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2019 KENWOOD Multimedia Receivers Gain Wireless Apple® CarPlay™ Connectivity

Seven models enable iPhone users to leave phones in pockets and safely access content

LAS VEGAS, January 8, 2019 (MEDIAWIRE) – KENWOOD USA announced it has introduced seven new-for-2019 multimedia receivers that enable iPhone® users to wirelessly enjoy their content through the receiver using Apple® CarPlay™. Prior to the introduction, a USB-to-Lightning cable was needed to connect the iPhone to the receiver and enable CarPlay features. iPhone users now have the choice to go wire-free or charge their phones with a direct connection.

Models with full wireless capability include: KENWOOD eXcelon Reference DNX996XR and DDX9906XR; KENWOOD eXcelon DDX8906S and DMX906S; and KENWOOD DNR876S, DDX8706S and DMX9706S.

With CarPlay, iPhone users can choose from a select menu of apps through the KENWOOD receiver, either by pressing familiar icons on the touch screen or by speaking requests to Siri, the iPhone's virtual assistant. Supported apps include iPhone's Apple Maps, Phone and Messages, as well as popular navigation, messaging, voice calling and audio apps from third-party developers.

The new multimedia receivers are also equipped with wired and wireless connectivity using Android Auto™, of which wireless connectivity was introduced last year. Android Auto, in conjunction with the voice-driven Google Assistant, provides similar functionality as CarPlay, though for users of smartphones powered by the Android operating system.

"CarPlay and Android Auto really caused a revolution in the car audio industry when they were introduced," said Scott Caswell, senior marketing manager for KENWOOD USA. "They gained traction by promising a predictable, interactive experience in any car equipped with a phone's corresponding platform. This predictability has allowed us to quickly evolve the technology with wireless connectivity, allowing us to deliver more options to our end users."

For more information on select models and features, visit <http://www.kenwood.com/usa/car>.

Image: [Wireless Apple CarPlay](#)

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