

Nest Thermostat Makes it to Europe

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The third generation Nest Learning Thermostat crosses the pond, as an OpenTherm-compatible version is now available in the UK, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and the Republic of Ireland.



According to Nest the Thermostat offers "improved" boiler support complete with remote hot water control-- a Europe-exclusive feature allowing users to adjust hot water schedules from either smartphone or the thermostat itself. An Auto-Away mode kicks in after 2 days to provide further energy savings when no one is at home.

Meanwhile OpenTherm compatibility allows the Nest Thermostat to work out the precise amount of gas required to reach and maintain specific water temperature (on compatible boilers), without simply switching the boiler on and off.

The hardware design also sees changes, with a slimmer profile and larger higher-resolution (229ppi) display. On the software side it gets a Farsight feature to automatically display target water temperatures or times when movement is detected across the room.

In addition the Thermostat integrates with other Nest products, namely the Protect smoke detector and the Cam security camera, as well as compatible 3rd party products from the likes of Philips Hue, Osram, Bosch, Logitech and LG.

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