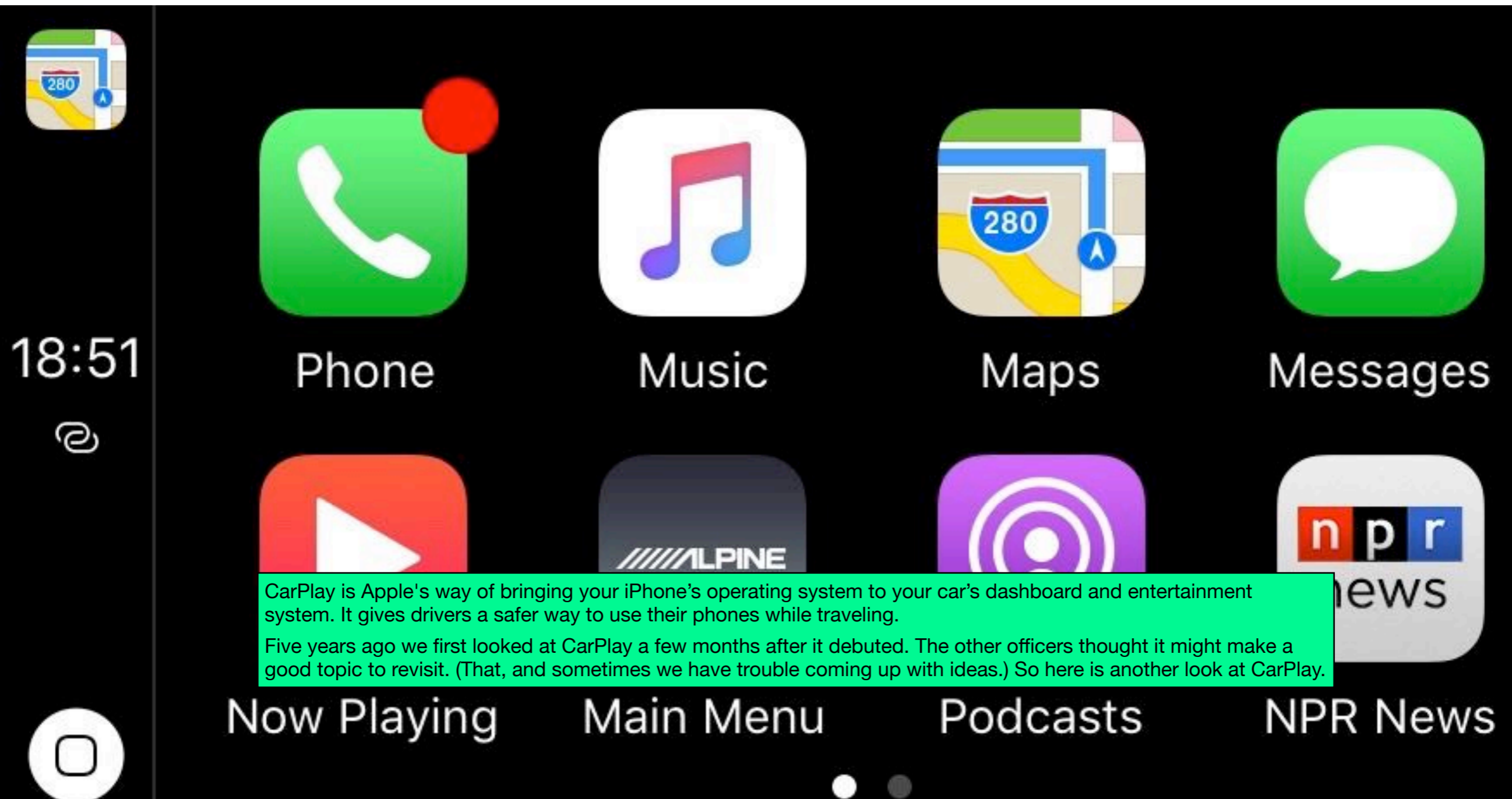


Apple CarPlay Revisited



CarPlay is Apple's way of bringing your iPhone's operating system to your car's dashboard and entertainment system. It gives drivers a safer way to use their phones while traveling.

