

01 / BRAND-NEW PRODUCT

Apple HomeView

What is it for, and will it work with the smart devices already in your house?



AT A GLANCE

\$299

Both versions start at this price

Preorders: Oct. 13

Available: Nov. 13

Tabletop or wall-mounted; wall hardware costs extra.

WHY MIGHT A HOUSEHOLD WANT THIS?

It is a permanent family control screen, not a portable iPad. Put it on a kitchen counter or by the front door so anyone can see the doorbell camera, change the temperature, turn off lights, check a reminder, or start a timer without finding their phone. It is most useful when a house already has several compatible smart devices.

EXAMPLES YOU CAN EXPLAIN AT THE MEETING

- One place for controls: Touch a button or ask Siri to adjust compatible lights, blinds, locks and thermostats. A camera view can show up to nine live feeds; supported cameras and iCloud+ add familiar-face and package alerts.
- Personal to each family member: It recognizes up to six faces and changes to that person's widgets. For private Messages or Calendar content, the user's paired iPhone/iPad must be nearby and recently unlocked.
- Useful in a kitchen: It can turn web recipes into steps, keep multiple timers and track ingredients. FaceTime with Center Stage follows the person moving around; Intercom can call another room.
- Also a small entertainment screen: Play Apple Music, podcasts and compatible videos, see shared photos or ask Siri questions. Its view becomes simpler from across a room and more detailed as you approach.

WILL IT WORK WITH MY EXISTING EQUIPMENT?

- Yes, if the accessory works with Apple Home or Matter: Examples include many existing lights, smart plugs, shades, locks, thermostats and cameras. Some third-party products need their own bridge; not every Wi-Fi or Alexa-only gadget will work.
- Requirements: Setup/multiuser use needs a compatible iPhone or iPad. Advanced personalized Siri needs an Apple Intelligence-capable paired iPhone/iPad; secure video history and certain AI camera features need eligible iCloud+ service.

PRACTICAL BUYING ADVICE

Best for a shared kitchen, hallway or household already using Apple Home. If you only have one smart light, the Home app on your iPhone may already be enough. Wall mounts start at \$59.95.

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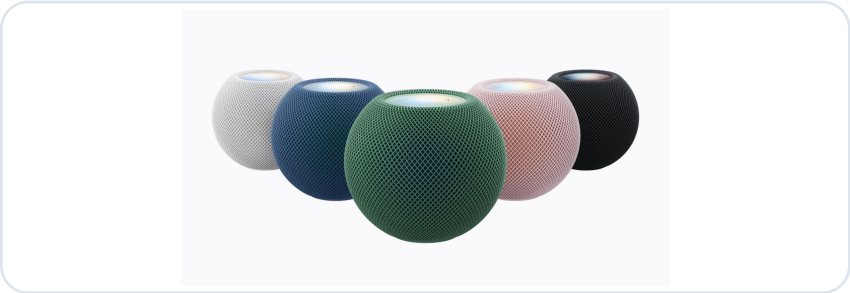
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02 / UPGRADE GUIDE

HomePod mini 2

Is it just a little wireless speaker, or could it actually change a room?



AT A GLANCE

\$149

Original mini launched at \$99

Preorders: Oct. 13
Available: Oct. 30
Siri AI arrives in a later update.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH IT - AND WHAT WORKS WITH IT?

It is a Wi-Fi smart speaker and an Apple Home hub. Play music, podcasts and AirPlay audio from iPhone/iPad/Mac, ask Siri for timers or messages, use Intercom, and run scenes such as “turn off the downstairs lights.” It works with existing Works with Apple Home and Matter accessories, not only the new Apple Collection; unsupported gadgets may require a compatible bridge.

TV question: A single mini or stereo pair can provide audio from any generation of Apple TV 4K, including older units. An Apple TV 4K (2nd gen or later) plus a TV with HDMI ARC/eARC can even relay other HDMI inputs, like a game console, to the HomePods. The mini cannot pair directly to an arbitrary smart TV as a Bluetooth soundbar.

Four-speaker theater: This is four separate speakers, purchased individually, organized as a matching front pair and a matching rear pair. Apple TV 4K 4th gen is mandatory for this mode; it measures their positions and adjusts timing/volume. Example: two HomePod (2nd gen) up front and two mini 2 speakers behind you. It is not a four-pack bundled with a \$149 HomePod.

ORIGINAL VS. NEW - WHAT ACTUALLY CHANGED?

FEATURE	Original mini (2020)	HomePod mini 2 (2026)
Processor	S5; computational audio already present.	S10 with newer real-time audio processing.
Listening	360-degree sound; stereo and multiroom already possible.	Refined processing plus Sound Glow light reacting to music.
Siri	Original Siri controls music and Apple Home.	Siri AI with richer conversation: later update, an AI iPhone/iPad is needed for the home owner.
Home theater	One mini or stereo pair for Apple TV audio; no 4-speaker mode.	Four-speaker surround possible with 4th-gen Apple TV 4K.
Mac & design	AirPlay audio and existing colors.	Default Mac speaker for Wi-Fi 6E+ Macs; new color lineup.

UPGRADE VERDICT

For music, timers and existing smart-home control, an original mini may be fine. Consider the new one for future Siri AI, Mac desk audio or a planned four-speaker theater; the latter requires a substantial additional purchase.

