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**SUPERIOR DESIGN AND FUNCTIONALITY MARK THE TWO LATEST APPLIANCE OFFERINGS FROM DACOR**

**Dacor introduces the Distinctive™ 24” Microwave and the Epicure® 36” Raised Ventilation System, each designed with advanced features for exceptional performance**

**COSTA MESA, Calif. – January 28, 2011 – [Dacor®](#)**, a market leader in the design and manufacture of luxury kitchen appliances, today introduced two new products to bring beauty, innovation and convenience to home chefs – the Distinctive™ 24” Microwave and the Epicure® 36” Raised Ventilation System.

Available in sleek stainless steel, the Distinctive 24” Microwave is a classic combination of beautiful form and superior functionality, with an affordable price that has become a signature of the Distinctive Series. Loaded with exceptional features, the Distinctive Microwave offers convenience for busy homeowners who still want to serve tasty, well-cooked meals and snacks. Equipped with state-of-the-art Sensor Technology the Distinctive Microwave takes the guesswork out of cooking by detecting the moisture and humidity level of the food inside and cooking it accordingly. A built-in electronic sensor automatically sets the time for cooking or reheating and then “senses” the vapor emitted from the food to determine the duration and power level needed to thoroughly cook the food.

In addition, the Menu Label is clearly displayed on the inside of the oven door, providing a functional list of automatic settings to assist in meal preparation and take the guesswork out of cooking. The label provides a list of menu options, including Breakfast, Lunch, 15 Minute Recipes, Defrost, From the Pantry and Beverages, with meals or drinks listed within each category so users can cook or heat foods for the precise length of time that the dish or beverage requires. Users no longer have to worry that food is burning or remains cold in the center; the Distinctive Microwave heats each item to perfection.

Proving that speedy cooking does not have to sacrifice taste, the Distinctive Microwave comes with pre-set options for delicious recipes that can be made directly in the microwave. Complete with recipe cards so home chefs can prepare the ingredients, the Microwave display prompts users on the recipe’s next step. During the cooking process the microwave displays recipe instructions and pauses automatically to allow users to stir, season, or add ingredients as necessary, making cooking during busy weekdays effortless, yet creative and delicious.



Aside from its innovative technologies, the Distinctive 24" Microwave has features that make it truly convenient for busy homeowners. The Auto Start option ensures that a hot, tasty meal is waiting when users walk in the door by allowing them to program the oven to begin cooking at a pre-set time and power level. Home chefs can simply place the food inside, use the menu to set the appropriate time and power level, and their meal will be ready when they get home.

To ensure the Distinctive Microwave is a welcome addition in all kitchens, Dacor has included the Child Safety Lock feature to prevent unwanted oven operation by small children. The oven can be set so the control panel is deactivated or locked to eliminate any safety concerns.

**Additional features of the 24" Distinctive Microwave:**

- **Keep Warm** – keeps hot foods heated up to 30 minutes after cooking is finished with no loss of quality
- **Four Defrost Options** – quickly defrosts meats and poultry by weight. Specific programs for each category assure excellent, even results
- **Minute Plus** – provides users one minute of high power cooking with a single touch

**36" Epicure Ventilation System**

An efficient, high-quality ventilation system is essential to improving air quality in the kitchen. Ventilation Systems not only eliminate kitchen odors, but also help to control the humidity in a kitchen, which inhibits the growth of bacteria. The 36" Epicure Ventilation System offers a stylish solution for homeowners who need a ventilation system but do not want the look of a large hood hanging from the ceiling. Designed in stylish stainless steel, this innovative ventilation system is installed discreetly under the counter surface and remains out of view when not in use. When needed, the system rises 15" above the countertop to efficiently remove smoke and other cooking odors. When finished, the touch of a button lowers the system back into the surface of the counter for a clear, uncluttered countertop. The ventilation system's slim profile makes it versatile and allows it to be installed behind an oven/cooktop combination.

Dacor specially designed the Epicure Ventilation System to compliment the Distinctive Cooktop and Distinctive Rangetop. The system has an infinite speed blower control and must be vented with a Remote Blower or In Line Blower, which reduce kitchen noise, or a Cabinet Blower. Powerful and efficient design allows Dacor blowers to easily remove the most persistent and dense kitchen pollutants – from heat and odor to steam and smoke.

With industry leading features and design, the two newest appliances from Dacor continue to bring the brand's unique styling, innovation and cooking performance to the kitchen. The Distinctive 24" Microwave rolls out to authorized Dacor dealers in February 2011 with UMRP starting at \$459 while the Epicure 36" Raised Ventilation System will be available to dealers in March 2011 and has a UMRP starting at \$979.



**About Dacor:** Family-owned since its beginning in 1965, **Dacor** is the innovator of stylish, American-made, luxury kitchen appliances

that provide a premium culinary experience for those who are passionate about the details and finer points of gourmet cooking. The company has introduced many industry firsts including an outdoor grill with built-in halogen lights, *Illumina™* Burner Controls with blue LED lights, the patented *RapidHeat™* Bake Element, and color-infused glass appliances. Offering a complete line of luxury kitchen appliances, which includes wall ovens, ranges, cooktops, dishwashers, warming drawers, microwaves, ventilation hoods, refrigerators, wine storage and outdoor appliances, the company also features an affordable line of designer appliances to bring the luxury of **Dacor** to a broader range of consumers. **Dacor** is committed to reducing the energy demands of its operations, maximizing the efficiency of its products and implementing sustainable business practices.

For more information on **Dacor**, its product line and local dealer [locations](#), visit <http://www.dacor.com/>, contact Customer Care at (800) 793-0093 or visit the **Dacor Design & Culinary Centers** in Atlanta or San Francisco.