1. Make sure that Apple TV is connected to the Internet.
- 2. With Apple TV connected to the TV, navigate to Settings > General > Reset, then select Restore.

Restore from iTunes:

Restore from iTunes when unable to perform a restore from the TV, or if the Apple TV is known to be unresponsive, or as an option with limited wireless bandwidth.

- 1. Make sure that the computer is connected to the Internet.
- 2. Disconnect all cables from the Apple TV, including the power cord.
- **3.** Connect the Apple TV to the test computer using only the Apple TV USB to Micro USB cable (p/n 922-9733) and restore the Apple TV with iTunes.

Note: Do not connect the power cord to the Apple TV for the iTunes restore procedure.

Function Test

The following procedures verify:

- Apple TV starts up
- Status light functions properly
- Apple TV menus display on TV
- Apple Remote navigates menus
- Apple TV connects to both Ethernet and wireless
- Both audio and video of an (appropriate) movie "Preview" plays properly
- Movie control functions work correctly

Perform the following needed tests, if possible, to verify proper function or confirm an issue. If there is an issue, perform a restore and repeat the tests needed to verify proper function.

Also see **<u>Symptom Codes</u>** and **<u>Symptom Charts</u>** for appropriate failure codes.

Connect Apple TV

- 1. Connect the Apple TV to the TV with an HDMI cable. (Make sure the test TV is set to receive input from the HDMI port that you are connecting to.)
- 2. Connect a power cord to the Apple TV. Verify that the status light flashes slowly while Apple TV is starting up.
- 3. The status light should stop flashing and stay on after the Apple TV starts up.
- **4.** Apple TV should now be recognized by the TV. The Apple should show and then the main menu screen.
- 5. If the Apple TV has just been restored with iTunes, do the following:
 - Select a language at the language screen.
 - Select your Wi-Fi network when prompted to connect to your network.
 - Select "No Thanks" when asked whether it is ok to send data to Apple, unless the customer approves to select ok. (This can also be changed under the Settings menu, if an unintentional selection is made.)

Navigate

- 6. Use a known good Apple Remote to navigate through menus. Verify that the status light flashes once with each command from the remote.
 Note: If the Apple TV is not responding or the status light flashes three times with each command attempt, see the following symptom links:
 - <u>Status Light Flashes Three Times</u>
 - <u>Remote Isn't Working</u>
- 7. Navigate to Settings > General > Network.

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Verify Wi-Fi and Ethernet connectivity

- 8. Select Configure Wi-Fi and choose your Wi-Fi network if not done previously.
- 9. Verify that Wi-Fi is connected.
- **10.** Connect a known-good Ethernet cable to the Apple TV from your wired Internet network. (If you use a static IP address, enter it at Settings > General > Network > Configure TCP/IP.)

Verify play and video control on Ethernet and Wi-Fi

- Navigate to an appropriate movie Preview and begin play. (If the TV can be viewed by the customer, use an appropriate, non-controversial Preview, such as might be found using Movies > Genres > Kids & Family.)
 - Verify that video and audio play correctly and with normal quality.
 - Press Right, and verify the scroll bar marker moves. Press again to verify a faster scroll, then again to maximum scroll speed. Press Select or Play/Pause to stop play.
 - Repeat this test using Left.
 - Press Select or Play/Pause to stop play.
 - Press Right to begin a slow motion scroll. Perform the same tests as with the normal scrolling, above, to test all three speeds in both directions.
- **12.** Disconnect the Ethernet cable.
- **13.** Since you previously connected to a Wi-Fi network, in a few moments, Apple TV should attempt to reconnect to the network automatically. If needed, navigate to Settings > General > Network > Configure Wi-Fi and choose your wireless network.
- 14. Repeat step 12.

Symptom Charts

Uncategorized Symptom

Quick Check

Symptom	Quick Check
Uncategorized Symptom	In the following Symptom Charts, verify whether the
Unable to locate appropriate symptom code	by the customer. If not, document reported symptom and send feedback to <u>smfeedback5@apple.com</u> stating that a suitable symptom code could not be found.

Booting/Power Issue

No Power/Dead Unit

Quick Check

Symptom	Quick Check		
 No status light Not recognized by TV 	 Connect to computer with Apple TV USB to Micro USB restore cable and <u>restore</u> with iTunes. Note: Do not connect the power cord to the Apple TV for the iTunes restore procedure. Go to Deep Dive. 		

