

iOS 14

6 new features worth highlighting

Home screen widgets

Apple is finally allowing users to add widgets to their home screens. Widgets can be dragged from the Today view right onto the Home screen, and can be pinned in different sizes.



App list view

Similar to Google's app drawer, Apple's "App Library" is a list of every app on the phone, regardless of its visibility.



Third-party default email and browser apps

iOS 14 will finally allow users to choose their own default email and browser apps, provided the third-party app uses Apple's rendering engine.



Picture-in-picture

The new update will give iPhone a picture-in-picture mode, which can be used to play videos on top of whatever other apps you're using.



Discreet voice assistant and calls

Instead of taking over the entire display, Siri will now appear with a "discreet" small icon at the bottom of the screen. Results of queries and calls will similarly appear in smaller windows at the top of the screen.



Digital car keys

An NFC-based feature that lets users unlock their car with an iPhone or Apple Watch. So far only the new 2021 BMW 5 Series works with this feature.



NEW CARS THIS WEEK



Subaru offers more mud wrestling options
Subaru's new all wheels drive station wagon got an update, which came with a major boost in power. The XV now has a new optional 2.5 liter four-cylinder engine that generates 182 HP and 176 pound-feet of torque, which is not bad considering it's a naturally aspirated boxer. There are now also two new paint options, named plasma Yellow and Horizon Blue. The interior is mostly left as it is though, with changes being limited to trim pieces offering unique new stitching and accents.



Ford reintroduces Mach 1 after 17 years
The iconic Mustang Mach 1 is once again back to break the proverbial sound barrier. Claimed by Ford to be "the most track-capable 5.0-liter Mustang ever," the new Mach 1 is an angry beast. Its 480 HP 5.0-liter V8 can be had with a Tremec six-speed manual, with gearing that matches the Shelby GT350. Speaking of Shelby, the car borrows heavily from that lineup, taking heat exchangers from the GT350 and rear-axle coolers from the GT500. Is the new car just a Shelby parts special? We honestly don't care, except for the fact we want one.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Can we get close by staying far, far away?

The new normal is taking some getting used to. Like all unknowns, this is scary. Are we ever going to be the way we were? Some will say, let's hope not. Technology was the bane that distracted people from real human interactions. But now, that same technology is helping bridge people with an intensity we haven't seen before. It's ramped up efficiency for those that care to appreciate it. There is not time to delay and so the doers get things done while having a nice, clean trail of records. Cool.

This week we bring you ways to get back to work safely. But employers have an equal duty to ensure wellbeing and appreciation if they expect a quick growth out of this economic decline. We've got that too. Let's bridge that distance.

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