

# Apple SIM

**Apple SIM** is a proprietary subscriber identity module (SIM) produced by Apple Inc. It is included in cellular-enabled versions of its iPad Air 2, iPad Mini 3, iPad Mini 4, iPad Mini 5, and iPad Pro tablets and Apple Watch Series 3 and later series in Apple Retail Stores in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The Apple SIM supports wireless services across multiple supported carriers, which can be selected from a user interface within iOS and watchOS, removing the need to install a SIM provided by the carrier itself. While Apple did not acknowledge the feature whilst presenting the iPad models that ship with Apple SIM, promotional materials on its website discuss the feature as being geared toward users of short-term mobile Internet contracts across multiple carriers.<sup>[1]</sup>

Carriers supported by Apple SIM include AT&T, Sprint and T-Mobile US, EE, au, GigSky, Truphone, Three, and AlwaysOnline Wireless. Altogether these carriers provide coverage in 100+ countries. However, activating mobile services on AT&T will permanently lock the Apple SIM to AT&T, requiring the purchase of a new Apple SIM in order to use a different carrier.<sup>[2]</sup>

The Apple SIM is known as a *Removable SIM with Remote Provisioning*<sup>[3]</sup> – it is a special SIM card that may be configured with different operator profiles. This is in contrast to an embedded SIM, which is not removable and may also be remotely provisioned. It appears that Apple has begun to include both types of SIM in their newer devices.<sup>[4]</sup>

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### Embedded-SIM

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- iPhone 12

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Developer	<u>Apple Inc.</u>
Type	<u>Subscriber identity module</u>
Website	<u>www.apple.com/ipad/apple-sim/</u> ( <u>https://www.apple.com/ipad/apple-sim/</u> )

- iPhone 12 mini
- iPhone 12 Pro
- iPhone 12 Pro Max
- iPhone 11
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- iPhone Xr
- iPhone Xs
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- Apple Watch Series 3
- Apple Watch Series 4
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- iPad Pro (11-inch) (2nd generation)
- iPad Pro (11-inch) (1st generation)
- iPad Pro (12.9-inch) (4th generation)
- iPad Pro (12.9-inch) (3rd generation)
- iPad Air (4th generation)
- iPad Air (3rd generation)
- iPad (8th generation)
- iPad (7th generation)
- iPad mini (5th generation)

## Apple SIM embedded

The following devices have embedded Apple SIMs.

- iPad Pro (12.9-inch) (2nd generation)
- iPad Pro (10.5-inch)
- iPad Pro (9.7-inch)

## Physical Apple SIM

The following devices support physical Apple SIM cards.

- iPad Pro (12.9-inch) (1st generation)
- iPad (5th generation)
- iPad (6th generation)
- iPad Air 2
- iPad Mini 3
- iPad Mini 4

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