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Dana Innovation's iPort reveals a means to add hard buttons to an iPad with the LaunchPort With Buttons, a device to essentially turns an iPad mini into a Clear Connect-enabled wireless controller.



The device replaces the top half of the 2-part iPad mini sleeves for iPort's LaunchPort inductive charging system. Once connected to the sleeve it uses Clear Connect wireless technology to communicate with any Lutron RadioRa 2, HomeWorks QS or Caseta bridge or router.

In turn this allows control of a variety of automation systems from Lutron and 3rd parties including Savant and RTI. Buttons can be pre-configured to any scene or command to initiate macros or events via hub RS-232, IP, contact closures or other connections.

The package includes 35 icon-imprinted silicon buttons, and is powered by a battery iPort claims lasts up to 10 years.

The LaunchPort Sleeve Buttons will make a first appearance at CEDIA Expo 2014 before shipments start on September.

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