

continue its most iPhone accessory



the iPhone 7 in 2016. The phone is noted for being the first Apple
without a traditional 3.5mm headphone jack — something Apple
d as a move that took "courage."

most wired headphones needed one of those jacks to listen to music,
resting solution: a Lightning to 3.5mm headphone jack adapter that
y new phone. According to MacRumors, Apple is set to end
t accessory.

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more than just an accessory; it represented Apple's acknowledgment
were still invested in their wired headphone collections. By removing
ck, Apple effectively encouraged users to transition toward wireless
hile providing them a means to continue using existing hardware — as
people found it to be.

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For the iPhone 8, Apple packaged the Lightning to headphone jack adapter. Apple took a significant step away from this practice with the release of the iPhone 8 in 2018, as the adapter was conspicuously absent. This marked a significant step in Apple's product evolution, underscoring the company's growing commitment to wireless technology amid changing consumer preferences.

Not surprisingly, the first-generation AirPods were introduced at the same "See you on the 7th" event.

The smartphone landscape has evolved rapidly. Competitors like Samsung adopted similar strategies by phasing out the headphone jack on their flagship devices. This shift indicated a broader industry trend as wireless headphones, such as products like Apple's AirPods Pro, surged in popularity and acceptance. These devices offered convenience, portability, and advanced features like active noise cancellation, contributing to a declining interest in wired headphones.



iPhone 7 Plus Julian Chokkattu / Digital Trends

While the move to wireless headphones isn't the only reason Apple is likely discontinuing the Lightning to Headphone Jack Adapter. In 2023, with the iPhone 15 series,

ow ship with a USB-C connector. A USB-C to 3.5mm headphone jack
on the market.

ntly led the way in technological advancements, whether it was the
imm headphone jack or the earlier transition from the 30-pin dock
Lightning connector. Introducing the Lightning to headphone jack
the iPhone 7 was a bold decision, even though many of us did not
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MacRumor report, the Lightning to 3.5mm headphone jack adapter is
are except Apple retail websites in France, Denmark, Finland, Norway,
e U.S., the adapter order page shows the item as "Sold Out."