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Wall treat

Vantage Point evo modular gear wall

WELCOME BACK, FLOOR We all want our flat-panel TVs on the wall, looking as good as they do in, uh, magazines. But too often the realities of mounting and wiring keep these beauties on stands. Vantage Point's evo system sidesteps installation issues by providing a second wall, just 4 inches in front of the real one. The gap is perfect for wiring — which you'll never see, thanks to the removable wood panels.

SIR MOUNT Since evo is totally modular, the scale is up to you: Go big with glass shelves for components and speakers, or go small and just hang with your TV. Moving? Evo mounts on a pair of rails, with little installation done to the actual wall — so no worries about that damage deposit.

Price: from \$725 • theevosystem.com, 56



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Evo system

Part shelving system, part flat-panel mount, the Evo system is a flexible grid that can handle almost any piece of gear.



Expandability

It's essential to future-proof. Since new gear is continually coming out, you should think about what you might be adding to your system over the next few years. If you don't have a media server, for instance, you might want to make sure your unit can accommodate one. Does it let you add shelves or reposition them to make room for new gear? Hooker's Fairview wall unit, for example, has an expandable bridge above the TV area so you can vary the size of the console opening according to the size of the set. Maybe the ultimate example of expandability, though, is Vantage Point's Evo, a modular wall-mounted system designed with flat-panel TVs in mind. Its aluminum frame has a series of tracks that easily expand to accommodate new gear, or new configurations of gear. You don't need to breach your wall to install it, and it gives you fast access to all your wires and power connections. →

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