

## Snap One Breathes New Life into Legacy Audio Systems with In-Wall Episode WAKE Amp featuring Alexa Playback Control

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New in-wall amplifier fits in a standard electrical gang box to link any Bluetooth audio device with integrated speakers.

CHARLOTTE, NC, November 22, 2021 – Snap One, the place Where Pros Buy Audio, today introduced the innovative **Episode WAKE Amp**, an in-wall amplifier that connects to Bluetooth audio devices, including voice assistants, to deliver an easy-to-use music solution for new or existing multi-room or single-room audio systems.

According to Mike Jordan, Snap One VP of Control and Entertainment, the Episode WAKE Amp simplifies operations for today's generation and delivers modern convenience through new and existing installations.

"With the WAKE Amp, our Partners can use a single product to add super simple voice control to new audio systems, or to breathe life into older audio systems by replacing existing in-wall volume controls," Jordan emphasized. "By simply asking your voice assistant to play your favorite music, Partners can break down barriers to easy whole-home audio through intuitive voice control."

Episode's WAKE Amp connects a smart voice assistant or other Bluetooth audio device to speakers throughout the property, making even the most complex audio systems easy for anyone to use. Featuring commercial-grade Bluetooth connectivity with a 100-foot range, WAKE Amp is a small, Alexa-optimized in-wall amplifier with three hard buttons for direct control of music. It delivers up to 25 watts of power to four speakers at four ohms and has an LED meter below the buttons to show volume level.

Installation is simple, too. Episode designed the WAKE Amp to be powered by existing speaker wire home runs with a power supply that attaches at the existing amplifier location, eliminating the need for new wire runs. The WAKE Amp is equally well-suited to new construction projects that require simple, intuitive audio solutions—simply run speaker wires from the power supply location to the WAKE Amp, then from WAKE Amp to the speakers.

"Now any project that has integrated speakers and uses Alexa devices can combine the two solutions to offer a voice-activated music experience through in-ceiling speakers for ultimate convenience," Jordan added. "With more than 30 million in-wall volume control devices installed over the past 20 years, this presents an enormous opportunity for Snap One Partners and their customers who can now integrate modern technology to existing systems. With the WAKE Amp, we're making voice-controlled music accessible to everyone."

While the WAKE Amp requires virtually no configuration or setup, Episode has designed an easy-to-use WAKE mobile app for iOS and Android devices. It offers instant control of volume, LED brightness, ability to set the hard buttons to control either volume or playback, add high-pass filters, adjust bass and treble tone, and apply a name to the room for easy identification in the app. Additionally, users can easily add new Bluetooth devices with a single button press on the wall keypad.

The Episode WAKE Amp is available immediately online and through Snap One Partner Stores.

For hi-res images, click here to view a video demo of the WAKE Amp and mobile app.

## **About Snap One**

Established in 2005 and based in Charlotte, North Carolina, Snap One is a manufacturer and exclusive source of A/V, security, control, networking and remote management products for professional integrators. Control4 is Snap One's premier brand for automation and control. Snap One is an industry leader in the pro-install channel and helps integrators build their businesses by providing a wide range of high-quality products, easily accessible through an intuitive website and backed by award-winning service and support. With a vast catalogue of today's most popular brands, Snap One is the premier choice for professional installers across the globe. With 30 pro stores in the US, Snap One blends the benefits of ecommerce with the convenience of local stores. Additional information about Snap One and its products can be found at <a href="https://www.SnapOne.com">www.SnapOne.com</a>.

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