



New Product Information

Meridian Sooloos 2.1

Launch Information



Meridian Sooloos 2.1 offers a series of interface enhancements, making the system easier to use and providing the user with more ways to organise their collection. It also includes additional functionality that enables access to, and management of, Rhapsody® content and Internet Radio.

Meridian Sooloos 2.1 unlocks the Meridian Sooloos Ensemble, improves Crestron integration, and adds 'Zone Linking Synchronisation'. The addition of a dedicated iPhone® application further enhances system control opportunities.

User interface enhancements create a cleaner and more simple user experience, by moving features used less often to the Settings menu and the 'Play Queue'. The 'Sort View' feature now adds the ability to sort your music according to how often you listen to each track. 'Focus' now includes the ability to narrow the view of your collection by audio quality.

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:

Rhapsody® lets subscribers easily explore, browse, search and focus on any album in its library, just like the albums in an existing collection.

By "curating" station offerings, Meridian Sooloos Internet Radio provides an easily manageable way to discover the vast world of content available on internet radio.

Upgrades to the Ensemble give it the flexibility to be the cornerstone of any music lover's system

Zone Linking Synchronisation allows the creation of a whole-house networked audio system, using Ethernet – something that normally requires a complicated audio distribution system.

The Crestron® module, distributed and supported by Crestron, is now faster, more robust, and easier to use, even with larger collections.

A dedicated iPhone® application gives you handheld control of the system from anywhere in the home.

Collections can be organised by how often albums are listened to, or sorted by audio quality to separate MP3s from CD-quality files.

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RHAPSODY*

Access to the Rhapsody service included in Meridian Sooloos 2.1 offers customers the ability to extend their collection with a seamless browsing experience. Rhapsody is a subscription music service. For \$13 US a month, the user can listen to any of the hundreds of thousands of albums in the Rhapsody collection. The music is not downloaded to the user's system; it is streamed over the web each time it is played.

Albums from the Rhapsody collection can be added to a user's Cover Browser and then used as if they are stored locally, with all the speed, elegance and power of the Meridian Sooloos interface.

All Meridian Sooloos functions (Swim, Focus, Search, etc.) can be performed on Rhapsody music that has been added to the user's Cover Browser, giving a much greater sense that the user "owns" the music being streamed to the system. There is no limit to the number of Rhapsody albums the user can add to their collection.

**RHAPSODY IS PRESENTLY ONLY AVAILABLE IN THE US.*

INTERNET RADIO

The Meridian Sooloos Internet Radio function delivers a class-leading navigation and listening experience of the huge number of internet radio stations available globally. It's an excellent way for users to discover new music, rediscover music they've forgotten they loved, and access regional/specialist content. The Internet Radio function is organized and "curated" to identify and present the highest quality and most-respected stations in all genres, cutting through the massive number of stations available and helping customers find stations they like.

ENSEMBLE UPGRADE

The Ensemble upgrade removes previous limitations and enables automatic backup and unlimited expansion features. The Ensemble is now no longer limited in its expansion and backup options. It can be configured with its internal drive active and manual backup, or it can address TwinStores, giving it automatic backup and unlimited expansion.

ZONE LINKING SYNCHRONISATION

Zone Linking Synchronisation allows users to listen to the same music throughout the home with seamless transitions from room to room. Zone Linking Synchronisation enables the same music to play at the same time in multiple zones with no time delays – 'Party Mode'. This is possible even between devices connected over Ethernet, for example between Control 10 units in multiple rooms.

CRESTRON ENHANCEMENT

Crestron enhancements and a new Crestron Module make navigating larger collections easier and faster. The new Crestron protocol offers faster and more robust performance as well as a reorganized presentation of information. It will be distributed and supported by Crestron.

IPHONE APP

The dedicated iPhone application will improve integration with an iPhone and offer handheld remote control of the system from anywhere in the home. A dedicated iPhone application will replace the current web-based iPhone control, increasing speed and robustness.

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Shipping Date (TBC): **February 2010**

**Available as a free upgrade to
current Meridian Sooloos owners**

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Last year's 2.0 update removed practical limits on the size of a collection and completely changed how information is stored, organised, and streamed.

Now, the Meridian Sooloos 2.1 software upgrade offers music discovery, system configuration, third-party control and interface features that build on the advances made to the software architecture in the previous version.

The Rhapsody and Internet Radio implementations significantly expand access to content, for people who love music but don't buy a lot of CDs. At the same time they offer those with large collections a way to explore and add even more music to their system. Even audiophiles can make use of Rhapsody as a "try before you buy" way to explore new music.

The Ensemble upgrade, Crestron module and Zone Linking Synchronisation increase the system's flexibility, scalability and integration. X-Panel integration enhances the ability of the system to function without a Control 10.

The iPhone application offers a lower entry price for a Meridian Sooloos system as well as added control options for larger systems.

Finally, 2.1's Enhanced Browser mode makes the system even easier to access.

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