

LG 5K monitor problems

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The successor to the Apple Thunderbolt display the LG UltraFine 5K monitor has had a rocky start to life thanks to a bunch of issues that have popped up already. The biggest issue people are reporting is the lack of EMI shielding which basically means if you are within 2 meters of a WiFi router the screen will flicker and if close enough go black and become unusable. Also being reported is issues with the monitor freezing up your MacBook that is hooked up to it (also due to electrical interference problems). People are understandably a bit upset when their new \$1000+ monitor comes shipped with issues and it could be a tough road for LG's high-definition monitor team for a while. [ArsTechnica has more on the story.](#)

The spiritual successor to Apple's Thunderbolt Display, the LG UltraFine 5K monitor, which only started shipping out from the Apple online store this week, appears to suffer from a major fault: when placed within two metres (6.5ft) of a wireless router, the display starts to flicker; move it really close, and the monitor goes black and becomes unusable. An LG Electronics support person confirmed the issue, saying it "only happens for the 5K monitors we have, not other LG monitors."

If that wasn't bad enough, 9to5Mac's Zac Hall reports that his LG 5K monitor, under the duress of a nearby Wi-Fi router, can freeze the MacBook Pro that it's plugged into, forcing a reboot to bring it back. When he moved the router (an Apple AirPort Extreme) from beside the monitor to another room, everything went back to normal.