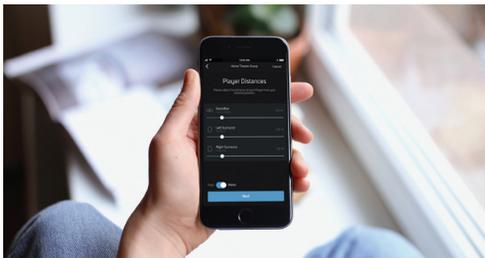# New Gear Resolutions

THE LATEST AUDIO AND CONTROL PRODUCTS, ACCESSORIES FROM LEADING BRANDS

AudioControl has added support for Dolby Vision HDR to its entire line of AV receivers and preamp/processors including the new Maestro M5 introduced at the 2017 CEDIA Expo. Dolby Vision HDR is now a standard feature on all of AudioControl's home theater products, including the Concert AVR-7 and AVR-9 receivers and the Maestro M5 and M9 preamp/processors. Current owners of these products may download firmware from the AudioControl website at audiocontrol.com to update their units.

Bluesound has introduced the ability to create a PULSE 4.1 wireless home theater system with support for Dolby Digital surround sound. Using the new BluOS software and app, version 2.14, the PULSE SOUNDBAR and SUB can be wirelessly connected with a pair of PULSE FLEX speakers to act as dedicated rear wireless surround speakers for an immersive high-fidelity listening experience. The BluOS app also allows listeners to select one of three listening modes for the PULSE SOUNDBAR (TV, Music, and Movie) and fine tune each of the modes with advanced audio settings that include Late Night, Enhanced Dialogue, Deep Bass, and Lip Sync Delay.
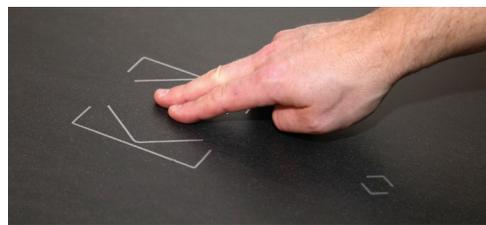
James Loudspeaker has introduced three Omni Planter landscape speaker systems engineered for applications where in-ground solutions are not practical. Omni Planter speakers incorporate a down-firing subwoofer

and deliver 360-degrees of entertainment. All James Loudspeaker Omni Planter models accommodate a decorative plant of choice nestled into the top section of the all-aluminum, powder-coated loudspeaker enclosure available in an array of standard and custom colors. Custom configurations are available, including units without rear-firing satellites for placement in corners or against a wall.

Legrand's On-Q radiant RF (radio frequency) Lighting Control and adorne Wi-Fi Ready Lighting systems have integrated QMotion motorized window shade control via a firmware update. An automatic version 3.0 or later firmware update enables control of QMotion shades via the Legrand LC7001 RF Lighting Controller hub. Corresponding 3.0 updates to the Legrand Lighting Controller app will be available from the iOS and Google Play app stores. This software integration allows integrators and their clients to easily add shading into their projects without installing new wires or undergoing programming training.

Loxone has added another product to its portfolio, the Touch Surface. Designed for installation behind or underneath non-conductive surfaces in the home (such as stone, wood, ceramics, and glass), Touch Surface puts Loxone's touchpad concept at a client's fingertips, whether on a kitchen worktop or coffee table. LED status lights, audible click feedback, and an "activation" touch point to prevent unintentional clicks all contribute to the product. The Touch Surface is available as both a wired and wireless product, within the Loxone Tree and Air ranges.

The new Xtreme Outdoor Soundbar (SPK-080) is the next generation of **Peerless-AV**'s line of

outdoor soundbars, offering a more powerful and durable outdoor audio solution. Equipped with 200 watts of total system power, the new soundbar is vigorous enough to overcome ambient noise found in outdoor settings. Its IP65 rating means that it can withstand even the most extreme environments. The soundbar can also be used as a standalone product, thanks to Bluetooth compatibility.

Platinum Tools is now shipping its new EZ-RJ45 Crimp Tool (p/n 100062C) with an MSRP of $98.00. The new EXO Crimp Tool improves the trim and crimping process of EZ-RJ45 connectors. Using this tool with EXO-EX Die will also give users the ability to terminate larger Cat-6/6A cables with ezEX-RJ45 connectors. Its design also allows for future upgrades by purchasing a new die.

RTI is offering a new custom control kit that integrates Pro Control solutions into the RTI control platform for the first time. Bundling the company's XP-3 control processor, Pro Control's Pro24.z remote, and an unlimited RTiPanel license in one cost-effective package, the C2K1 starter kit allows dealers to offer their customers a jump start into home automation, while delivering a simple upgrade path to more sophisticated control. The C2K1 marks the first time that Pro Control solutions can be programmed within RTI's Integration Designer APEX software. The kit is intended to help integrators attract new clients with a powerful home automation solution at an entry-level price. As a client's needs change, the C2K1 can be easily upgraded, taking full advantage of the RTI control platform.