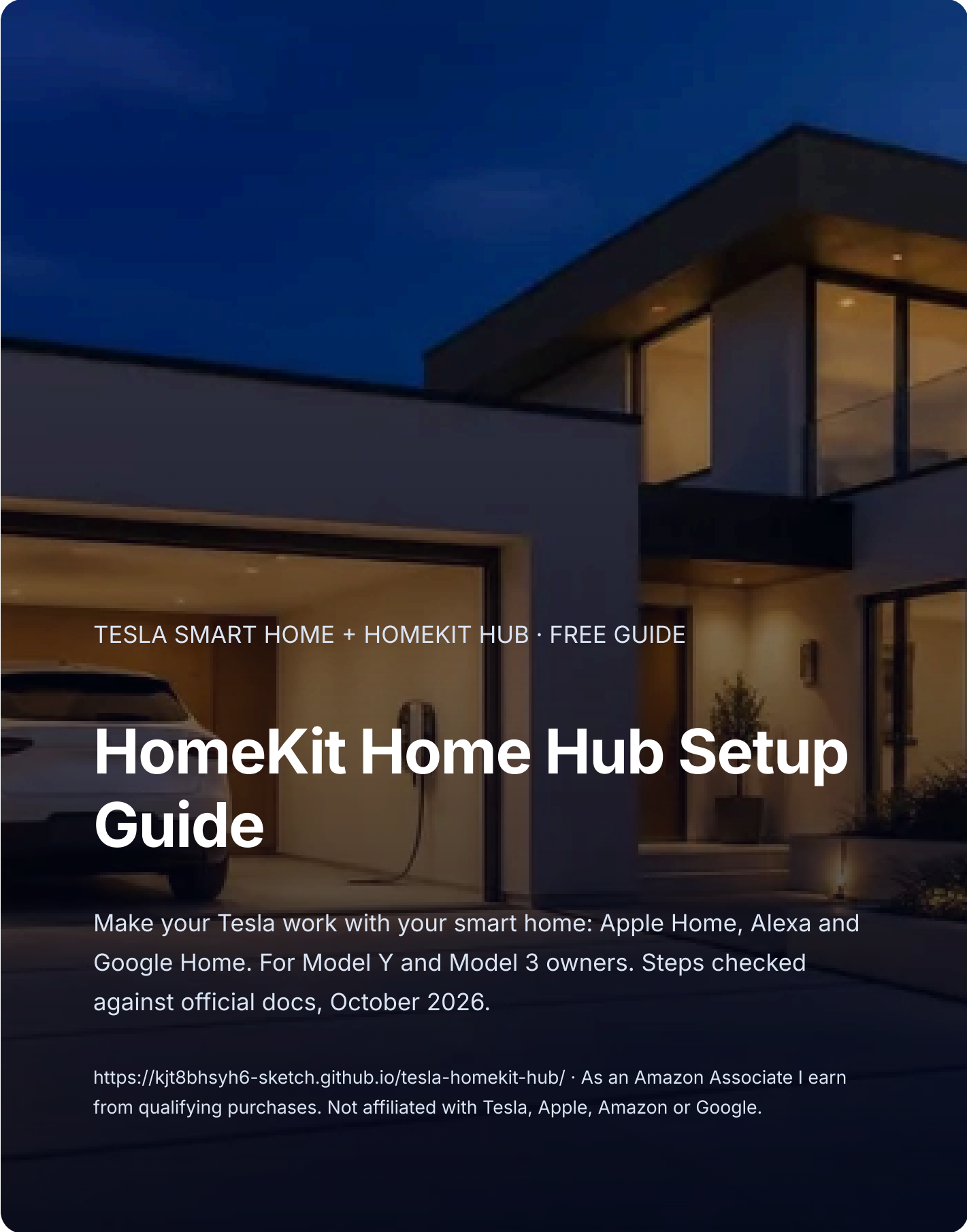


A modern, two-story house at night. The house has large windows and a flat roof. The interior lights are on, and the garage is open, showing a white Tesla car parked inside. A Tesla charging station is visible in the garage. The sky is dark blue.

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HomeKit Home Hub Setup Guide

Make your Tesla work with your smart home: Apple Home, Alexa and Google Home. For Model Y and Model 3 owners. Steps checked against official docs, October 2026.

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Home Hubs: Apple Home guide

A home hub runs automations while you're away, enables remote control and is required for Matter and Thread devices to work their best.

How to choose

- Pick a HomePod mini or Apple TV 4K: both are Apple home hubs and Thread border routers.
- Already use Hue lights? The Hue Bridge brings them into Apple Home.
- For Aqara Zigbee sensors, the Aqara Hub M3 bridges them over Matter.

Top picks

Apple HomePod mini

[Check price on Amazon](#)

Apple TV 4K

[Check price on Amazon](#)

Aqara Hub M3

[Check price on Amazon](#)

Philips Hue starter kit with Bridge

[Check price on Amazon](#)

Apple Home setup, step by step

1. Set up the HomePod mini or Apple TV with the same Apple Account you use for the Home app; it becomes a home hub automatically.
2. On Apple TV: Settings > AirPlay and Apple Home > Room, to assign it to a room.
3. Check hub status: Home app > Add (+)/More > Home Settings > Home Hubs & Bridges.
4. Then add bridges (Hue Bridge, Aqara M3) with Add Accessory.

