

CEDIA Best of Show

RESIDENTIAL SYSTEMS HONORS EXCEPTIONAL PRODUCTS EXHIBITED AT CEDIA 2015

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Last year, we launched a new awards program to honor the most innovative and exceptional products shown at CEDIA. After a successful debut, we've brought the Best of Show awards back for 2015. Exhibitors were allowed to submit multiple products for consideration, but they paid a fee for each nomination. Winners were selected by panels of professional integrators and our editors based on descriptions provided by exhibitors via a nomination form as well as on judges' inspection at the convention. This special section reproduces the nomination text (edited for length and clarity) and images submitted by the exhibitors. The awards program allows companies to tell you in their own words why they believe a certain product is noteworthy; and this section offers an excellent sampler of new technology from the convention floor.



Clare Controls ClareHome Premium App

With ClareHome Premium, a ClareHome automation user can access their home systems securely – anytime, anywhere. Homeowners can create and modify

their own One-Touch Scenes, combining the actions of multiple services under system control (lighting, climate, security, and door locks/garage doors) via easy-to-use menus. Custom Scenes add a new level of convenience to the homeowner and can be activated with just the tap of an icon.



DISH 4K Joey

The 4K Joey is the latest addition to DISH's Hopper Family of set top boxes. Similar to other Joey receivers, the 4K Joey is a thin client receiver. Once connected to a Hopper DVR, the 4K Joey can access hundreds of live or On Demand programs, recorded content, or OTT streaming content through built-in apps such as Netflix or Pandora.

Digital Projection INSIGHT 4K Dual-LED

Created for the sole purpose of thrilling home entertainment enthusiasts that insist on a truly exemplary visual experience, DPT's INSIGHT 4K Dual-LED combines true 4K (4096 x 2160)

resolution with the high color performance of combined LED illuminators, and is extremely low maintenance: its light source is rated at 60,000 hours, the equivalent of 30 years of 40-hour-per-week operation.



Draper Access FIT

The Access FIT features a highly compact housing, which, at less than 6 inches tall, is the smallest ceiling-recessed motorized screen available. It is engineered to fit into tight openings above the ceiling places where you thought the screen would have to be exposed. Despite the compact size, the Access FIT utilizes the same rugged components as larger screens.



Available now, ELAN Intercom allows users to make point-to-point calls globally, to any interface across any linked system.



Epson America Pro Cinema G6970WU

The new Ultra-Bright Pro Cinema G6970WU offers creative custom installers and AV enthusiasts an innovative alternative to flat panels. This projector is specifically designed to operate in expansive, open ambient-light environments, and its 6,000 lumens of color and white brightness make it ideal for viewing sports.

Kaleidescape Strato

The Kaleidescape Strato Movie Player is designed for playing the highest fidelity 4K UHD movies. It is also designed to give the best possible viewing experience with Blu-ray-quality and DVD-quality movies downloaded from the Kaleidescape Movie Store, and with Blu-ray discs and DVDs. The Strato Player and the Movie Store also support the highest-fidelity audio tracks.



ELAN Intercom

Utilizing the all-new 7.2 software upgrade, ELAN Intercom allows users to link separate ELAN systems, including those running on different networks across multiple locations, to create an interconnected global communications platform.

Legrand Intuity

Incorporating high-performing Legrand subsystem for several of today's top requested technologies, Intuity integrates the On-Q Digital Audio System, RFLC lighting control solution, intercom and video



door entry systems, as well as IP security cameras, while also working with On-Q-qualified, industry-leading third party devices, such as thermostats, door locks, garage door openers, and security systems through the use of Wi-Fi to Z-Wave bridge.



Lutron Triathlon WIDR Roller Shades

Lutron Electronics has expanded its Sivoia QS Wireless Triathlon product lineup to include wider, taller shades with a longer battery life. The Triathlon WIDR shades are now available in

dimensions of up to 12 feet wide and 12 feet tall, while previously, battery-powered roller shades were only available up to 8 feet by 8 feet.



Mark Levinson No. 536 Monaural Power Amplifier

The Mark Levinson No. 536 Monaural Power Amplifier is high-end amplifier that combines high power output with extraordinary sound quality and Mark Levinson's next-generation

industrial design. It delivers a massive 400 watts of power (into 8 ohms, 800 Watts into 4 ohms), to effortlessly power even hard-to-drive loudspeakers to generous volume levels in larger rooms.



Metra Home Theater Group HDM-GA1

The Ethereal HDM-GA1 Gigabit Accelerator allows installers to utilize existing in-wall passive HDMI cables and transform them to 4K/60 4:4:4 color source compatible

cables. The external Gigabit Accelerator has a 2-inch-by-1-inch aluminum chassis and external supply support through a USB mini connector, which comes included with necessary power source for any installation.

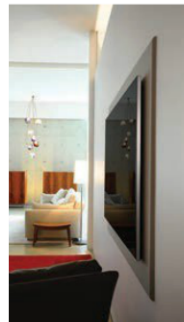


Middle Atlantic Select Series UPS

In an effort to provide integrators with indispensable backup power protection for a broader range of project requirements, Middle Atlantic developed the Select Series UPS. Feature rich for its price range, this collection of competitively priced UPS products boasts a compact form factor and IP capability, while meeting varying space requirements and system capabilities.

Millison Custom Solutions CinemaFrame

CinemaFrame is the world's first completely concealed, high-performance entertainment system. Every component of CinemaFrame was painstakingly designed and engineered from scratch to work together as a single, elegant system. Its front-channel L/C/R speakers, Dual Drive Subwoofer, Power Protection/Distribution Module, 12-channel Power Amplifier with onboard DSP, AV Preamp/Processor, AV source equipment, Automation processor and all interconnect cabling are mounted in a dedicated steel back box that sits inside the wall, right behind the TV.



Peerless-AV Xtreme Outdoor Soundbar (SPK-060)

Peerless-AV's Xtreme Outdoor Soundbar (SPK-060) is ideal for homeowners looking to maximize their outdoor audio experience. The only powered outdoor soundbar on the market, the Peerless-AV Xtreme Outdoor Soundbar provides full-range audio (50Hz-20kHz) and outputs 60 watts RMS and 90 watts peak, producing higher quality sound at a louder volume.

PMC QBI-XBD-A

PMC's new QBI-XBD Active, the result of intensive research and development, brings together the latest

in bespoke driver and Class-D amplifier design, DSP control and PMC's patented ATLTM bass-loading technology. The result is a single reference speaker with analog and digital inputs (up to 192kHz) that has the transparency, resolution, dynamic range, frequency response, forensic sense of detail, and wide, consistent imaging.



QMotion Transitions Roller Shade Collect

QMotion's Transitions Roller Shade Collection are the latest in motorized shades utilizing standard D-cell batteries, safe by design with no wires or cords, using uniquely designed fabrics for an elegant style. Using remote control micro-jogs, users can transition "stripes" from light-blocking to incremental shading for natural light control.



Quantum Media Systems Quantum Private Theaters

Developed by integrators for integrators, Quantum Media Systems Quantum Private Theater packages are designed to make it easy for AV firms to offer their clients private home theaters utilizing the best Digital Cinema Initiative (DCI) technologies. To accomplish this, Quantum Media Systems has created proprietary technology using commercial-grade Digital Cinema 4K RGB Laser Projectors, specialized projection screens, immersive audio, and the highest quality digital cinema servers, playback systems and 4K upscaling processors.