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The Z-Wave Alliance reveals details about the Z-Wave Plus v2 certification-- an updated certification promising a "significantly improved" consumer experience through the addition a plug-and-play setup feature.

Designed for devices built on the Z-Wave 700 platform, the v2 certification includes SmartStart, a feature allowing hubs to recognise any SmartStart-enabled accessory with a quick app scan of a QR code. Through SmartStart the device information is already set up in the hub, and pairing is complete prior to the consumer adding the product. Thus, the product setup process is both shorter and simpler.

According to the alliance, as more devices using the Z-Wave 700 platform hit the market SmartStart will become a ubiquitous feature for all Z-Wave smart homes. Such devices also have a requirement for identification via LED light on each product providing user confirmation the right device is set up within the hub companion app. Another addition is Z-Wave S2 Security, an IoT security framework mandatory in all newly certified Z-Wave devices.

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The certification updates are supported by Silicon Labs and the Z-Wave Alliance along with 3rd party testing facilities, and the Z-Wave 700 platform is required to support every device category, including sensors.

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