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**Thermador Simplifies Ventilation Installation with Industry's First  
Downdraft Recirculating Module**

***Unique Recirculating Module Offers a Solution for Difficult-to-Vent Homes***

**(Huntington Beach, CA – January 20, 2009)** – Luxury appliance manufacturer Thermador continues its commitment to uncompromising performance and style with its expanded offerings in the ventilation category, including the downdraft recirculation module and the specialty Pivot Lift chimney hood. From the solution that the exclusive recirculating downdraft provides for difficult-to-vent homes, to the bold and chiseled look of its redesigned wall and chimney hoods, Thermador offers a diverse and complete lineup of products that offer powerful ventilation combined with beautiful design.

“Thermador’s latest collection of traditional, specialty and custom insert ventilation continue to deliver a variety of functional and beautiful hoods,” said Michael Traub, president and CEO. “With ventilation hoods offered in the Masterpiece<sup>™</sup> and Professional Series design collections, now Thermador can serve as the stunning centerpiece of any kitchen design, including both traditional and contemporary styles.”

The inventor of the first downdraft ventilation system, Thermador launches its redesigned space-efficient Masterpiece Series downdraft hood with a 14” rise – the highest on the market – along with the first-of-its-kind recirculation module accessory. In addition, the beautiful Pivot Lift hood with its unique pivoting glass canopy debuts along with newly classified Masterpiece, Masterpiece Deluxe and Professional Series ventilation – all now available with upgraded features such as stainless steel filters – to perfectly match the brand’s full-line of chiseled and angular appliances.

**Downdraft Recirculation Module & Ventilation**

The perfect solution to a real consumer need, Thermador’s exclusive downdraft recirculation module simplifies installation in any difficult-to-vent situation, including cement slab foundation homes, high-rise buildings or kitchen spaces with high ceilings that cannot accommodate a traditional hood. Recognized as a *K+BB* Product Innovator Award Honorable Mention, the easy-to-install system comes in one width to fit both the new 30” and 36” Masterpiece downdraft and is installed in the cabinetry below the cooking surface. It attaches to the downdraft and integral blower, and

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simultaneously cleans and vents the air with two charcoal filters to remove virtually all odor and moisture. Afterwards, the vented air that is left over is then pushed out through a small opening in the cabinet's toe-kick.

Featuring an edgy chiseled design, the new Masterpiece downdraft ventilation with a push button mechanical control ensures the efficient removal of odor and steam from any kitchen. With a steady and continuous operation system, the industry-high 14" intake offers smooth and quiet movement when it is raised or lowered from the cooktop surface. Moreover, when retracted, the blower shuts itself off and automatically returns to the previous speed setting the next time it is raised. Clean-up is also simple with the dishwasher-safe, full-face filters and combined splatter shield, which offer greater capture capabilities. Available in 30" and 36" widths, the Masterpiece downdraft perfectly complements Thermador's redesigned electric and gas cooktops, and has a MSRP range of \$1,349 - \$1399. The recirculation module has an MSRP of \$339-\$399.

### **Chimney-Style Hoods**

Offering both functionality and style, the 36" Pivot Lift hood is distinguished by a pivoting glass canopy whose performance can be customized to suit any need; it can be lowered to effectively clear the smoke above the cooking surface, as well as lifted for more headroom or ease during cleaning. A bold complement to any of Thermador's new electric and gas cooktops, this signature hood also features electronic touch controls and an included 600 CFM (cubic feet of evacuated air per minute) blower. A *K+BB* Product Innovator Award Honorable Mention, the Pivot Lift hood (MSRP \$2,549) joins the award-winning 36" Drawer Hood, recognized with both a 2007 Good Design Award and *K+BB's* Product Innovator Merit Award. The Drawer Hood (MSRP \$2,549) – with its chiseled design and trapezoid control panel – offers a unique squared canopy that smoothly slides out and extends up to an extra 12 inches, doubling the capture area for 45% more coverage of the cooking surface. Rounding out the new chimney lineup are the brand's new 36" and 42" pyramid hoods, now redesigned with chiseled edges, upgraded features and filters, and the Masterpiece Series' trapezoid-shaped electronic touch control panel (MSRP \$1,799-\$1,999).

### **Wall Hoods**

Thermador's wall hoods now feature the chiseled edges and trapezoid-shaped control panel that perfectly harmonize with the brand's new electric and gas cooktops, as well as the 24" depth Pro Harmony™ Ranges and Professional Cooktops. These high-performance companion products are offered in the Masterpiece Series, with an included 600 CFM blower, the Masterpiece Deluxe with electronic touch controls and blower options up to 1,300 CFM in power, and the Professional Series

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with push button controls and an included 600 or 1200 CFM blower. All feature dishwasher-safe, highly efficient stainless steel baffle filters and removable grease collection trays. The Masterpiece Deluxe and Professional models also feature delayed shut-off and electronic filter change reminders. Thermador's new wall hoods are available in 30-, 36-, and 48-inch (Professional Series only) models with an MSRP range of \$1,449-\$2,549.

### **Custom Hood Inserts**

Amidst the growing popularity for customized ventilation, Thermador's VCI Series can be installed in a custom-built hood to seamlessly blend in with any kitchen design. The VCI I (with a three-speed slider control) and VCI II (push button controls) offers multiple sized inserts in 21-, 29-, 30-, 36-, 48-inches for any type of custom hood application. They are available with an integral blower, an in-line blower that is situated several feet away in the duct line, and a remote blower that can be attached to an external wall or on the roof – all with a wide range of power options ranging from 400 to 1300 CFM. The lineup also includes a sleeker remote control accessory – with chiseled edges to match Thermador's new full-line – that allows consumers to control the hood with ease from their cooking area, as well as liners that protect the interior of the custom hood surroundings. The custom inserts are available with an MSRP of \$849-\$1,349.

Thermador's existing 27" depth Professional wall hoods (for the Pro Grand® Professional Series Ranges), chimney-style island (HNI Series), and glass island hoods (HGSI Series) remain available to consumers.

### **About Thermador**

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