

CES: AT&T Providing GM with LTE for Chevy Vehicles

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AT&T today announced a partnership with General Motors to get LTE inside the company's line of Chevrolet vehicles.

Chevrolet says it will offer the "OnStar LTE" option will first be available in the Corvette, Impala, Malibu, and Volt lines. They will be followed by the Equinox, Silverado, Silverado HD, Spark and Spark EV.

In the Canadian market, OnStar with 4G LTE will be introduced on the Chevrolet Trax as well. The majority of the 2015 Chevrolet lineup in the U.S and Canada will have a 4G LTE connection built-in at vehicle launch. Chevrolet said more models will be announced later this year.

The rollout will bring a built-in Wi-Fi hotspot to most Chevrolet vehicles, which would allow passengers to connect their personal devices, such as smartphones, laptops and tablets, to the internet.

Mary Chan, president, GM's Global Connected Consumer, said an in-car Wi-Fi connection has advantages.

"A 4G LTE hotspot that's built into a car's architecture will provide a more consistent and powerful Wi-Fi connection than a smartphone," Chan said.

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