



## **Venstar ColorTouch Smart Thermostat Just Got Smarter, Giving Users Access to More Energy Saving Features**

### **All-new Dashboard, Wireless Temperature Sensor Compatibility, Open ADR 2.0b Certification**

CHATSWORTH, Calif., June 28, 2017 — [Venstar®](#), a leading thermostat and energy management systems (EMS) manufacturer, today announced that it has significantly updated its [ColorTouch®](#) smart thermostat [with firmware Version 5](#), giving users one-touch access to information to help manage their energy use. Upgrades include an all-new dashboard, [Wireless Temperature Sensor](#) compatibility and OpenADR certification.

“At Venstar, we are so dedicated to giving our residential and commercial ColorTouch customers the tools to help them easily manage their energy usage. Our new easy-to-use Dashboard provides one-touch access to detailed information to help them increase their energy savings, Venstar is committed to constantly improving our category-leading products. This update is just another example of how we support our past and future customers with the latest features and innovations,” said Steve Dushane, president and CEO of Venstar Inc.

New ColorTouch Version 5 features include:

- All-new Dashboard with intuitive drop-down menus displaying enhanced weather information including forecasts, detailed runtime graphs, complete sensor overview, listing of any active alerts and HVAC equipment configuration details.
- Wireless Temperature Sensor (ACC-TSENWIFI) Compatibility that allows the ColorTouch thermostat to gather information from all sensors on the network. The sensor can be configured to be a remote, outdoor, supply air or return air sensor. In addition, ColorTouch can now access information from these sensors for temperature averaging to help improve indoor comfort.
- Certification by [OpenADR Alliance](#) with OpenADR 2.0b built into the firmware for ColorTouch residential Models T7850 and T7900 and commercial models T8850 and T8900. OpenADR enables residential and commercial users to take advantage of their local utility company’s Demand Response Programs, which may provide financial incentives.

Venstar offers four models of its ColorTouch smart touchscreen thermostats: two for commercial and two for residential use. All models feature a multi-functional, simple-to-

use touchscreen and have Wi-Fi® inside. The color touchscreen can be programmed to display a picture gallery of up to 100 files to be used as a slideshow.

Wi-Fi-enabled ColorTouch and [Explorer®](#) thermostats are compatible with [Venstar's free Skyport™ Cloud Services](#), which allow both commercial and residential users to use Venstar's free Skyport Mobile App on their Apple iOS® and Android™ mobile devices or directly from the Web to instantly access and control multiple thermostats at numerous locations.

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