

**AXONIX**

# Media Max System

**How do you rate the MediaMax?**

We rate the Axonix MediaMax a nine out of 10. Their dealer support has really made the difference.

**For what applications is it best suited?**

The MediaMax can be set up with the rack-mounted server in the basement and MediaDecks installed throughout the house (each run on a single Cat-5), with each family member accessing all of the media in the system (up to 16 decks simultaneously); though we usually keep the decks in one location as part of a larger AV matrixed installation. They integrate well with our AMX and Vantage touchscreens and RTI remotes.

**Describe its feature set.**

MediaMax is the first system to allow clients to load Blu-ray discs, in addition to their standard DVDs, CDs, home movies and home photos (via dedicated card ports). It is available in several RAID and non-RAID hard drive configurations, with lots of room for expansion (up to 13 terabytes). Most clients start with 2 TB and grow from there. Their graphic interface is sleek, the setup is straight forward, and the hardware is robust.

**What features would you like to see changed?**

We would like to see each MediaDeck capable of outputting both analog audio and digital audio simultaneously. This would eliminate the need for additional hardware workarounds.

Their model names can be confusing—we have seen a MediaDeck3 change features without the name changing, which can make it challenging to specify it in a proposal six months in advance. We rather they change the name when new features are added.

**THE REVIEWER...**

For the past eight years, Rob Kole, president of Frankfort, Illinois-based Kole Digital (815.469.2000, [www.koledigitalsystems.com](http://www.koledigitalsystems.com)), used his fully integrated home as a showroom for his business. But earlier this year, the firm moved to new, kitted out 13,000-square-foot design center, where the team continues to specialize in custom AV design, theater design, and lighting and home control. Kole has been an Axonix dealer for three years.

**IN HIS OWN WORDS...**

"We can't wait to go to work each day because every day is different. For instance, this year we have added motorized window fashions and architectural lighting. New products keep the job exciting each day and our installers and programmers like new challenges."

**PRODUCT SPECS**

- ▶ Consists of a MediaServer and as many MediaDecks and AudioDecks needed to play media throughout the home
- ▶ MediaServer Pro:
  - ▶ Supports 50 MediaDeck 3 or 4, 30 Mediadeck 1 or 2, unlimited AudioDecks
  - ▶ 250 GB to 2.5TB (40 to 415 Movies) internal storage capacity
  - ▶ 10/100/1000Base TX Ethernet connection
  - ▶ Includes DVD/CD disc loading drive, 15-inch Color admin LCD, Rack tray keyboard, 6-in-1 photo card reader, Firewire, USB, Lifetime movie and music cover art service
- ▶ MediaDeck 3 SD:
  - ▶ DVI-I supports HDTV scaled 1080p (1920 x 1080), VGA, S-Video, component video output
- ▶ Digital coax output
- ▶ Either Dolby and DTS digital surround sound audio or analog audio outputs
- ▶ Configurable six-channel (5.1) multichannel analog or two-channel analog stereo audio outputs with selectable Dolby 2 channel down-mixed audio
- ▶ Optical drive included (HD model supports SD DVD and CD discs)
- ▶ IR Handheld Remote Controller
- ▶ 10/100/1000Base TX Ethernet (wireless optional)