



Venstar's New ColorTouch Programmable Thermostats With Wi-Fi Inside Deliver Energy Control and Cost Savings

CHATSWORTH, Calif., April 29, 2015 — [Venstar®](#), a leading thermostat and energy management systems (EMS) manufacturer, today announced its new [ColorTouch®](#) programmable touch screen thermostats now with Wi-Fi® inside for simply connected anytime, anywhere access and remote control. ColorTouch thermostats are now available online and throughout North America from Venstar's exclusive network of Wholesale HVAC Distributors.

"The new ColorTouch residential and commercial thermostats with Wi-Fi inside deliver top-of-the-line programmable HVAC control with a customizable touch screen," said Steve Dushane, president and CEO of Venstar Inc. "The new ColorTouch thermostats with Wi-Fi give users the ability to control energy usage and reduce costs remotely or by using the high-resolution color touch screen."

New ColorTouch Touch Screen Thermostats With Wi-Fi Inside

Venstar now offers three new models of its ColorTouch programmable residential thermostats, two with Wi-Fi inside. All three models have a multi-functional, simple-to-use, touch screen. The color touch screen can be programmed to display a picture gallery of up to 100 files to be used as a slideshow.

Select ColorTouch residential (Models T7850 and T7900) and commercial thermostats (Models T8850 and T8900) comply with California Title 24's requirements, including Equipment Fault Detection Diagnostics (FDD). Another key feature available in these thermostats is Automated Demand Response (ADR), enabling users to participate in utility-generated load shedding events, as well as the ability to support the handling of specific signals from the utility provider.

ColorTouch Residential Models T7800, T7850, and T7900

- ColorTouch Model T7850 features:
 - Wi-Fi inside with free mobile apps available
 - Up to four heat and two cool stages
 - Gas, electric or heat pump control
 - Dual fuel capable
 - Simple as you want operation for ease of use
 - Switchable programmable or non programmable

- Setpoint Limiting
 - API for third-party monitor and control
 - Programmable fan
 - Remote and outdoor sensor ready
 - Customizable screensaver and customizable wallpaper
- ColorTouch Model T7900 features everything in Model T7850 plus a humidity sensor to control humidification and dehumidification.
 - ColorTouch Model T7800 features everything in Model T7850 but without W-Fi for environments where it is not needed.

ColorTouch Commercial Models T8800, T8850 and T8900

- ColorTouch Model T8850 features:
 - Wi-Fi inside with free mobile apps available
 - Up to four heat and two cool stages
 - Gas, electric or heat pump control
 - Pre-Occupancy Fan Purge
 - Switchable programmable or non programmable
 - Adjustable timers and deadbands
 - Setpoint Limiting
 - Can control to a remote sensor
 - Customizable screensaver and customizable wallpaper
 - API for third-party monitor and control
- ColorTouch T8900 features everything in Model T8850 plus a humidity sensor to control humidification and dehumidification.
- ColorTouch Model T8800 features everything in Model T8850 but without W-Fi for environments where it is not needed.

Compatible With Skyport Cloud Services and Venstar's Free Skyport App

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

With the free mobile app, users can remotely:

- Monitor and control thermostat information, including name and location of thermostat, current weather and forecast;
- Change heat and cool setpoints, change thermostat modes, and view equipment status (heating, cooling, off), including lockouts;

- Enable or disable the time period schedule;
- View thermostat alerts, including Supply Air Temperature, Time for Service, Air Filter Replacement, Humidity Pad Replacement, and more;
- View daily, weekly and monthly runtime graphs to see energy usage;
- View heating and cooling runtimes for the day, current week and last week;
- Mange advanced configurations, such as stage deadbands, stages of cooling and heating, display brightness, screen savers and more;
- View and change security settings, including monitoring the passcode, setting View Only access, disabling mode changes, disabling/enabling override, and enabling setpoint limits;
- Set Home/Away settings for home users or Occupied/Unoccupied settings for commercial users; and
- Program time period schedules.

“From the couch or across town, Venstar’s free Skyport App allows users to control their ColorTouch thermostats with their mobile devices,” Dushane added.

Now available, ColorTouch thermostats are compatible with virtually every type of commercial heating and air conditioning system.

For more information about Venstar’s thermostats, please visit:

<http://www.venstar.com/thermostats/>

For thermostat product videos, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8reHhhLdMQ>

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About Venstar Inc.

Founded in 1992, Venstar Inc. is a leading thermostat and energy management system (EMS) manufacturer, known for providing value to its customers via ease of use and installation, proven cost savings, improved energy efficiency, quality and reliability. Venstar is one of the largest thermostat suppliers in the world and designs and produces Venstar-branded products, as well as OEM thermostat products for the biggest names in HVAC. Venstar’s Surveyor is a leading energy management system, typically saving small-box retailers 25 percent to 35 percent of their energy costs, which translates to tens of millions of dollars in savings each year and dramatic reductions in CO₂ emissions. Surveyor currently controls the energy usage of more than 22,000 retail locations across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

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