Smart Lock Comparison Chart

The 5 best smart locks for homeowners, side by side — match the lock to your door and your phone.
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THE 5 PICKS, SIDE BY SIDE

Pick	Model	Access	Connectivity	Grade	Battery	Price
Best fingerprint value (hero)	Philips 4200 DDL242X-1HW	Fingerprint, PIN, key, app, voice	Built-in Wi-Fi + Bluetooth	ANSI/BHMA certified	8x AA ~8-9 mo	~$80-130
Best overall / Apple homes	Schlage Encode Plus	PIN, Apple Home Key, key, app	Built-in Wi-Fi + Bluetooth	BHMA AAA	4x AA ~3-6 mo	~$285-330
Best fingerprint, most flexible	Yale Assure Lock 2 Touch	Fingerprint, PIN, key, app	Bluetooth + Wi-Fi module	Grade 2	4x AA ~6 mo	~$270-300
Best retrofit	August Wi-Fi 4th Gen	App, auto-unlock, your key	Built-in Wi-Fi + Bluetooth	N/A (your lock)	2x CR123 ~3-6 mo	~$180-230
Best budget	Kwikset Halo Touchscreen	PIN, SmartKey rekey, app	Built-in Wi-Fi	BHMA AAA	4x AA (incl.)	~$150-200

Apps: Philips Home Access - Schlage Home / Apple Home - Yale Access - August - Kwikset.
Battery life is the manufacturers' typical-use estimate; a dragging bolt shortens it on any lock. Prices are street ranges checked Oct 2026.

WHICH ONE FOR YOU?

Philips 4200 Series	Most new homeowners: fingerprint + codes + built-in Wi-Fi for about a hundred dollars.
Schlage Encode Plus	iPhone households: top residential grade plus tap-to-unlock with phone or watch.
Yale Assure Lock 2 Touch	Fingerprint fan who may switch ecosystems — the radio is a swappable module.
August Wi-Fi (4th Gen)	Renters and HOA doors: all the smarts, zero visible hardware change.
Kwikset Halo Touchscreen	Tightest budget with a big-brand safety net — and you can rekey it yourself.

Before you buy: check the door, not just the lock.

Measure your backset (2-3/8 in or 2-3/4 in) and door thickness, and rekey any lock the previous owner touched.

READ THE GRADE, NOT THE FEATURE LIST

BHMA AAA is the top residential rating (security, durability, finish). ANSI/BHMA Grade 2 is the solid middle.

Every lock here still takes a physical key — batteries die; keys don't. No grade at all is the loudest spec on a box.