# Ford's Colony Computer & Technology Club

## Apple AirTags & FindMy App

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## **TODAY'S AGENDA**

- Apple AirTags
  - What are they?
  - How do they work?
  - And should I consider buying them?













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## **AIRTAG VIDEO**



Source: Apple

#### **APPLE AIRTAGS**

- Apple AirTag is a tiny metal tracker that you can attach to a keychain, drop in a bag, insert into your wallet or snap onto your luggage to keep track of those items.
- AirTag works by using a Bluetooth signal to tap into a network of about a billion Apple devices in the world, like iPhones and Macs, that also broadcast a Bluetooth signal.
- Uses a CR2032 coin battery; lasts ~ 1 year+; and notifies you when it needs to be replaced.





AirTag Holders





AirTag Wallet Holder

#### **FIND MY APP**

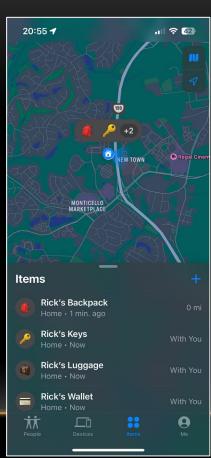


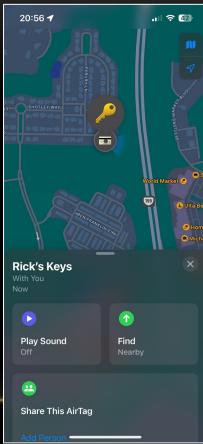
- View location of your iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, Mac, AirPods device in your Family Sharing group, AirTags, or Find My accessories on a map.
- Provides directions to the locations of your devices.
- Nearby misplaced devices can emit a sound to aid in pinpointing their locations.
- If your device is missing, you can put that device in Lost Mode, to lock their screen and display a message or erase them remotely to protect your data.

- Find My App can track:
  - Other People who opt in to share their location
  - Devices iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, Mac, AirPods, & Find My network accessories.
  - AirTags
  - Yourself if you opt in to Share Your Location

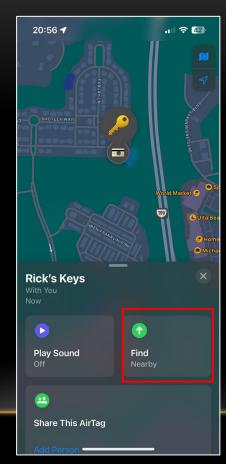
#### **APPLE AIRTAGS & FIND MY APP**

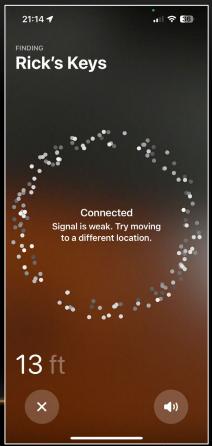
- You can view the locations of items with *AirTags* using the *Find My* App on your iPhone, iPad or computer. The App will display the last known location(s) of your item(s).
- If you lose something with an AirTag attached to it, you'll get a Notification on your iPhone, iPad or computer with the location when someone with an iPhone or Mac comes within Bluetooth range (~30 feet) of it.
- It'll also show anyone who finds the item a custom message and phone number, which you enter when you report it lost.





- If you misplace something with an *AirTag* attached to it, you can use *Find My* to assist you in locating it.
- Go to the item's last known location, and Tap Find.
- Follow the on-screen directions to find your item.



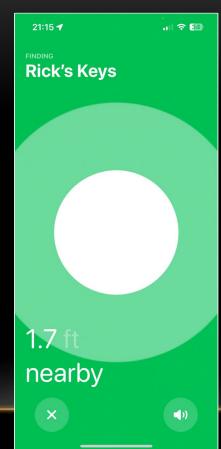


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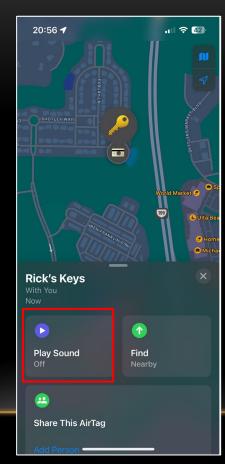


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- If you still can't see your item, try *Play Sound*! The AirTag will emit a chirping sound to assist in finding your item.





#### **MY APPLE AIRTAG STORY**

- On Sunday 9/17/2023 I was returning from Indianapolis to Richmond by air; arriving RIC at approximately 7:30pm
- Pre-paid my Airport Parking in the terminal with my credit card while waiting for my checked bag to get to baggage claim
- Got my checked bag and proceeded to my car
- After leaving the airport and getting on I-64, noticed my wallet was missing. Pulled over and checked everywhere – No Wallet!
- Went back to the airport to see if I might have dropped it somewhere in the vicinity of the parking terminal, baggage claim, Lost & Found and the parking lot – Still No Wallet!

