



## **Venstar's Award-winning ColorTouch Thermostats Now Compatible With Amazon Echo for Voice Control of Home Temperatures**

CHATSWORTH, Calif., July 6, 2016 — [Venstar®](#) today announced that its award-winning [ColorTouch®](#) programmable touch screen Wi-Fi® thermostats are now compatible with the Amazon® Echo, giving users voice control over their thermostat functions including setting temperatures and turning on heat or air conditioning for one or multiple thermostats in their homes. ColorTouch thermostats are now available throughout North America from Venstar's [exclusive network of Wholesale HVAC Distributors](#) and at Amazon.com [here](#).

"Venstar is dedicated to being a Smart Home category leader by providing products and services that let users take advantage of technology for the maximum comfort of their homes," said Steve Dushane, president and CEO of Venstar Inc. "The ColorTouch integration with Amazon Echo further establishes this commitment and gives users the power to control their thermostats by using voice commands."

To connect Echo to ColorTouch thermostats:

- 1) Search for "Venstar" in the Smart Home section of the Amazon Alexa app
- 2) Login with your Skyport™ username and password
- 3) Authorize the "Amazon Alexa Smart Home" app to access your Skyport account
- 4) Click on "Discover Devices" to add your Skyport thermostats to Amazon Alexa

Once connected, users can use voice commands to:

- Set ColorTouch thermostats to a specific temperature
- Change thermostat settings up or down by a specified number of degrees
- Change thermostat settings by two degrees without specifying degrees by asking Alexa to heat, cool, increase or lower thermostat temperatures
- Command the thermostat by name (for homes with multiple thermostats)

In addition to ColorTouch thermostats, Venstar's affordable [Voyager®](#) Wi-Fi thermostats are also compatible with Amazon Echo, delivering a flexible comfort solution for home automation and the Internet of Things. Voyager thermostats are also compatible with other smart home solutions, including [ZigBee](#) and [Z-Wave](#) controllers.

ColorTouch and Voyager thermostats can also be controlled by mobile devices using Venstar's free [Skyport Mobile App](#). With their Apple® iOS and Android™ smart phones

or tablets, users can remotely monitor and control heating and cooling functions, including checking information provided by the Wireless Temperature Sensor(s), to help reduce energy usage and costs while maintaining indoor comfort. With the Skyport Mobile App or directly from the Web, users can instantly access and control multiple thermostats at numerous locations.

Venstar's Application Programming Interface (API) also enables developers and hobby programmers to integrate ColorTouch and Voyager thermostats with other home automation and third party systems.

### **ColorTouch Touch Screen Thermostats With Wi-Fi Inside**

Venstar offers three residential models of its ColorTouch programmable touch screen thermostats. All of the 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 models offer Wi-Fi inside for remote monitoring and control using Venstar's Skyport mobile app. Select models also include humidity control, which can utilize information from the Wireless Temperature Sensor. ColorTouch thermostats are compatible with virtually every type of commercial heating and air conditioning system. For more information about Venstar's ColorTouch thermostats, please visit: <http://www.venstar.com/thermostats/colortouch/>.

### **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 20 percent–35 percent of their energy costs, which translates to tens of millions of dollars in savings each year and dramatic reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Surveyor currently controls the energy usage of 25,000+ retail locations across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

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