Five years ago we first looked at CarPlay a few months after it debuted. The other officers thought it might make a good topic to revisit. (That, and sometimes we have trouble coming up with ideas.) So here is another look at CarPlay.

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Vehicles—

The CarPlay Lineup

With over 800 models to choose from, it's easier than ever to find a vehicle that works with CarPlay.⁴



First, is your vehicle CarPlay compatible? If it has a screen in the center of the dashboard and a USB port, then the answer is probably yes. Most vehicles require a cable connection, though there are some models that can connect wirelessly. (I'm still waiting for cars with a charging dock that will also connect a phone to CarPlay!)

This slide has a link to the Apple Support page that will show the 800+ makes and models of CarPlay-compatible vehicles.

CarPlay is available on every iPhone since the 5, 5c, and 5S



That same Apple Support page also lists every model of iPhone with CarPlay. Simply put, it's every phone since the model 5, 5c, and 5S, and every iOS since 7.1.

Phone mount (optional) —

Get a good phone mount.
VANMASS makes some good ones.

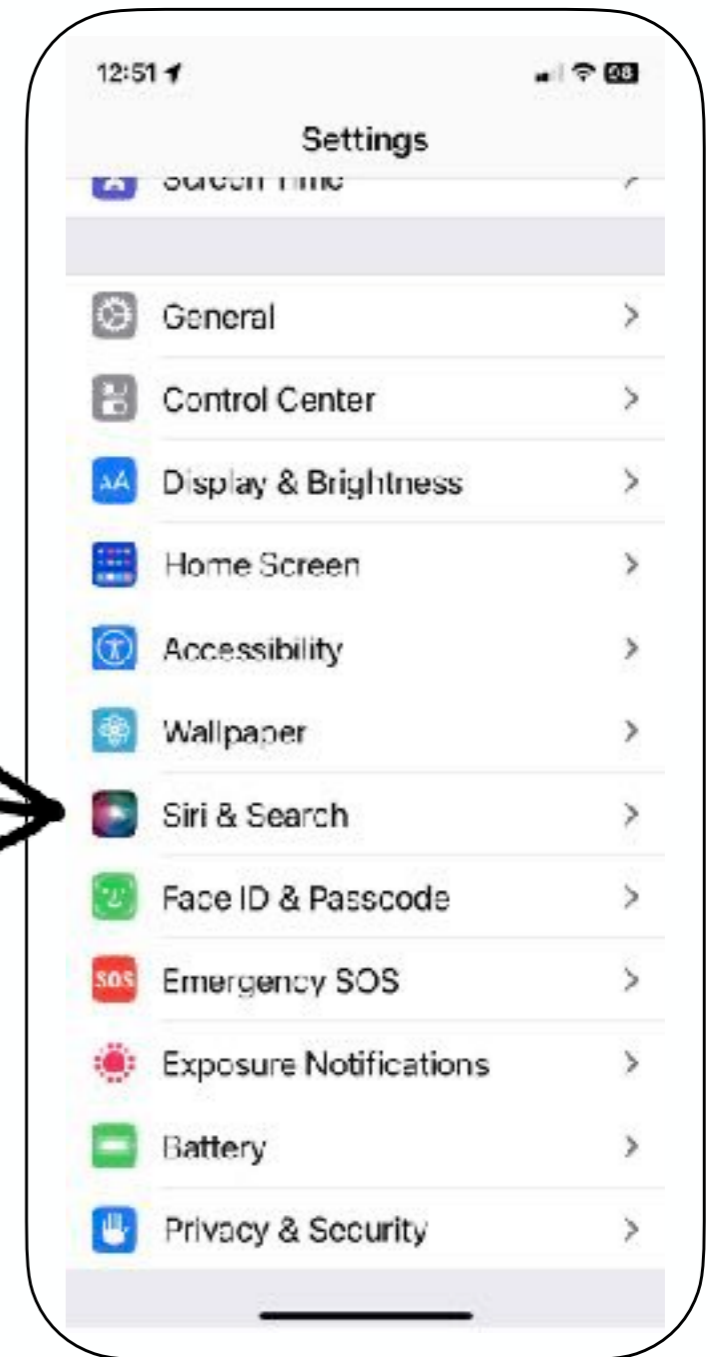


I recommend getting a good phone mount. It's not necessary, but it's a good idea to hold your phone firmly in place while it is connected by cable to your car's USB port. In May I talked about a phone mount by VANMASS that works very well. It's \$25 from Amazon.

Setup Siri—

Activate Siri on your phone:

- **Settings > Siri & Search**
- **Toggle ON: Listen for “Hey Siri”**
- **Toggle ON: Press Side Button for Siri**
- **Toggle ON: Allow Siri When Locked.**



The point of CarPlay is to let you use your iPhone hands-free and keep your eyes on the road as much as possible. If you don't already use Siri, then activate it by going to Settings, Siri & Search, then toggle ON the options to **Listen for “Hey Siri”** and **Allow Siri When Locked**.

Practice using Siri and CarPlay—

“Hey Siri” ...

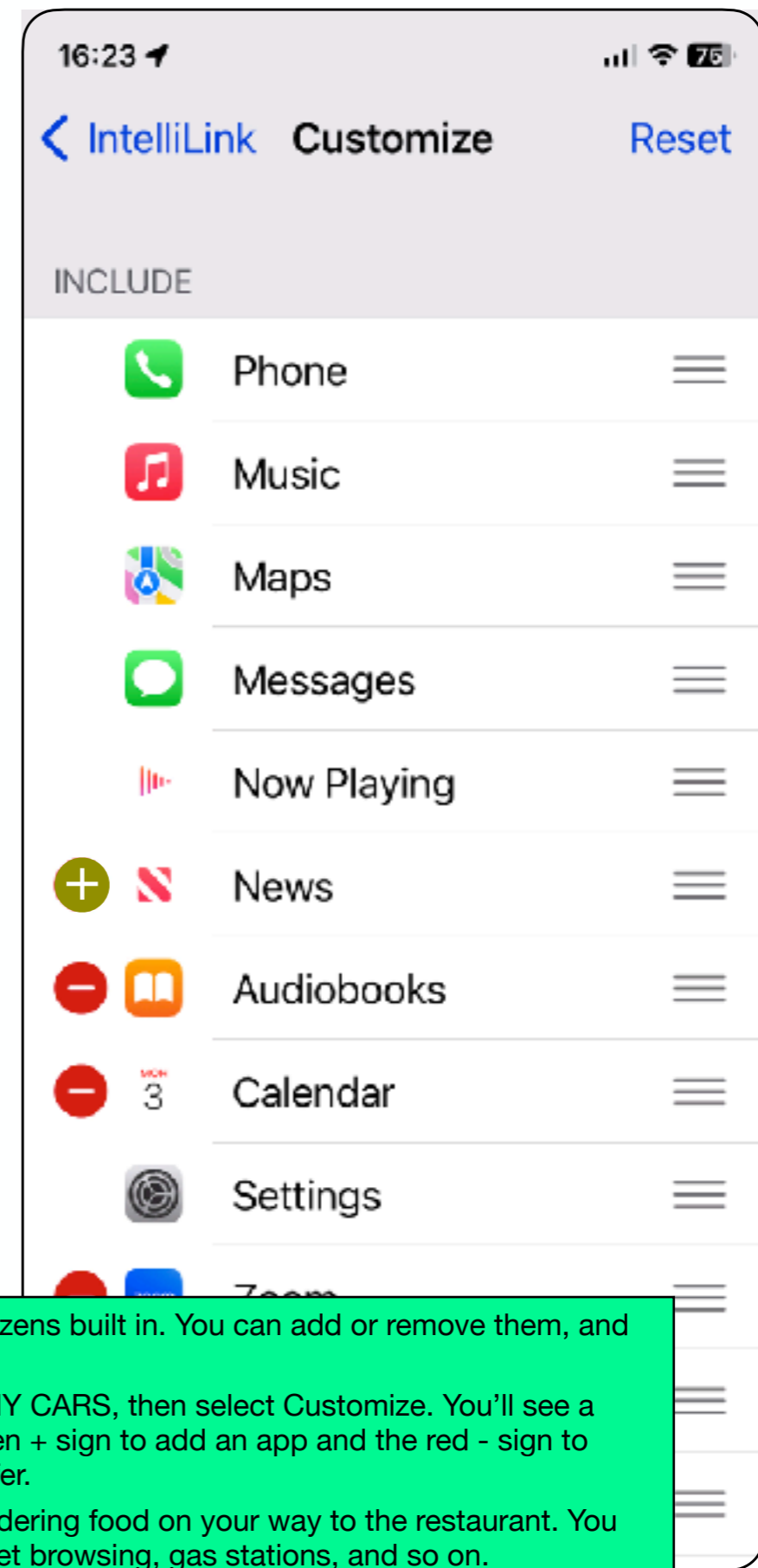
- Send a text message to Otto Mobile.
- Read the last text from Ida Claire.
- Call Shanda Lear
- Give me directions to Nacho Daddy Mexican restaurant.
- Play “How Can I Miss You If You Won’t Go Away?”

