



ACT INSTALLS — FOR BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS & DESIGNERS

Outdoor Entertainment Guide

A condensed specification reference for weatherproof audio, video, and control in outdoor living spaces.

Outdoor entertainment systems are held to a different standard than interior installs. Sun exposure, salt air, irrigation, and temperature swings along the coastal California corridor all shape equipment selection, placement, and enclosure strategy. This guide condenses ACT Outdoor™ specification standards into the essentials your team needs during design development and rough-in planning.

Use it as a quick reference for coordinating conduit paths, structural provisions, and equipment locations before finishes are set. For full technical detail, download the [Luxury Outdoor Entertainment Guide](#).

Weatherproof Displays and Video

Outdoor displays require more than a weather-resistant rating on a spec sheet — they require an enclosure and placement strategy that accounts for direct sun load, driving rain, and dust. ACT Outdoor™ installations are engineered around full environmental protection rather than exposure tolerance alone.

- ☐ Specify full-shade or shade-cycle locations wherever possible to reduce panel heat load and glare
- ☐ Coordinate a protective enclosure or lift/cover mechanism for displays in unshaded or high-exposure zones
- ☐ Route dedicated, sealed conduit paths for display power and signal separate from irrigation and low-voltage landscape runs
- ☐ Confirm structural backing at mounting points during framing, not after stucco or siding is complete
- ☐ Plan sightlines from primary lounge, dining, and pool-adjacent seating during design development, not after hardscape is poured

Outdoor Audio Placement and Weatherproofing

Outdoor audio performance depends on coverage planning as much as product selection. ACT Sound™ zones are laid out to deliver even coverage across pool, patio, and lawn areas without visible hardware, using landscape and architectural elements to conceal drivers rather than mount them as an afterthought.



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- ☐ Zone audio by function — dining, lounge, pool, and arrival areas each get independent control
 - ☐ Locate speakers to avoid direct irrigation spray, standing water, and gutter runoff
 - ☐ Use landscape-integrated or architecturally recessed speaker options to preserve clean sightlines
 - ☐ Confirm marine-grade or fully weather-sealed wiring for any run within reach of moisture or direct sun
 - ☐ Stub conduit to all speaker and subwoofer locations before hardscape and planting are finalized

Unified Control With the Rest of the Home

An outdoor system that operates independently of the home's primary control platform creates friction for the client and callbacks for the builder. ACT Outdoor™ deployments are integrated into One Touch Living™ — Simplify. Automate. Control. — so audio, video, lighting, and shading outside the home operate on the same interface and scheduling logic as the interior.

Early coordination with your Luxury Technology Advisor on control wiring and low-voltage pathways prevents retrofitted conduit runs later in the build.

- ☐ Unify outdoor audio, video, lighting, and shading under a single control interface
- ☐ Coordinate low-voltage and control wiring pathways during rough-in, not post-drywall
- ☐ Plan for scenes that span indoor and outdoor zones, such as arrival or evening entertaining sequences
- ☐ Confirm network coverage extends fully to outdoor living areas as part of The Estate Network™ planning

Reach out to ACT Installs with any questions on outdoor system specification for your next project.