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(4TH GEN)**



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Everyone Needs this Amazing Virtual Assistant!

Today everything for the home centers on convenience, and there's nothing more convenient than Amazon's Echo Dot, the 4th Gen virtual assistant you control with your voice. Need a dinner recipe? Ask Alexa via the Echo Dot, and she'll find one for you. Want to listen to some sweet tunes? Just make your request with the Echo Dot and Alexa, and they do the rest! The Echo Dot might be the Echo's little cousin, but it comes packed with features. It's the assistant you never knew you needed (but won't be able to live without). Read on to discover the Pros and Cons of the Amazon Echo Dot and our take on whether it's a must-buy smart home product.

All About the Amazon Echo Dot

The Echo Dot combines a decent speaker with Amazon's Alexa virtual assistant, making it much more than just a device to listen to music. The Dot, like the Echo, can answer a wide range of questions, find information, control various smart home devices, and is an in-home intercom system. While the Dot can do almost everything the Echo can do, it's priced about 50% less, making it an affordable gateway into the virtual assistant game.

The Echo Dot comes in several colors and styles to match your needs. For example, the [Echo Dot with Clock](#) features a highly visible clock display. There's also the [Echo Dot for Kids](#), which is the same device save for the adorable Tiger or Panda design on the device's fabric cover. (Plus parental controls!) One major drawback to the

Echo Dot is that, as a speaker, it's a bit lacking. The sound quality isn't terrible, per se, but it isn't great, either. This model isn't the Echo for audiophiles, but it works just fine for background tunes. (The [Echo Studio](#) is a much better choice if music is your passion.)

Amazon Echo Dot PROS

Why do we love the Amazon Echo Dot? Let's count the ways:

- It's the smallest of the Echo devices with the smallest footprint.
- Does *almost* everything the Echo can do.
- Has the same privacy settings as the Echo.
- The most affordable Echo device Amazon sells.
- Attractive design that fits most modern decor, with your choice of 3 colors.
- Looks uber cool.
- Alexa learns from your morning and evening routines.
- Controls hundreds (if not thousands) of smart devices.
- Easy, 2-finger tap to snooze.
- Picks up voice commands from a room away.

Amazon Echo Dot CONS

These Dot drawbacks need to be noted:

- Sound quality is lacking.
- Upgrades from 3rd Gen are mostly cosmetic.
- No auxiliary cable included. (The jack is there, but no cable.)
- The Echo Dot with Clock is \$10.00 more.
- The power brick is too large.

- False alarms using Alexa Guard can get annoying.
- Asking Alexa is still not on the level of Google or Siri.

Do We Recommend the Amazon Echo Dot (4th Gen)?

While the Amazon Echo Dot won't blow you away with its sound quality, overall, it's one of the best voice assistant devices on the market. Its price is affordable, and its features nearly match its bigger and more expensive cousin, the Amazon Echo. One caveat is that if you plan to use the Dot on your bedroom nightstand, we recommend spending the extra \$10 bucks to get the Echo Dot with Clock. As a gateway smart speaker, however, the Amazon Echo Dot is highly recommended.