Something else I recommend is that you practice using Siri before you drive. Turn the ignition to the ON position. Connect your phone to your car’s USB port, and CarPlay will start by itself and show the default apps. Tap on some of the icons to see what you can do with them.

Try giving Siri commands such as send a text message, read the last text from so-and-so, place a phone call, give directions, and play a song or playlist in your Library.

CarPlay apps—

Activate, delete, and reorder apps on CarPlay



When CarPlay first came out it had a limited number of apps. Now there are dozens built in. You can add or remove them, and you can rearrange their order.

Open Settings on your phone > General > CarPlay. Select your vehicle under MY CARS, then select Customize. You'll see a complete list of all the apps on your phone that work with CarPlay. Tap the green + sign to add an app and the red - sign to remove it. The bars on the right let you rearrange the apps in the order you prefer.

Many restaurant chains, such as Panera and Dunkin', have CarPlay apps for ordering food on your way to the restaurant. You can also add apps for music, audio books, podcasts, sports, navigation, Internet browsing, gas stations, and so on.

<https://support.apple.com/guide/iphone/connect-to-carplay-iph6860e6b53/ios>

<https://mashtips.com/manage-carplay-apps/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hvv325QdIDA>

MacRumors video —



In the next year we can expect to see some major upgrades to CarPlay, and carmakers will offer more CarPlay-friendly features. This video from MacRumors talks about changes we can expect and the upgrades we should see for CarPlay.

Video recap —



- **CarPlay will adapt to any display**
- **EV charging stations**
- **Offline maps**
- **SharePlay Music**
- **Just say, “Siri.”**
- **Siri can handle multiple tasks at once.**
- **Improved Messages dictation and editing**
- **New wallpaper designs**

Final comments—

- **GM will eliminate CarPlay from its electric vehicles in 2024**
- **98% of the new cars sold in the US come with CarPlay.**

General Motors said its electric vehicles will not have CarPlay beginning with the 2024 models. Instead, GM will market its own infotainment system that works independently of a phone.

Several articles said beware of GM's decision. CarPlay bypasses a car's own system and, as with all Apple products, it protects your privacy. So does GM want to collect information about you? And what will GM's subscription cost be?

If social media is any indication, GM will lose EV customers because of this decision. Besides, unless you are a diehard fan of GM, you'll be pleased to know that 98% of the new cars sold in the US have CarPlay.