

Control4 Adds Entry-Level Lighting Control

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Control4 announces Essential Lighting-- an entry-level addition to the Control4 Wireless Lighting control aimed to bring "essential" smart home features even to the smallest project.



Ideal for customers with the budget to bring smart lighting only in primary rooms, such as the family room, dining room or home theatre, Essential Lighting makes it more affordable to add such capabilities in other areas of the home, such as bathrooms, laundry room or garage. It enables the addition of smart lighting features to any project, and installers can mix-and-match with existing Control4 Wireless Lighting and Centralised Lighting systems.

The company says Essential Lighting is ideal for both retrofit or new builds, and allows installers to easily replace dumb light switches with one of three in-wall Decora models, including a Dimmer, Switch and Auxiliary Keypad. In addition, customers can automate lamps and other plug-in devices with a plug-in dimmer or switch. All Essential Lighting products are programmable via Composer, and include a single blue LED,

The Essential In-Wall Dimmer is compatible with dimmable LEDs and CFLs, incandescent and

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halogen bulbs. The Wireless In-Wall Switch provides on/off control of lighting, motors and pumps with a simple rocker. The Auxiliary Keypad is an economical solution for 3-, 4- and 5-way load control using existing in-wall wiring to connect to the Essential Dimmer or Switch. One can also use up to five Auxiliary Keypads with a single load-control device. The Plug-in Outlet Dimmer is an easy way to add lamps and other non-grounded lighting devices to the Control4 system. Finally, the Plug-in Outlet Switch is a single relay, grounded, dual-outlet switch providing on/off control.

All Essential Lighting products are designed for fast and simple installs, with no need for special electrical training. Installers can wire the dimmers and switches with a space-saving screw terminal. The products detect line and load to prevent errors, and easily daisy-chain to create multiple configurations. The faceplates complement those in the other Control4 lighting ranges, with matching white, matte snow white, black and light almond colours, and customers can upgrade to screw-less faceplates.

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