Check	Result	Action	Code
1. Was a restore successful?	Yes	Connect Apple TV to the test TV and perform the Function Test. Go to step 2.	
	No	Go to step 3.	

2. Did Apple TV pass the Function Test?	Yes	The Apple TV is functioning normally. Investigate other possibilities, including the customer's home equipment setup and provide information or instruction as needed. See troubleshooting links under <u>General</u> <u>Troubleshooting</u> and <u>Customer Checks</u> for additional information.	
	No	Go to step 3.	
3. Is issue clearly caused by accidental damage?	Yes	The issue is not covered under warranty. Check for out-of-warranty repair option.	T18
	No	Covered if under warranty Check for out-of-warranty repair option.	T01

Status Light Flashing Quickly

Quick Check

Symptom	Quick Check		
 Status light was flashing quickly 	 Connect the Apple TV to the test TV. Connect Apple TV to power. 		
	3. Connect Apple TV to the Internet (optional).		
	 Attempt to verify the reported issue. Go to Deep Dive. 		

Check	Result	Action	Code
1. Able to verify reported issue?	Yes	Perform a <u>restore</u> from the TV if possible, otherwise perform a restore from iTunes. Go to step 2.	
	No	Perform a Function Test to verify proper function.	
		Go to step 3.	
2. Was a restore successful?	Yes	Perform a Function Test.	
		Go to step 3.	
	No	Go to step 4.	
3. Did Apple TV pass the Function Test?	Yes	The Apple TV is functioning normally. Investigate other possibilities, including the customer's home equipment setup and provide information or instruction as needed. See troubleshooting links under <u>General</u> <u>Troubleshooting</u> and <u>Customer Checks</u> for additional information. If a restore has been performed, go to step 4.	
		If a restore has not been done, perform a <u>restore</u> from the TV if possible, otherwise perform a restore from iTunes, then go to step 2.	
4. Is issue clearly caused by accidental damage?	Yes	The issue is not covered under warranty. Check for out-of-warranty repair option.	T18
	No	Covered if under warranty Check for out-of-warranty repair option.	T17

Input/Output Issue

Apple TV can't access the network

Quick Check

Symptom	Quick Check		
Apple TV can't access the network	 Connect the Apple TV to the test TV. Connect Apple TV to power. 		
	 Attempt to connect Apple TV to the Internet through Wi-Fi, then Ethernet to verify the issue. Go to Deep Dive 		

Check	Result	Action	Code
1. Able to verify reported issue?	Yes	Perform a restore from the TV if possible (if can connect to the Internet using either Wi-Fi or Ethernet), otherwise perform a restore from iTunes. Go to step 2.	
	No	Perform a Function Test to verify proper function. Go to step 3.	
2. Was a restore successful?	Yes	Perform a Function Test. Go to step 3.	
	No	Go to step 4.	

3. Did Apple TV pass the Function Test?	Yes	The Apple TV is functioning normally. Investigate other possibilities, including the customer's home equipment setup and provide information or instruction as needed. See troubleshooting links under <u>General</u> <u>Troubleshooting</u> and <u>Customer Checks</u> for additional information.	
	No	If a restore has been performed, go to step 4. If a restore has not been done, perform a <u>restore</u> from the TV if possible, otherwise perform a restore from iTunes, then go to step 2.	
4. Is issue clearly caused by accidental damage?	Yes	The issue is not covered under warranty. Check for out-of-warranty repair option.	T18
	No	Covered if under warranty Check for out-of-warranty repair option.	Ethernet: T14 Wi-Fi: T15

Display Issues

The TV screen appears fuzzy or black

Quick Check

Symptom	Quick Check	
• The TV screen appears fuzzy or	1. Connect the Apple TV to the test TV.	
black.	2. Connect Apple TV to power.	
	3. Connect Apple TV to the Internet (optional).	
	4. Go to Deep Dive.	

Check	Result	Action	Code
1. Able to verify reported issue?	Yes	Perform a <u>restore</u> from the TV if possible, otherwise perform a restore from iTunes. Go to step 2.	
	No	Perform a Function Test to verify proper function. Go to step 3.	
2. Was a restore successful?	Yes	Perform a Function Test. Go to step 3.	
	No	Go to step 4.	

