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Pool, Anyone?

As if a billiards table isn't enough entertainment in this room, there's also a 42-inch plasma screen and in-ceiling speakers so players never miss a moment of the big game.

The Samsung plasma screen and a pair of Paradigm speakers don't provide the sole audio/video entertainment in this space, though. The owner can call up any DVD from a Sony 400-disc DVD player in the adjacent home theater or from one of the other audio/video components. Or he can order up some music from an XM satellite radio tuner or his own computer that serves as a media server on his home network.

He can also use the plasma screen as a computer via a wireless keyboard and see video feeds from cameras around the house. If someone rings the front doorbell while he's enjoying a game of nine ball, the telephone emits a distinctive ring, and he can check to see who it is by having the feed displayed on the TV. The telephones also function as an intercom system throughout the house.

All this is possible with a Control4 home control system that uses IP (Internet Protocol) to bring together the operation of audio/video, security and other systems over what is essentially a computer network with high-speed data wiring called Category 5 (the same cabling you use for high-speed Internet access).

Three- and six-button touchpads in the room give the owner control of the lights via the Control4 system, and there are some preset lighting scenes that raise or dim the lights. The Control4 system also integrates the operation of the heating and ventilation system. All systems are operable via a wired Control4 touchscreen.

When it's time for some drinks, there's a refrigerator beneath the plasma screen.

It seems that no matter what pool players want to do in this room—whether it's watching the big game or a movie or listening to some music—they can call their own shots.

FEATURING

TV: Samsung plasma

Speakers: Paradigm

Control: Control4

DVD Changer: Sony

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