

How to Factory Reset Google Home Mini and Nest Mini

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Quick answer

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When we talk about smart speakers or assistants, Google isn't the only option available. Amazon's Alexa is also a major competitor. However, in this article, we will focus only on a few aspects of the Google Home Mini and Nest Mini. Specifically, we will look at how to reset these devices.

Factory Reset Google Home Mini and Google Nest Mini

Before going into the steps, let's review what the Home Mini and Nest Mini are. Both are similar devices, with the main difference being their generation. Some users refer to them as the Google Home Mini 1st generation and the Google Nest Mini 2nd generation. Indeed, the Google Home Mini is the 1st generation device, while the Google Nest Mini is the 2nd generation device.

Identify Google Mini 1st and 2nd Generation

Both devices look identical, and it's difficult to distinguish their generation at a quick glance. However, there is a small difference. You need to flip the device over, and if you see a screw hook on the backside that allows for wall mounting, it indicates that the device is the 2nd generation Home Mini or the Google Nest Mini.

The first generation of Google Home Mini doesn't have the wall mount support, and you won't find the screen hook on the backside.

How to Reset Google Home Mini - 1st Generation Device

Now that we have identified the generation of the device, let's look at how to factory reset the Google Home Mini 1st generation. Follow these steps:

Step 1: Turn your Google Home mini device, and on the backside, you will find a small reset button below the power cord.

Step 2: Press and hold the reset button for 15 seconds.

Step 3: After 15 seconds, you will hear a slight chime sound once the reset is completed.

Step 4: Release the button, and your Google Home Mini will restart once the factory reset is completed.

It will wipe all the data, and your Google Home mini will reset to the initial stage like a new Google Home Mini device.

Factory Reset Google Nest Mini - 2nd Generation Google Home Mini

The factory reset procedure for the Google Home Mini 2nd generation is slightly different. To perform a factory reset, follow the steps below:

Step 1: On the side of the Google Home mini device, you can find a microphone on/off switch. Turn the switch to the off position.

Step 2: Now, you will see LED lights on the top of the Home Mini device starting blinking orange.

Step 3: Press and hold on to the center of the device where you saw the LED lights blinking.

Step 3: Keep on pressing, and after 15 seconds, you will hear a chime when the reset is completed.

Step 4: Release the press, and your Google Home Mini second generation will restart once all the data gets wiped.

Once done, you can use the device with all new fresh setup or hand over the same with anyone else.

Resetting Google Home Mini From Google Home App

Since Google states that you can fully control your Google Home or Nest Mini device through the Google Home app, many users wonder if it's possible to reset the Google Home Mini from the app.

Unfortunately, the answer is no. While you can restart the Google Home device from within the app, resetting or performing a factory restore of the Google Home Mini smart assistant devices can only be done through a physical reset process.