

iPort Intros Surface Mount With Buttons

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iPort announces the Surface Mount with Buttons-- a combo iPad mount/IP keypad allowing installers to integrate the Apple tablet as a control interface anywhere, on any surface.



The Surface Mount bezel features 6 or 10 individually programmable backlit buttons, with engraved icons representing key control system functions. Installers can customise button brightness and colour according to application, and a single button can accommodate a raise/lower multi-function button as well as a single button.

Buttons send JSON commands directly over ethernet via IP to the control system processor. The system is compatible with Savant, Crestron and Control 4, with additional drivers to follow post-launch.

The package contains a choice of 30 engraved button designs covering the majority of system functions. Customers can also order custom-engraved buttons with bespoke symbols, words or phrases.

"We believe the best user interface for the home is the combination of an always-accessible iPad and the immediate access offered by hard buttons," iPort parent company Dana Innovations says. "Surface Mount delivers on this philosophy by enabling both iPad and hard buttons to be installed anywhere in the home, hard-wired to network switches to communicate directly with control systems."

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The Surface Mount with Buttons fitting the iPad Mini 4 is available from July 2016. Models fitting the iPad Air and Pro should ship from September and October respectively.

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