DISH delivers Hands-Free TV with the Google Assistant

- DISH first major pay-TV provider to offer compatibility with the Google Assistant
- Available today on Hopper, Hopper Duo, Joey and Wally set-top boxes

ENGLEWOOD, Colo., July 9, 2018 / PRNewswire / -- DISH today debuted its new integration with the Google Assistant for a Hands-Free TVTM entertainment experience. DISH customers with a Hopper, Hopper Duo, Joey or Wally can control their TV using just their voice when paired with an Assistant device, like Google Home, Android phones or iPhones. DISH is the first pay-TV provider to offer direct compatibility with the Assistant

"Since we first introduced voice control technology, we've seen our customers really embrace the hands-free TV experience," said Niraj Desai, DISH vice president of product management. "Our collaboration with Google is an exciting opportunity for us to continue meeting demand for voice and changing the way we interact with television."

"We want to make it easy and fun for people to turn their living room into a smart entertainment center with the Assistant," said Michele Turner, Sr. Director, Google Smart Home Ecosystem. "By working closely with DISH, we'll ensure that customers can easily control their TVs through the Assistant, instead of searching for or having to share the remote."

Ask the Google Assistant for Hands-Free TV on DISH

Customers can ask the Assistant to set recordings, adjust volume and launch apps like Game Finder, Netflix and Pandora. Customers can also use the Assistant to navigate, play, pause, fast-forward, rewind and search content based on channel, title, actor or genre. When using search functionality, the results displayed include DISH's live, recorded and on-demand titles, as well as Netflix's selection of TV shows and movies.

Below are examples of spoken commands you can ask the Assistant:

- "Turn on my Hopper"
- "Mute my Hopper"
- "Change the channel to ESPN"
- "Tune to channel 140"
- "Go to Food Network"
- "Show me Big Bang Theory"
- "Show me home improvement shows"
- "Record Game of Thrones on Hopper" "Pause" and "Resume"

- "Show me Tom Hanks movies"
- "Play This is Us"
- "Play Top Gun on DISH"
- "Launch Netflix on Hopper"
- "Open Game Finder on Hopper"
- "Skip forward on Joey"
- "Rewind 30 seconds"

Spanish-language support will be coming soon.

Setting up the Google Assistant on DISH

DISH customers with a broadband-connected Hopper DVR (all generations), Hopper Duo, Joey (all models) or Wally can use the Google Assistant to control their TV when paired with the Assistant on devices like Google Home, Android phones or iPhones. To set this up, users must download the Google Assistant app on a mobile device.

For more information about the Google Assistant on DISH set-top boxes, including possible commands and step-by-step set-up instructions, visit DISH's Google Assistant integration page.

About DISH

Since 1980, DISH has served as the disruptive force in pay-TV, driving innovation and value on behalf of consumers. By listening to customers and taking bold steps to make TV better, DISH's award-winning entertainment technology and in-home installation services remain unmatched by competitors. DISH continues to push the industry forward with its over-the-top television service, Sling TV. DISH Network L.L.C. is a wholly owned subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation (NASDAQ:DISH), a Fortune 250 company. Visit www.dish.com.

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