



Batimat 2005 Innovation Awards 2005
io-homecontrol® receives the bronze medal in the
« Intelligent Building » category

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Presented for the first time on the VELUX and SOMFY stands during Batimat 2005, io-homecontrol technology receives the bronze medal in the « Intelligent Building » category for the Innovation Awards organised by the show.

More intelligence in the home thanks to io-homecontrol

Developed by HONEYWELL, the world leader in homes and building controls, SOMFY, the international specialist in motors and controls for openings and closures of homes and commercial buildings and VELUX, the world leader in the market for roof windows, io-homecontrol radio technology allows different household components to interact, bringing comfort, well-being, security and energy saving into the home.

On the SOMFY and VELUX stands at Batimat 2005, visitors could, for the first time, discover the interaction between io-homecontrol products and measure the potential of this easy-to-use technology. Via a remote-control, the user can control several electrical building components, which can communicate with each other thanks to the io-homecontrol wireless technology whether they be motorized or not (rolling shutters, blinds, garage doors, roof windows, heating, locks ...). They receive information on the execution of the order, thanks to a "feedback" function, insuring that all orders are taken onboard and carried out without the user even having to move to check this. Thanks to the interactivity of different components, the user can programme the sequence of orders or scenarios according to their needs and desires (turning off the heating when the window opens, lowering the blinds at a certain time...).

Placing application at the heart of the development of the io-homecontrol offer, the three founding partners have agreed to provide a simple and pragmatic solution answering a real

customer need to automate different house-hold functions (opening windows, shutters, doors, heating)

A potential recognized by a jury of professionals

By giving the bronze medal in this « intelligent building » category to io-homecontrol technology, the members of the jury for the Innovation Awards at Batimat 2005 recognize the usefulness of this new solution, offered by three large industrial groups for building components. *“ Obtaining this award during Batimat, is for us proof, that our technology is answering a real demand, and that it brings veritable added-value to intelligent services in homes and houses ”* highlighted Jean-Luc Guillaume, Managing Director of the io-homecontrol association.

Supported by the three founding partners, leaders in their markets, the io-homecontrol association is an initiative open to all industrial groups within building components.

The io-homecontrol products are suited to all types of buildings, from new constructions to renovations, from single products (for example, a roof window) to a complete system. Their installation does not require any new skills on the part of the professionals in the business. For the moment, only VELUX offers products based on io-homecontrol technology, launched in July 2005. SOMFY and HONEYWELL will offer io-homecontrol branded products at the end of 2006. The first interactive solutions will as a consequence be available from this date onwards. io-homecontrol is a registered trademark in over 40 countries.

About io-homecontrol®

The io-homecontrol association has been launched by some of the world's leading firms in home comfort technology including HONEYWELL, the global leader for solutions of residential and commercial building controls ; SOMFY, the international specialist in automatic control of openings and closures in homes and buildings and VELUX, the world leader in roof windows. io-homecontrol is a wireless communication protocol enabling interaction among products from different manufacturers. It brings new solutions for improved home comfort, energy savings, security and indoor climate control. It allows new benefits for professionals and end-users with no additional infrastructure or installation costs. io-homecontrol is a registered trademark in over 40 countries. The first products integrating io-homecontrol technology have been launched mid-2005, and the first multi-brand io-homecontrol solutions will be available in 2006.

- For more information :
 - io-homecontrol: www.io-homecontrol.com
 - HONEYWELL: www.honeywell.fr
 - SOMFY: www.somfy.fr
 - VELUX: www.velux.com or www.velux.fr
- Images are available from the press office and can be down-loaded from the web-site.

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