

Google tests an even darker 'dark mode' for its Android app



Google's testing a darker dark mode for its Android search app (via *Android Police*), according to *9to5Google*. This new shade still isn't the same as the one presented in Google's test of a pitch-black dark mode on desktops last month. Rather, the one spotted in the mobile app is darker than the usual dark gray but still lighter than pitch black. I momentarily had the pitch-black search page on desktop, but shortly after, it switched back to dark gray.

The new dark mode in Google's mobile app could be more attractive for devices with OLED displays looking to save battery life, or who just prefer to use dark mode more. *Android Police* said that the new shade is available Google's latest 13.8 beta in the Google Play Store which you can get via *APKMirror*, an archive that allows Android users to download items not readily available on their device, or go the official route by joining the beta test group.

After Google confirmed that it was testing dark mode on desktops last year, the company confirmed a wide rollout of dark mode for Google Search in February for its desktop users. Though you can access the app's new color shade on your own, a wider release could take months to get to more people officially, much like the desktop release we just saw.

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