

Aftermarket Entertainment: Universal Remote Controllers (Third Edition)

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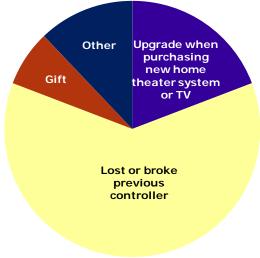
Synopsis

This report analyzes the current and future market for aftermarket entertainment remote controllers. It examines market forces impacting the sales of URCs both positively and negatively. Among these factors are a changing channel mix, improved product, offerings by manufacturers marketing new TVs, and, for the past few years, a weak economy.

Reasons for URC Purchase

Select the statement that best matches the reason for your remote control purchase

(Among U.S. Broadband Households who purchased at least 1 URC in 2010)



Source: Consumer Decision Process: Base Survey
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"The most interesting developments for URCs have not occurred within aftermarket URCs themselves," said Tricia Parks, CEO, Parks Associates. "That is not to underestimate the importance of continuously improving URCs but rather to note that the most interesting and innovative remote activities include the emerging availability of URC apps for smartphones (and soon tablets); the motion controllers now available for gaming consoles; and the search software making its way into service provider remotes."

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