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Bosch has expanded its Home Connect integrations across its full-size kitchen suite to help users manage their lives through added automation. The kitchen suite provides seamless integration between multiple digital and physical touch-points in everything from built-in coffee machines to refrigeration. Circle No. 175 on Product Card



Big Chill's stainless steel 30" Electric Wall Oven delivers modern capabilities and a warm, nostalgic look. The unit is complete with 2500 watt bake element and 5000 watt broil element, full-extension oven racks and 4 cu. ft. oven capacity. A selectable convection mode is included. The oven is available in a range of colors, including Beige Red. Circle No. 176 on Product Card



Sharp Home Electronics Company of America (SHCA)'s stainless steel dishwasher includes six wash cycles, seven options, Power Wash option, adjustable third rack and interior LED lighting. The responsive wash cycles work with smart sensors to optimize performance, notes the company. The Half Load option allows for smaller loads. Circle No. 177 on Product Card



XO has introduced two 24" panel-ready undercounter models – beverage centers and dual zone wine coolers. The units can install below standard or ADA-height counters and accommodate European cabinetry with a 4" or 6" toe kick. Field reversible doors use articulating hinges and may be framed to reveal the window or covered with a panel. Circle No. 178 on Product Card



The Performer Series 48" Gas Range from **American Range** has six lift-off open gas burners, an 11" grill, and 36" Innovation oven with infrared broiler. Available from **Almo Corporation**, the range includes all-ceramic open burners that are capable of heat up to 25,000 BTUs. Circle No. 179 on Product Card



The High-Light ceiling hood, a pro motor 36" hood from **Faber** that is available in stainless steel or white matte, is flush to the ceiling. Perimetric aspiration forces air through narrow slots around the perimeter, helping to remove air impurities. The hood offers 4-speed digital capability, LED lighting and dishwasher-safe mesh grease filters. Circle No. 180 on Product Card



Both vintage-inspired appliance lines from **Elmira Stove Works** include ranges, refrigerators, wall ovens, microwaves and dishwasher panels. The appliances are available in a range of colors/color combinations, and more than 1,200 custom hues. Shown is the 5.0-cu.-ft. self-cleaning convection oven. Circle No. 181 on Product Card



THOR Kitchen's 24" Combi Steam Oven is equipped with four preset cooking modes, including a steam-assist feature that reduces cooking time and locks in moisture, notes the company. Features include a glass door with soft-close hinge, blue enamel interior, 2.16 cu. ft. of cooking space, half-gallon water tank and 7" color touch panel. Circle No. 182 on Product Card

concerned about cleaning performance of dishwashers and clothes washers," Sappok says. Consumers are specifically looking for sanitize cycles and other wash options that promise to remove bacteria and viruses, he says. "Machines that reach high temperatures and [feature] thorough drying options are highly sought after," he adds.

Appliances that don't disrupt the environment are also important, manufacturers say. "Consumers are also looking for peace and quiet in new places and ways," states Weedfald.

"With more time spent at home and cooking multiple meals per day, the need for a reliable and quiet dishwasher that enables consumers to physically distance from chores is at an all-time high," continues Prescher.

Touch controls are also trending, Weedfald notes. "Knobs, switches and buttons are fading in exchange for sleek, responsive and easier-to-clean options." The Sharp Microwave Drawer uses motion-sensor technology to open the microwave drawer oven.

Sappok adds, "More consumers are looking for a sleek, seamless kitchen design where the cabinets and appliances are not obstructed by an appliance handle."

SMART AND CONNECTED

Technology trends continue to evolve in the kitchen and throughout the home. "The connected home continues to be at the epicenter of appliance

innovation," stresses Prescher. "When it comes to the kitchen, homeowners are looking for technology that is not only simple to use and meaningful, but also adds true value and makes daily household tasks easier."

"In addition to the basic performance of the appliances, we have been seeing more and more people and manufacturers introduce connectivity features," Kim adds.

Trends develop as technology improves, offers Barfell. "While it's not for everyone, the ability to access system changes through an app – such as temperature changes and alarm systems for loss of power – have been implemented recently. These technologies are allowing people to be flexible outside of the kitchen and make cooking, preparing recipes and entertaining easier."

The move towards connected appliances also makes the ability to analyze and diagnose service issues more common, Barfell adds. "Of course, nobody wants to have a service issue with their appliance, but if that does happen, sometimes it can be remote-accessed and solved in a matter of minutes, avoiding a service technician. This remote access can also identify and diagnose a potential issue and put preventative measures in place."

True Residential is cautious about adding features such as screens, cameras and Wi-Fi connectivity into residential appliances, according to Shead, because of how quickly the standards for these things change.

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