

Google and Honeywell turn down Nest thermostat heat

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Alphabet-owned Google and Honeywell International on Thursday announced a deal to end a patent dispute over technology used in Nest smart thermostats.

The companies said in a joint release that a new patent cross-licensing

agreement resolves a pending lawsuit. But they did not disclose terms or [financial details](#).

"Google and Honeywell believe that this patent accord promotes product innovation and [consumer choice](#) in the market for smart home products," the release said.

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Nest contended the suit was meritless and vowed to defend it at trial if needed.

Google bought Nest two years later in a deal valued at \$3.2 billion. Nest now operates under the umbrella of Google parent company, Alphabet.

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