3. Did Apple TV pass the Function Test?	Yes	The Apple TV is functioning normally. Investigate other possibilities, including the customer's home equipment setup and provide information or instruction as needed. See troubleshooting links under <u>General</u> <u>Troubleshooting</u> and <u>Customer Checks</u> for additional information.	
	No	If a restore has been performed, go to step 4. If a restore has not been done, perform a <u>restore</u> from the TV if possible, otherwise perform a restore from iTunes, then go to step 2.	
4. Is issue clearly caused by accidental damage?	Yes	The issue is not covered under warranty. Check for out-of-warranty repair option.	T18
	No	Covered if under warranty Check for out-of-warranty repair option.	Black: T02 Fuzzy: T03

Control or Function

Remote Isn't Working

Quick Check

Symptom	Quick Check		
Apple Remote isn't working	 If the TV showed a picture of a remote and a warning (<u>></u>) symbol, replace the battery with a CR2032 battery. 		
	2. Point the remote at an Apple TV that is plugged in to power.		
	3. Press the Select or Play/Pause button and observe the status light action with each button press.		
	4. Go to Deep Dive.		

Check	Result	Action	Code
 Does status light glow steady and not flash? 	Yes	Check the remote's battery. Use a volt meter to verify 3 volts, or use a known good CR2032 battery. If status light still does not flash, go to step 4. If status light flashes when using a known good battery, the battery needs replacing.	
	No	Go to step 2.	
2. Does the status light flash once?	Yes	The issue is not with the remote. Test the customer's Apple TV if available.	
	No	Go to step 3.	

3. Does the status light flash quickly three times?	Yes	The Apple TV is paired with a different remote than is being used, but the issue is not with the remote. To use the remote with the Apple TV, unpair all remotes by pressing and holding Menu and Left for 6 seconds.	
	No	The status light should have exhibited one of these three actions. Make sure to use a known good Apple TV for this test. See step 1 again.	
4. Is issue clearly caused by accidental damage?	Yes	The issue is not covered under warranty. Check for out-of-warranty repair option.	T18
	No	Covered if under warranty Check for out-of-warranty repair option.	X04

Status Light Flashes Three Times

Quick Check

Symptom	Quick Check
 Status light flashes three times when using the Apple Remote 	 Connect the Apple TV to the test TV. Connect Apple TV to power
	 Connect Apple TV to the Internet (optional).
	4. Attempt to control Apple TV with an Apple Remote to verify the reported issue.
	5. Go to Deep Dive.

Check	Result	Action	Code
1. Able to verify that the status light flashes three times?	Yes	The Apple TV is paired with a different remote than is being used. To unpair, press and hold Menu and Left for 6 seconds. A picture should appear of an Apple Remote with a broken chainlink icon (\bigcirc)above it. Any Apple Remote should now control the Apple TV. Go to step 2.	
	No	Go to step 2.	
2. Can you navigate Apple TV menus with the remote, and is the status light flashing once, as expected?	Yes	Perform a Function Test to verify proper function Go to step 4.	
	No	Perform a <u>restore</u> from the TV if possible, otherwise perform a restore from iTunes. Go to step 3.	
3. Was a restore successful?	Yes	Perform a Function Test. Go to step 4.	
	No	Go to step 5.	

4. Did Apple TV pass the Function Test?	Yes	The Apple TV is functioning normally. Investigate other possibilities, including the customer's home equipment setup and provide information or instruction as needed. See troubleshooting links under <u>General</u> <u>Troubleshooting</u> and <u>Customer Checks</u> for additional information.	
	No	If a restore has been performed, go to step 5. If a restore has not been done, perform a <u>restore</u> from the TV if possible, otherwise perform a restore from iTunes. Go to step 3.	
5. Is issue clearly caused by accidental damage?	Yes	The issue is not covered under warranty. Check for out-of-warranty repair option.	T18
	No	Covered if under warranty Check for out-of-warranty repair option.	T17

Alert Messages

Connect to iTunes Icon

Quick Check

Symptom	Quick Check	
 The Connect to iTunes graphic appears on the TV 	 Connect to computer with Apple TV USB to Micro USB cable and <u>restore</u> with iTunes. Note: Do not connect the power cord to the Apple TV for the iTunes restore procedure. Co to Doop Divo 	

Check	Result	Action	Code
1. Was a restore successful?	Yes	Connect Apple TV to the test TV and perform the Function Test.	
	No	Go to step 3.	
2. Did Apple TV pass the Function Test?	Yes	The Apple TV is functioning normally.	
	No	Go to step 3.	
3. Is issue clearly caused by accidental damage?	Yes	The issue is not covered under warranty. Check for out-of-warranty repair option.	T18
	No	Covered if under warranty Check for out-of-warranty repair option.	T17