

Crestron Takes on Residential at ISE 2018

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Crestron confirms its plans for the consumer market at ISE 2018 with a dedicated residential area-- one dedicated primarily to Pyng, the home automation system the company describes as a "full platform."



As seen at ISE, the Pyng platform now features video and audio support, meaning it can control TVs, AVRs and other video sources as well as "traditional" Crestron products and "thousands" of 3rd party devices. The number of compatible 3rd party products should increase further through the Rapid Agile Drivers (RAD) program allowing the creation of new drivers.

Pyng handles display and source control, room and source selection, volume control for groups and other rooms, video routing via DM and DM NVX series devices, audio and video grouping, user profiles and TV presets based on provider. Control comes through either iOS/Android Pyng app (as boosted with support for larger macros) and handheld remotes such as the 310 series, another ISE 2018 revelation.

The first 310 series remote seen is the HR 310, a push button model with 9 buttons at the top customers can customise and engrave to suit any particular function. The buttons are backlit, and Crestron claims x3 AAA batteries provide up to 6 months of use. A higher-end model is the TSR-310, an update on the touchscreen-equipped TSR-302 featuring a 3-inch display, integrated microphone for voice control, wifi (802.11 a/b/g/n 2.4/5GHz) and battery able to run for 4 days on a single charge.

Also seen at ISE are new wall-mounted keypads-- the Horizon range, available in highly configurable single-gang models combining up to 4 across. The line offers improved aesthetics, 4 button styles (single, side-to-side rocker, small up-down rocker and large up-down rocker), programmable multi-colour backlighting, interchangeable custom top and bottom trim pieces

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