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This AirPods accessory is strangely awesome

Yeah, the AirPods come with their own charging case. But this new Catalyst AirPods Case makes a good case for adding a case to that case.

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Chances are that if [Apple](#) makes a product, someone's going to make an accessory for it. So I wasn't surprised when I saw Catalyst's new [AirPods Case](#) (\$25), which not only protects your [AirPods](#)' case but makes it fully waterproof. It'll be available this May in a few different color options, including a glow-in-the-dark version that costs \$5 more.

[Catalyst](#), which makes waterproof [iPhone](#) cases, let me play around with an advance sample of the AirPods Case, and I've been pretty impressed. By that I mean it actually seems like a useful add-on that's not only protective but just as importantly, may keep you from losing your AirPods (it makes Apple's shiny, smooth case a whole lot grippier and also integrates a clip-on carabiner).



The Catalyst AirPods case is open at the top but still makes your AirPods' case watertight.

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The silicone sleeve has a gasket that seals off the AirPods case's Lightning port. While the sleeve is open at the top, making it easy to roll down and access your AirPods, the sleeve manages to seal off the AirPods case to keep any water from seeping in for a short period of time.

The Catalyst case is IP67 certified, which means it's designed keep water out when submerged in up to three feet (1m) of water for 30 minutes. In other words, your AirPods should survive a quick dip in the pool without a problem.



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A gasket covers the Lightning port.

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Here's a quick look at the Catalyst AirPods Case:

- Tested IP67 waterproof to 1 meter (3.3 feet)
- Designed to meet or exceed MIL-STD 810G for drops and shocks
- Made from premium silicone to protect against dirt and scratches
- Detachable carabiner
- Access to Lightning port
- Dimensions: 60mm by 49mm by 26mm
- Price: \$25
- Available for [preorder now](#), shipping in May 2017