

Apple Macintosh Becomes Z-Wave-friendly Thanks to TrickleStar

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Z-Wave for Apple Users Creates Powerful Home Control Possibilities in the Blink of an Eye with USB Stick and Software Widget

Copenhagen, December, 10th 2008 – TrickleStar, Asian manufacturers of innovative energy-saving technologies, has made the Apple Macintosh family of personal computers Z-Wave-compatible. Using a USB stick and a software widget from Tricklestar, the Mac can now be used as the central controlling unit for Z-Wave home control networks. Mac users will now be able to control their lighting, heating, entertainment and security systems with just a few clicks of the mouse, while improving comfort in the home and reducing energy costs. The widget will be available as a free download by December 17 on the TrickleStar homepage.

TrickleStar now gives Apple users access to the Z-Wave home control ecosystem, through which home owners can choose from a range of over 300 products from 170 manufacturers, all mutually compatible. Consumers with a Z-Wave home network can realize dramatic cost savings by the monitoring and regulation of home energy consumption through these intelligent tools.

Z-Wave Apple Mac Widget

With the Z-Wave Apple Mac Widget, TrickleStar is offering a home control management tool that is quickly installed and simple to operate. The mini-software works with the Apple operating system version OSX 10.5 and above, and can be used as a dashboard application. The Widget is ideal for smaller Z-Wave networks, as it can control up to 16 devices simultaneously. It also supports standard functions such as on and off switching and dimming, and can perform simple time planning and control operations, depending on the status of the computer. If desired, it is able to warn the user automatically of pre-programmed events. For convenience and security, back-up copies are saved of all processes (in the form of log files), as well as the configuration of the widget and the Z-Wave routing tables.

Z-Wave USB stick

The Z-Wave USB stick from TrickleStar makes devices with USB connections such as Macs, PCs, laptops, set-top boxes or gateways a central control point for the home network. It is compatible with home management software from manufacturers such as HomeSeer, Embedded Automation and ControlThink, all of which allow the user to monitor and manage the status of all devices in the network via their computer.

Z-Wave remote control

The Z-Wave-enabled remote control from TrickleStar can be used for all Z-Wave compatible devices such as dimmers, switches, roller blinds etc. It has a setting and operation mode and is fitted with two simple on/off and up/down buttons to select functions.

More information can be found at www.tricklestar.com

Z-Wave® is the first technology to bring affordable, reliable and easy-to-use wireless control to every aspect of daily life – the home, consumer electronics, healthcare, and energy use, to name a few. Z-Wave is an award-winning, proven and interoperable* wireless mesh networking technology that allows a wide array of devices in and around the home to communicate including lighting, appliances, HVAC, entertainment centers, and security systems. Z-Wave brings many benefits to everyday life including remote home monitoring, home healthcare, safety and security, and energy conservation. Z-Wave certified products are currently available from leading consumer brands in more than 300 products. Z-Wave is the recipient of the 2006 Wall Street Journal Technology Innovation Award in the wireless category, the CNET “Best of CES Award” in the enabling technologies category, along with PC World’s 2006 World Class Award, which recognizes the 100

best technologies and products of the year. For more information about Z-Wave please visit www.z-wave.com

*Zensys works diligently to define and enforce interoperability amongst its Z-Wave partners. For more information on Z-Wave interoperability, visit www.z-wave.com/interoperable.

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