

# AUDIOTRENDS

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## Before You Build!



**T**elevisions and Hi-Fi Systems haven't always been natural partners, but they are nowadays. With sophisticated electronics now bringing the aural and the visual aspects together with such remarkable results, there's never been a better time to integrate your total home entertainment.

Even the purists are now recognising the fact that it is possible to enjoy both your favourite music and spectacular home cinema. In the one room! From the one system! Your audio-visual system should no longer be treated as an afterthought when you plan your next home, but it should be carefully considered and designed into your home plans in much the same way as the electrical wiring, plumbing and air conditioning.

For many new home builders though they want to go even further and either partially or even fully automate their home. Like audio visual integration, careful consideration needs to be given to what you want to do – not nec-

essarily what you want to do when you move in, but what you may wish to do over a period of time! Therefore, the following information gives a brief insight into what Audio Trends can do for you and our recommendation is that you consider these life-style options before you even finalise your building plans. We have a team of dedicated professionals who can help you through every phase of building – from architect through to and including building your dream home. Or alternatively, we can recommend tradespeople who can work with your architect or builder.

### Whole-House Stereo!

Did you know that at the touch of a button you can enjoy your favourite music, tv or video program throughout your home and even outside? Imagine music, rich and dynamic, always sounding its absolute best, whether played softly or loudly



any location you choose. Select from your favourite CD's, radio stations or satellite programs. You can even select your favourite CD tracks, even though the equipment is either concealed, or at the other end of the house. Some systems even allow each area to simultaneously have its own choice of program, along with separate volume control! Audio Trends has the expertise to make it happen in your home.

Whole house stereo and video systems are surprisingly affordable and very simple to operate. If you are planning to start your 'dream' home or simply extending or renovating, then pre-wiring your home at frame-stage for all, or just some of these modern day systems is a smart idea. Planning for the future in technology will also mean less expense later. We will happily explain just how easy and affordable it can be. Plan for your future needs today!

### Great Antenna and Cable Television Reception

Low noise, wide bandwidth and commercial grade amplifiers increase your antenna or cable signal levels making every picture from every channel on every TV better than you ever imagined. BEWARE! Installing the correct antenna and cabling is a job for a specialist! Often new home builders are offered this service by unqualified



persons who think that installing an antenna system is a simple matter of just running cable—and most often just the cheapest variety—and sticking up an antenna! Ghosting and interference are often explained away as coming from some other 'unknown' source. So, if you want perfect pictures on **every** channel, in every room, then let us help you. For more information on Antenna's, see our other article Digital Antenna Troubleshooting.



### Home Automation

When we talk about home automation, we are referring to the ability to integrate televisions, lighting, home entertainment, sound, heating controls, home security systems and many appliances and other systems through a centrally-controlled network. These systems are custom designed and allow you the convenience, time-saving and cost-saving benefits of controlling electronics through a central control, or even remotely. Our Learning Centre has a number of additional articles that discuss some of the many options.

### Pre-Wire

With all of the above, good planning needs to be done at the earliest possible stage and although we mention pre-wiring last on the list, it is actually the first thing that needs to be done and hopefully planned well in advance. Obviously with Home Automation or even a fully dedicated Home Cinema this needs to be considered and designed well before construction begins. However, even a simple multi-room audio visual system needs to be

catered for with pre-wiring. It costs no more to arrange this in advance! Sadly, some persons either miss out or pay considerably more for installation after the home is built.

Surprisingly to many, the cost of pre-wiring even a large home is extremely reasonable. If our installers get access at frame stage, even a complex two storey dwelling can be done in just one day. But, please remember that we cannot arrange this service two days before the plasterer is due to arrive!



### To Enjoy the Pleasures... Audio Trends can Help

Audio Trends has the experience to make all of this very easy. To enjoy the pleasures of a custom home entertainment installation, you need quality equipment and a well designed, professional installation. The Audio Trends experts are first and foremost very helpful and friendly but also have a thorough knowledge of what's new, what's best and have the technical expertise and experience to design the best system for your budget.

All members of the Audio Trends team are licensed and insured professionals who work directly with homeowners, or with their architects, builders and interior designers. The key to a successful outcome is planning and preparation. So before you build, please come and see us to discuss your many options. We're at your service.



*Tip: Plan with your builder for the pre-wiring of antenna and multi-room audio to be done after the electrician is finished and before the plasterer starts.*

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