

Where Can You Buy The Tile Tracker

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With its glossy, white plastic front and metal back, the AirTag looks and feels a lot like a pin-back button you might put on a jean jacket or backpack. The diameter is a little larger than a quarter, and the tracker is actually about a millimeter or two thicker than many iPhones, although its curved design makes it feel thinner. You have the option to add custom engraving when you order from Apple, with up to four characters (letters and/or numbers) or selected emoji; if you buy the four-pack, you can get different text on each. Noticeably absent is any sort of attachment mechanism such as a key-ring hole or adhesive back. Instead, you have to buy an extra accessory. Of course, Apple sells a handful of its own, and plenty of third-party companies sell all sorts of designs, as well. Orbit offers a number of tracker styles, including the Orbit Glasses tracker, which fits on eyeglasses or sunglasses. Unfortunately the Orbit network is just too limited for us to recommend choosing Orbit over Tile.

Anecdotally, I lost a pair of sunglasses that were outfitted with the Orbit Glasses tracker in busy and tech-heavy New York City. And despite marking them as lost in the app in hopes of an Orbit user passing by and finding them, I never received a notice that the sunglasses were found. Item trackers are straightforward but highly useful gadgets, whether they're helping people find lost keys around the house or missing luggage during trips. Using Bluetooth and other technologies, these compact devices pair with apps on your smartphone to help locate whatever they're

attached to. AirTag is priced at \$29 for one unit, with optional engraving. Apple also sells a four-pack of AirTags for \$99. Tile prices start at \$25 and go up depending on the model. Tile products are available in sets or combo packs with multiple sizes, and four packs can cost anywhere from \$70 to \$110. AirTag and Tile devices both use Bluetooth for tracking items within a certain range. Tile's trackers have Bluetooth ranges from 250 to 400 feet depending on the model, but Apple does not specify an exact range for its AirTag. AirTag and Tile trackers also have features designed to locate items when they're outside of Bluetooth range. AirTags integrate directly with Apple's anonymous Find My network, which uses other people's Apple devices to help locate your item. Tile has a similar feature that allows users to track an item's last known location by utilizing anonymous location updates from other phones running the Tile app. AirTag doesn't come with a way to attach the tracker directly to your keys or other devices, so you'll need to purchase an extra accessory like a keychain holster. Apple sells AirTag accessories ranging from a \$13 Belkin holder with a strap to a \$449 Hermès luggage tag. The majority of the Apple-branded accessories currently cost more than a single AirTag alone. The decision between AirTag and Tile starts with whether you have an iPhone or Android phone. Android users need to opt for Tile to get full functionality from their tracker, while iPhone users have a lot to gain with an AirTag thanks to Apple's Precision Tracking and dedicated U1 chip for the Find My network. Tile devices share a network like Apple's Find My network, but you need to pay \$30 for Tile Premium to get some of the features that Apple offers for free, like automatic phone alerts when you leave your tracker somewhere. Tile Premium will also let you share your tracker's location with friends via the Tile app, while AirTag locations can only be tracked by a single user. It's also worth mentioning that an AirTag will typically be more expensive than a Tile device once you factor in the keychain or accessories needed to hold the tracker in place. Tile's combo packs with different models offer a broader range of utility at a lower cost. Each Tile tracker product is contained in its own package as shown above. The only item inside besides the Tile tracker device itself in each box is a booklet warranty booklet that points you to a website. Note that there is actually a QR code printed on the back of the small, circular Tile Sticker (shown on the top right in the image above), but it is unfortunately located underneath the adhesive on the bottom of tracker.