- Then I remembered I had an AirTag in a wallet holder in my wallet.
- I pulled up the Find My App on my iPhone
- To my surprise, the AirTag in my wallet indicated it was on the access road ~ ½ mile to I-64E.
- It was dark and raining and after making one search without a flashlight, I gave up the search that Sunday night and headed for home.
- I deduced my wallet had been stolen when I was in a small crowd in baggage claim. I vaguely recalled someone bumping into me when wrangling for our bags
- When I got home I went online and canceled my credit and debit cards.

#### **MY APPLE AIRTAG STORY**

- On Monday, 9/18/2023 I checked the Find My App again and my wallet's AirTag still indicated it was on the access road to I-64E near RIC airport.
- I drove over to the access road location had Apple CarPlay in my car which connected my Apple Maps to the car display.
- I got out of my vehicle to do a foot search and withing ~ 50' from where I parked – I found my wallet.
- It had been run over a few times but the AirTag did its job.

- My credit and debit cards were missing confirming that the wallet had been stolen.
- However, all my ID's were still in the beaten-up wallet
  - VA Drivers License
  - PassPort Card
  - Insurance
  - Medicare

#### **HOW APPLE AIRTAGS WORK**



New AirTag uses NECto communicate with an iPhone. They share a unique cryptographic seed that is known only to this AirTag and this iPhone / iPhone User



AirTag emits a Bluetooth LE advertising beacon message every two seconds to broadcast a time sensitive encrypted message. The AirTag does this forever, until the battery dies.



If the AirTag's BLE message is detected by an iPhone or Mac, the encrypted message, along with the phone's location data (via GPS/Wi-fi), is relayed to the Apple 'Find My' network, in the cloud.



When the AirTag owner requests the location of the AirTag, the iPhone calculates what the latest expected broadcast message should be, encrypts it, and then runs a query against the 'My Find' network to see if there are matches. This iPhone has the private key to decrypt the message and thus know that last place an anonymous iPhone detected the AirTag.



iPhones running 14.5 or later. feature push notifications to alert users an AirTag that does not belong to them is travelling with them.



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New AirTag uses
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#### **AIRTAGS & ACCESSORIES**



#### **AirTags**

Amazon - \$23.99/each; \$79.99 for four

Amazon.com: Apple AirTag 4 Pack: Electronics



#### AirTag Holders w/clip rings

Amazon - \$9.99 for four

Amazon.com: Compatible with AirTag Case
Keychain Air Tag Holder Silicone AirTags Key
Ring Cases Tags Chain Apple GPS Item Finders

Accessories 4 Pack : Electronics



#### **Wallet Holder**

Amazon - \$5.99 for two

Amazon.com: for Apple Airtag Wallet Holder, 2 Packs Airtag Wallet Men Case, Slim Airtag Holder - (Type B): Electronics

#### **AIRTAGS**















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Brand Apple **Are Batteries** Yes

Included

Number of Batteries 4 CR2032 batteries required. (included)

**Compatible Devices** airtag **Item Weight** 0.39 Ounces

#### About this item

- · Keep track of and find your items alongside friends and devices in the Find My app
- Simple one-tap setup instantly connects AirTag with your iPhone or iPad
- · Play a sound on the built-in speaker to help find your things, or just ask Siri for help
- Precision Finding with Ultra Wideband technology leads you right to your nearby

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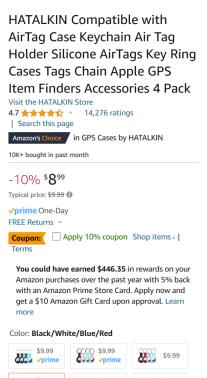
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Electronics > GPS, Finders & Accessories > GPS System Accessories > Cases





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#### **AIRTAG WALLET HOLDER**





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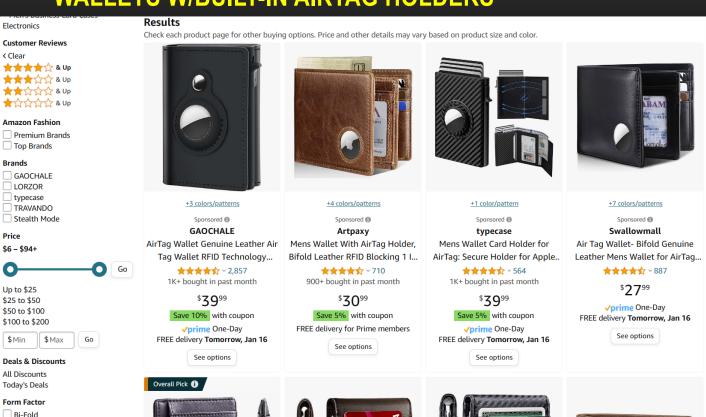
Form Factor Case
Shell Type Hard

#### About this item

- [Compact Design] The Credit Card-Sized AirTag Wallet Card Holder is as small as a credit card, with a thickness of 0.1 inches, making it perfect for keeping in compact wallets.
- [Durable and Lightweight Material] The AirTag

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