

How to connect AirPods to Apple TV

Apple TV can stream audio directly to your AirPods, AirPods Pro, or AirPods Max wireless headphones via a Bluetooth connection. As a result, you can watch videos, play games or exercise with Apple Fitness + without disturbing anyone else in the room.

Here's how to connect the AirPods to an Apple TV.

Connect via Apple ID

When you pair the AirPods with your iPhone or iPad, iCloud shares that connection with your other linked devices. If you've signed in to another device with the same Apple ID account, your AirPods should be able to make the connection with that device pretty easily.

The same is true for Apple TV. If the AirPods are already paired with an Apple ID, you can use a handy shortcut to quickly establish a connection between your AirPods and your Apple TV. Note that the headset can only connect to Bluetooth after you open the case cover (leave it awake) or are being worn on your ear.



To create a quick connection, press and hold the Play button on the Apple TV remote. You should see a list of available wireless devices appear, including your AirPods. Just click on the name of the headset in the list and wait a moment for the connection to be established. Now, all the sound from your Apple TV will be played through your AirPods.

To disconnect, simply return to this menu by holding the Play button on your remote, then tap on ' **Apple TV** ' from the list that appears. This will reroute the audio via Apple TV.

Manually pair the AirPods to the Apple TV

If you have problems with the above method, you can try to manually pair the AirPods with your Apple TV, similar to how you do the pairing process on any other Bluetooth device.

First, navigate to **Settings> Remotes and Devices> Bluetooth** on Apple TV.

Next, open the lid of the AirPods case and hold down the small white pairing button on the back until the LED light starts flashing. (With the AirPods Max, take them out of the smart case, then press and hold the noise control button until the status light starts flashing white.)

You should now see your AirPods appear under ' **Other Devices** ' in the list of Bluetooth connections on the screen. Click on the name of the headset, then select ' **Connect** ' to establish a connection. If all goes well, your AirPods will quickly be paired with your Apple TV and the sound will stream to your headphones instead of the TV speaker or receiver.



To unpair Bluetooth with your AirPods, go back to **Settings> Remotes and Devices> Bluetooth** , tap on your AirPods, then select the ' **Unpair Device** ' option from the menu that appears.

How to control the volume of AirPods on Apple TV

When using the AirPods with Apple TV, you can control the volume using the volume controls on the remote. Your AirPods will work with your Apple TV just like you would with an iPhone or other similar device. Any content playing (whether it's music or YouTube) on the TV pauses when you remove the AirPod.

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