# Polestar’s latest software update adds YouTube, upgraded Apple CarPlay

Polestar’s latest software update includes YouTube so Polestar 2 owners can watch streaming video while charging their vehicles and an updated version of Apple CarPlay that includes the ability to project Apple Maps onto the instrument cluster.

The software update, P2.9, is Polestar’s 15th over-the-air (OTA) upgrade since 2020. Automakers are increasingly relying on OTA updates to add infotainment controls, including streaming video, games, and other creature comforts for the era of connected cars.

YouTube is a big addition to the Polestar 2 experience, with the company offering Google’s video streaming service for the first time. Polestar is one of a handful of automakers that use Android Automotive, Google’s native operating system for vehicles.

On the flip side, CarPlay will look much different on Polestar vehicles after this OTA update. The Swedish company added CarPlay for the first time last year via a software upgrade. Now, the phone projection system will receive “extended functionality” with this latest update, according to Polestar.

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Phone calls can be answered with steering wheel controls while using CarPlay. And Apple Maps will display on the gauge cluster display behind the steering wheel – in what may be one

of the first instances of CarPlay occupying two screens in a vehicle at once.

Lastly, Polestar is updating its Range Assistant app to allow drivers to more accurately monitor their energy usage. According to the company, a revised algorithm for the projected range shown by the app is able to “account for changes in environmental and other factors that influence efficiency.”

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