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## **HOMETRONIC ENHANCES HOMEOWNERS' LIFESTYLE, COMFORT AND SECURITY BY INTEGRATING HOME SYSTEMS**

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Householders can enhance their lifestyle, comfort, and security with the advanced

Hometronic wireless automation system from Honeywell, the leading controls company. Hometronic integrates home systems such as lighting, appliances and heating. It uses secure and reliable RF (radio frequency) links throughout the home, so it is quick and easy to install without wiring and damaging home decorations. A unique multi-frequency transmission system ensures reliable and consistent operation.

Homeowners can set up several profiles that match their lifestyle. These tell Hometronic what to do, how and when. For example, each profile can be programmed with various lighting patterns, inside and outside the home, for selection at the touch of a button. It can regulate the temperature to unique values and at times in each room. It can switch appliances, lights and services at pre-programmed times or in response to certain events; so blinds and curtains are closed when it gets dark, or a garden sprinkler is started when it is too dry.

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Hometronic can start laundry machines overnight to take advantage of cheaper rate electricity. Portable appliances such as air conditioners can be plugged into the mains anywhere in the home, but controlled by Hometronic.

Hometronic's profiles can control the home's systems at different times of the day: for example, a "wake up" profile might start and raise temperatures in selected rooms just before the family wakes, then welcome them with fresh coffee from a coffee maker that Hometronic has started automatically. A single press of a button can take Hometronic into the "leaving" profile, cutting lights and saving energy by reducing temperatures throughout the home to lower values while the house is unoccupied, then raising them again before the family's expected homecoming time. If they arrive early, by pressing the "arriving" profile button, heating, lighting and selected appliances start immediately.

An "evening" profile might adjust the lighting and heating to certain levels to recognise that the family is at home, or that different rooms are being used. A "party" profile might postpone the time at which outside lighting and heating is switched off at night.

More importantly for the homeowner's peace of mind, they can set a "holiday" profile for use while the home is unoccupied. This can create an impression of occupancy by switching lights and opening and closing curtains, according to the family's normal pattern. It can reduce the heating to a level that minimises energy use but prevents freezing. If desired, it can detect a burst pipe and turn off the water supply, shut off the gas if there's a leak, or even water the plants in the garden.

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A single wall-mounted unit – the Hometronic Manager – allows homeowners to override, change or switch between pre-programmed profiles, or they can do so through a hand-held unit.

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