

Apple's third-gen AirPods have fallen to their best of the year

Happy Saturday, dear readers! In case you weren't already aware, Mother's Day is next weekend, which means you have about a week or so to pick up a gift if you were planning on doing so. We've assembled a wide array of picks in our Mother's Day gift guide, but, if want a quick suggestion, **Apple's third-gen AirPods** are on sale once again at Amazon and Best Buy for \$149.99, nearly matching their best price to date.

In many ways, Apple's latest pair of earbuds are tailor-made for iPhone users. The third-gen earbuds feature automatic device switching, head-tracking spatial audio, and deeper Find My integration than the prior model, helping you to better pinpoint their location if you happen to lose them. They also sound better than the second-gen model, offer IPX4 water resistance, and remain a great pair of earbuds for making phone calls despite their shorter stems, which give them a more subtle look even if they are still the most recognizable pair of earbuds in existence.

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Google's Pixel Buds Pro are the company's first earbuds to include active noise cancellation. They combine impressive sound, great battery life, and good comfort – all without the

connection issues of earlier models. Right now, *Verge* readers can buy them at Wellbots for just \$149.99 with promo code **PIXBUDSVERGE**.

There are lots of iPads these days, but only one of them offers you that tablet experience in a portable size that's perfect for reading. The **iPad Mini** is that iPad, and the latest model is currently matching its all-time low of \$399.99 (\$100 off) at Amazon and Target in the 64GB, Wi-Fi configuration. Alternatively, if you need more space, the 256GB model is discounted at Amazon for \$539.99 (\$110 off), a price you'll see at checkout.

The tablet's 8.9-inch display and overall design mean it's basically a shrunken-down iPad Air – and that's perfectly fine. It's comfortable to hold on the couch or at your desk for long periods of time, which makes it great for reading lots of articles, comics, manga, books, etc. Dedicated e-readers like Amazon's Kindle may have a slight edge due to their glare-free displays, sure, but the Mini is also a tablet you can use to get other stuff done. Plus, pairing it with a second-gen Apple Pencil – which also happens to be on sale for just \$89 (\$40 off) at Amazon right now – makes for a nice note-taking experience.

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- Let's face it: we all know how spotty Wi-Fi can be. Thankfully, if you're looking for a relatively inexpensive way to add an ethernet jack to a room wirelessly or shore up your network connection across a small area, TP-Link's RE315 Wi-Fi

Extender is down to \$31.99 (\$18 off) at Amazon, nearly matching its best price to date.

- 8Bitdo's Ultimate C 2.4g Wireless Controller, which launches on May 31st, is now available for preorder at Amazon for \$29.99. It's essentially a barebones version of the Ultimate 2.4G Controller that lacks customization, however, it still works with both Windows and Android – as well as the Steam Deck – and comes in a pair of handsome pastel colors.
- Case-Mate's Fuel Charger is still matching its lowest price to date at Amazon, where you can snag it in a frosted white for \$16.60 (about \$13 off). The portable charger provides up to 30 watts of power via USB-C and features a foldable plug that allows for easy storage, though, it's the old-school transparent design that really seals the deal (no pun intended).
- Nomad is offering a selection of iPhone 14 and iPhone 14 Plus cases for 20 percent off through June 1st. What's more, *Verge* subscribers can take advantage of an additional 20 percent off when they enter promo code VERGE14 at checkout, meaning you can pick up one of Nomad's luxe Modern Leather Cases right now starting at just \$32.
- *Silo*, a brilliant adaptation of Hugh Howey's novels of the same name, has officially landed on Apple TV Plus. Thankfully, if you're not already a subscriber to Apple's premium streaming service, Best Buy is offering both new and returning subscribers a three-month subscription for free. All you need to do is follow the provided

instructions after making your purchase. Read our *Silo* review.

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