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## Room essentials

### A Big screen

Instead of a projector screen, this home cinema system features an HD Ready 50in plasma with content sourced from Kaleidescape media servers and Sky HD

### B Hidden audio

Artcoustic DFF180-43 speakers standing at 1.8m-high deliver the depth of sound needed for listening to music in the sitting room, and are concealed in these large built-in storage cupboards

### C Rack and roll

All of the amplifiers, AV sources and control systems are hidden away in this double-racked equipment cupboard

### D Sky-high sound

These ceiling-mounted SpeakerCraft TIME FIVE speakers can drop down and angle to find the optimal audio effect

### E Flaming hell!

Even the gas fire in this swanky joint ignites under IR control

### F Touch and go

Control of the system is made nice and easy with a Crestron STX-1700CXP touchscreen panel

## Anton van Beek visits Grant Bovey's high-tech Chelsea apartment

# Playboy Pad

When Creative Home Cinema's Mark Buckfield met celeb Grant Bovey at his brand-new playpad, it quickly became clear that he was planning something special...

An avid music and film fan, Grant wanted the ultimate sound and vision experience. However, it was also essential that the tech should fit seamlessly into the elegant design his wife, Anthea Turner, cooked up.

The huge living space is divided into dining, relaxing and entertainment areas, and the audio system needed to reflect the different requirements of each zone. In order to make the speakers as unobtrusive as possible in the sitting room, 1.8m tall Artcoustic speakers were concealed in built-in storage cupboards, while four flush-mounted SpeakerCraft speakers recess into the ceiling. These can descend and rotate to



### → Kit Checklist

**SITTING ROOM**  
 Vidikron PlasmaView VP-5000: 50in 1365 x 768 HD Ready plasma monitor  
 Kaleidescape KPLAYER-5000: 2 x AV servers with integrated CD/DVD combo drive, capable of playing HD and DVD content from a Kaleidescape KSERVER-1500 media server  
 Thompson DS18215: 2 x Sky HD digiboxes supply HD content to the property's many HD Ready screens  
 Artcoustic DF-MULTI 50": 1 x in-one LCR speaker is hidden away behind the screen  
 Artcoustic DFF180-43: 2 x 1.8m tall full-range speakers are concealed either side of the sitting room screen  
 SpeakerCraft TIME FIVE: 4 x flush-mounted in-ceiling speakers that can drop down to a 15-, 30- or 45° angle  
 Crestron TPS-RFGWX: RF transceiver allowing Crestron 2.4 GHz 2-way wireless touchpanels to communicate with the control system  
 Crestron STX-1700CXP: 2-way wireless touchpanel controller with 5.7in colour screen

**DINING ROOM**  
 Vidikron VP-42HD: 42in 1024 x 768 HD Ready plasma monitor connected to Future Automation PH PLASMA HINGE drop-down lift  
 Artcoustic DF-MULTI 42": Wall-mounted centre speaker  
 SpeakerCraft TIME FIVE: 4 x flush-mounted in-ceiling, positional speakers

**KITCHEN**  
 Philips 42PFL9900D: 42in Full HD Aurea LCD TV  
 Speakercraft AIMB FIVE: 2 x 8in in-ceiling 2-way speaker

**MASTER BEDROOM**  
 Vidikron PlasmaView VP-5000: 50in 1365 x 768 HD Ready plasma monitor  
 Artcoustic Diablo Sub Panel: Wall-mounted subwoofer  
 Speakercraft TIME FIVE: 4 x flush-mounted in-ceiling, positional speakers

**MASTER BATHROOM**  
 Aquavision AV-F17-2: Splash-proof 17in LCD TV  
 SpeakerCraft 6.5 DT: 3 x 2-way in-ceiling dual tweeter speakers

**GUEST BEDROOM**  
 Vidikron VP-42HD: 42in HD Ready plasma monitor connected to drop-down lift  
 Speakercraft AIMB FIVE: 2 x 8in in-ceiling 2-way speaker  
 Crestron CNRFGWA: 1-way remote RF receiver  
 Crestron MT-1000C: Hand-held remote

All images courtesy of Mark Buckfield



**G Power play**

The Artcoustic PA-300 power amplifier delivers 120W RMS (stereo) or 300W RMS (mono)

**H Exterminate!**

No groovy gadget-filled apartment is truly complete without a life-size replica Dalek

**I Pop down video**

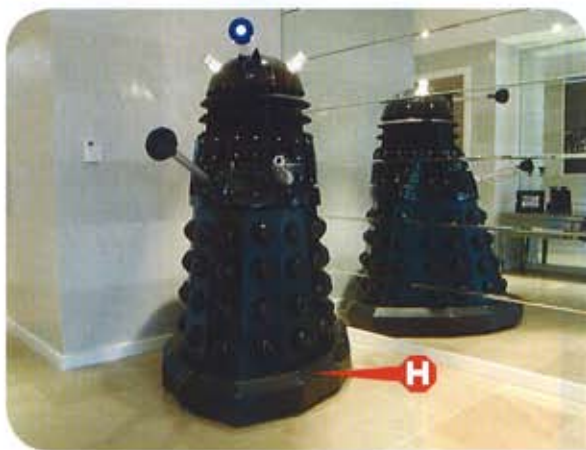
As in the kitchen, vital wall space is saved in the guest bedroom by having a ceiling-mounted, pop-down 42in plasma screen

**J Surround sound**

A key part of the system is this pair of Crestron C2N-DAP8RC 7.1-channel audio processors

**K Smart thinking**

The Crestron CNAMPX-16X60 intelligent amplifier offers 60W of power across each of its 16-channels of audio



**Wired for sound:**

Almost two miles of cabling was used during the installation in order to deliver the desired sound and video quality



direct sound into the sitting area when watching TV, or the entertaining area for listening to music. Using four identical speakers meant they could either be used separately or combined to produce an overall ambient sound throughout the living space.

With so many windows in the apartment and very little available wall space, the only way to add a screen to the dining room was to look up! Consequently, a 42in screen has been hidden in the ceiling on a motorised lift and can drop down at the touch of a button.

Providing film and music content to the various screens (including a Philips Aurea in the kitchen and another drop-down screen in the guest bedroom) is a Kaleidescape media server and two Sky HD boxes.

Delighted with the install, the only question Grant has left is whether his Dalek can be programmed to operate the Crestron system...●

