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Getting Remotes Under Control

(NAPSA)—Here's an entertaining thought: your home's entertainment equipment could be more fun if you got one more device; one thing to rule them all—a universal remote control.

From TVs and personal video recorders (PVR) to DVDs and stereo systems, today's homes are packed with electronic devices and with each new device comes a new remote control; they're everywhere—scattered across the coffee table, in between cushions or serving as the dog's new toy.

Here are a few things to look for when buying a universal remote, something that may well be in use for four to five hours a day:

- 1. Device coverage. Universal remotes use a code database to control various entertainment devices. An inferior database may not be compatible with all your devices.
- 2. Ease of use. Universal remotes should enhance your home entertainment experience. Features like graphical touch screens and backlighting provide simple and intuitive interaction, so you don't have to fumble around different buttons. Quick keys or macros allow one-touch access to favorite channels or turning off all



A universal remote can help you manage the growing complexity of home entertainment.

devices at once. Some universal remotes are even equipped with radio frequency (RF) so you can control devices in another room or even those stored in a cabinet.

3. Future-proof. Universal remotes with a "learning" feature let you program unique commands from other remotes, so in the future if you buy a new plasma TV, your universal remote will still be able to control it.

A highly recommended universal remote control is the One For All* Kameleon 8-RF. Developed by Universal Electronics, its database covers more than 2,400 unique brands of devices, an intuitive touch panel, built-in RF, intelligent illumination that

lights up only the active device keys and it controls up to eight devices.

"I had six remotes and was always reaching for the wrong one —when I could find it," says Jeff Leonard, home theater enthusiast. "I bought a Kameleon and it was easy to program, works with all my devices and its unique design makes for an interesting conversation piece with guests."

The universal remote can make a great gift—especially for yourself.

Here are a few more you may care to consider:

- The latest hit HBO series on DVD. With no commercials, you can curl up to your favorite TV show anytime and watch your favorite episode as many times as you want.
- A personal video recorder.
 Now that you have a universal remote, adding additional devices to your home theater has never been easier.
- A comfy recliner. You can get chairs that lean back, rock, swivel, massage, heat up and even feature built-in refrigerators to keep you in cold drinks while you enjoy your home entertainment.

For more information, visit www.ofakameleon.com.