

Cruise Control

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When Dawsons AV Marine was asked by Sunseeker to help create the most technologically-advanced superyacht ever, they certainly rose to the challenge: the 120-foot Tri-Deck won the Crestron UK Integration Award in the Best Marine category.

Dawsons delivered a yacht which boasts the very latest systems available in the AV industry, while maintaining the signature look and feel of Sunseeker International vessels. Its impressive specification includes fully integrated multi-source, multi-cabin systems; Bang & Olufsen speakers, plasma and LCDs throughout, and the first ever marine installation of a B&O/Crestron AV interface.

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A centrally placed media server delivers a one-of-a-kind cinema experience to eight players located throughout the yacht. The yacht's owner collects, manages and enjoys his entire digital movie collection with breathtaking ease and speed for maximum viewing enjoyment. The server stores DVDs and provides multiple, simultaneous video playback throughout the yacht; all easily accessible and operational with one touch of the Crestron touchpanel. The yacht's occupants can choose to watch different movies at the same time in different rooms, view the same film continuously on different screens as they move around the boat, or pause a movie in one of the luxury staterooms and finish watching it days later in the salon on the 50" plasma. Intuitive user interfaces make it easy to find and play music as well, delivering detailed descriptive information about the music library and enabling the user to mix and match tunes and arrange selections in any order, for a completely personalized listening experience.



Eight Crestron CEN-IDOCs on board provide an interface for the popular Apple iPod®, enabling full two-way touchpanel control and navigation. Upon plugging the iPod into the docking station, occupants can replicate the iPod experience on the wireless Crestron touchpanels, instantly feeding their entire personal music collection to speakers throughout the yacht.

The yacht's entertainment system is further enhanced with a "Party Mode" function that synchronizes all speakers, inside and out, allowing the Sunseeker to turn into a veritable nightclub at the touch of a button. An overriding AV control switch enables the captain to immediately stop all AV entertainment onboard, should the need arise.

In the master stateroom, a TPS-2000L wall mount touchpanel, one of two on the yacht, puts a world of control capability in the space of a common light switch, offering fingertip control of a 17" LCD and ceiling speakers. The vessel also boasts an exterior waterproof LCD, with an unrivaled standard of exterior sound quality achieved by 16 specialized speakers.

Two equipment racks house the system components, including the Crestron AV2 processor that enables every audio, video, and environmental element of the vessel to be integrated and accessible. A Crestron CNX-BIPAD8 high performance stereo audio switcher and preamplifier provide maximum flexibility for audio distribution throughout the yacht. Four Crestron professional FM radio tuners are in use in conjunction with the 2-Series control system, delivering occupants stereophile performance and multiple ways to locate and select favorite stations or programs.