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## **RTI Introduces Two-Way Driver for Top-Ranked Venstar® ColorTouch® Programmable Thermostats**

***RTI and Venstar® Partner to Create New Driver That Allows Users to Control and Receive Feedback From Popular Touchscreen Thermostats on RTI Control Interfaces***

**SHAKOPEE, Minn. — Jan. 14, 2014 —** [Remote Technologies Incorporated](http://www.rticorp.com) (RTI) today announced the availability of a new two-way driver that allows users to control and receive feedback from the Venstar® [ColorTouch®](http://www.venstar.com) residential (T5800/T5900) and commercial (T6800/T6900) color touchscreen, programmable thermostats on their two-way enabled RTI control system. For installers, the driver makes it simple to integrate these top-ranked thermostats into an automation system, providing their clients with a single, customized control interface for their entire home or commercial facility.

ColorTouch thermostats are multifunctional, simple-to-use, programmable touchscreen thermostats that provide users with easy access to temperature and heating/cooling status, humidity control support, energy usage information, and conservation options. Compatible with virtually every type of heating and air conditioning system and packed with user-friendly features, the thermostats offer simple configuration, free [Skyport™](http://www.skyport.com) Cloud support for remote access, one-touch “Home” and “Away” buttons, Supply Air Alerts, and much more.

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Offering the sleek look of a digital picture frame, ColorTouch thermostats are completely customizable. Users can choose how their environmental information is displayed and easily program a schedule to reduce energy for unoccupied periods. In addition, they can personalize the thermostats' appearance for their home or commercial facility. The units are available in white. Black, silver, and wood grain faceplates to match any room's décor are available, while up to 100 photos or graphics can be posted on the screen for use as a custom screensaver and wallpaper.

With RTI's new driver, residential and commercial users have a slick interface that allows them to receive feedback from their ColorTouch thermostat and view it on their RTI user interface — including temperature, humidity levels, and energy usage information — and make quick adjustments to their environmental and conservation settings from anywhere within a home or facility. In addition, with the RTiPanel application, users can control the thermostat and all other home electronic systems from virtually anywhere in the world, without having to switch between apps on their mobile devices.

“We are very excited to add Venstar's ColorTouch thermostats to our rapidly growing list of two-way drivers for home and facility automation,” said Pete Baker, vice president of sales and marketing for RTI. “Venstar's ColorTouch thermostats are rated at the top of their category by Consumer Reports, are affordably priced, and are sold exclusively through professional distributors in the custom install and HVAC markets. For all of these reasons, they have become incredibly popular and trusted devices, and we couldn't be happier that our dealers can now easily integrate them into their customers' automation systems for more convenient control than ever before.”

“Venstar is pleased to partner with RTI and enable this powerful integration between our ColorTouch thermostats and RTI's home automation platform,” said Steve Dushane, CEO of Venstar. “Together, we are giving homeowners a single access point to control and manage every aspect of their home, including energy usage and costs.”

Joining RTI's previously released two-way HVAC drivers for Aprilaire®, Lutron®, Radio Thermostat Company of America, and more, the ColorTouch driver is compatible with all RTI XP control processors. Using the latest version of RTI's award-winning programming software,

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installers can provide their clients with a completely customized, intuitive control experience in a drag-and-drop programming environment.

The ColorTouch driver is available now on the RTI dealer website.

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#### **About Remote Technologies Incorporated (RTI)**

Remote Technologies Incorporated (RTI) is a leading control systems manufacturer offering innovative, sophisticated, and user-friendly devices for professionally installed electronic systems. The company's wide array of award-winning handheld and in-wall universal controllers, central processors, audio distribution systems, and accessories are marketed exclusively through a worldwide network of professional integrators. For complete control and monitoring over electronic systems from virtually anywhere in the world, the power of RTI is available on iPhone<sup>®</sup>, iPod touch<sup>®</sup>, iPad<sup>®</sup>, and Android<sup>™</sup> devices through the company's RTiPanel application, just as the award-winning RTI Virtual Panel program offers access and control via any PC running Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Windows<sup>®</sup>. All RTI solutions are programmed through the company's world-renowned Integration Designer<sup>®</sup> software, easily allowing dealers to provide a completely customizable user interface for intuitive command over the entire electronics system.

Founded in 1992 with a committed focus on the custom installation market, RTI offers a number of award-winning support and incentive programs to its dealers, including educational opportunities through the Advanced Control University (ACU), and the popular Control Bucks and Dealer Accommodation programs. In addition, through RTI's Integration Partner Program, the company has reached out to manufacturers across the industry to ensure that RTI products integrate seamlessly with a wide variety of components and systems.

Additional information on RTI and its innovative control solutions is available at [www.rticorp.com](http://www.rticorp.com).

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