

About Apple Watch water resistance

Learn about water resistance on your Apple Watch and what to do if your device gets wet.

Is my Apple Watch waterproof?

Your Apple Watch is water resistant, but not waterproof.* For example, you may wear and use your Apple Watch during exercise (exposure to sweat is OK), in the rain, and while washing your hands.

Can I go swimming or take a shower with my Apple Watch?

Apple Watch Series 1 and Apple Watch (1st generation) are splash and water resistant, but submerging Apple Watch Series 1 and Apple Watch (1st generation) isn't recommended. Apple Watch Series 2 and Apple Watch Series 3 may be used for shallow water activities like swimming in a pool or ocean. However, Apple Watch Series 2 and Apple Watch Series 3 shouldn't be used for scuba diving, water skiing, or other activities involving high velocity water or submersion below shallow depth.

Showering with Apple Watch Series 2 and Apple Watch Series 3 is ok, but we recommend not exposing Apple Watch to soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, and perfumes as they can negatively affect water seals and acoustic membranes. Apple Watch should be cleaned with fresh water and dried with a lint free-cloth if it comes in contact with anything other than fresh water.

Water resistance isn't a permanent condition and may diminish over time. Apple Watch can't be rechecked or resealed for water resistance. The following may affect the water resistance of your Apple Watch and should be avoided:

- Dropping Apple Watch or subjecting it to other impacts.
- Exposing Apple Watch to soap or soapy water, for example while showering or bathing.
- Exposing Apple Watch to perfume, solvents, detergent, acids or acidic foods, insect repellent, lotions, sunscreen, oil, or hair dye.
- Exposing Apple Watch to high velocity water, for example while water skiing.
- Wearing Apple Watch in the sauna or steam room.

Not all bands are appropriate for water use. For example, the stainless steel and leather bands aren't water resistant and shouldn't be exposed to liquids.

What should I do if my Apple Watch gets wet?

If water splashes on to your Apple Watch, wipe it off with a nonabrasive, lint-free cloth. Don't use heat,

compressed air, or sprays. Clean and dry your Apple Watch, the band, and your skin after workouts or heavy sweating. After swimming, gently rinse Apple Watch Series 2 and Apple Watch Series 3 with warm tap water. Dry Apple Watch and the band thoroughly if they're exposed to fresh water. [Learn more about cleaning your Apple Watch.](#)

If your Apple Watch got wet and now its speaker sounds muffled, follow the steps below. Don't insert anything into the openings, for example the microphone or speaker ports, and don't shake the watch to remove water. Allowing your Apple Watch to charge overnight may speed up evaporation.

On Apple Watch Series 3, measurements from the barometric altimeter may be less accurate if water gets into the air vent, for example during swimming. Normal altimeter performance will return after the water has evaporated.

Apple Watch Series 2 and Apple Watch Series 3

When you start a swimming workout, your Apple Watch automatically locks the screen with **Water Lock** to avoid accidental taps. When you're done, turn the Digital Crown to unlock the screen and clear any water from your Apple Watch. You hear sounds and may feel some water on your wrist.

To manually clear water from Apple Watch, swipe up on the bottom of the watch face to open Control Center, tap **Water Lock**, then turn the Digital Crown to unlock the screen and clear water from the speaker.

Apple Watch Series 1 or earlier

Check to see if water is in the microphone or speaker by placing the device, speaker side down, on a nonabrasive, lint-free cloth to see if any water drips out. Water in the port may degrade speaker or microphone performance until it completely evaporates.

* Apple Watch Series 1 and Apple Watch (1st generation) have a water resistance rating of IPX7 under IEC standard 60529. Apple Watch Series 2 and Apple Watch Series 3 have a water resistance rating of 50 meters under ISO standard 22810:2010. Classic Buckle, Leather Loop, Modern Buckle, Milanese, and Link Bracelet Bands aren't water resistant.

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