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Which AirPods are right for you?

	AirPods 4	AirPods 4 Active Noise Cancellation	AirPods Pro 2	AirPods Max
	White	White	White	Midnight, Starlight, Blue, Purple, Orange
	Buy now	Buy now	Buy now	Buy now
Noise control	–	Active Noise Cancellation, Adaptive Audio, and Transparency mode◊	Up to 2x more Active Noise Cancellation,◊ with Adaptive Audio and Transparency mode◊	Up to 2x more Active Noise Cancellation,◊ with Transparency mode
Conversation Awareness	–	Conversation Awareness◊	Conversation Awareness◊	–
Hearing features	–	–	Hearing Test,◊ Hearing Aid,◊ and Hearing Protection◊ features (coming fall 2024)	–
Spatial Audio	Personalized Spatial Audio with dynamic head tracking◊	Personalized Spatial Audio with dynamic head tracking◊	Personalized Spatial Audio with dynamic head tracking◊	Personalized Spatial Audio with dynamic head tracking◊
Water resistance	Dust, sweat, and water resistant (IP54)◊	Dust, sweat, and water resistant (IP54)◊	Dust, sweat, and water resistant (IP54)◊	–
Case	Charging Case (USB-C)◊	Wireless Charging Case (USB-C) works with Apple Watch charger and Qi-certified chargers;◊ includes speaker for Find My◊	MagSafe Charging Case (USB-C) works with Apple Watch charger and Qi-certified chargers;◊ includes lanyard loop and speaker for Find My◊	Smart Case
Listening time	**5 hrs** Up to 5 hours of listening time on one charge◊	**5 hrs** Up to 5 hours of listening time on one charge◊	**6 hrs** Up to 6 hours of listening time on one charge◊	**20 hrs** Up to 20 hours of listening time on one charge◊
With case	Up to 30 hours of listening time with charging case◊	Up to 30 hours of listening time with charging case◊	Up to 30 hours of listening time with charging case◊	–
Controls	Force sensor	Force sensor	Touch control	Digital Crown
Chip	H2 chip with Voice Isolation◊	H2 chip with Voice Isolation◊	H2 chip with Voice Isolation◊	H1 chip
Siri	"Hey Siri" and Siri Interactions◊	"Hey Siri" and Siri Interactions◊	"Hey Siri" and Siri Interactions◊	"Hey Siri"
Switching	Automatic Switching◊	Automatic Switching◊	Automatic Switching◊	Automatic Switching◊

◊ Legal Disclaimers

Active Noise Cancellation, Adaptive Audio, and Transparency Mode: Device performance and noise control features like Active Noise Cancellation, Adaptive Audio, and Transparency mode can be affected by debris or earwax buildup. Clean the device regularly to maintain performance and full feature functionality. Refer to support.apple.com/102672 for AirPods 4 cleaning instructions. Refer to support.apple.com/120409 for AirPods Pro 2 cleaning instructions.

Up to 2x More Active Noise Cancellation: Up to 2x more Active Noise Cancellation compared with AirPods Pro (1st generation) and AirPods 4 with Active Noise Cancellation.

Adaptive Audio: Available on compatible devices running iOS 18, iPadOS 18, or macOS Sequoia and later when paired with AirPods 4 with Active Noise Cancellation or AirPods Pro 2 with the latest firmware.

Hearing Test and Hearing Aid: The Hearing Test and Hearing Aid features are expected to be available fall 2024. The Hearing Aid feature is pending FDA authorization. Both features will be supported on AirPods Pro 2 with the latest firmware paired with a compatible iPhone or iPad with iOS 18 or iPadOS 18 and later and are intended for people 18 years old or older. The Hearing Aid feature will also be supported on a compatible Mac with macOS Sequoia and later. It is intended for people with perceived mild to moderate hearing loss.

Hearing Protection: The Hearing Protection feature works with AirPods Pro 2 with the latest firmware when paired with a compatible iPhone, iPad, or Mac with iOS 18, iPadOS 18, or macOS Sequoia and later. Feature is only available in the U.S. and Canada. See support.apple.com/120850 for total attenuation and more information. The Hearing Protection feature is not suitable for protection against extremely loud impulse sounds, such as gunfire, fireworks, or jackhammers, or against sustained sounds louder than 110 dBA.

Personalized Spatial Audio: Compatible hardware and software required. Works with compatible content in supported apps. Not all content available in Dolby Atmos. iPhone with TrueDepth camera required to create a personal profile for Spatial Audio, which will sync across Apple devices running the latest operating system software, including iOS, iPadOS, macOS, and tvOS.

Charging: USB-C charging requires a compatible USB-C charger. Wireless charging requires a Qi-certified wireless charger. MagSafe charging requires a compatible MagSafe Charger. AirPods 4 with Active Noise Cancellation and AirPods Pro 2 charging cases also work with the Apple Watch charger.

Battery: Battery life depends on device settings, environment, usage, and many other factors. Testing conducted on AirPods 4 with Active Noise Cancellation with noise control off.

Dust, Sweat, and Water Resistance: AirPods 4, AirPods 4 with Active Noise Cancellation, and AirPods Pro 2 are dust, sweat, and water resistant for non-water sports and exercise, and they are IP54 rated. AirPods (3rd generation) are sweat and water resistant for non-water sports and exercise, and they are IPX4 rated. Dust, sweat, and water resistance are not permanent conditions.

Find My: Find My functionality requires iOS 18 or later.

Conversation Awareness: Available on compatible devices running iOS 18, iPadOS 18, or macOS Sequoia and later when paired with AirPods 4 with Active Noise Cancellation or AirPods Pro 2 with the latest firmware.

Voice Isolation: Available on compatible devices running iOS 18, iPadOS 18, or macOS Sequoia and later when paired with AirPods 4, AirPods 4 with Active Noise Cancellation, or AirPods Pro 2 with the latest firmware.

Siri Interactions: Available on compatible devices running iOS 18, iPadOS 18, or macOS Sequoia and later when paired with AirPods 4, AirPods 4 with Active Noise Cancellation, or AirPods Pro 2 with the latest firmware.

Automatic Switching: Requires an iCloud account and a compatible Apple device running the latest operating system software.