



Venstar Wi-Fi Thermostats Now Compatible With Google Assistant for Voice Control of Home Comfort

Compatible with Venstar's Wi-Fi-connected ColorTouch, Explorer and Explorer Mini Thermostats

CHATSWORTH, Calif., Sept. 12, 2018 — [Venstar®](#) today announced that its [ColorTouch®](#), [Explorer®](#) and [Explorer Mini](#) programmable Wi-Fi® thermostats are now compatible with [Google Assistant](#), giving users voice control over their thermostat functions. Voice commands include setting temperatures and turning on heat or air conditioning for one or multiple thermostats in their homes. Venstar's Wi-Fi thermostats are available throughout North America from Venstar's [exclusive network of Wholesale HVAC Distributors](#) and online HVAC suppliers.

"Venstar's products offer the homeowner compatibility with today's most popular Voice Assistants and Smart Home systems," said Steve Dushane, president and CEO of Venstar Inc. "The integration of Venstar's Wi-Fi thermostats with Google Assistant further reinforces this commitment and gives users the power to effortlessly control their thermostats by using simple voice commands."

Utilizing Venstar's [Skyport Cloud Services](#), users can connect Google Assistant to Venstar's Wi-Fi Thermostats:

- Search for "Venstar" in the Add Devices section of the Google Assistant app
- Login with user's Skyport username and password
- Select the box to authorize Google Assistant to read and adjust the thermostats
- Display the linked thermostat(s) in the user's Skyport account

Once connected, users can use voice commands to heat, cool, increase or lower thermostat temperatures for the ultimate in indoor comfort. For example, users can:

- Set thermostats to a specific temperature
 - "OK Google, Set the temperature to 72 degrees"
- Change the temperature, making it warmer or cooler
 - "OK Google, make it warmer"
- Change thermostat settings up or down by a specified number of degrees
 - "OK Google, raise the temperature two degrees"
- Change thermostat mode to heat or cool and specify a specific temperature
 - "OK Google, turn on cooling and set to cool to 70 degrees"
- Ask the thermostat what the temperature is set to
 - "OK Google, what's the temperature set to?"
- Ask the thermostat what the temperature is inside
 - "OK Google, what's the inside temperature?"

- Command the thermostat by name (for homes with multiple thermostats)
 - *“OK Google, set the Living Room thermostat to 72”*
- Turn off the thermostat
 - *“OK Google, turn off the thermostat”*

In addition to Google Assistant, select Venstar thermostats are compatible with other smart home solutions, including [Amazon Alexa](#), [ZigBee](#) and [Z-Wave controllers](#). Venstar’s Application Programming Interface (API) also enables developers and hobby programmers to integrate Venstar Wi-Fi thermostats with other home automation systems. Venstar thermostats are compatible with virtually every type of commercial heating and air conditioning system.

Venstar’s ColorTouch, Explorer and Explorer Mini thermostats can also be controlled by mobile devices using Venstar’s free [Skyport Mobile App](#). With their Apple® iOS and Android™ phones or tablets, users can remotely monitor and control heating and cooling functions, including accessing information provided by Wireless Temperature Sensor(s), to help reduce energy usage and costs while maintaining indoor comfort. Users can remotely manage multiple thermostats in numerous locations from the Skyport Mobile App or directly from the Skyport website.

ColorTouch Programmable Touchscreen Wi-Fi Thermostats

Venstar offers six models of its award-winning ColorTouch smart programmable residential and commercial thermostats. Its color touchscreen features intuitive drop-down menus with enhanced weather information including forecasts, detailed runtime graphs, complete sensor overview, listing of any active alerts and HVAC equipment configuration details. ColorTouch thermostats offer 365-day programming, overrides and security features.

Explorer Programmable Wi-Fi Thermostats

Venstar offers six models of its affordable, fully featured programmable Explorer residential and commercial thermostats. Explorer thermostats feature large, easy-to-read displays with easy setup and controls, including “Simple as You Want” operation with a choice of programming options. Select models also include the ability to control or monitor a second temperature sensor, control humidification/dehumidification and include Energy Watch functionality.

Explorer Mini

Venstar’s Explorer Mini residential and commercial programmable thermostats are the most affordable Wi-Fi thermostats on the market. At just 3.2 inches wide by 3.2 inches high and less than an inch deep, Explorer Mini thermostats take up less wall space while helping save energy and improving indoor comfort. Its large, easy-to-read display has red and green indicator lights to instantly show users when it’s heating or cooling.

About Venstar Inc.

[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. Founded in 1992, 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 20–35 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 30,000+ retail locations across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

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