



Press Release

RC9001- colour touch-screen universal remote handset
£1,150

Marantz flagship handset prevents your remote collection getting out of control

The RC9001 is Marantz's new flagship colour touch-screen universal remote handset, and its urge to command doesn't stop with AV systems – this ingenious electronic control freak's talents extend to a multitude of helpful custom install technologies.

Don't think of the RC9001 as merely an exceptional way to get complete and customised control of a home cinema system. Yes, the RC9001 rids your home of its (no doubt) many remote controls – replacing them with a single easy-to-use, feature-packed unit – but, more than this, the mini-marvel can also act as a control centre for your home's entire technology line-up.

The unit brings Wi-Fi bi-directional functionality, meaning it is simple to control a whole host of other custom installation technologies. Be they Escient music servers, Lutron lighting, air-condition and heating systems or even security cameras – no matter how complex the system – the RC9001 is positively aching to take command. For highly sophisticated system Marantz offers the wireless RX8001 and wired RX9001 extender.

Incorporating a gorgeous 9.6 cm large colour touch-screen TFT display, the RC9001 offers vastly improved readability. This unit's clever design additions – including contrast ratio – mean you can bid farewell to issues such as screen smearing and mottling of solid colours. Add to the impressive visuals an extensive array of user-friendly innovations and improvements, not forgetting the actual unit's sophisticated, and ergonomic design.

This screen is fully customisable with transparent graphics, letting you completely adapt the remote to any individual system, creating your own personal user interface. Further welcome additions are the programmable instant surf buttons – these keys call up any channel at the touch of a button – and the ability to import channel icons and personalized graphics. This remote does everything to make your life easier. As you would expect the RC9001 comes pre-programmed to

operate a wide variety of Marantz audio and video products, and the convenience doesn't end

there: with up to 1MHz carrier frequency learning capability, the RC9001 can also smoothly operate the most popular brands of audio/video equipment.

To make life even easier, the RC9001 delivers a macro programming possibility under any button. Using these pre-programmed hard keys allows fast access to IR commands without window scrolling.

Of course a host of features is pointless if you can't actually find the remote while you happily sit in the dark watching your favourite movie. With this in mind, the RC9001 contains a built-in pick-up sensor which, when the curtain goes down, switches backlight on automatically, lighting both the screen and all hard buttons. To help with daytime operation, the digital contrast adjustment can adjust the TFT-contrast, while each touch screen panel is treated with an excellent anti-glare coating for significantly reduced reflection and optimized readability under different viewing angles. All the hard buttons are intuitively placed for instant access and navigation. On top of all this the RC9001 has an incredible memory of 64Mb of non-volatile memory, allowing unlimited design and program possibilities.

Personalized set-up can be further customized via a PC interface and Windows PC programming software enables users to import custom animations, channel icons and even their own graphics and photos. The software package Remote Control Setup includes new functionality to help you create your configuration file, now called PCF. Feature here include: multi document; multi level (standard and advanced); transparency; multiple jumps in macro; full screen configurability; assignment of system functions to buttons; and of course import CCF-files. And, thanks to the USB connection, it's a cinch to hook-up this beauty to your PC. So, if you think your remote handset collection is getting out of hand, worry no more – with the RC9001 in-hand you'll soon be back in control.

Completing the package are a rechargeable lithium-ion battery – that can be exchanged by the customer at will – and a recharging docking station.

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