

Control4® EA-3 Controller



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The versatile Control4 EA-3 Entertainment and Automation Controller is the perfect fusion of multi-room, high-resolution audio and smart home automation for small to mid-size homes.

Powered by a next-generation multi-core processor, the EA-3 delivers a new level of speed and performance for instantaneous, interactive on-screen access to all the systems in the home. A built-in music server with three audio outputs delivers high-resolution audio throughout the home from your local music library, popular streaming music services, and AirPlay-enabled devices using native Control4 ShairBridge technology.

The EA-3 includes a variety of I/O to automate audio and video, lighting, climate control, door locks, and other devices controlled by IP, infrared (IR), serial, and ZigBee. With PoE+ for power, a port for Ethernet out, and its included mounting bracket, the compact form factor of the EA-3 makes it easy to install behind any TV or projector.

- Three audio outputs—one HDMI, one stereo analog, and one digital coax—distribute up to three simultaneous, high-resolution audio streams from native streaming services, AirPlay-enabled devices, and local music.
- Integrated music server with native support for popular streaming services, including Deezer, Pandora, Rhapsody, Tidal, and TuneIn.
- All-new, elegant on-screen experience for easy access to entertainment and the entire home.
- Elegant, low-profile design features an integrated power supply for flexible, simple installation and long-term reliability.
- PoE+ provides power and network connectivity over a single CAT5/CAT6 cable.
- Built-in two-port Ethernet switch simplifies installation by connecting an additional device to the home network.
- Included mounting bracket allows easy mounting to the back of your TV, on the wall, or to a standard wall box.
- Integrated Wireless-N and ZigBee with external antennas simplify installation while delivering high-performance connectivity.
- USB port enables connection to external hard drives for easy access to music content.
- Control4 App license enables in-home control from multiple iOS—including Apple Watch—and Android mobile devices. Connect to your home remotely with an optional 4Sight subscription.
- Video/Audio Intercom for whole-home communications with Control4 touch screens and door stations.



HDMI™
HIGH-DEFINITION MULTIMEDIA INTERFACE

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Model number	C4-EA3
Embedded services	
Control4 App license	Included—Supports up to 50 devices
Intercom license	Included—Supports audio and video intercom on Control4 touch screens and door stations
Streaming services	Pandora®, Rhapsody® (Napster®), TuneIn, TIDAL, Deezer
ShairBridge	Up to 20 instances of the driver in the project 3 concurrent streams
Inputs / Outputs	
Video out	1 video out—HDMI
Video	HDMI 1.4 output; HD 1080p, 50-60 Hz
Audio out	3 audio out—1 HDMI, 1 stereo analog (3.5 mm), 1 digital coax
Audio in	2 audio in—1 stereo analog (3.5 mm), 1 digital coax
Audio playback formats	AAC, AIFF, ALAC, FLAC, M4A, MP2, MP3, MP4/M4A, Ogg Vorbis, PCM, WAV, WMA
High-resolution audio playback	Up to 192 kHz / 24 bit
Advanced audio subsystem	Dedicated audio signal processor
Audio system controls (analog only)	10-band graphic equalizer, input gain, output gain, loudness, tone controls, balance
Signal-to-noise ratio	<-110 dBFS
Total harmonic distortion	0.0015 (-96.5 dB)
Network	
Ethernet	10/100/1000BaseT compatible (required for controller setup) PoE+ supported
Power over Ethernet	802.3at-2009 (PoE+) / 25.5W
Built-in Ethernet switch	1 Ethernet/PoE in + 1 Ethernet switch port
Wireless	Dual-band Wireless-N (2.4 GHz, 5 GHz, 802.11n/g/b)
Wireless security	WEP, WPA, and WPA2
Wireless antenna	External reverse SMA connector
ZigBee Pro	802.15.4
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USB port	1 USB 2.0 port—500mA
Control	
IR out	6 IR out—5V 27mA max output, 1 IR blaster—front
IR capture	1 IR receiver—front; 20-60 kHz
Serial out	3 serial out (shared with IR out 1-3)
Contact	1 contact sensor—30VDC, 125mA maximum
Relay	1 relay—AC: 36V, 2A; DC: 24V, 2A maximum operation
Power	
Power requirements	100-240 VAC, 60/50Hz or PoE+
Power consumption	Max: 25W, 85 BTUs/hour Idle: 13W, 44 BTUs/hour
Other	
Operating temperature	32° - 104° F (0° - 40° C)
Storage temperature	4° - 158° F (-20° - 70° C)
Fan dB level	Max: 35 dB
Dimensions (H × W × D)	1.25" (31 mm) × 8.75" (221 mm) × 5.875" (149 mm)
Weight	1.60 lbs (0.74 kg)
Shipping weight	2.75 lbs (1.26 kg)
Accessories	
Wall-Mount Bracket	C4-WMEA3
Rack-Mount Kit	C4-EA3RMK1, C4-EA3RMK2
3.5mm to DB9 Serial Cable	C4-CBL3.5-DB9B
SR-260 System Remote Control	C4-SR260-B
4Sight Subscription (1 Year)	C4-4Sight-E

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