

The iPad Mini: Perfect Automation Companion?

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Apple just revealed a 7.9-inch version of the iPad, the iPad mini. With the original Apple tablet already having a home in home control, we can only wonder-- is the iPad mini "just right" for CI applications?



In many ways the iPad mini appears to be ideal as a remote control. It not only has a smaller display, it is also slimmer (7.2mm) and lighter (280g) while being functionally identical to its bigger brothers (specifically the iPad 2).

Not as big as a tablet, but bigger than a smartphone or a universal remote... perfect, right?

However being functionally identical to the iPad means it also retains the same flaws-- issuing a command still demands the clunky process of waking the device up before switching to the remote app of choice.

It also costs more than the 7-inch Android-powered competition.

Even so, expect vendors to soon flood the market with any number of mounting solutions. iPort already did exactly that, showing off a smaller prototype of the LaunchPort iPad charging and mounting system at CEDIA Expo 2012.

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