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Invision UK Launches Logitech Harmony 895 RF/IR Advanced Universal Remote Control at Smart Home Show in Birmingham

New Harmony 895 Remote Delivers Complete Multi-Room Home-Entertainment Control. No Line of Sight Needed; New Remote Delivers Control of IR Devices Anywhere in the Home.

26th February 2006: Logitech®, a leading manufacturer of remote controls, today unveiled the Harmony® 895 advanced universal remote control, the first in Logitech's award-winning family of Harmony remotes to use both radio frequency (RF) and infrared (IR) wireless signals to deliver powerful and complete control of multi-zone home entertainment systems and the most advanced home cinema set-ups. The 895 will make its UK debut at the Smart Home Show (2-5 March 2006, NEC, Birmingham).

With the Logitech Harmony 895 remote, no line of sight is needed — the remote can control sophisticated home entertainment systems with equipment in multiple rooms or hidden behind closed doors and features dedicated Sky™/Teletext buttons.

The Harmony 895 remote enables custom A/V installers to save valuable set-up time and to provide their customers with a remote that has unmatched versatility. The remote works as part of a modular system that may include any number of Harmony RF base stations — typically one for each room, or zone. With a wireless range of up to 30m (approx 100ft), the Harmony 895 remote sends RF commands to a base station, which then blasts infrared signals to any components in that zone. An installer can create a system that involves multiple remotes and/or base stations to deliver complete control of many entertainment zones throughout the home. A Harmony 895 remote can also navigate photos, videos, and music on a PC by using the optional Harmony USB wireless PC transceiver, which plugs directly into a computer.

“These new remotes will do for multi-room, sophisticated home entertainment systems what previous Harmony remotes have done for living room entertainment: make universal control simple for the user,” said Steve Beahan of Invision, Logitech's UK Distributor. “We expect the Harmony 895 remote to be extremely popular with custom A/V installers, because the online set-up process is a proven time saver, and the remotes themselves are extremely easy to use — sparing dealers the demands of extensive customer support.”

Time-Saving Set-up, Fewer House Calls

One of the staples of the award-winning Harmony family of universal remote controls is the easy online set-up. Logitech's comprehensive online database features discrete codes and characteristics for more than 80,000 different products from more than 2,500 different manufacturers. This online database of detailed information is updated daily with the latest devices. As installers set up a Harmony 895 for a client, they enter component or appliance model numbers using the online interface and the Harmony set-up wizard matches the component with the appropriate infrared codes. This simple process alleviates the need for an installer to programme a remote with dozens of individual infrared commands. The Harmony 895 remote plugs into a PC so that these codes can be easily downloaded to the remote. Once programmed, the Harmony remote sends wireless signals that automatically update all the Harmony RF base stations throughout the house with the latest control information.

The online set-up also makes it easy for installers to update a remote without having to make a house call. When a customer wishes to alter the set-up of a system, or in the event of any difficulties, the installer can remotely access the customer's online account and make any adjustments needed. The customer needs only to log into the account and click update to automatically download the changes to the remote.

Logitech Smart State Technology

The Harmony 895 remotes deliver powerful activity control by using Logitech's patented Smart State Technology®, which allows a remote to track the operations of the various components it controls. Harmony 895 remote users can effortlessly switch between watching home cinema in the living room and listening to music in the kitchen, by selecting a single activity button. Each time a new activity is selected, the remote establishes the proper state of all of the components needed for the current activity, and turns off the components not needed.

The Harmony 895 remote uses one-touch activity buttons that include any combination of entertainment components, and even lighting control settings. The simplicity of Logitech Smart State Technology makes it easy for customers to operate the remote, which results in less support and fewer house calls.

Designed for State-of-the-Art Home Entertainment Systems

The Harmony 895 remote include a vibrant, colour display that serves as a personalised activity control centre. Colourful icons accompany text on the LCD screen to allow for quick and easy command of home entertainment equipment and household appliances. The remote is fully backlit so it is easy to navigate in the dark and the finely sculpted primary navigation controls — such as play, pause, record and the number buttons — are easily identified by touch due to their varied size, shape and location. The remote's sleek polished chrome directional pad and buttons are contrasted by the remote's glossy black finish. The remote also uses a rechargeable lithium-ion battery, eliminating the need to change batteries. When the remote is not in use, it rests on an attractive charging platform.

Pricing and Availability

The Harmony 895 advanced universal remote will be available from March 2006, and will be primarily sold through custom installers and specialist AV retailers. The components will be sold separately. The SRP of the remote is £300. The Harmony RF Base Station and the Harmony USB wireless PC transceiver will be available for £70. Dealer support tools are also available. Please contact Invision UK on 01449 677233 for further information.

About Logitech

Founded in 1981, Logitech designs, manufactures and markets personal peripherals that enable people to effectively work, play, and communicate in the digital world. Logitech International is a Swiss public company traded on the SWX Swiss Exchange (LOGN) and in the U.S. on the NASDAQ National Market System (LOGI). The company has manufacturing facilities in Asia and offices in major cities in North America, Europe and Asia Pacific. www.logitech.com/harmony

About Invision UK

Invision UK is a trade-only distributor of groundbreaking, next-generation, home entertainment products and solutions which are supplied to the end user via an established network of appointed professional AV installers throughout the UK. The company sells an exceptional portfolio of products including audio/video servers, IP-based Multi-room systems, architectural loudspeakers, innovative home cabling solutions, internet-powered universal remotes and residential lighting controls. www.invisionUK.com
