



The Latest and The Best
Backyard Bliss
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Audio Design Associates' MC-3000 waterproof keypad works with any of the firm's multiroom audio systems and fits well into a triple-gang electrical box. Its vivid display is a plus.

Music, Music Everywhere

Today's high-end multiroom audio systems routinely include the backyard as an audio zone, says Richard D. Stoerger, vice president of Audio Design Associates in White Plains, N.Y. "With larger outdoor areas, several outdoor zones can exist, permitting different acoustical levels for the patio and balconies, tennis courts, walkways, gazebo, grounds and so on," he says. "You can use the same components that you listen to throughout the home's interior in the outdoor zones."

Rich Stoerger of Audio Design Associates says the increased demand for its all-weather outdoor keypads reflects the growing trend of outdoor electronics. The company, which originally manufactured electronics for its own custom installation division, now offers more than a dozen outdoor control options. With the Phone Suite, Audio Design Associate's new telephone interface device, customers can control video sources, adjust volume and even turn the zone off with their cordless phone, whether they are indoors or out.