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Vernal and Paris loudspeakers deliver music across 15,000-square-foot backyard

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BOSTON, November 7, 2012 - The picturesque Long Island Sound waterfront has turned many visitors into homeowners. The area recently caught the attention of one Connecticut family looking for a new house. The family discovered the perfect home and embarked on an ambitious renovation from the ground up, building a new 13,000-square foot home complete with a backyard entertainment system featuring 13 Technomad weatherproof loudspeakers.

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"The homeowners bought the property, knocked down the existing house, and built the new one to their specifications," said David Kepke, owner of the NY-based Multimedia Resource Group, who spearheaded the installation. "This was a three-year project and the Technomad loudspeakers were the final touch, completing the outdoor entertainment system. Technomad delivers crisp, clear audio, and you never have to worry about weather damage. That's why I keep coming back to them: stellar construction, versatility, and overall excellent sound quality."

Multimedia Resource Group provides premium custom electronics systems for the home, office, and other private spaces such as yachts. Kepke worked closely with the homeowners and their architect, and designed the system to provide audio throughout the 15,000 square foot backyard.

"It's a large open space, so to ensure smooth coverage across the entire yard I divided the area into three zones: the veranda, lawn area, and pool area," said Kepke. "Each has its own group of Technomad loudspeakers, chosen to deliver even audio coverage at just the right output level."

Kepke installed six Vernal loudspeakers in the veranda ceiling, four Paris loudspeakers beneath the veranda for the lawn area, and two Paris models with one Soho subwoofer for the pool area. He knew Technomad was the ideal fit based on his past experiences with the company, having used them extensively on a 280-foot luxury yacht and many other projects.

"This house is located right on the Long Island Sound waterfront, so the loudspeakers had to fully withstand moisture, rain, salt, and snow," he said. "Technomad loudspeakers also come in a variety of sizes, colors, and output levels to fit virtually any application, so I had a lot to choose from. There was no doubt in my mind that Technomad was the only choice for the job."

The six Vernal loudspeakers installed in the veranda ceiling, are mounted with custom stainless steel brackets that are also weather resistant. "The custom brackets allowed the Vernal loudspeakers to be mounted in such a way that they are recessed behind a trim ring. This allowed the architect to achieve the clean look they desired, and I was able to use a high-performance, completely weatherproof loudspeaker."

According to Kepke, the lightweight Vernal was the sensible choice for the long, narrow veranda as it measures just 9.1 inches x 6.1 inches and weighs only 8.5 pounds. Kepke mounted the four Paris lawn zone area loudspeakers underneath the elevated veranda decking. The final two Paris loudspeakers and the Soho subwoofer were installed in a planting bed next to the pool.

"The integrated fly points, standard on all Technomad loudspeakers, made mounting under the veranda a very simple task," said Kepke. "The homeowner didn't want them visible in the pool area zone, so installing them in the planting beds made perfect sense. They face the lounge

area and pool deck, and deliver full, rich, detailed sound."

The system provides brilliant sound quality, plenty of flexibility and tremendous ease-of-use, thanks to a centralized control system. Crestron touch screens throughout the house offer the ability to control source and volume in any audio zone from anywhere inside or outside the house. This bodes well for entertaining a variety of guests.

"The homeowners can change the volume and select the source of music, using an iPod, iPhone, Sirius radio, Pandora, ReQuest music server or something else," said Kepke. "They have several iPod docking stations strategically located throughout the home, and can use any one as a music source in any of the 24 zones. It's simple to use, and the flexibility really appeals to them. Overall, the homeowners are extremely pleased, and they plan on entertaining in their outdoor space for years to come."

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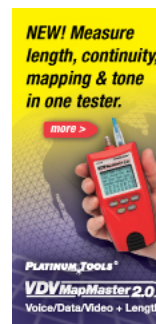
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