



# Meridian Sooloos 2.1

## Launch Information



Meridian Sooloos 2.1 offers a series of interface enhancements making the system easier to use and providing the user more ways to organize their collection. With additional functionality which enable access to and management of Rhapsody® content and Internet Radio.

Meridian Sooloos 2.1 unlocks the Meridian Sooloos Ensemble, improves Crestron integration, and adds 'Zone Linking Synchronisation'. The addition of a dedicated iPhone® application further enhances system control opportunities.

User interface enhancements create a cleaner and more simple user experience by moving features used less often to the Settings menu and the 'Play Queue'. The 'Sort View' feature now adds the ability to sort your music according to how often you listen to each track. 'Focus' now includes the ability to narrow the view of your collection by audio quality.

### PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:

Rhapsody® lets you easily explore, browse, search and focus on any album in their library just like the albums you already own.

By "curating" the station offerings, Meridian Sooloos Internet Radio gives you an easily manageable way to discover the vast world of music available on internet radio.

Upgrades to the Ensemble give it the flexibility to be the corner-stone of any music lover's system

Zone Linking Synchronisation allows you to create a whole-house networked audio system – using ethernet. An accomplishment that normally requires a complicated audio distribution system.

The Crestron® module, distributed and supported by Crestron, is now faster, more robust, and easier to use, even with larger collections.

The dedicated iPhone® application gives you handheld control of your system from anywhere in your home.

Organize your collection according to how often you listen to albums or sort by audio quality to separate your MP3s from your CD quality files

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## RHAPSODY\*

The Meridian Sooloos 2.1 Rhapsody® service offers customers the ability to extend their collection with a seamless browsing experience. Rhapsody is a subscription music service. For \$13 a month (US) the user can listen to any of the hundreds of thousands of albums in the Rhapsody collection. The music is not downloaded to the user's system; it is streamed over the web each time it is played.

Albums from the Rhapsody collection can be added to a user's Cover Browser and then used as if they are stored locally, with all the speed, elegance, and power of the Meridian Sooloos interface.

All Meridian Sooloos functions (Swim, Focus, Search, etc.) can be performed on Rhapsody music that has been added to the user's Cover Browser, giving a much greater sense that the user "owns" the music being streamed to the system. There is no limit to the number of Rhapsody albums the user can add to their collection.

*\*RHAPSODY IS PRESENTLY ONLY AVAILABLE IN THE US.*

## INTERNET RADIO

The Meridian Sooloos Internet Radio function delivers a class leading navigation and listening experience of the huge number of internet radio stations available globally. A means of discovering new music, music you've forgotten you loved, and access to regional/specialist content. The Internet Radio function is organized and "curated" to identify and present, the highest quality and most-respected stations in all genres, cutting through the massive number of stations available and helping customers find stations they like.

## ENSEMBLE UPGRADE

The Ensemble upgrade removes previous limitations and enables automatic backup and unlimited expansion features. The Ensemble is now no longer limited in its expansion and backup options. It can be configured with its internal drive active and manual backup, or it can address TwinStores, giving it automatic backup and unlimited expansion.

## ZONE LINKING SYNCHRONISATION

Zone Linking Synchronisation allows users to listen to the same music throughout the home with seamless transitions from room to room. Zone Linking Synchronisation enables the same music to play at the same time in multiple zones with no time delays – 'Party Mode.' This is possible even between devices connected over Ethernet, for example between Control 10 units in multiple rooms.

## CRESTRON ENHANCEMENT

Crestron® enhancements and a new Crestron Module make navigating larger collections easier and faster. The new Crestron protocol offers faster and more robust performance as well as a reorganized presentation of information. It will be distributed and supported by Crestron.

## IPHONE APP

The dedicated iPhone® application will improve integration with an iPhone and offer handheld remote control of the system from anywhere in the home. A dedicated iPhone application will replace the current web-based iPhone control, increasing speed and robustness.

Launch Date: **January 2010 (CES)**

Shipping Date: **January 2010**

US Retail Price: **Available as a free upgrade to current Meridian Sooloos owners**

The Meridian Sooloos 2.1 launch offers music discovery, system-configuration, third-party control and interface features that build on the advances made to the software architecture in version 2.0.

The 2.0 update removed practical limits on the size of a collection and completely changed how information is stored, organized, and streamed.

The Rhapsody® and Internet Radio implementations create larger libraries for users who love music but don't buy a lot of CD's. At the same time they offer those with large collections a way to explore and add even more music to their system. Even audiophiles can make use of Rhapsody as a "try before you buy" way to explore new music.

The Ensemble upgrade, the Crestron® module, and Zone Linking Synchronisation increase the system's flexibility, scalability and integration capabilities. X-Panel integration enhances the ability of the system to function without a Control 10.

The iPhone® application offers a lower entry price for a Meridian Sooloos system as well as added control options for larger systems.

Finally, 2.1's Enhanced Browser mode makes the system more approachable.

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