

Apple releases new firmware for AirPods Pro 3 and AirPods Pro 2

Summary

The article describes the release of new firmware updates for AirPods Pro 2 and AirPods Pro 3. The updates, versions 8B21 and 8B25, likely include bug fixes and may connect to iOS 26.2's Live Translation feature for EU users.

The update may have something to do with Live Translation expanding to the EU in the coming weeks.

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Apple just updated AirPods firmware for AirPods Pro 2 and AirPods Pro 3. The old firmware version was 8A358, the new version is 8B21 for AirPods Pro 2 and 8B25 for AirPods Pro 3.

We don't yet know what these updates are supposed to do, as they are not listed on Apple's [AirPods Firmware tracking page](#). However, once it arrives, it's likely the release notes will simply say "bug fixes and other improvements."

iOS 26.2 will add Live Translation support for the EU and is expected to be released in early December, so this firmware may have something to do with that.

There is no way to force your AirPods to update, but we have an [article describing how AirPods firmware updates work](#) and how you can urge it along.

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