Product Overview

thermoSmart is an after-market home heating system that creates temperature zones in single zone homes.

Our main goal is to increase the efficiency of forced hot-air home heating systems while simultaneously improving the comfort of the users.

The Parts

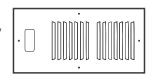


Coordinator The Coordinator syncs all

smartGrates and smartTemps in the user's home in a central location.

smartGrate

The louvers of the smartGrate automatically adjust to increase or decrease airflow into a room.





smartTemp The smartTemp allows a user to adjust their desired temperature within a room.

HVAC Controller

The HVAC Controller interfaces with the furnace and signals the furnace to turn on or off.



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Saving energy does not require sacrifices in comfort!

Ithermo Smart

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General Product Overview

Key Design Considerations

Energy Savings

- ✓ Simulation of thermoSmart system in a fullsized home led to 15% energy savings
- ✓ Scheduling function on Coordinator adds an extra 7% in energy savings.
- ✓Algorithm determines optimum louver position

Room by Room Temperature Control

- ✓ smartGrate's louvers adjust air flow into each room
- ✓ smartTemps measure temperature changes in each room
 - -current room temperature
 - -change in room temperature
 - -desired temperature of the room

DIY Installation

- \checkmark Easy and quick installation
- √Coordinator GUI designed for quick configuration

Aesthetics

✓ Controls hidden behind smartGrate
 ✓ Ergonomic design of Coordinator

Safe Addition to HVAC System

✓ Simulation confirms that change in furnace trunk pressure is not enough to damage the HVAC system

Control Algorithm

Our control algorithm allows a home to **reduce heat-up time by up to 15%!**

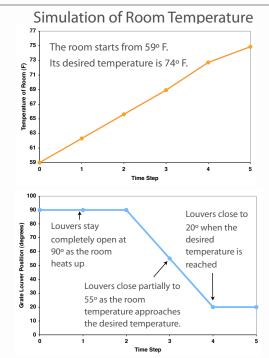
Optimum positions of the smartGrate's louvers are determined from:

- -current room temperature -change in room temperature
- -desired temperature of the room

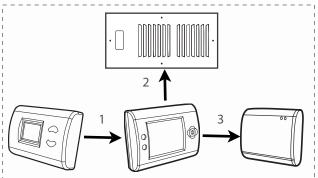
Louvers have three possible opening positions: 20°, 55°, and 90°

The Algorithm:

- If $T_{desired}$ $T_{current}$ > $T_{current}$ T_{past} , then $\theta=90^{o}$
- If $T_{desired}$ $T_{current} < 0$, then $\theta = 20^o$
- $_{\text{-}}$ In all other cases, $\theta=55^{\circ}$



Communications



The four components of the thermoSmart system communicate wirelessly using the SMAC standard.

- 1. Each smartTemp sends the current and desired temperature of their room to the Coordinator.
- 2. The Coordinator calculates the optimum grate louver position and sends this value to the smartGrate servo.
- 3. When all rooms have reached desired temperature, the Coordinator sends a signal to the HVAC Controller to turn the furnace off.

Pricing

Basic Pack 2 smartGrates, 2 smartTemps, 1 Coordinator	\$179.99
HVAC Controller 1 HVAC Controller	\$34.99
Expansion Pack 1 smartGrate, 1 smartTemp	\$58.99
Premium Pack 5 smartGrates, 5 smartTemps, 1 Coordinator	\$389.99