

MantelMount Debuts MM850 Motorised Drop-Down TV Mount

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CEDIA 2017 sees MantelMount present the MM850, the first fully-automated pull down and swivel TV mount from the company, designed for over-the-fireplace installation.



The MM850 has a motor allowing it to move up/down, in/out and left/right at the press of a button. It is also compatible with 3rd party home automation systems, and as such can also be controlled via appropriate trigger or voice command. Such compatibility comes through integration via IP over wired ethernet or wifi connection, and should work with systems from the likes of Crestron, Control4, RTI and Amazon Alexa.

In addition, installers willing to put in the hard coding for use with non-standard control systems get a full command set. A simpler means of control comes through an included 433MHz RF remote.

Since it is designed for placing over the mantle, the MM850 has two unique safety features for customers wanting to watch TV while enjoying the fire-- a heat-sensing thermocouple mounted near the TV measures fireplace heat, and auto temperature sensing automatically retracts the TV to a fully raised home position when the thermocouple detects an unsafe temperature for electronics.

“Some integrators, accustomed to working with high-end home automation projects, felt their clients wouldn’t want to pull the TV down themselves when everything else in the house was already automated through their home control system,” the company says. “So it was imperative that we invented a solution for that group of TV install/home integration professionals.”

Also launched at CEDIA is the MM750 Pro-- a mount sharing most features of the MM850 except the motor. In other words it is the MantelMount top-of-the-line manual mount, with pull-down and swivel capabilities and construction in higher-grade steel than previous versions.

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Both MM850 and MM750 Pro mounts come in a black powder coated matte finish, and include a recess box for 1.6-inch flush to wall TV storage, built-in soundbar adapter, hard travel limit stops and cable management features.

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