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Matter is now available on Google Nest and Android devices

Google Home, meet Matter

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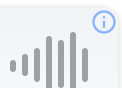
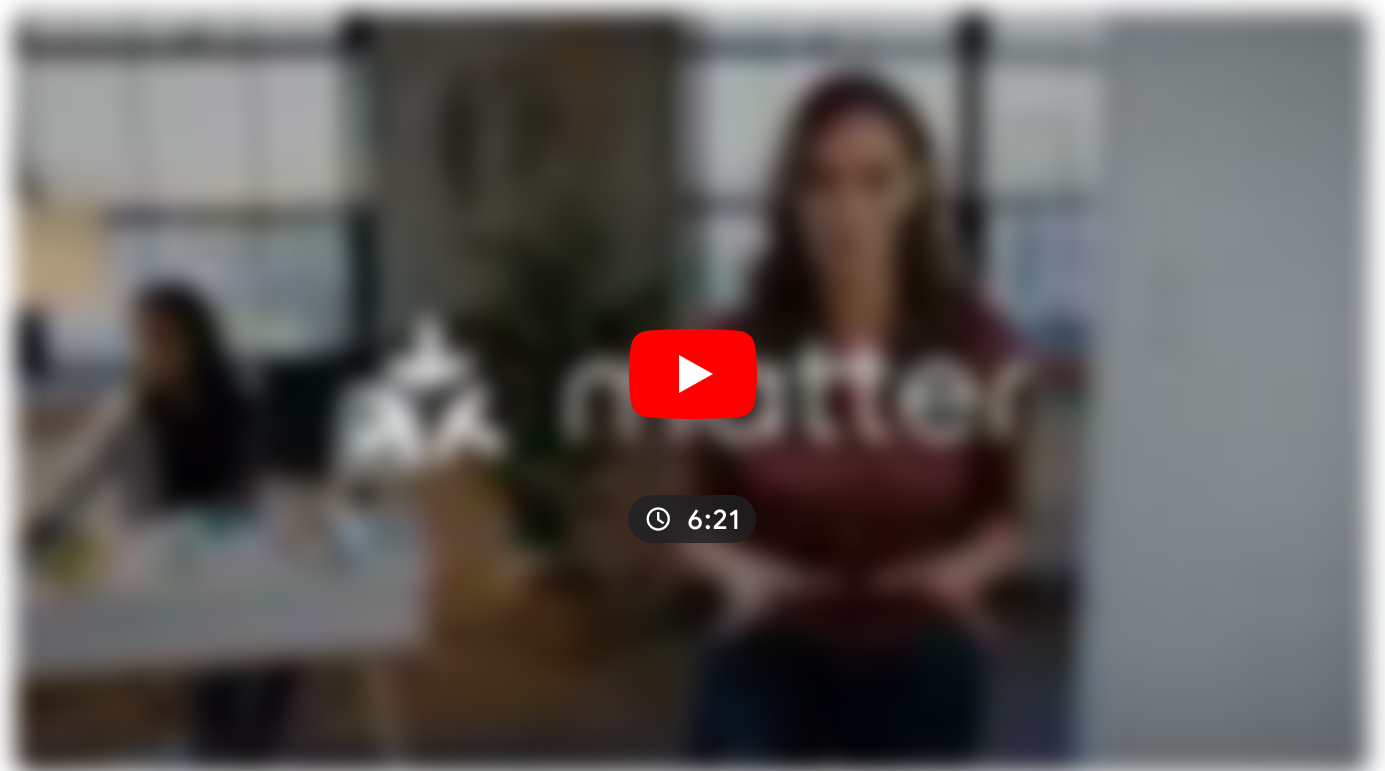**K** **Karen Yao**
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Setting up and customizing your smart home devices with Google Home just got easier thanks to Matter, a new standard for smart home platforms, apps and devices. Starting today, Google Nest devices and Android devices are Matter-enabled, allowing you to quickly and consistently set up Matter-enabled devices and customize your smart home to best suit your needs.

As a member of the Connectivity Standards Alliance, the organization that develops Matter, we've worked alongside 300 companies for nearly three years to help make it easier to connect smart home devices across hundreds of brands. With Matter, everything from smart lighting, thermostats, window shades and door locks will work better together with less time and effort on your part.

So what does this mean for people using Google Home and Android? Here are answers to common questions we get about Matter.

What does this mean for your devices today?

Matter-enabled Google devices are ready to connect to Matter devices from other brands. These Google Nest and Android devices have been automatically updated, so you don't need to do anything.

With Matter, you will need a hub to control your smart devices. If you want to control your smart home with Google Home, you'll need a Google Home or Nest device that can double as a hub for Matter. These devices

include the original Google Home speaker, Google Home Mini, Nest Mini, Nest Audio, Nest Hub (1st and 2nd gen), Nest Hub Max, and the new Nest Wifi Pro.

Matter-enabled devices can connect to your home network over Wi-Fi or Thread — a networking technology that's helpful when you need a low-power connection, like when connecting smart locks on your front door. We've also updated Nest Wifi Pro, Nest Hub Max and the Nest Hub (2nd gen) to work as Thread border routers, so you can connect Thread devices to your network too.

With this update, we've added Matter support for Fast Pair on Android. Fast Pair makes it simple to quickly connect Matter-enabled devices to your home network, Google Home and other smart home apps, as quickly as you can pair a set of headphones. And once set up, it'll be easy to connect your Matter devices with the other apps and ecosystems you choose.

Where can I find Matter devices?

You'll see a few Matter devices in stores this holiday season, with many more coming in early 2023. Just look for the new Matter badge to spot what products are Matter-enabled, plus if they have that badge you'll know that they work out of the box with Google Home. To make sure devices from other brands have been tested to work well with Google devices, also look for the Works With Google Home badge.

We're working with partners from across the industry — including Eve, Meross, Nanoleaf, Philips Hue and Tuya — to make sure more smart home devices work with Matter. You can learn more about how we are working with partners on our Google Home developer blog.

What's to come?

Matter's built-in Multi-Admin feature is what simplifies cross-platform control, and Google has been working to make this even easier. We've partnered with Samsung to build a smoother Multi-Admin experience, with an enhanced experience coming to you in 2023. When you open the Google Home app, you'll see Matter devices that have been set up with Samsung SmartThings and have the option to easily add those devices to Google Home and vice-versa.

In the new year, we'll enable even more Google devices with Matter and bring iOS support to the Google Home app. We're excited to see how the smart home grows and evolves as more Matter-enabled devices become available and we will be sure to keep you updated on the Nest Community blog.

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