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**Groundbreaking Thermador Electric and Gas Cooktops Offer  
State-of-the-art Performance and Design**

***New Electric Cooktops Feature Infrared Sensor Technology to Deliver Time-Savings, While its 30" Five-Burner Gas Cooktop is One of the Most Powerful on the Market***

**(Huntington Beach, CA – January 20, 2009)** – Luxury appliance manufacturer Thermador continues to deliver uncompromising performance and style with its newly designed electric and gas cooktops that can tackle any cooking need with ease. Boasting exclusives that are truly groundbreaking, Thermador’s sleek electric cooktops are the first in the U.S. to utilize advanced infrared sensor technology to deliver both precise results and time savings, while helping to take the guesswork out of cooking. The brand’s new gas cooktops – featuring the next generation patented Star Burner® – are not only bold and beautiful in the kitchen, but the lineup now includes the most powerful 30” five-burner gas cooktop, among leading manufacturers. Both are available in the Masterpiece™ and Masterpiece Deluxe Series as the perfect cooking companions to Thermador’s redesigned family of modern, chiseled-looking appliances—from wall ovens to ventilation, refrigeration and more.

“With our new electric sensor cooktops, Thermador continues to deliver the technology and functionality that helps consumers save time and effort,” said Michael Traub, president and CEO. “Overall, our new generation of electric and gas cooktops make for a stunning and powerful centerpiece in any kitchen design.”

**Electric Cooktops**

Thermador’s new electric cooktops feature exclusive Sensor Dome™ infrared sensor technology in the Masterpiece Deluxe Series (30” model with four burners and one sensor and 36” with five burners and one sensor or five burners with two sensors). This unique retractable sensor dial utilizes an infrared beam to continuously measure heat from the cookware. Sensor

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Dome automatically cycles the burner on and off to maintain the precise temperature needed while preventing boil over. The result is time-savings combined with superior cooking performance, without the guesswork or the need to constantly adjust the temperature.

In addition, Sensor Dome works in conjunction with the exclusive new CookSmart® program, which is currently available on Thermador's advanced Masterpiece wall ovens. Designed again to save consumers time and effort, CookSmart offers nine pre-programmed temperature modes to perfectly prepare a variety of common recipes, including pasta, potatoes and vegetables, as well as assist with deep frying.

All Masterpiece Deluxe models offer a sophisticated, trapezoid-shaped front-center touch control panel that operates up to 17 different power levels. It also operates a keep warm function on all elements, child lock for unintended cooktop use and fast preheat that quickly reaches the high temperature needed and then cycles down to the preset level. In addition, the series offers the 36" cooktop (with one sensor) with a center element that is 13" in size at 4,000 watts, making it the largest and most powerful electric cooktop in the industry. For those consumers who still prefer the intuitive turn of the dial, Thermador's electric cooktops are also available with mechanical knob controls in the Masterpiece Series in both 30" and 36".

The Masterpiece Deluxe electric cooktops are available with a MSRP range of \$1,549-\$2,149, while the Masterpiece cooktops are available with a MSRP range of \$1,349-\$1,499.

## **Gas Cooktops**

All of the new Masterpiece and Masterpiece Deluxe gas cooktops feature a stainless steel frame with angular edges, a redesigned front-center control panel with metal knobs, a larger cooking surface coupled with upgraded burner output, and Thermador's latest generation of its exclusive Star Burner. The unique star-shaped design of this burner ultimately delivers 56% more heat evenly to the bottom of the cookware throughout its five squared points – compared to a standard round burner – resulting in faster and superior cooking results.

Joining the Masterpiece Series' powerful 30" cooktop with five burners and 52,000 BTU of total output, are a 30" four-burner with a 16,000 BTU burner, as well as a 36" five-burner model with an impressive 18,000 BTU burner in the center – which is among the highest in the industry. A powerhouse in a streamlined package, the 30" five-burner model is perfect for smaller kitchen spaces, due to its popular size, or as the cooking centerpiece in high-rise or multi-family building developments. It offers increased functionality with its fifth burner by allowing consumers to accommodate multiple pots and pans on the surface for full-meal

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cooking. Additionally, the Masterpiece Series cooktops have robust grates for a high-grade look and performance.

Distinguishing itself with a sophisticated and durable black glass overlay on the control panel, the Masterpiece Deluxe Series offers both a 30" and 36" five burner model. The control panel's high-quality look is also easy-to-clean and has a unique trapezoid shape that perfectly complements the brand's new wall and chimney-style ventilation hoods. Another specialty design is the blue-colored illumination bezel that lights up at the turn of each dial. A second blue indicator announces when Thermador's exclusive ExtraLow Simmer® is in use. Available on two of the burners in both the 30" and 36" model, this patented system electronically cycles the flame on and off continuously, at a low 200 BTU every 60 seconds, for precise simmer control for melting chocolate or keeping delicate sauces warm without scorching. Currently available, the Masterpiece Deluxe gas cooktop are available with a MSRP range of \$1,899-\$2,099, while the Masterpiece cooktops are available at a MSRP range of \$1,349-\$1,799.

### **About Thermador**

Thermador is part of BSH Home Appliances Corporation, a fully-owned subsidiary of Bosch and Siemens Home Appliance Group, the third largest appliance manufacturer in the world. For more than 75 years, Thermador has been empowering America's cooking enthusiasts with revolutionary products – from the world's first wall ovens to gas cooktops with the patented Star® Burner and a speedcooking oven that reduces cooking time by 50%. Today, Thermador continues to fuse state-of-the-art cooking functionality with classic American style to create the ultimate in powerful luxury kitchen appliances. For more information, please visit [www.thermador.com](http://www.thermador.com) or call 800.656.9226 to request a catalog. Thermador®, Star Burner®, Extra Low®, CookSmart®, Masterpiece™ and Sensor Dome™ are trademarks of BSH Home Appliances Corporation; all rights reserved.

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