Sonos will only bring AirPlay 2 to its recent speakers

Last year, Sonos announced plans to add support for Apple's AirPlay 2 to its speakers. AirPlay 2 is a significant feature in that it will allow iPhone and iPad users to send audio from basically any app to Sonos' great-sounding speakers. And you'll be able to tell Siri to play tracks from Apple Music on Sonos systems; the Sonos One smart speaker doesn't currently let you launch music from Apple's service with voice commands, but AirPlay 2 is a roundabout way of introducing that convenience. The difference is that you'll be doing the talking to your phone instead of the Sonos.

Sonos isn't saying exactly when AirPlay 2 integration will be ready for release. Apple itself has yet to officially launch AirPlay 2 for iOS yet; it's still in beta testing. So that part obviously needs to happen first. But Sonos has made enough progress to have finalized a list of which of speakers will get it. The Sonos One, second-gen Play:5, and Playbase will be updated with AirPlay 2 support. Older Sonos products — the Play:1, Play:3, and Playbar — won't be. To help ease the pain and frustration of that cutoff, Sonos says that so long as you've got one speaker that can do AirPlay 2 in your Sonos setup, you can group it with older models to make that audio play everywhere. *Mac Observer* first reported the list of supported devices.

Personally, I'm most excited about this for YouTube, since there's never been a great, seamless way to make Sonos play audio from the leading video platform. Now you'll just have to tap the AirPlay icon. There will likely be a bit of latency between sound and image with AirPlay 2, so it might not be

ideal in all cases. But at least it’ll be a relatively easy option. Same goes for Netflix, HBO Now, and other apps that Sonos hasn’t previously supported on its end.

Sonos also made another big promise last October: Google Assistant. The company has positioned the Sonos One as a smart speaker that will be assistant-agnostic and support multiple consumer favorites. It shipped with Alexa, AirPlay 2 will cover Siri (albeit from your iOS device and not the speaker itself), but Sonos hasn’t provided much of a status update on where the Google project is.

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