

Venstar Debuts New ColorTouch and Voyager Thermostats Plus New Surveyor LCP500 Energy Management System at SPECS

Delivering Energy Control and Cost Savings For Small-Box Retailers

SPECS, LAS VEGAS, March 11, 2015 — <u>Venstar®</u>, a leading thermostat and energy management systems (EMS) supplier, will debut <u>ColorTouch®</u> thermostats now with Wi-Fi® on board; a new line of value-priced Voyager® programmable Wi-Fi thermostats; and a brand new <u>Surveyor®</u> LCP500 energy management system at the SPECS show being held March 15–17, 2015. Venstar will be at booth Number 509.

"Venstar helps small-box retailers go green by providing a wide variety of HVAC control solutions that help improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs, all while keeping the business environment comfortable," said Steve Dushane, president and CEO of Venstar Inc. "The new ColorTouch commercial thermostats deliver top-of-the-line programmable HVAC control with a customizable touch screen. The new Voyager thermostats deliver programmability and value pricing. For a more robust solution, the new Surveyor LCP500 energy management system delivers extensive energy control for thousands of locations."

New ColorTouch Commercial Touch Screen Thermostats With Wi-Fi on Board

Venstar's new ColorTouch programmable commercial thermostats (Models T8850 and T8900) come with Wi-Fi on board, delivering integrated Wi-Fi in a sleek design. Model T8900 also has humidity control. Model T8800 comes without Wi-Fi connectivity for environments in which Wi-Fi is not needed.

All three ColorTouch models have a multi-functional, simple-to-use, touch screen. The color touch screen can be programmed to display company logos, advertisements or promotions as well as a picture gallery of up to 100 files to be used as a slideshow.

ColorTouch commercial thermostats comply with California Title 24's requirements, including Equipment Fault Detection Diagnostics (FDD). Another key feature includes 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 thermostats are compatible with <u>Venstar's Skyport™ Cloud Services</u>, which allow commercial users to use Venstar's free 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 commercial locations.

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

New Affordable Voyager Programmable, Wireless Commercial Thermostats

Venstar's new line of Voyager Wi-Fi thermostats puts the latest in fully featured, connected indoor comfort control within reach. Voyager programmable Wi-Fi thermostats deliver wireless connectivity and the convenience of rich features in three new models, each with its own set of features and affordable price points.

There are three models of Voyager commercial thermostats, all of which are Title 24 compliant and include Automated Demand Response (ADR) and Equipment Fault Detection Diagnostics (FDD) plus Random Start functionality.

- Model T4700 is non-programmable and features 2-heat and 2-cool functionality with setpoint limiting.
- Model T4800 features "Simple as You Want" operation with a choice of 7-day,
 5+1+1 day or 1-day programming with up to three occupied periods per day.
- Model T4900 includes all of the T4800 features plus the ability to control or monitor a second temperature sensor, humidification/dehumidification, and Energy Watch functionality.

Voyager Wi-Fi thermostats are compatible with Venstar's Skyport Cloud Services, which allow commercial users to use Venstar's free 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 commercial locations. Using the Skyport Cloud Services mobile application on their mobile devices, users can access their Voyager Wi-Fi thermostats to remotely control their energy usage and reduce energy costs from any location at any time.

Wireless modules include Wi-Fi, <u>ZigBee</u> and <u>Z-Wave</u>, making Voyager the most flexible and affordable thermostat solution for automation and the Internet of Things.

Now available, Venstar Voyager Wi-Fi commercial thermostats are compatible with gas, electric or heat pump HVAC systems, including multi-stage systems.

Surveyor LCP500 EMS With Daylight Harvesting Significantly Reduces Energy Costs

Venstar's original Surveyor EMS has saved retail chain customers millions in energy costs at more than 22,000 locations across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico. Small-box retailers typically save 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.

Venstar now has released its new Surveyor LCP500 EMS with daylight harvesting and networked sensors plus an intuitive new touch screen that delivers an enhanced user-friendly experience and the ability to achieve additional energy savings. Daylight harvesting is the use of outside light to reduce interior lighting by the use of automatic lighting control. Networked sensors identify the levels of outside light coming in through the windows and adjust lights accordingly. Daylight harvesting delivers a significant decrease in the lighting needed, which greatly reduces energy costs. Surveyor LCP500 EMS is Title 24 compliant and includes Automated Demand Response (ADR) and Equipment Fault Detection Diagnostics (FDD).

Surveyor LCP500 EMS empowers small-box retailers and other multi-location businesses to remotely monitor, control and manage their HVAC, lighting/electrical and mechanical systems in all their stores, giving them unprecedented visibility into their energy usage. Designed specifically for small-box retail chains with hundreds to thousands of locations, Surveyor LCP500 EMS provides powerful energy management tools for energy and facility managers responsible for managing multi-location companies.

For more information about Venstar's ColorTouch and Voyager 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) supplier, 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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