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Are HomePods worth it in 2024?

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As you may know, Apple recently classed the 1st generation HomePod as "vintage," and the HomePod mini hasn't been updated for years now. Both the big HomePod and the HomePod mini are still available for sale on Apple's website, and they have some cool features, so my question is this - Do you think they are still worth \$299/\$99 in 2024?

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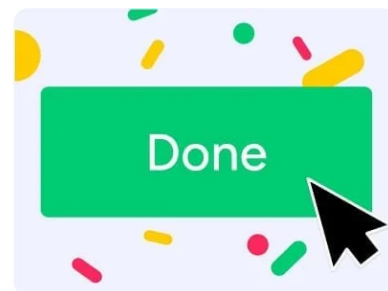
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yea love the 4 we have (2 og, 2 mini)

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If you're into the apple ecosystem then 100. They're great w iPhone, or air playing from your Mac, and work great w Apple Music. Most importantly they sound phenomenal and look nice.

Siri is an absolute moron though so I don't really consider it "smart" speaker persay ..

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rocking the og HomePod....Love it...

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I paid \$269 for my last HomePod and \$79 for my last Mini. They sound great. I have one in every room in my house. They don't need any updates as far as I'm concerned, unless they could add a feature to make one act as a rear channel for a stereo pair.

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Rear channel would be amazing

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Absolutely. We had the Amazon system and they constantly disconnected. HomePods work better and sound better.

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Considering how Amazon Echos are for some reason getting worse instead of better as time goes by, yes HomePods are worth it. I have one right now and I plan to buy more to replace the rest of my Amazon Echos when they go on sale for Black Friday.

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As an assistant? Who knows since I don't think Apple intelligence will be compatible with old hardware because of hardware limitations.

As speakers? I would say yes.

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As long as you don't mind look at your iPhone for that answer

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EDIT: Referring to OG HomePod!!

They're risky, but great. So first of all, you have to accept the risk. I've had 1 out of 5 suffer from not powering on (owned from new) after over 2 years of hard service: loud listening, often in a stereo pair.

Value:

1. You can get them on eBay for £200-250 open boxed.
2. They can act as a great alternative to sound bars, which can cost many times more
3. A repair is going to cost you £50-100ish
4. Scrap value of a failed unit is about £50, people are buying these cheap as repair projects

Reliability:

1. Some can NPO, but this is a fixable diode repair
2. Some can have blown speakers, but didn't affect me driving them HARD for over 2 years (parties)
3. They can brick on software updates (Apple won't help you out)

Sound:

1. The sound output of two OG HomePods is very impressive to normal people, I know because I've used them for parties and cinema nights
2. Their sound is typically reviewed to be slightly better than HomePod 2, and they have more acoustic hardware, but not by much

We are all waiting for a new version of HomePods, with new acoustic hardware, but they're on a slow update cycle. Who knows when the next one will come. If you're going to buy 2nd gen's instead, Black Friday is the best time to do it because Apple apply a heavy discount then (£80 voucher each, last time). , but not for other means (Student, NHS).

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None of the issues you have described apply to the HomePod mini or HomePod (2nd Generation).

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Well that depends. I have a small apartment with a fiber connection and only few lights I control with it. So I never have issues with house commands or lag like some people report.

And since I also have the entire Apple eco system, homepods work much better for me than anything else could.

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I have one OG and two current-gen full-size home pods. They're good for what they are. It can't replace a home theater.... But as far as smart speakers go, they're the best available.

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I'm interested, but definitely not until Apple intelligence models arrive.

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buy one secondhand, very cheap

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I've gotten two from Facebook Marketplace for the Kitchen and Master Bedroom. Great for filling the house with music whilst your cleaning.... I mean parties, that's right, all the parties we have.

They function really well as a room filler for ambient music rather than as a primary source where you're sat in the perfect listening position like a traditional hifi/dual speaker set up.

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For the sound, yes. For everything else, absolutely not.

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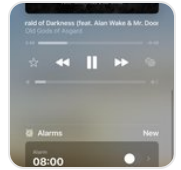
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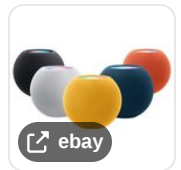
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