

# If you need to know what is Apple CarPlay

In the car infotainment wars, there are three camps: Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and the car stereo do not support the first two. Increasingly, CarPlay and Android Auto are the only true contenders in this contest. We have introduced Android Auto in the previous blog, so we are going to talk about CarPlay.



CarPlay gives car drivers a quick and convenient way to access

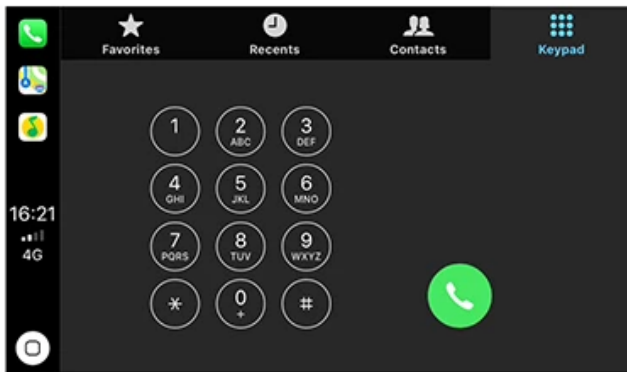
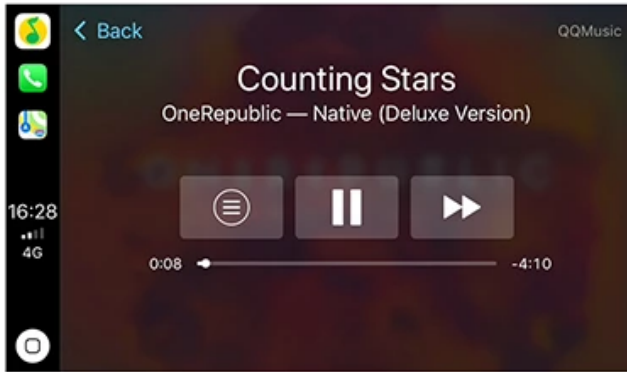
the data stored on your Apple phone. It enables a car stereo to be displayed and controlled for an iOS device. Car drivers can use CarPlay to navigate, make calls, send and receive text messages, and listen to music or podcasts. CarPlay makes driving more safer by reducing distraction and it is more user-friendly.

However, not all iOS applications can work with CarPlay, only a few of them work with CarPlay.

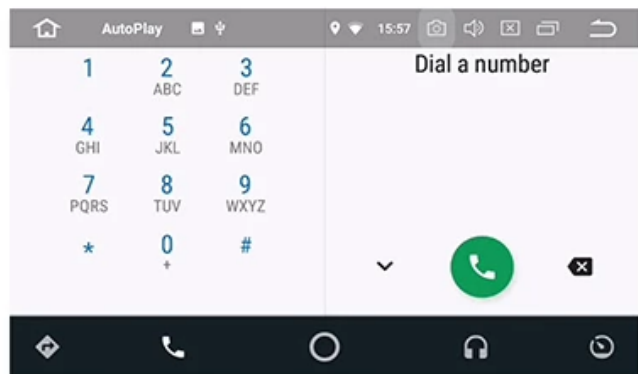
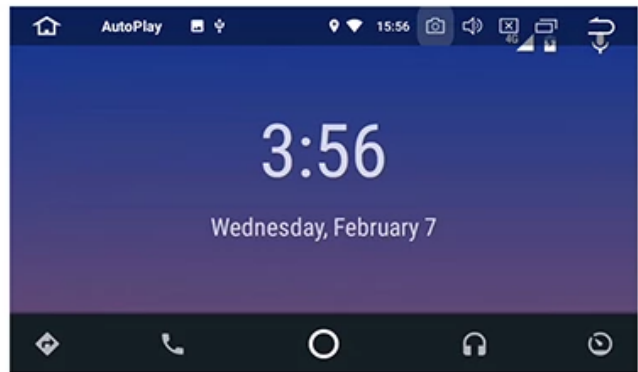
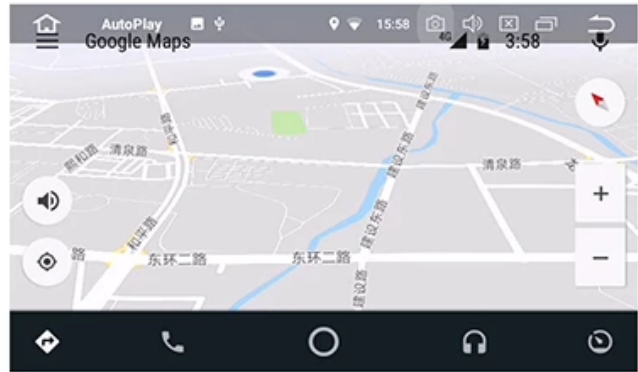
- CarPlay-enabled apps usually include:
- Phone
- Apple Music
- Apple Maps
- Calendar
- Messages
- AudioBooks
- Podcasts
- Settings
- Audio
- Navigation
- Automaker
- Messaging/Voice over IP (VoIP)

CarPlay-enabled apps installed on the device also appear on the CarPlay home screen.

## iPhone



## Android



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# Make sure you know Android Auto



Android Auto is a mobile app developed by Google to mirror features from an Android device, such as a smartphone, to a head unit. It is developed to encourage motorists to keep their eyes on the road and their hands on the steering wheel. It usually needs a dongle to connect.

Before getting started with Android Auto, you must download the app on your phone, connect your USB port to the car's system, and allow for the navigation and other controls to be dictated by the app. It should easily appear on your car's

screen.

Making calls or sending texts while driving is not a good idea. With Android Auto, you don't run the risk of having to use your hands while driving.

One of the best parts of Android Auto is the Google Maps-powered navigation system, which provides step-by-step directions and automatically finds an alternate route if it detects heavy traffic. It also gives motorists on-demand access to millions of songs and podcasts, lets them surf the web.

## Support Mobile Phones & Car Audio System

### For Car Audio



- Pumpkin Android car audio system with android version 5.1 and above.

### For Mobile Phones



- Support iPhone with iOS 7.1 and above.
- Support Android mobile phones with Android 5.1 and above.

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# Why we choose an aftermarket car stereo?

As we all know, a car stereo can improve the driving experience. So a good car stereo is necessary. There are so many people who choose to install an aftermarket car stereo than use the original one. Because aftermarket car stereos have many good aspects which original ones can not achieve.



## **Price**

Whether it is a high-grade version with the original car stereo or a slightly cheaper version, it is not comparable in price to the aftermarket car stereo. Aftermarket car stereo is cheaper than the original car stereo.

## **Appearance**

In general, the panel and button design are more user-friendly and the material is slightly better. In addition, the car stereo manufacturer also meets the needs of the users and sets some more commonly used buttons on the panel. The aftermarket car stereo is not only highly compatible with the original car but also more flexible in terms of use.

## **System and extended functionality**

The original car stereo is still based on the WinCE system,

and the system function is very single. For those who have used the smart system mobile phone, it does not necessarily meet all their needs. There are many aftermarket Android car stereos now. At the same time, the superiority of the system makes its extension function more prominent.

[Pumpkin Android car stereos](#) including Android 8.0 and Android 9.0, universal types and specific brands. Pumpkin universal car stereos fit for almost all car models, while Pumpkin car brand-tailored infotainment systems cover most of the Audi, BMW, Opel, Ford, VW, Skoda, Seat and Benz car models from 2000-2016. What's more, Pumpkin Android car stereos have strong storage to install the apps you expected.

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