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While HomePod is mostly reliable after setting up, most users struggle with its initial set-up. Especially when it comes to connecting HomePod to the Mac. If your HomePod is giving you a hard time, check out this guide to connect HomePod and HomePod Mini to Mac seamlessly.



Requirements to connect HomePod to Mac:

- You can't set up HomePod using Mac. So, set up <u>HomePod using the iPhone</u>, iPad, or iPod touch beforehand.
- Either of the below should be true:
 - $\circ\,$ HomePod and Mac should be on the same Wi-Fi
 - $\circ\,$ HomePod and Mac should share the same Apple ID

If you're confused about the above statement, let me elaborate. Mac uses AirPlay to stream content on HomePod. Thus they are not bound to be on the same Apple ID or Wi-Fi, although at least one of these situations should be fulfilled.

If the Mac and HomePod share the same Apple ID, HomePod will automatically pop into Mac's Home app and set itself up. And whenever HomePod is in range, music or other

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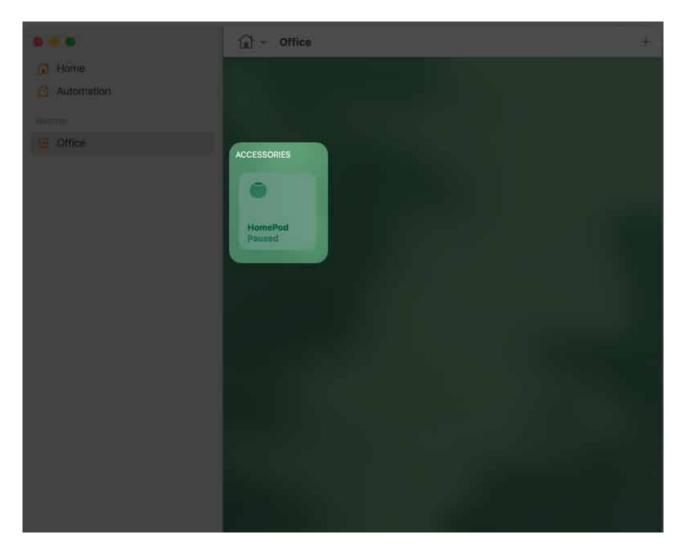
content from your Mac will auto-play on the smart speaker.

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How to AirPlay audio from your Mac to HomePod and HomePod Mini

- 1. Open Home App on your Mac.
- 2. Ensure that **HomePod** is visible here and proceed to the next step.



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- 3. Now open the **System Preferences** or System Settings (macOS Ventura and above).
- 4. Click **Sound** → **Output**.

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5. Select **HomePod** from the options to start playing content on HomePod.

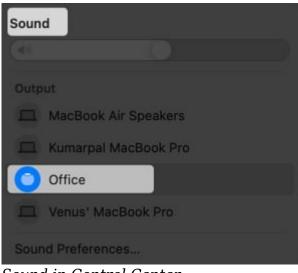
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The method will be almost the same if your Mac and HomePod share the same Wi-Fi. It will not be visible in the Home app, so follow steps 3 to 5.

Alternatively, you can visit the <u>Control Center</u> of your Mac, click the **Sound** section \rightarrow select **HomePod** from the options.

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Sound in Control Center

HomePod not connecting to Mac

If your HomePod is not visible in the Home app or Sound Preferences, then check the following:

- HomePod and Mac are on the same Wi-Fi or Apple ID.
- You have selected the correct device in your Sound Preferences.
- HomePod's Volume, try increasing or adjusting it.
- HomePod's Firmware is up to date.

All of the above conditions are met, but you're still facing the problem? The issue might be in the HomePod; check out our useful guide about <u>quick ways to fix any HomePod-related</u> <u>issue</u>.

Conclusion

I would like to admit that HomePod is a really great contender in the smart home space. Compared to any other device, it has better sound quality and connectivity. The only hiccup understands how the Apple Ecosystem works and how to make the most of it. What are your thoughts on it? Do let me know in the comments.

FAQs

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Q. Can I use HomePod as a Bluetooth speaker?

Yes, but there are conditions. You will either need an AirPlay-enabled Apple device to stream music to HomePod.

Q. Can we connect HomePod to a laptop or mobile?

Yes! To stream content on a HomePod from a non-Apple device, you will need to install Apple music on your laptop or mobile. Log in with the same Apple ID as your HomePod, and you're ready to go.

Q. Can HomePod be used as a Mac speaker?

Yes, You can use HomePod as a Mac speaker. Just change your Audio Preferences from settings.

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