Why Doesn’t PIXIE Have Matter Yet?

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PIXIE have made a deliberate engineering decision to prioritize immediate, bulletproof reliability over a shifting software standard.

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The short answer

Three reasons, *in plain terms.*

01

Matter is a Translation Layer, Not a Wireless Signal

Matter does not replace Bluetooth or Wi-Fi; it is a software language that runs on top of wireless protocols like Wi-Fi or Thread.

02

The "Software Project" vs. Appliance Dilemma

Matter setups often suffer from border-router fragmentation and ecosystem sync gaps. PIXIE is engineered for Australian electricians and homeowners who need an "appliance-style" system that works perfectly on day one without becoming a complicated software hobby.

03

Bluetooth Mesh is Mature

PIXIE uses a local Bluetooth Mesh network. It is self-healing, handles high device counts effortlessly, and functions entirely without Wi-Fi or an NBN internet connection.

PIXIE's philosophy is "reliability first." We are waiting for the Matter standard to fully mature in the Australian market before potentially launching any bridge hardware.

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The longer read on Matter, and the companion piece on Home Assistant.

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