Thus the only way to see the QR code on the Tile Sticker is to pull it off whatever it has been stuck to. More on the QR codes further down in this review. The photo above gives an idea of the sizes of the Tile trackers. They are all small and compact enough to be unobtrusive in each of their respective applications as keychain fobs, a wallet card, and a stick-on button. The Tile app can be connected to devices in two ways. One way is by selecting from the Tile Enable Device list as seen above. Tile has partnerships with several companies like HP, FitBit, and Skullcandy that produce various electronic devices with onboard Tile tracker capability built in. The activation process (i.e. connecting to the app) is identical for all Tile trackers. Each Tile tracker has a physical Tile logo button that must be pressed. This begins the process of pairing the tracker with the Tile app on your mobile device. The image above shows the location of the activation button on each tracker provided by Tile for this review. For my first test, I tried using the Tile app on my phone to locate the Tile Pro tracker attached to my keyring. I placed my keyring with the Tile Pro tracker attached in another room to simulate losing my keyring somewhere in my house. Another clever feature related to the Tile Network is **sharing**. As seen in the image above, you can then share your Tile tracker with family or friends, allowing them to see it on their app, ring it, and find it on a map. With this feature, you can create your own little enhanced Tile Network with each other that will give you even greater functionality. I put my phone in another room to simulate losing it in my house somewhere, but I still had my keys with Tile Pro attached. I double-pressed the Tile logo button on the Tile Pro tracker and within a few seconds, my phone rang. The Tile Pro tracker has had a slight design refresh for 2022, adopting a more slim rectangular shape to better differentiate it from the square Tile Mate. In addition its holepunch is placed next to a thinner piece of material, making it much easier to slide onto your current keys. **You want a tracker that works with every smartphone**

If you aren't a dedicated Android or iOS user and like swapping each time you need to upgrade, these platform-agnostic trackers are a great choice.

You have a large home

Unlike Tile's other trackers, the 400ft range on the Tile Pro pretty much guarantees you'll be able to detect and find your missing item even if it's at the other end of the house. **You want a wallet tracker**

The Tile Pro has a great looking design but it's too bulky to fit in your wallet - and is best suited to tracking keys and bags. If you want a more trim tracking solution we'd recommend the Tile Slim which is roughly the size of a credit card. But there are some meaningful ways in which Tile could improve. For example, the non-Slim trackers should really offer a replaceable battery. And, Tile trackers are a little expensive, with a starting price of \$24.99. Tile Tag is one most popular devices to find your things: keys, phones, remote controls. But what about dogs? **Can you use tile on a dog or any other pet collar?** Spoiler: yes, you can! As you can see, the **Tile is not primarily built for tracking pets.** Tile Tag is actually built for keeping track of your essential items like your keys, wallet, bag, laptop, and etc. However, these Tile tags can also be used as a GPS tracker for your beloved pooch! Whether you've seen them on TikTok or read about them in recent headlines, you probably know that luggage trackers are getting a lot of attention following last summer's airport chaos caused by mishandled luggage and flight cancellations. But how exactly do these tracking devices work, and are they worth all the hype? Many reviewers agree the AirTag's technology surpasses that of the popular Tile trackers. Purchase a single AirTag or pack of four to place one in your suitcase, attach one to your key ring (with a designated holder), stick one in your wallet and/or share one with family. When choosing the best GPS bike tracker, there are several factors to consider, including mounting options, connectivity, waterproofing and cost. When it comes to mounting the tracker, consider the type of bike you have and where you could easily fit it that's discreet. Waterproofing is important if your bike is being left outside in all weather, especially after it's been stolen. The level of waterproofing is indicated by an IP rating, and a good GPS tracker should have at least an IP65 rating, which means it will stand up to a lot of rain. This is a question of how GPS tracking actually works. Put simply, GPS (global positioning system) determines the location of something or someone, storing the location within the tracker itself, and transmitting it via internet connection through WiFi, radio or cellular frequencies. Through using the GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System), a GPS tracker can use satellite data to provide real-time location data. Some GPS trackers use Bluetooth instead of satellite information to connect to your phone and send location data. These will come with a lower price tag as they use much less advanced technology, but will only

work if your bike is within a designated range (usually up to around 50ft), whereas cellular trackers can have a range of around 45 miles. We'd say yes, they are. Sure, prevention is better than a cure, which is why we'd definitely recommend investing in some good bike insurance and decent locks, but even with the best prevention, bikes can still be stolen. A GPS tracker can be the last-ditch attempt to get your bike back. If the cost of using one is much less than the cost of replacing your bike, we'd recommend it.

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