



# HOME SPEAKER PRODUCT EXAMPLES – UNITED STATES



## A COMPARISON OF DIGITAL ASSISTANTS INSIDE HOME SPEAKERS (JUNE 2018 UPDATE)

**The Amazon Echo** and **Google Home** product lines have over 95% of the North American home speaker market. Apple just introduced the HomePod 6 months ago. This chart compares the mini speakers and each competitor's least cost combination Speaker/Smart Home Hub.



	AMAZON ECHO DOT	AMAZON ECHO PLUS	GOOGLE HOME MINI	GOOGLE HOME	APPLE HOMEPOD
List Price United States (rounded \$us)	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$130</b>	<b>\$450</b>
Smart Home Hub	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
Assistant Name	Alexa		Google Assistant		Siri
Natural Voice Recognition Accuracy	✓		✓✓✓		✓✓
Make calls to regular phones	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Receive calls	<b>Only for Alexa-to-Alexa in-app calls</b>		✗	✗	✗
<b>911 calls allowed</b>	<b>When add Echo Connect to Home Phone</b>		✗	✗	✗
Alarms and Timers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Named Alarms & Timers (Best for reminders)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Shopping & To Do Lists	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Internet Web info (web search by voice)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Portable Battery Option	Add battery powered base	✗	✗	✗	✗
Devices required to set-up and manage your home speaker and digital assistant app	<b>iPhone</b> running iOS 9.0+ (iPhone 6+) <b>SmartPhone</b> running Android 5.0+ <i>iPad, tablet or computer if <u>voice call feature not required</u>. Calling feature will not work.</i>		<b>iPhone or iPad</b> running iOS 9.1+ or <b>SmartPhone or tablet</b> running Android 5.0+		<b>iPhone, iPad, or iPod</b> running iOS 11.2.5+



**Q. WHY CAN'T I CALL 911 FROM MY HOME SPEAKER?**

Calls placed from a home speaker use the internet. 911 only accepts calls from telephone landlines or mobile phones so they'll know your location. In the US, add the Echo Connect to turn your Echo into a handsfree speaker for a home phone; you can then call 911 from your Echo Speaker.

**Q. CAN I MAKE PHONE CALLS FROM AN APPLE HOMEPOD?**

The HomePod with Siri cannot make or receive calls (yet).

**Q. CAN I ORDER PRODUCTS THROUGH ALEXA FROM AMAZONPRIME.COM?**

Yes. Voice ordering through Amazon Prime is available in the United States.

**Q. WILL THE SPEAKERS WORK WHEN THE POWER IS OUT?**

No. If concerned, ask your internet company if putting your WiFi modem & home speaker on a Universal Power Source (UPS) would keep you connected to the Internet.

If yes, and you're concerned about power outages, consider a portable speaker options so you can move it around the house without a second UPS backup. The portable options available at time of writing are 1) the Amazon Tap and 2) the Echo Dot when combined with a batter powered base (Base sold separately through 3<sup>rd</sup> party).

**Q. WHAT OTHER HOME SPEAKERS ARE AVAILABLE WITH GOOGLE AND ALEXA?**

1. **The Echo (\$100us).** Offers the same features as the dot but with better sounds quality.
2. **The Echo Spot (\$130us).** Slightly larger than a soft-ball, The Echo Spot offers touchscreen controls, some information display, a camera and video capability.
3. **The Amazon Tap (\$130us).** Portable with 9 hours of continuous use; 4 hours to recharge.
4. **The Sonos One (\$200) managed through an Echo Speaker (Alexa).** Provides very good sound quality but CANNOT place or receive phone calls. Amazon only supports Alexa voice calling through Amazon produced devices.
5. **Bose WaveTouch (\$600) managed through an Echo speakers (Alexa).** Enjoy excellent sound quality while managing your listening experience hands-free through Alexa voice commands.
6. **The Google Home Max (\$400).** This has all the Google Home features, including Smart Home Hub controls built into a high-end speaker.
7. **Coming July 18: Google Assistant Inside Smart Screens Made by 3<sup>rd</sup> Parties.** Google announced Smart Screen speakers will be launched by July 18. We hope to see models from **LG, Lenovo, Sony** and **JBL**. Details pending.