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AirPods are wireless earbuds designed by [Apple](#). They first debuted on September 07, 2016, alongside the iPhone 7, and were released on December 13, 2016.

### Consumer impact summary [\[ edit \]](#)

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AirPods are designed to be unrepairable even by Apple, leading to them ending up as e-waste after a few years of use. The replacement of the lithium-ion batteries used by the AirPods requires the destruction of the outer casing, adding to the waste problem. Up until September 22, 2023, Apple used their proprietary Lightning connector on the AirPods' charging case.

The lithium-ion batteries in AirPods can see significant degradation over time, with two-year-old sets lasting for less than half of the advertised five hours. Apple has a program to service batteries and purchase replacement individual AirPods and charging cases. The replacement of one or both AirPods or the charging case has a lower price with AppleCare+ than without. Apple offers battery servicing for free with AppleCare+ and for a fee without.

## AirPods



### Basic Information

Release Year	2016-12-13
Product Type	Wireless earbuds
In Production	Yes
Official Website	<a href="https://apple.com/airpods">https://apple.com/airpods</a>

Overview of concerns that arise from the conduct towards users of products part of the product line.

Touch on relevant topics like:

- User Freedom
- User Privacy
- Business Model
- Market Control

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- [AirPods \(1st generation\)](#) (December 13, 2016<sup>[1]</sup>)
- [AirPods \(2nd generation\)](#) (March 20, 2019<sup>[1]</sup>)
- [AirPods Pro \(1st generation\)](#) (October 30, 2019<sup>[1]</sup>)
- [AirPods Max](#) (December 15, 2020<sup>[1]</sup>)
- [AirPods \(3rd generation\)](#) (October 26, 2021<sup>[1]</sup>)
- [AirPods Pro 2 \(previously 2nd generation\)](#) (September 23, 2022<sup>[1]</sup>)
- [AirPods 4/ANC](#) (September 20, 2024<sup>[1]</sup>)

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Link to relevant theme articles or product lines with similar incidents.

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- [Apple](#)

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