

Constellation Connect Alexa Skill Setup and User Guide

Constellation Connect customers who have an Amazon Alexa device can control hundreds of paired smart home devices, including:

- Lights
- Switches
- Plugs
- Thermostats
- And more!

You can also ask Alexa for the status of supported devices.



NOTE: At this time, the ability to arm or disarm Constellation Connect and unlock doors is not supported by the Constellation Connect skill for Alexa.

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How to Activate and Set Up the Constellation Connect Alexa Skill

Getting the Constellation Connect skill set up is as easy as 1, 2, 3!



NOTE: You need to have an active Amazon Alexa account with the Alexa app installed on your phone or tablet prior to starting these steps.

- 1 Search for the Constellation Connect skill in the Alexa app and tap “ENABLE”. You will be prompted to sign into your Constellation Connect account to link your Constellation Connect account to Alexa. **(Fig. 1)**
- 2 Next, select the devices you’d like Alexa to control. You can enter custom names for each device and scene you import (e.g. John’s room lamp, kitchen door, upstairs thermostat, etc.). Please note, do not use any special characters, such as underscore (_), when customizing the device names. Once you have scrolled through and selected the devices, click the “Finish” button. **(Fig. 2)**

TIP: Make sure to use names that will be easy to remember and say out loud.

- 3 Finally, tap “Done” and then tap “DISCOVER DEVICES” or ask Alexa to “Discover Devices.” This process can take approximately 20 seconds. **(Fig. 3)**

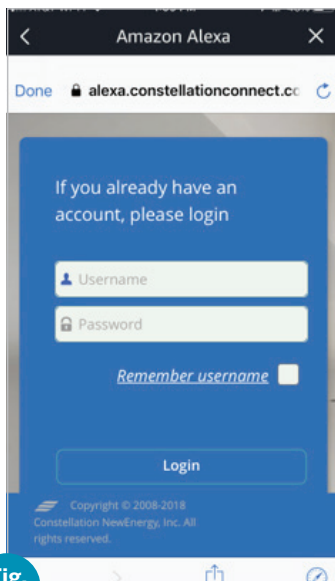


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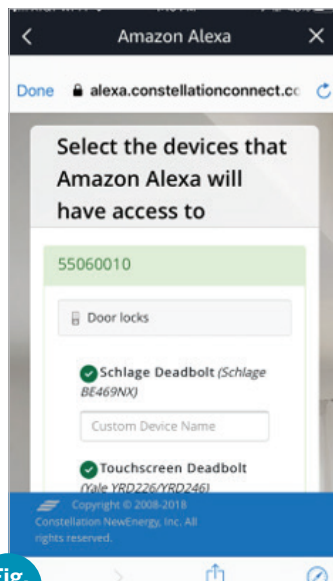


Fig. 2

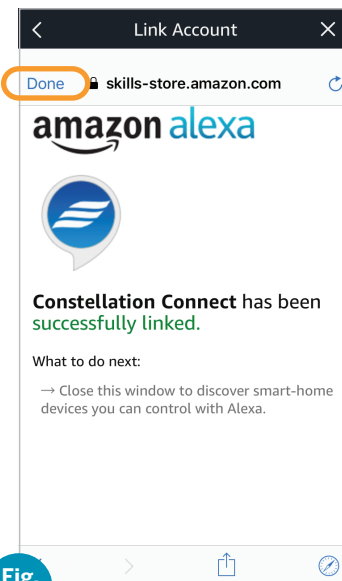


Fig. 3

What can the Constellation Connect Alexa Skill do?

The Constellation Connect skill allows you to ask Alexa to control your lights, switches, plugs, thermostats and more. Once configured with Constellation Connect, you can also ask Alexa for the status of supported devices.

The Constellation Connect Alexa skill can perform the following functions on the device categories below:

Lights, Switches and Bulbs

- Turn lights on and off
- Set light level and power percentages

Thermostats

- Change a temperature setting, apply a temperature hold, resume programmed schedule and provide the current settings
- Respond to requests for the current temperature

Door Locks and Deadbolts

- Lock door lock/deadbolt
- The ability to unlock doors is not supported by the Constellation Connect skill for Alexa at this time



The Constellation Connect Alexa skill can import scenes created by you in the Constellation Connect app. **With your Constellation Connect system, a few examples of scenes that can be created and imported include:**

“Alexa, turn on good night”

- Adjust thermostat
- Turn off smart plug
- Turn off or dim lights

“Alexa, turn on good morning”

- Turn on lights @ 50%

“Alexa, turn on welcome home”

- Turn on lights
- Adjust thermostat
- Turn on smart plug



NOTE: The custom names you import your scenes with will need to be used with Alexa to activate the scene. We recommend naming your scenes something short and that can be easily recalled (see examples of “good night,” “good morning” and “welcome home” above).

FAQs

Q: Should I create a scene in the Constellation Connect app and import it, or create a routine in the Alexa app?

A: You can use scenes that you import into Alexa and routines created in Alexa to do many of the same things. For instance, you could set up either to turn off a group of lights with the prompt “Alexa, Good Night”.

The benefit to creating this command as a scene called “Good Night” in the Connect app is that you’ll be able to control the scene both in the Connect app and through Alexa by voice. If you create this command as a routine directly in Alexa, you won’t have the scene available in the Connect app and will need to set it up separately.



NOTE: You can also incorporate smart home scenes into Alexa routines, so you could add additional functionality, like music playlists, to a scene you created in the Connect app through Alexa’s routines builder.

Q: I have a Constellation Connect system and the Always Connected monitoring plan. Can I use the Constellation Connect Alexa skill to control my system?

A: Every Constellation Connect customer with an active monitoring plan (either Always Connected or 24/7 Professional Monitoring) is able to use the Constellation Connect Alexa skill, as well as connect thousands of additional smart home devices to their Connect system.

With the Constellation Connect skill for Alexa, you can ask Alexa to control your lights, switches, plugs, thermostats, and more. You can also activate Scenes configured with Constellation Connect and ask for the status of supported devices.



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