Tesla tie-ins

- Without a hub, Tesla-arrival automations in the Home app won't run. Set up a hub first.
- A HomePod in the garage lets you say "Hey Siri, open the garage" as you unload.

Real-world examples

Summarized in our own words. Links go to the original posts.

An Apple Home creator uses a HomePod mini every day for Siri, automations and Thread coverage, not just as a speaker.

Source: @helloapplehome on X

[Apple HomePod mini on Amazon](#)

One poster points out that Apple TV 4K works as a Thread border router, a Matter controller and a home hub all at once, a role many owners never turn on.

Source: @Eric_Smith08 on X

[Apple TV 4K on Amazon](#)

A user warns that a hub that travels (like an iPad) can't process HomeKit Secure Video while it's away. Use a hub that stays home.

Source: @TammyTutone on X

Bonus: Shortcuts recipes

Verification note: Tesla action names (Precondition Vehicle (some app versions show it as "Start Preconditioning"), Set Temperature, Defrost, Lock/Unlock, Open Frunk, Open/Close Rear Trunk, Set Charge Limit, Sentry Mode, Dog Mode) come from the Tesla app 4.24 Shortcuts list as reported by MacRumors. Tesla's Owner's Manual doesn't publish the exact names, so check the "Tesla" section in your Shortcuts app. Apple names (Control Home, Get Current Weather, If, Wait, Show Notification, and the triggers) match Apple's Shortcuts docs.

1. Warm Up Tesla

Trigger: Siri / Home Screen (regular shortcut)

Actions

1. Tesla: Precondition Vehicle: On, Vehicle: your car
2. Tesla: Set Temperature: 70 °F
3. Show Notification: "Cabin warming"

Run without asking: Regular shortcuts run when you tap them or ask Siri.

Tip: Say "Hey Siri, Warm Up Tesla".

2. Cold Morning Pre-Heat

Trigger: Personal automation: Time of Day, 7:00 AM, Weekdays

Actions

1. Get Current Weather: Current Location
2. Get Details of Weather Conditions: Temperature
3. If: Temperature is less than 40
4. Tesla: Precondition Vehicle: On
5. Tesla: Defrost: On
6. End If

Run without asking: Time of Day can run without asking: turn off Ask Before Running.

Tip: Pair with Scheduled Precondition for regular commutes.

3. Arrive Home: Garage

Trigger: Personal automation: Arrive, Home

Actions

1. Control Home: Set Scenes and Accessories, Garage Door: Open
2. Control Home: Garage and Porch Lights: On

Run without asking: Arrive automations have a Run Immediately option (iOS 17+). Garage doors may still ask for confirmation.

Tip: Or build it as a Home app "People Arrive" automation for the whole household.

4. Leave Home: Lock Up

Trigger: Personal automation: Leave, Home

Actions

1. Tesla: Lock
2. Control Home: Garage Door: Closed
3. Control Home: Scene "Away"

Run without asking: Use Run Immediately (iOS 17+).

Tip: Needs a home hub to control accessories remotely.

5. CarPlay Connected: Leaving Lights

Trigger: Personal automation: CarPlay, Connects

Actions

1. Control Home: Driveway Lights: On
2. Wait: 300 seconds
3. Control Home: Driveway Lights: Off

Run without asking: CarPlay automations can run without asking.

Tip: Limit it to evenings with an If on Current Date (optional).

6. CarPlay Disconnected: Plug-In Reminder

Trigger: Personal automation: CarPlay, Disconnects

Actions

1. Show Notification: "Plug in the car?"

Run without asking: CarPlay automations can run without asking.

Tip: If your car doesn't use CarPlay, use Bluetooth > your Tesla > Disconnects (Run Immediately on iOS 17+).

7. Groceries: Open Trunk

Trigger: Siri / Back Tap / Action button

Actions

1. Tesla: Open/Close Rear Trunk: Vehicle: your car

Run without asking: Runs when triggered.

Tip: Assign it to Back Tap: Settings > Accessibility > Touch > Back Tap.

8. Garage NFC Tag: Good Night

Trigger: Personal automation: NFC (scan a tag by the garage door)

Actions

1. Tesla: Lock
2. Tesla: Sentry Mode: On
3. Control Home: Garage Door: Closed
4. Control Home: Scene "Good Night"

Run without asking: NFC automations can run without asking.

Tip: Stick the NFC tag at hand height by the door into the house.

9. Off-Peak Charge Limit

Trigger: Personal automation: Time of Day, Sunday 8:00 PM

Actions

1. Tesla: Set Charge Limit: 80%
2. Show Notification: "Charge limit set to 80%"

Run without asking: Time of Day can run without asking.

Tip: Before road trips, make a matching "Trip Mode" shortcut that sets 100%.

10. Pet Safe Stop

Trigger: Siri / Home Screen

Actions

1. Tesla: Dog Mode: On
2. Show Notification: "Dog Mode on"

Run without asking: Runs when triggered.

Tip: Always check the cabin temperature in the Tesla app before leaving a pet.

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