



**ASSA ABLOY, HONEYWELL, HÖRMANN, SOMFY and VELUX breathe
fresh life into the home with io-homecontrol®**

A universal solution for greater home comfort

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The io-homecontrol® group, bringing a new technology for a stress-free home, is launched today in Spain by some of the world's leading firms in home equipment including ASSA ABLOY, the world's leading manufacturer and supplier of locking solutions, HONEYWELL, the world leader in homes and building controls, HÖRMANN, the European leading supplier for residential and industrial doors and operators, SOMFY, the worldwide specialist in automatic equipment for building openings and VELUX, the world leader in roof windows, sky-lights and their electronic control, sunscreening and thermal solar panels.

The io-homecontrol® group is open to all home equipment manufacturers who are now able to transcend their brands to provide a simple, global response to today's user needs.

Through wireless radio technology operated by a simple control device, io-homecontrol® will make possible the interaction between various products such as VELUX roof windows, HONEYWELL room temperature controls, rolling shutters motorized by SOMFY, HÖRMANN automatic garage doors and ASSA ABLOY electronic locks. This revolutionary seamless technology system allowing communication between products of different brands will bring endless advantages to consumers and home owners.

With io-homecontrol®, home management takes on a new meaning. That is because, in addition to being able to operate several items of home equipment at the same time, using the io-homecontrol® controls, the user also receives status feedback. So there is no need to check, io-homecontrol® confirms

that the equipment is open or closed, operational or on stand-by. As a result, io-homecontrol® gives the homeowner four major benefits:

- **Greater comfort**

io-homecontrol® appliances can be programmed to run chores or repetitive tasks (operate blinds, control the heating system, close the shutters, open the gate etc.). They can also be programmed to perform a combination of settings simultaneously each day, such as closing the shutters and switching on the lights at dusk etc.

- **Enhanced well-being**

With the io-homecontrol® remote control, one touch is all it takes to control the air quality (temperature, humidity, etc.) through a personalised combination of settings. It can operate the windows, roller shutters, blinds, heating, air conditioning and ventilation, and can be set to air the rooms for 15 minutes each morning at 10 a.m. or react to a change in humidity, such as automatically adjusting the position of the blinds depending on the amount of sunshine.

- **Extra security**

One 'click' and io-homecontrol® insures that all points of access are closed at the same time and the alarm set. In addition, the technology can be programmed with a safety sequence for fittings, which turns internal lights on and off to give the impression that the house is occupied whilst the homeowner is away. It is also possible to identify a breakdown or malfunction in the house thanks to the io-homecontrol® 'feedback' facility, which immediately alerts the homeowner to the source of the problem.

- **More efficient energy savings**

By pre-setting home fittings to personalised patterns, homeowners will only use the equipment they really need, cutting down on energy waste. This not only benefits the environment but instantly reduces heating or lighting expenses.

io-homecontrol® products are suited to all types of buildings, from new to existing constructions, from single products (for example, a roof window) to complete systems. io-homecontrol® solutions are marketed via the usual sales channels and their installation is simple, not requiring any new skills for installers.

"With io-homecontrol®, controlling the home really means what it says," declares Jean-Luc Guillaume. "The reliability and simplicity of the technology and the development of new io-homecontrol® products by leading suppliers is an exciting prospect for both consumers and industry professionals."

io-homecontrol® is a registered trademark in over 40 countries and the io-homecontrol® technology is progressively becoming available on the products launched by the different members of

io-homecontrol[®], who are naturally the first to offer products carrying this technology under their own brand. VELUX started serving the French market in 2005 and the other European markets as of 2006. SOMFY and HÖRMANN will have io-homecontrol[®] branded products on the market in 2007 and HONEYWELL in 2008. Therefore the first multi-brand "home control" solutions will be available in the coming months onwards.

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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[®] members today include HONEYWELL, HÖRMANN, SOMFY , VELUX and ASSA ABLOY.

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 were launched mid-2005, and the first multi-brand io-homecontrol[®] solutions will be available in 2007.