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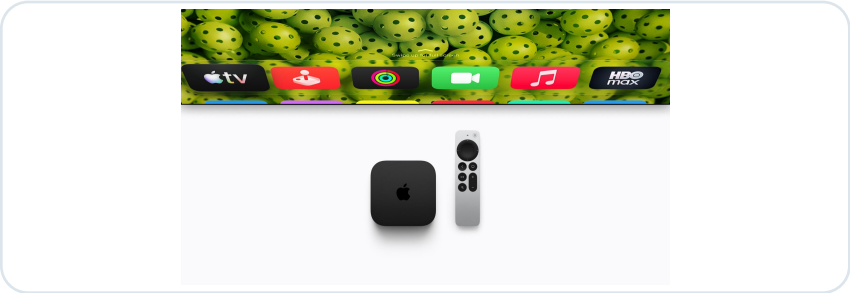
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03 / UPGRADE GUIDE

Apple TV 4K - 4th gen

If you own a functioning Apple TV already, what would another \$299 change?



AT A GLANCE

\$299

2022 model debuted at \$129

Preorders: Oct. 13
Available: Nov. 13
A new Siri Remote IS included.

THE EVERYDAY REASONS TO REPLACE A WORKING APPLE TV

It does not give you a new way to watch Netflix. You still connect it to your existing TV with HDMI and run the same streaming apps. The practical changes are: faster game/app performance; calling out “Siri, pause” without holding the remote; finding a misplaced remote; and, if you buy four compatible HomePods, true front-and-rear speaker placement instead of ordinary TV or stereo sound.

What “home theater” actually means: The new box coordinates four HomePod mini 2 or HomePod (2nd gen) speakers in two matching pairs and automatically adjusts the sound based on where they sit. There is no four-speaker audio upgrade unless you have those extra speakers. Without them, the existing TV/soundbar setup continues as before.

Remote and Siri questions: The remote comes in the box (but is sold separately for replacements). In Find My, supported iPhones can show which direction to look; the new remote can also make a sound. Nearby Siri devices normally coordinate over Bluetooth, but Apple has not detailed all interactions with the TV’s new far-field microphones. This remains a real-world question.

PREVIOUS VS. NEW - WHAT ACTUALLY CHANGED?

FEATURE	3rd gen (2022)	4th gen (2026)
Chip / video	A15; already streams 4K HDR smoothly.	A19; up to 50% faster CPU, 2x GPU; AV1 decoder.
Voice input	Press Siri button on the remote.	Three built-in mics hear voice across the room; echo cancellation.
Remote	Older remote has basic finding on supported models.	Latest Siri Remote adds Precision Finding on eligible iPhones and a sound alert.
Speakers	HomePod stereo pairing already supported.	Four-speaker, auto-calibrated surround with eligible HomePods.
Siri AI	Beta also works on 2nd-gen Apple TV 4K or later.	No need to replace your box for Siri AI alone; new mics are the change.

UPGRADE VERDICT

For owners with four Apple TVs: replace one only if hands-free Siri, speed/gaming, remote finding or surround speakers matter to you. If the family just streams shows, \$299 is hard to justify.

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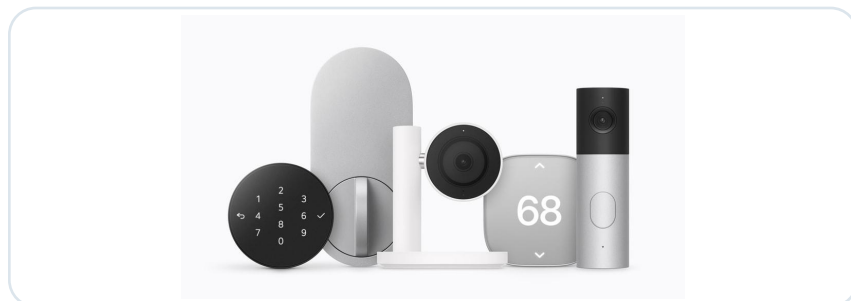
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04 / NEW ACCESSORY FAMILY

Apple Home Collection

Why new cameras and thermostats when Apple Home already supports many brands?



AT A GLANCE

9 devices

U.S. starting prices below

Begins: Dec. 2026

More: Early 2027

Hardware designed with LG and Schneider Electric.

WHY APPLE WORKED WITH LG AND SCHNEIDER

Apple is not saying that existing HomeKit or Matter devices are bad. Many already work well. Its pitch is a more predictable, Apple-first buying and setup experience: select a camera, lock or thermostat knowing it was designed together with Apple, tap your iPhone to add it, and manage it in the Home app without a second app or account. LG contributes camera/lock expertise; Schneider contributes climate/energy experience. Apple shapes the integration, privacy and interface.

WHAT WOULD CHANGE IN A REAL HOUSE?

- Front door: See the visitor and packages from the dual-camera doorbell, speak to them and unlock the LG lock from one Home screen. Compatible iPhones/Apple Watches can also unlock automatically on approach.
- Security: LG cameras work through the Home app, with supported iCloud+ video history instead of a separate camera subscription. Features vary with the home hub and iCloud+ plan.
- Heating / cooling: LG or Schneider thermostats can use room sensors and Apple Home routines to adjust temperatures around occupancy; they must still be compatible with your HVAC wiring.

ALL NINE ACCESSORIES / U.S. STARTING PRICES

LG Indoor Cam Plug-In	\$199.95
LG Outdoor Cam Plug-In	\$299.95
LG Floodlight Cam	\$399.95
LG Video Doorbell Wired	\$249.95
LG Smart Deadbolt Lock	\$349.95
LG Smart Thermostat	\$199.95
LG Temperature Sensor	\$39.95
Schneider Home Smart Thermostat	\$199.95
Schneider Home Room Sensor	\$39.95

BOTTOM LINE / CAVEATS

This gives Apple Home users another easy-to-choose option; it does not make compatible existing accessories obsolete. Some advanced camera features require a home hub and eligible iCloud+ plan; wiring, mounting and installation can add cost.

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