

# WHAT'S HOT FOR THE SMART HOME OWNER

With just days till the opening of The T3 Smart Home Show, the UK's only dedicated exhibition for homeowners interested in the latest Smart Home technology, we've pulled together some of the hot trends for the home which can be seen at this year's show at the NEC from March 22 – 25.

## **Hide It – products which hide away all the bits we don't like on show around our home.**

- No more wall acne with Amina Speakers which provide multi room entertainment from speakers inserted into a wall, then plastered and painted over. Using this latest innovation create the illusion that music is coming from your walls.
- Where's the telly? For those who don't want a huge plasma screen to dominate their room, or have unsightly wires and cables showing, the new plasma fireplace from Picture House is the ideal solution. The plasma TV is hidden away in a fully working fireplace. When you want to watch TV, you simply press the remote and the TV automatically lifts out of the fireplace to viewing height. When the programme has finished, press the remote again and the TV disappears inside the fireplace.
- Got a TV screen but no sound system, and a desire for a clutter-free option, then look at Bose Cini-mate speaker system for £490. This plugs directly into the TV and provides amazing cinema like sound from only two speakers and a hide away bass unit.

## **Style It – more interested in the look than the science bit?**

- Automated lighting control allowing you to create the perfect lighting for the precise situation and mood in each room and to simulate occupancy
- Plug in any audio source - ipods, TV's music phones, laptops, DVD / CD players - and play through Futuros' Amp Lamp which fuses together high quality audio and lighting into a radical yet unobtrusive design statement.
- Surround yourself with digital picture frames to create your very own digital art gallery. The stylish picture frame will play all your digital images and movies on a bright screen: Relive your wedding, holiday or family get-together.

### **Just Do It – couch potato? Here's how to control your life from one central point**

- It is possible to motorise any type of window blinds - roller, vertical, slatted Venetians, pleated, roman shades, sliding panels and traditional curtains – you name it IntelliBlinds can automate it.
- Digital Plumbers can supply a home automation system for around £900, giving you music, movies and wireless access to your PC throughout your home.
- If budget isn't a issue speak to one of the ten custom installers at the show who can make your dreams a reality.....as you drive home use your mobile phone to open the gates to your drive, unlock the front door, turn on the lights, put the kettle, dishwasher and washing machine on. You may also wish to close your curtains, turn up the heating and turn on the oven so dinner is almost ready. Or if you've had a bad day, perhaps you'd prefer to run a bath to your desired temperature and depth and have your electric blanket warming your bed. Then chill with your multi-room home entertainment systems – allowing access to your entire music and film collection from any zone in your home at the touch of a button.

### **Play It – create your own entertainment emporium**

- Sonos system allows you to play up to 70,000 songs (and Podcasts, radio and audio files) in your house in any room at any time all from one controller. From one remote controller, you can access your digital music library and wirelessly stream it throughout your home music system to play in your lounge, bathroom, kitchen, family room, bed room, conservatory, garage...connecting up to 32 separate zone players to it; perfect for parties and for relaxing to different music in different rooms.
- Intel's Viiv technology offers the latest way to move and consume digital media around the home. With Viiv you can access great content like movies, music, videos and even games online from your PC, select what you enjoy and control when you enjoy it.

### **Save It – do your bit for the planet**

- Zoned heating and ventilation controls to ensure that each room is at the ideal temperature at the appropriate time.

- Electricity, gas and water consumption monitoring and feedback to help conservation and bill reduction.

**Secure It - keep an eye on things at home from the beach or office**

- Smart 3's security system allows property owners to monitor and control the environment of their homes and keep an eye on security
- Find out all about monitoring systems that generate local and remote alarms in case of fire, smoke, gas, water leakage, flood, voltage drop or even a medical emergency.

There will be over 60 exhibitors at the T3 Smart Home Show showcasing all the latest technology for the home as well as six free seminars per day where visitors can learn how to integrate technology, entertainment and automation into their home.

Visitors will also gain free access into the co-located National Homebuilding & Renovating Show which brings together over 500 national and regional exhibitors, new products, new services and all the latest innovations in the self-build and renovation market. There will be a series of Masterclasses including four relating to smart home technology including *How to have a smart home without being too clever by half!*, *Home Automation*, *Mood Lighting* and *Multi-room Audio*

For tickets to The T3 Smart Home Show, you can call the ticket hotline 0870 730 0964, or visit [www.smarthomeshow.co.uk](http://www.smarthomeshow.co.uk) . Tickets are £8.00 in advance, or £12.00 on the door. The show will be open daily from 10am to 5pm on 22 – 25 March 2007.

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