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### **HARMAN KARDON® IEEE-1394-EQUIPPED A/V RECEIVER IS A FEATURED COMPONENT IN DIGITAL HARMONY REFERENCE SYSTEM 2000™ AT CES**

WOODBURY, NY—Harman Kardon today announced that a prototype IEEE-1394-equipped audio/video receiver will be showcased as part of a 1394-based home-entertainment system being demonstrated at the Digital Harmony Technologies exhibit (Booth #2327, Las Vegas Convention Center, January 6–9, 2000). The Harman Kardon receiver is integrated into the Digital Harmony Reference System 2000™, a complete audio/video system linking video and audio sources, electronics, video-display devices and system controllers via two-way 1394 interfaces.

The prototype receiver used in the Digital Harmony Reference System 2000™, the first and only complete entertainment system to win an Innovations Design and Engineering Award, is based on Harman Kardon's AVR 7000 and is outfitted with a 1394 interface developed by Digital Harmony Technologies. Harman Kardon is a long-standing development partner and licensee of Digital Harmony, and was an early adopter of the Digital Harmony standards. In the CES display, the receiver's internally mounted Digital Harmony Interface for Video & Audio (DHIVA) connects to other audio/video devices and acts as a plug-and-play, ultrahigh-speed data interface for integrated system control. The Digital Harmony interface enables digital video, audio and control data to be distributed to up to 63 home-entertainment devices through a single high-bandwidth cable connection, simplifying system installation and hookup and offering an unprecedented degree of system control, with operational capabilities far beyond those of currently existing audio/video systems.

Tom McLoughlin, Harman Kardon President, commented on the significance of the new technology: "Harman Kardon and Digital Harmony have been partnering in the development and implementation of 1394 technology for a number of years as it truly delivers on our promise of Power for the digital revolution™ by providing consumers with the means to easily connect their home-entertainment systems and control and utilize them to a degree never before possible."

McLoughlin continued, "At Harman Kardon, we have always embraced technologies that provide better performance and greater ease-of-use. Digital Harmony's implementation of 1394-interface technology clearly represents the next step in audio/video system design. We look forward to integrating this groundbreaking technology in future Harman Kardon products, and will work closely with Digital Harmony Technologies to assure its successful implementation."

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### **About Digital Harmony Technologies**

Based in Seattle, Digital Harmony Technologies, Inc. ([www.digitalharmony.com](http://www.digitalharmony.com)), sells standard hardware/firmware modules for adding high-speed wireless and 1394 interfaces to audio/video devices (e.g., DVD players, A/V receivers, televisions, etc.) Digital Harmony Certification Centers test all devices for compatibility before they are sold at retail; the Digital Harmony logo-the consumer's seal of approval-indicates that the device will operate harmoniously with others in a home-entertainment system.

### **About Harman Kardon**

The Harman Consumer Systems Group (HCSG) is a leading designer, manufacturer and marketer of a wide range of high-fidelity loudspeakers, audio and video components and multimedia systems for use in homes and automobiles, and with computers. The Group's brands include JBL, Infinity, Harman Kardon, Mark Levinson, Revel, Proceed and Audioaccess.

HCSG is a division of Harman International Industries, Inc. Harman International ([www.harman.com](http://www.harman.com)) is a leading manufacturer of high-quality, high-fidelity audio and video products for the consumer and professional markets. The Company's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "HAR."

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